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A New Era for Elk Creek Athletics

We are thrilled to announce the completion of a significant upgrade to our facilities at Elk Creek High School: the installation of a brand-new gymnasium floor. This improvement not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of our gym but also represents a commitment to providing our students with the best resources to excel in athletics.

The new floor is made from the finest grade of maple wood, renowned for its durability and performance. Maple is the preferred choice for professional and collegiate sports facilities due to its ability to withstand the rigors of high-impact activities while maintaining a smooth, consistent surface. This upgrade ensures that our athletes will have the best possible foundation for training and competition.

But this new gym floor is more than just a surface for playing sports—it's a central piece of our school that our students can be proud of. The floor proudly features our traditional Elk logo at center court. This emblem, a symbol of our school's spirit and pride, now stands out more vibrantly than ever, serving as a rallying point for our teams and fans alike. The logo's placement on this high-quality surface is a reminder of our rich traditions and a symbol of the bright future ahead.

We celebrated this remarkable facilities enhancement at our recent Back to School Barbecue, where we hosted a special ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially unveil the new gym floor. The event was a wonderful success, bringing together students, staff, and community members to witness the unveiling of this important addition to our school. The pride and excitement in the air were palpable, as everyone gathered to commemorate this significant step forward for Elk Creek High School.

This investment in our facilities is a testament to the support of our community and the dedication of our administration to fostering excellence in all areas of student life. The new gym floor is more than just an upgrade; it's a renewal of our commitment to the success and well-being of our students, both on and off the court.

As we move forward into the new school year, we carry with us the energy and pride from the ribbon-cutting celebration, confident that this new gym floor will serve as a foundation for many victories, both in athletics and in the broader educational journey of our students. Go Elks!

DUAL ENROLLMENT: Now a Reality for ECHS Freshmen

Elk Creek High School is proud to announce a new partnership with Butte College that is offering an exciting opportunity for our freshman students: dual enrollment classes. This pilot program allows participating freshmen to earn three college units by the end of this school year, giving them a head start on their higher education journey while still in high school.

This initiative represents a significant step in our commitment to providing students with enriching educational experiences that prepare them for future academic and career success. By taking these college-level courses, our students will not only gain valuable knowledge and skills but also experience the rigor and expectations of college coursework.

The success of this pilot program will pave the way for its expansion to include all grades at Elk Creek High School next year. Our goal is to provide every student with the opportunity to earn college credits during their high school years, setting them on a strong path toward post-secondary achievement.

This partnership is a significant step in our commitment to supporting our students' academic success and future achievements.



Coming Soon to a School Bus Route Near You!

Miss Troughton has joined our team as the new school bus driver for SCJUSD. Thank you for your patience with the vans while she goes through her driver training.



Building a Positive School Culture with PBIS

At Stony Creek Schools, we want all our students to feel safe, respected, and ready to learn. That's why we use PBIS, which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

PBIS is a program that teaches and encourages positive behavior. Instead of focusing only on what students shouldn't do, we focus on what they should do. We set clear rules for behavior and recognize students when they follow them. This helps create a positive school environment where everyone can succeed.

For our younger students, PBIS helps them learn the basics of good behavior. Teachers and staff show students how to act responsibly in different areas of the school, like the classroom and playground. When students make good choices, they are rewarded with praise or small incentives.

At the high school level, PBIS helps older students develop the skills they need to be successful in school and life. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions and understand how their behavior affects others. Positive behaviors are recognized, and students are taught to make choices that help them

reach their goals. PBIS helps us create a school culture where positive behavior is the norm. This makes our schools better places to learn and helps students feel connected and motivated. By using PBIS, we support every student in making good choices and achieving success.



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.



A Bright Start in Our New TK/Kindergarten Building

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our new Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten building at Elk Creek Elementary School! Designed with our youngest learners in mind, this space is filled with colorful, modern furniture and engaging resources to make learning fun and inspiring. From cozy reading corners to playful learning areas, every detail is meant to spark a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

As we finalize this wonderful new space, we appreciate your patience with the temporary fencing around the playground. We're excited to share that a new, secure six-foot wrought iron fence will be installed as soon as we finish the bidding and permit process, providing both safety and beauty to our playground area.

We can't wait for our littlest Elks to enjoy their new classroom and look forward to seeing them thrive in this welcoming environment. Thank you for your support as we enhance our campus!



TAILORED SUCCESS: CUSTOMIZING EDUCATION WITH iREADY DIAGNOSTIC

The iReady Diagnostic is a test that helps teachers understand how well students are doing in reading and math. It takes just 45 minutes to complete and adjusts the questions based on how students answer, so it can accurately find their strengths and areas where they need more help. What makes SCJUSD special is that, because of our small class sizes, we can use this data to tailor our instruction to each child's unique needs, ensuring they receive the support they need to succeed. This testing provides teachers with clear information about each student's skills, enabling them to offer the right support and track student progress over time.

Growing Future Leaders: The Power of FFA

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is more than just an extracurricular program; it is a vital part of our educational community that nurtures the next generation of leaders in agriculture. Rooted in a tradition that dates back nearly a century, the FFA program aims to prepare students for successful careers in agriculture by offering hands-on experience, leadership training, and educational opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom. At Stony Creek Joint Unified School District, our FFA program is thriving under the guidance of two exceptional advisors, Mrs. Donna Wilson and Mrs. Tessa Farrell, who are dedicated to expanding and enriching the program to reach even more students. Through FFA, students learn the value of hard work, responsibility, and teamwork, which are essential qualities for success in any field.

MEET OUR ADVISORS

Mrs. Donna Wilson brings extensive experience in agriculture, having managed a cattle ranch and hay trucking business for over 30 years. After earning her Master's degree and working in Children Services, she joined our district to share her passion for agriculture with students.

Mrs. Tessa Farrell is a recent CSU Chico graduate with a degree in Agriculture Education. Her own FFA

experiences, including participating in competitions and serving as a Superior Region Officer, drive her commitment to getting students involved in FFA.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

Recognizing the importance of early exposure to agricultural education, we are excited to announce the expansion of our FFA program to include 7th and 8th graders. This initiative is designed to introduce younger students to the world of agriculture, sparking their interest and providing them with a head start on their educational journey. By involving middle school students in FFA, we aim to build a strong foundation for their future studies and career aspirations in agriculture.

DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students can explore various aspects of agriculture through courses like Introduction to Agriculture,

Ornamental Horticulture, Farm Management, Ag Biology, and Ag Chemistry. They gain practical experience in our greenhouse, wood shop, and metal shop, applying classroom learning to real-world agricultural projects.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

All FFA students participate in chapter meetings, where they learn how public meetings are governed through parliamentary procedure, enhancing their communication and leadership skills. They also have the opportunity to compete in various contests and attend conferences, which help them build resumes and gain valuable experiences for their future careers.

Through the FFA, we are not just teaching students about agriculture—we are cultivating leaders who will make a positive impact on our world.





**SMALL SCHOOLS.
BIG DIFFERENCE.**

Stony Creek Joint Unified School District is a small, rural district in Elk Creek, dedicated to providing personalized and high-quality education to its TK-12 students within a close-knit community.

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Upcoming Events!

HOME VOLLEYBALL GAME VS. PRINCETON

Join us on September 5th at 5:30 PM in the Elk Creek High School gym as our volleyball team takes on Princeton in an exciting home game. Let's come together to support our athletes and showcase our school spirit!

STONYFORD BUYER'S GROUP PIG FEED

Join us at the Stonyford Town Hall on Saturday, September 7th, for the Stonyford Buyer's Group Pig Feed and Auction, with dinner served from 5-7 PM and the auction from 6-8 PM. Your participation directly supports our local youth agriculture programs, FFA and 4-H, fostering the next generation of agricultural leaders.

HOME VOLLEYBALL GAME VS. WESTWOOD

Come cheer on our volleyball team as they face off against Westwood on September 9th at 4 PM in the Elk Creek High School gym. Let's fill the stands and show our support for our athletes in this exciting home game!

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The September school board meeting will be held on September 24th at 6 PM in the Elk Creek High School Library. We encourage all community members to attend and engage in important district matters.