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Junior Elks Dominate Volleyball Season

The Junior Elks, Stony Creek Joint Unified School District's middle school volleyball team, has put together a remarkable season, winning every game on their schedule. The team traveled to various local schools, showcasing their skills, determination, and sportsmanship in each match. Their undefeated streak is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the strong team bond they've built over the season. A special shout out goes to Mr. Bloom, the team's dedicated coach, whose guidance and encouragement played a pivotal role in the Junior Elks' success. His commitment to fostering teamwork and skill development not only helped the players excel on the court but also made the season a memorable and rewarding experience for all. We are especially excited to have middle school sports back at Stony Creek! This opportunity has been facilitated by the temporary closure of Indian Valley, which brought all of our students back to one campus. With everyone together, the team was able to make full use of the gym facilities, making this outstanding season possible. The district is proud of the Junior Elks and Coach Bloom for this phenomenal, undefeated season, setting a high bar for future teams. Congratulations on an unforgettable year of volleyball!



Blue Jacket Bonanza



The Glenn County Farm Bureau proudly launched its inaugural FFA Blue Jacket Bonanza program this year, aiming to ensure that local FFA students have the opportunity to wear the iconic blue corduroy jacket. The program's mission is to support young agricultural leaders and promote their active participation in FFA activities. This year, thanks to the Farm

Bureau's efforts, ten students from Elk Creek High School are among the recipients of the jackets, each now able to wear this emblem of FFA pride. By ensuring that financial barriers don't prevent any student from participating fully in FFA, the Farm Bureau is helping to foster a sense of unity and belonging among local youth involved in agriculture.

The FFA jacket is more than just an article of clothing; it represents a tradition of leadership, hard work, and dedication to the agricultural community. For many students, receiving a jacket symbolizes their commitment to learning and growing within the FFA program. With this year's Blue Jacket Bonanza, ten Elk Creek High School students can proudly wear their jackets as they engage in FFA activities, participate in competitions, and represent their school and community.

Stony Creek Joint Unified School District extends its heartfelt thanks to the Glenn County Farm Bureau for their generous support of our students through the FFA Blue Jacket Bonanza program. Your dedication to providing Elk Creek High School students with the iconic FFA jackets has made a meaningful impact, allowing them to fully participate in the FFA experience and proudly represent our community. This initiative not only supports their growth as young leaders in agriculture but also fosters a sense of pride and belonging that will resonate throughout their educational journeys. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to empowering the next generation of agricultural leaders.



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Herding Success: Celebrating Positive Behavior

Stony Creek Joint Unified School District proudly embraces Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to foster a positive learning environment. PBIS focuses on teaching and recognizing good behavior, guided by our **HERD pillars: Honesty, Empathy, Respect, and Determination.**

To promote these values, students can earn HERD Leader cards when they demonstrate actions that reflect honesty, empathy, respect, or determination. These cards can be turned in for small rewards, such as treats or school supplies, and are also collected for a prize drawing at our

encourage students who embody the spirit of our HERD pillars. The PBIS awards assemblies not only celebrate our students' achievements but also help build a culture of positivity and respect within the school. By regularly recognizing and rewarding students for their good behavior, we aim to inspire

PBIS awards assemblies.

These assemblies are an exciting time for the entire school, where we celebrate students' positive choices and



reinforce the importance of the HERD pillars. Our last assembly featured special rewards, including lunch boxes and water bottles for all students generously donated by Willows Walmart. We are deeply grateful to Willows Walmart for their support in helping us recognize and

others to follow in their footsteps and make Stony Creek a community where everyone can thrive. Congratulations to all our HERD Leaders, and a big thank

you to Willows Walmart for their generous donation. Together, we are making Stony Creek a place where positive behavior is recognized and celebrated! With each HERD Leader card earned, we're building a stronger, kinder, and more determined Stony Creek community.

Join Our H.E.R.D.!

At Stony Creek Joint Unified, we take pride in our Elk H.E.R.D. values: **Honesty, Empathy, Respect, and Determination.** These core pillars guide everything we do and help shape a positive school culture.

- **Honesty:** We encourage our students to be truthful and trustworthy in all their actions.
- **Empathy:** Understanding and caring for others is at the heart of our community.
- **Respect:** We value treating everyone with kindness and consideration.
- **Determination:** We are committed to working hard and never giving up on our goals.

Together, these values form the foundation of our school, ensuring that every student can thrive and succeed.



Future-Ready: Sophomores Gain Career Skills with E-Dynamic Learning

This year, Elk Creek High School is piloting E-Dynamic Learning with our sophomores, introducing an exciting opportunity for students to gain practical skills and certifications that will enhance their resumes. The online platform offers a flexible learning experience with courses in fields such as forensic science, game design, veterinary science, and entrepreneurship. These subjects go beyond the standard curriculum, providing students with hands-on learning that connects directly to real-world career paths.

E-Dynamic Learning not only introduces students to new areas of interest but also offers the chance to earn certifications in various disciplines, such as business, technology, and animal care. These certifications add significant value to students' resumes, showcasing their skills and readiness for future college or career endeavors. The program is designed to make learning interactive and engaging, with multimedia elements and activities that help students understand complex concepts while preparing them for life beyond high school.

By piloting E-Dynamic Learning, we are expanding educational opportunities at ECHS, allowing students to explore diverse career possibilities, earn industry-recognized credentials, and build a foundation for long-term success. This initiative reflects our commitment to empowering students with the skills and experiences they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.



POWERING THROUGH: Partners Keep Stony Creek Schools Open

Stony Creek Joint Unified School District extends its sincere appreciation to PG&E, the Glenn County Sheriff's Office, and the Glenn County Office of Education for their outstanding support during the recent Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event. In the past, PSPS events forced us to cancel school due to power outages, causing disruptions to our students' learning and daily routines. However, thanks to the coordinated efforts of these organizations, we were able to stay open this time. The large generator they provided kept both the elementary and high schools running smoothly, while the Glenn County Office of Education's additional generator ensured that our cold food storage remained fully operational, allowing us to continue serving meals without interruption. This collaborative effort is a powerful example of the positive impact organizations can have when they come together with a shared commitment to the well-being of children and the community. Their quick action and dedication enabled us to avoid school closures, ensuring that our students did not miss a day of valuable learning. We are truly grateful for their support in helping our district navigate this challenge successfully.

Greenhouse Flourishes with Student-Grown Plants

The Elk Creek High School greenhouse is bustling with activity as students in grades 7-12 get their hands dirty and explore the world of horticulture. Under the guidance of their Ornamental Horticulture classes, students are not just growing plants but gaining valuable hands-on experience in agriculture, problem-solving, and the science behind plant care. The greenhouse has become a dynamic learning space where young growers cultivate a variety of plants, from vegetables and herbs to colorful flowers.

Kaleb, a student in the Ornamental Horticulture Intermediate class, shares his journey: "I have had a lot of fun getting to learn things about plants and taking care of them. My thumbs are definitely becoming green." Kaleb's projects include a diverse assortment of plants, such as jalapeños, cilantro, Table King squash, onions, chives, parsley, Bachelor Button flowers, broccoli, ghost peppers, habaneros, marigolds, and cucumbers. It's not just about growing plants, though—the students are learning the ins and outs of nurturing healthy growth and tackling unexpected challenges.



For example, when Kaleb noticed a "bug-like substance" on some of his cucumber and jalapeño plants, he turned to his teacher for guidance. Together, they made a Dawn dish soap mixture to spray the affected plants, successfully resolving the issue. These types of real-world learning experiences allow students to understand not only how to grow plants but also how to troubleshoot problems and implement solutions. Additionally, students are experimenting with tools like heating pads for the greenhouse's hot pepper varieties, which helped speed up germination by providing a warm, consistent environment for the seeds.

Kaydence, another student enjoying her time in the greenhouse, says, "I enjoy working in the greenhouse. It's been a great experience for me." Her classmates echo this enthusiasm, including Serenity, who adds, "It's awesome that we can sell our produce to the community." This opportunity to sell plants and produce extends learning beyond the classroom, giving students a chance to connect with the local community and see the practical outcomes of their hard work.

To showcase their efforts, Elk Creek High School will be hosting a plant sales at the high school greenhouse. The sales will feature winter vegetable and herb starters, perfect for local gardens. It's a fantastic opportunity to support the Elk Creek FFA, meet the young horticulturists, and see firsthand the variety of plants they've been cultivating.

The greenhouse initiative is more than just an educational project; it's a source of pride for the students, who are learning skills that extend far beyond the classroom. From pest management to plant science and even entrepreneurship, the students' experiences in the greenhouse are shaping them into resourceful and knowledgeable individuals who understand the importance of sustainable practices. Come out to the plant sale and be a part of their journey, while also finding some wonderful additions for your own garden.





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Upcoming Events!

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

Join us in celebrating the culture of our Native American community on November 14 from 3:30-6:00 pm in the Elk Creek Elementary Cafeteria. Meal provided and free for all community members! This event is generously sponsored by Kno'Qoti Native Wellness, Grindstone Parent Advisory Committee, and California Tribal TANF Partnership.

NOVEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The November school board meeting will be held on November 19 at 6 pm in the Elk Creek High School Library. We encourage all community members to attend and engage in important district matters. *Please note: This date was changed to accommodate the Thanksgiving Holiday.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to join us for a campus beautification day at Elk Creek High School! In partnership with the Glenn County Resource Conservation District, we'll be refreshing our planter beds on Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Enjoy your holiday! November 25-29.