



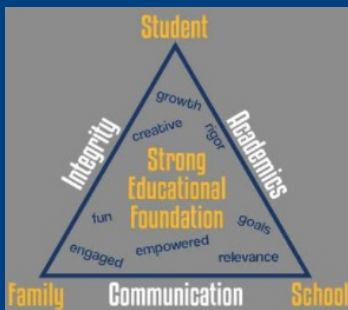
# ELDORADO ELEMENTARY

February 2023

## Panther Press

**Julie Crawford** Principal

**Allison Hawk**  
Assistant Principal



### School Hours

Soft Start (doors open) -  
8:30AM  
First Bell - 8:35AM  
Tardy Bell - 8:40AM  
End Time - 3:30PM  
End Time for Half Day AM  
Kindergarten - 11:40AM

### Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

303-387-6325  
(main office)

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## From the desk of the Principal...

Dear Eldorado Community,

As we begin the month of February, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the exciting events and happenings happening at Eldorado this month.

Even though we are still in January, a large part of our focus starts to shift to next year. We start to envision what we want our school to look like and how we can make that work with the budget we are given.

January-March in “principal world” is a period of time during which schools and districts develop and propose a budget for the upcoming school year. This typically involves a combination of forecasting enrollment, projecting expenses, and identifying areas where funds can be allocated most effectively.

During Eldorado’s budget season, there are several key steps that are taken to develop the budget. These may include:

- Projecting enrollment and additional funding sources: This includes forecasting how much funding Eldorado will receive from state and district sources, as well as from local taxes and other sources.
- Projecting expenses: This includes forecasting the cost of salaries, benefits, utilities, supplies, and other expenses for the upcoming year.
- Identifying priorities: This includes determining which areas we should focus on.
- Allocating resources: This includes determining how much funding should be allocated to different areas, such as instruction, special education, or class sizes.

Throughout this process, we will be working to balance the competing demands for resources and ensure that the budget is aligned with Eldorado’s overall mission and goals. It is important to note that this process can be long and complex, as well as challenging, as we are often faced with difficult budget constraints and competing priorities.

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## From the desk of the Principal....

It's crucial this is done in a transparent and inclusive manner, with a clear explanation of how funds will be allocated and how they will support Eldorado's goals. Please take this [TIME](#) to provide crucial feedback as we look to identify priorities for the 23/24 school year.

Additionally, our PTO will also be hosting our Family Dance on February 10th. This is a great opportunity for families to connect and have a great time together.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the staff if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support and assist you in any way we can.

Proud Principal,  
Julie Crawford

## Culture Corner: Brazil

Eldorado is fortunate to have many cultures represented in our school. Multicultural classrooms help all our students gain a broader understanding of the world, improves critical thinking, promotes creativity, and prepares students for citizenship at home and globally. Each month we'll feature one of our school's cultures here in the Culture Corner!

### Cultural Spotlight: Brazil

#### Interesting Facts:

- Brazil is the largest country in South America and the fifth largest country in the world. It ranks among the world's largest countries in population.
- The Amazon forest in Brazil is the world's largest rainforest. The Amazon Region is the largest region in Brazil. It covers about 40% of the country.
- Brazil lies in the Southern Hemisphere, making its seasons the exact opposite of what Northern Hemisphere residents are used to: summer is December through March and winter June through September.

#### Let's celebrate!

- The main festivity in Brazil is Carnival, taking place just before the season of Lent. Carnival is a celebration with parades and dancing in the streets. This year Carnival 2023 in Rio de Janeiro will begin on Friday, February 17 and ends on Saturday, February 25, which is summertime in Brazil!
- Futebol (American soccer) is the most popular sport in Brazil and a prominent part of its national identity. The Brazil National Futebol team has won the FIFA World Cup tournament five times, the most of any team! Brazilians often refer to their country as "o País do Futebol" ("the country of football"). This year Brazil made it all the way to the quarter finals in the Men's World Cup!



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## Culture Corner: Brazil, continued...

**Language:** The official language of Brazil is Portuguese. Brazil is the only Portuguese-speaking nation in the Americas, making the language an important part of Brazilian national identity and giving it a national culture distinct from those of its Spanish-speaking neighbors.

[Learn how to introduce yourself](#)

[Practice Portuguese greetings](#)

[Learn "Thank You" and "You're Welcome"](#)

**Featured Author:** [Ana Crespo](#) is a Brazilian born author who now lives in Colorado. Her newest children's book [Hello, Tree](#) is inspired by the 2013 Black Forest Fire in Colorado. It tells the story of the relationship between a girl and a tree, and the fire that threatens it. Told through the perspective of the tree, the story shows the forest's life cycle and the role it plays in the life of this one little girl. Ana Crespo's website is interactive, with opportunities to learn how to pronounce some of the Portuguese words in her books, or activities to go along with some of her books.

### Brazilian Culture in Colorado:

- Brazilian Bakery: "Padoca Gourmet" 950 Jersey Street, Denver
- [Denver Samba School](#), an accredited samba school and performing company. Escola de Samba Denver is dedicated to providing progressive Brazilian dance education that is aligned with the latest and evolving dance techniques and artistic styles in Brazil, always with authenticity and respect for the roots of the culture at its core.
- Do you know of Brazilian cultural resources in Colorado? Share and let us know!

## Counseling Corner

Welcome to February Eldorado!

You made it through the Holidays and January and now you are front facing February and the month of "love"--Congratulations! For many, this can be a challenging time for lots of different reasons. It can also be an exciting and fun month! No matter what your thoughts are about February, I hope the following resources can help you navigate "all the things."

First, here is one way to give love during February or any time of the year. Use this link to send a "Cheer Card" to a child at Children's Hospital. [Cheer Card](#) People often feel happier when they focus on acts of kindness towards others.

Second, if you crave more Random Acts of Kindness (RAK), here is a link to a whole year's worth of daily, kindness activities. [Daily Acts of Kindness](#). In addition, RAK has many ideas on how to inspire kindness at home including "Random Acts of Kindness" week which is Feb. 12-18 and Random Acts of Kindness day which is Feb. 17th. [Random Acts of Kindness Website](#)

Third, here are some ways to make Valentine's Day special for your whole family.

1. **Make a memorable meal.** What is your family's favorite dish? How can your kids help you create/make it? What would happen if you had a picnic on the living room floor instead of eating at the table?

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## Counseling Corner, continued...

2. **Create your own Valentine's Day decorations together.** Make things that can stay up the whole month to help put a smile on your face when you are ready for winter to be over and spring to be here.
3. **Snuggle up for a family movie night.** Grab some blankets, pillows, cozy up on the couch and watch a movie.
4. **Have a Valentines Day photo shoot.** Dress up, use props and the decorations you made and have a family photo shoot.
5. **Bake a special Valentine's treat.** You're gonna need dessert after that fabulous meal right?
6. **Say "I Love You".** Go around the table and have everyone share 1 reason they love each member of the family.

Lastly, I am excited to announce that Eldorado will be hosting "parent conversations" starting Feb. 23rd. Please see this [Link](#) for more information and to sign up. Mrs. Amy

## PTO News of the Month

Family Dance | Friday, February 10th - 6 to 8 PM | [Link](#)

SPIRITWEAR! On sale NOW through the end of the school year! | [Link](#)



[PTO Website](#)

[SAC/PTO '22-'23 Agenda Minutes Link](#)

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## Upcoming Important Dates

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FEB 10	Anything but a Backpack Spirit Day
FEB 10	Student Council Meeting
FEB 10	PTO Family Dance   6-8 pm
FEB 13	PTO\SAC Meetings   6-8 pm
FEB 17	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
FEB 20	NO SCHOOL - District Holiday
FEB 24	Crazy Hair Spirit Day
FEB 24	Student Council Meeting
FEB 27 - MAR 3	TRHS Grizzly Gives Week Activities
MAR 6 - MAR 9	Spring Book Fair
MAR 7 & MAR 9	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
MAR 13 - MAR 17	NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

# Lunch Menu

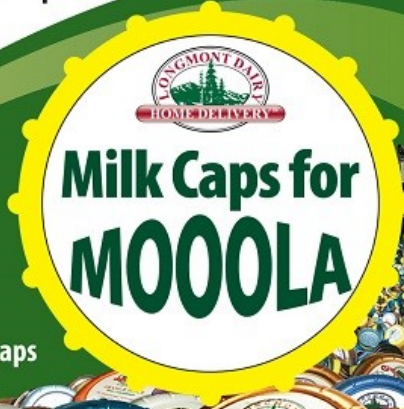
## February Lunch Menu

### Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.

Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.



To sign up, go to [LongmontDairy.com/savecaps](https://LongmontDairy.com/savecaps) or click here.



## Students of the Month - January

## Kindergarten



Ada Nikoro



Chuck Mathisen



Everett Israel

## 1st Grade



Grayson Dalesio

## 1st Grade



Katy Marenin



Daniel Alvarado-Arias



Emily Ortega



Mckynzie Malone-Klein

## 2nd Grade

## 3rd Grade



Brooklyn Tapp



Milly Kukuczka



Andrew Steinman



## Students of the Month - January continued...

## 4th Grade



Henry Taylor



Henry Reutter

## 5th Grade



Abigail Kaplan



Jude Carroll

## 5th Grade



Luna Gil

## 6th Grade



Niya Marshall



Kelsey Holmberg



Brooklynn Pearce

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## Specials Students of the Month - December

### ART



Ellie McLaughlin



Ron Reutter



Wyatt Charles



Anabella Leer

### ART



Isabella Beauchamp



Benjamin Sprick



Owen Treseder

### MUSIC



Brooklyn Tapp



Milly Kukuczka



Andrew Steinman



Olivia Roberts



## Specials Students of the Month - December, continued...

## MUSIC



Drew Zajacs



Olivia Farrell

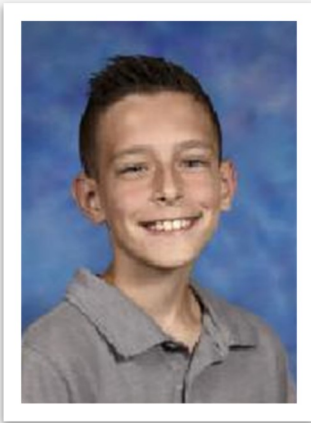


Simon Wallis

## PE



Isabella Beauchamp



Benjamin Sprick



Owen Treseder

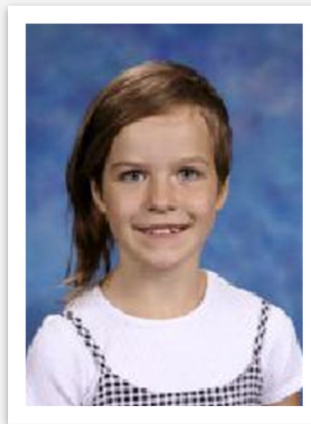


Jacey Ross

## PE



Jamie Parchment



Julie Gravlin



Violet Stemmerman