



Elliott Ranch Roundup

Winter 2025

Calendar December

- 1st 5th grade IMAX
- 2nd Boys B-Ball Tryouts
PTO Meeting 6pm
- 3rd Girls B-Ball Tryouts
- 4th Boys B-Ball Tryouts
- 6th Runnin' for Rhett Race- W. Land Park
- 17th BSU Meeting
- 19th Minimum Day
TK/Kinder on AM Schedule
PTO- Breakfast with Santa
- 22nd- Jan. 5th Winter Break



January

- 6th Students return from Winter Break
- 7th PTO Meeting 6pm
- 12th 6th grade- IMAX
- 19th NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21st BSU Meeting

Principal's Message

Happy Holidays Everybody!

We can finally share our exciting news! Last spring, Elliott Ranch was nominated for a National Blue Ribbon. This is like the Academy Awards for education. It was based on our student achievement data scoring in the top 15% on the *nation*, plus our demographics matching our surrounding community. With 31 home languages spoken among our students' families, we certainly do that!

Unfortunately, the Department of Education discontinued the National Blue Ribbon Program (after 43 years) the week this amazing recognition was supposed to happen in late September.

Then, just a couple of weeks ago, the California Department of Education announced it would honor us with this prestigious award after all. Our staff deserves this for their hard work and dedication. You deserve this for being devoted to your children's education. Our students definitely deserve this!

***Congratulations, Elliott Ranch!
I'm so proud of all of you! -- Ms. VH***



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TONY THURMOND
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

October 23, 2025

Dear District Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, and Principals:

Congratulations to Our 2025 California Blue Ribbon Schools

At the California Department of Education (CDE), we are working alongside you to stay focused on the all-important goal of moving the needle for student achievement.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to congratulate your school community on your hard work to achieve recognition as a 2025 National Blue Ribbon Schools (NBRS) Nominee. While the U.S. Department of Education has abruptly ended the NBRS program, we at the CDE want to ensure that the hard work of your students, staff, and educators does not go unrecognized.

That's why, for this year only, the CDE is recognizing California Blue Ribbon Schools, a program to honor all 2025 NBRS nominees that were poised to be recognized this year.

As a California Blue Ribbon School, your school community will receive official recognition through an upcoming press release, an award, a school flag, and additional items. In addition, you and representatives of your school community will be celebrated at our annual awards gala and professional learning event, the California School Recognition Program, on **April 24, 2026**, in Anaheim, California. Please save the date; registration information will be available in late February.

Other statewide school recognition programs, such as California Distinguished Schools, will continue to recognize exemplary schools across our state. California Distinguished Schools will continue to be aligned to the metrics of our statewide accountability system, the California School Dashboard (<https://www.caschooldashboard.org/>).

Thank you again for your hard work on behalf of California students. For further information about our school recognition and awards programs, please reach out to Awards@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Tony Thurmond
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Elk Grove
Unified
School
Board also
recognized
our staff
and PTO
members
who could
attend!

California Blue Ribbon Schools for 2025:

- Alameda, Alameda Unified School District, Bay Farm Elem School
- Alameda, Oakland Unified School District, Crocker Highlands Elem
- Alameda, Alameda County Office of Education, Yu Ming Charter School
- Contra Costa, San Ramon Valley Unified School Dist, Los Cerros Mid
- Fresno, Clovis Unified School District, Kastner Intermediate School
- Fresno, Central Unified School District, Norman Liddell Elementary Sch
- Fresno, Clovis Unified School District, Liberty Elementary School
- Humboldt, Arcata Elementary School District, Union Street Charter Sch
- Imperial, Holtville Unified School District, Pine Elementary School
- Los Angeles, Glendale Unified School District, Chamlian Armenian Sch
- Los Angeles, Compton Unified School District, Willowbrook Middle Sch
- Los Angeles, Glendale Unified School Dist, Anderson W. Clark Magnet
- Los Angeles, Lawndale Elementary School Dist, Lucille J. Smith Elem
- Los Angeles, Los Angeles Unified School District, Clover Avenue Elem
- Los Angeles, Los Angeles Unified School District, Third Street Eleml
- Los Angeles, Pomona Unified School District, Pantera Elem
- Los Angeles, William S. Hart Union High Sch Dist, Arroyo Seco Jr High
- Orange, Anaheim Union High School District, Oxford Academy
- Orange, Fullerton Joint Union High School District, Troy High School
- Orange, Pacific Southwest District, Lutheran High - Orange County
- Orange, Tustin Unified School District, Tustin Memorial Academy
- Riverside, Murrieta Valley Unified School Dist, Dorothy McElhinney Mid
- *Sacramento, Elk Grove Unified School Dist, Elliott Ranch Elementary*
- San Bernardino, Adelanto Elem School Dist Gus Franklin Jr. Elem
- San Bernardino, Etiwanda School Dist, Day Creek Intermediate School
- San Diego, Chula Vista Elementary, Camarena (Enrique S.) Elem
- San Diego, San Diego Unified, Magnolia Science Academy San Diego
- San Diego, San Diego Unified, San Diego Global Vision Academy
- San Diego, SBE - College Preparatory Middle School, College Prep
- San Francisco, Archdiocese of SF, Ecole Notre Dame Des Victoires
- San Joaquin, Lodi Unified School District, Elkhorn School

(31 Blue Ribbon schools out of 26,000 total in California!)



**Congratulations
Elliott Ranch,
Blue Ribbon
School!**

**Top
15% in
the
nation!**





Sierra Nevada Journeys 3rd grade field trip



Kindergarteners went to Fog Willow Pumpkin Patch





Rocket buddies busy in classrooms and in the computer lab



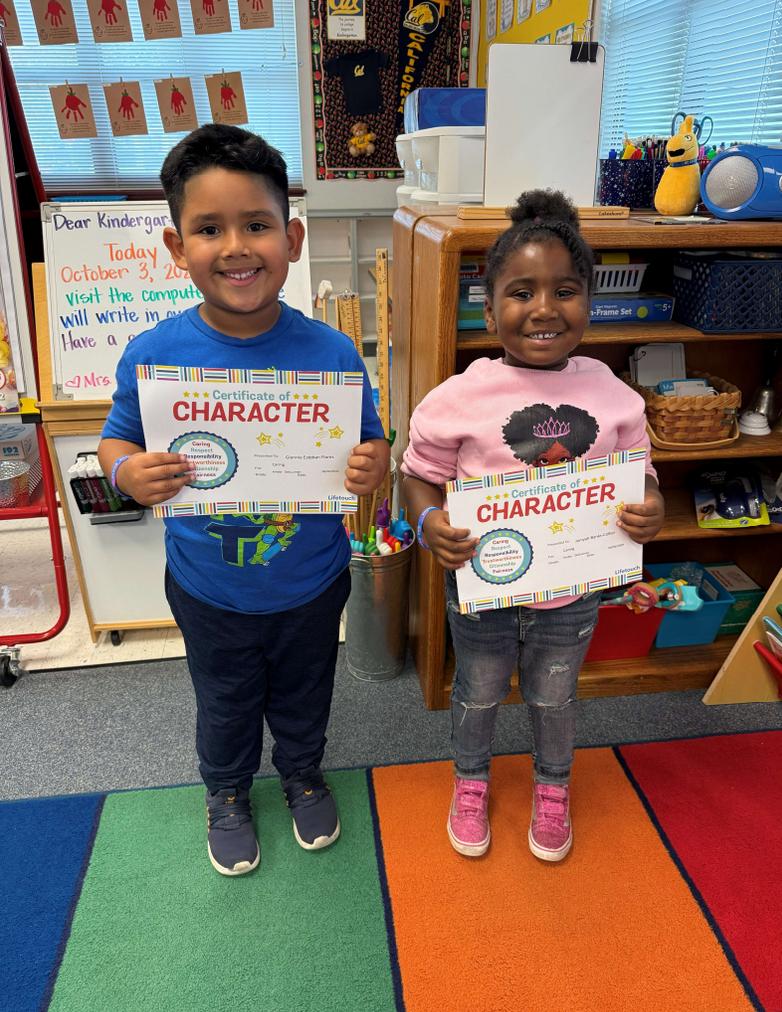
Rocket buddies
(and relatives)
busy eating
ice cream!



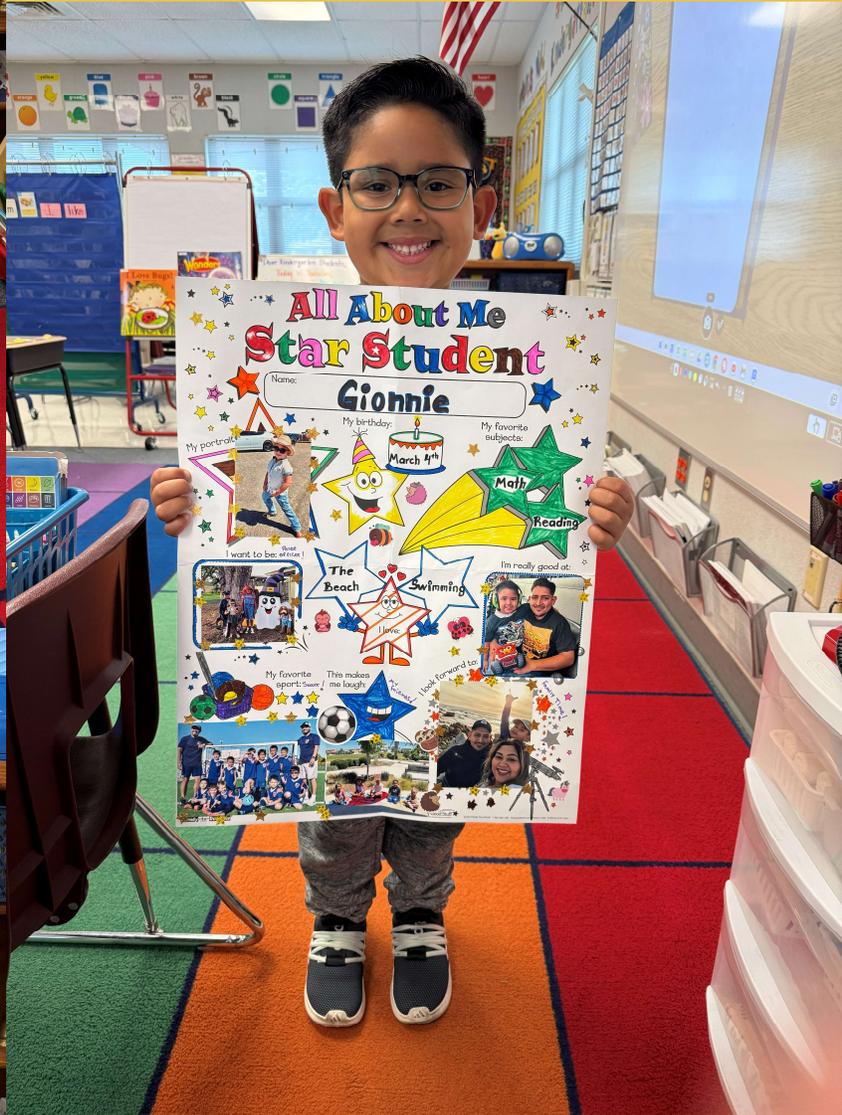


Lunch in the Quad





Go, Kinders, Go!







Fun Learning in Mrs. Cabrera's 2nd/3rd class



PTO's
Harvest
Festival was
a hit!



Save the Date

**DONUTS
WITH
SANTA**

**TOY
DRIVE!**

**FRIDAY
12/19**

**7:20-8 AM
MP ROOM**

Join the PTO for Donuts,
Pictures with Santa &
Toy Drive in cooperation with
the Elk Grove Police Dept.

Unwrapped toys will be
donated to Toys For Tots.

Hope to see you there!