

Ella Gator News

October 2026



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy "Spooky" season to everyone! October brings a few special events to Ella. October 12th-16th is Safety Week where we will practice several of our safety drills. We will observe Red Ribbon Week October 26th-29th and have special dress up days. This year's theme is:
Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free.

EVERY GATOR COUNTS- ATTENDANCE

Dear Ella Families,

We would like to take a moment to remind our families about the importance of regular attendance and being on time each day. We understand that children sometimes get sick and need to stay home. When your child is unable to attend school, please remember to call the school to let us know that your student will be absent. Communicating absences with the school helps us keep accurate attendance records and ensures that we know our students are safe.

Please Remember Our School Start Times:

- TK-5th Grade: 8:20 AM
- 6th Grade: 7:55 AM

Thank you for helping our students Be Here, Be on Time, and Be Ready to Learn!

~Mrs. Maria: Attendance Clerk

COUNSELING UPDATES FROM MR. JACK

Hello Ella Families,

We completed our first full month of school. It was great to see returning students and meet new students. In September, I had the pleasure of teaching lessons in a handful of classrooms on topics such as kindness, being safe and self-control. In October, Ella Elementary will be focusing on one of our four Gator Pledges: Be Safe. Please review with your student how they can be safe every day at school and at home. As the weather is getting cooler, make sure your student is dressed according to the weather. Dress in layers so they can be warm in the mornings and cool in the afternoon. Enjoy your October. It's pumpkin spice season! - Mr. Jack

INSIDE THE PTO

- Upcoming Meeting(s): Join us on September 24 from 4:00-5:00 PM & October 8 from 4:00-5:00 pm. You can attend in person in the Teacher's Lab (please enter through the Stars entrance) or virtually via [Zoom](https://mjustd.zoom.us/j/89071282990?pwd=a35xY7FamNaO5e8soyFwYsu9apXmW3.1).
 - <https://mjustd.zoom.us/j/89071282990?pwd=a35xY7FamNaO5e8soyFwYsu9apXmW3.1>
 - Spirit Wear: can order shirts all year--- keep a lookout for Ella Sweatshirts coming out in late October.
- Fall Festival: October 15th 4-6 pm

SCHOOL READINESS

[October Calendar](#)

[Healthy Snack workshop](#)

Nutrition Education [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONNECTIONS

What is a Community School?

The California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) supports the **whole child approach**, recognizing that student success goes beyond academics and includes mental health, family well-being, and community engagement.

The 4 Pillars of Community Schools:

Integrated Support Services – Access to health, mental health, social services, and nutrition supports.

Family and Community Engagement – Building strong partnerships with families and community organizations.

Collaborative Leadership – Working together with educators, families, students, and community partners.

Extended Learning Opportunities – Providing enrichment and learning opportunities beyond the school day.

Together, these pillars help create a supportive environment where all students can thrive.

At Ella Elementary, we are committed to strengthening these four pillars through meaningful partnerships, family engagement opportunities, student supports, and programs that help every student succeed.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/1 Minimum Day
- 10/5 ELAC Meeting
- 10/9 1st Grade- Feather River Fish Hatchery
- 10/12-10/16 Safety Week
- 10/15 Yuba-Sutter Food Bank Distribution
- 10/15 Fall Festival; 4:00-6:00 pm
- 10/19 – 10/20 TUPE Presentations 4-6 grade
- 10/21 Minimum Day
- 10/22 DAC Meeting
- 10/26-10/29 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/26 Site Council Meeting
- 10/29 TK/K- Bishop's Pumpkin Farm
- 10/30 No School

S.T.A.R.S UPDATES

Hi STARS families!

Coming October, we have planned a fall party for your STARS kids, which will include games and a dance party! Be on the lookout for the donation list if you would like to assist us in making the day as special as can be.

You may have received a message saying "STARS Expanded Learning Enrichment Classes are now open!" This is just to let you know what clubs are available at the moment. Lastly, Friday, October 30th there will be no STARS due to employees attending mandatory training.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to this year's Student Leadership. Thank you to all those students who applied. Our first meeting was on September 25th.

Ariadne Espindola Hernandez - Gomez

Evalyn Islas - Gomez

Sophia Smith - Spooner

Jimena Villalobos Melendez – Spooner

Melanie Oseguera Ramirez – Thao

Kenia Hernandez Gonzalez – Thao

Britanny Aguilar – Thao

Militza Olguin Beltran – Thao

Jaylynn McKee – Thao

Bexley Buchta -Thao

Cloe Olaiz Barajas – Chue

Kate Xiong – Chue

Madisyn Thomas – Villagomez

Rosaline Barajas-Guerra-Pino – Chue

Diego Bravo – Chue

Maximino Martinez – Gomez

Lorena Zuniga – Gomez

Alexsandro Leon – Gomez