



newsletter

SITE HIGHLIGHTS

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Back to business as usual. ☺

JACKSON

Pending completion of the hiring process, Jackson ELP will have a new instructor after the winter break! Thank you to Ms. Pam, Ms. Sue and the many substitutes that stepped up during this transition.

PINE GROVE

Pine Grove ELP is excited to announce that Ms. Naomi has been hired as the permanent Instructional Aide—yay!

PLYMOUTH

Thank you to The Poppert Family for donating a case of corn starch! It has already been used to make Squishy Soap.

SUTTER CREEK

Sutter Creek ELP will be having a holiday party on December 21st. Please watch for a sign-up sheet to bring something.

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WHY DO LEAVES CHANGE COLORS IN THE FALL?

Students have enjoyed watching the transformation of some of the trees around campus and wondered why they change colors. Since leaves have been a big part of ELP curriculum lately it provided a perfect opportunity to use a cool science experiment to see how it happens.

Students at Sutter Creek ELP collected three colors of the fallen leaves: red, yellow and brown. They crushed them up and put each color in its own jar. Rubbing alcohol was added and few white coffee filters were tucked into the jars. They watched for the amazing transformation to happen as the color of the leaves was supposed to travel up the coffee filter.

Well.... they sat as long as they could and nothing happened. When they checked on it the next day only a small bit of color around the top edge of the filter could be seen. But when we came in after the weekend, they were delighted to see brightly colored filters as the final result of the experiment. They learned that as the leaves lose chlorophyll, they stop being green and any other colors they may have become more visible. They also learned that some things are worth the wait.



Sutter Creek ELP
(before)



Sutter Creek ELP
(after)



Plymouth ELP

HOMework CLUB

At the parent's request, ELP staff provides adequate time and assistance for students to complete their daily school assignments. If parents want their children to do homework at ELP, there is a Homework Club sign-up sheet at each site. Naturally, parents are expected to review their student's work at home as well.

After a healthy snack, students at Plymouth ELP are all smiles while working on their homework.

DECEMBER 12th IS NATIONAL POINSETTIA DAY – FUN FACTS

- The Paul Ecke Ranch in California grows over 70% of all Poinsettias purchased in the U.S.
- Poinsettias are not poisonous.
- The showy colored parts of poinsettias that most people think of as the flowers are actually colored bracts (modified leaves).



IMPORTANT DATES

December 10

Winter Break Calendars Due

December 24-January 4

Winter Break – No School

December 21

Winter Break Payments Due

December 28

January Payments Due

January 21

Holiday – No School/ELP

January 30

Minimum Day

ELP IS HIRING!

The Extended Learning Program has open positions for Instructional Aides and substitutes! Call (209) 257-5396 or visit www.edjoin.org for more information. If you are a substitute, your own children can attend for free while you work at ELP!

ELP SITE CONTACTS

Keep your site's direct phone number in your phone! Also, please call your child's ELP site directly to report them absent or make a last minute change in pick-up arrangements.

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Jackson	(209) 257-5629
Pine Grove	(209) 296-0633
Plymouth	(209) 257-7853
Sutter Creek	(209) 257-7121

DIY SQUISHY SOAP IS GOOD CLEAN FUN

Students at Plymouth ELP made squishy soap from a few simple ingredients. It's so easy to make and fun to play with that kids can't wait to wash their hands!

Mix 1 cup of cornstarch with ¼ cup liquid castile soap (peppermint is perfect for the holidays) and 1 ½ tablespoons of apricot oil. Knead the dough and add a few drops of liquid watercolors.

CONTRACT CHANGES

If you need to change your child's schedule, please fill out a [Contract Change Form](#) and return to your site instructor or the District Office. Contract changes need to be done at least 2-weeks in advance. Since there are waiting lists at all ELP sites, contract changes are only made if space is available.



MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

The month of November focused on fall, Thanksgiving and ways to be grateful. Students collected leaves and made leaf animals, sunflowers and scarecrows. They shared what they are thankful for, and for most it is family and friends. After Thanksgiving they planted some leftover vegetables and are waiting for them to grow.



WINTER BREAK

Last day to register is Monday, December 10th!
ELP will be available during the Winter Break, 12/26-1/4. *ELP is closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 and 1/1.* To sign up, complete a [calendar](#) and return to your ELP instructor or the District Office.

Days: W-F, 7:30am-5:30pm

Where: Jackson Elementary

Cost: \$11 half day (≤5 hrs)
\$18.50 full day

Pre-registration is required as space is limited! **Winter Break fees are billed separately and due 12/21.**

