

Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

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NEWSLETTER - October 2023

ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are through one month of school already.

We recognize that there has been a lot of paperwork for you, as parents, this month. It has been that way for teachers as well. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and time in completing these required forms.

The front entrance showcase has been completed. Each student has their picture as part of the display to promote school spirit and a sense of belonging.

Our current enrollment is 307 students. In September we welcomed Aaron De Silva, Henry Isabelle, Toby Enns, Philip Enns, Freya Lee-Gorman, Ryder Clayburn, Dallas Mitchell, Kaitlynn Machan, Coy Gache, Wyatt Schiller, Jack Calder, Abriella Hoople, Elias Hoople, and Penny LaRochelle to our school family.

We thank you for your continued support as we prepare to have our best year yet!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will provide you with more information regarding the booking of appointments later in the month. The dates for parent teacher conferences are:

**November 7th and 8th
from
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

***Please call the school starting
November 1st to book your
appointment.***

POWERSCHOOL REPORT CARDS

Your child's assessments and progress updates will be available for you to view through our student information system "Power School". You will require a log in password in order to access the information.

If your child was registered at Elmer Elson last year, you should have received the log in information. If your child is new to the school, we will provide you with the information so you may access their information online. You will be able to log in anytime and see the progress of your child(ren).

Information sheets will be sent home this week with all students who do not have a Powerschool account set up. If you need assistance please call the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Were taken on September 28th.



**Retakes and class pictures are scheduled for
Thursday, October 24th.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6th - Staff Planning & Development Day (No School for Students)

October 9th - Thanksgiving Day (No School)

BUSSING

We have had a relatively smooth start to the year with regards to bussing.

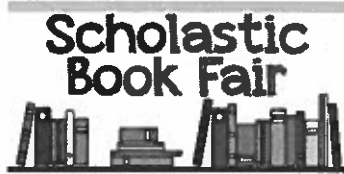
- ⇒ Please do not enter the bus zone between 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as well as 3:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.
- ⇒ If your child rides the bus in the morning and will not be riding the bus in the afternoon, the driver must be informed. Please contact the driver directly or phone the school and ask for a bus note.
- ⇒ If your child did not ride the bus in the morning, the driver will not be expecting your child to ride the bus in the afternoon. Therefore, if you wish your child to ride in the afternoon, it is important to inform the school or the driver.

Please call the school by 3:00 if you are making alternate arrangements for your child unless you have a last minute emergency. We need time to contact your child's teacher and the bus driver.

BOOK FAIR RETURNS TO EEE!

We are excited to be hosting an in School Book Fair
November 6-8

Please watch for more information in the coming weeks!



NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY

Monday, October 23th marks the 19th Anniversary of National School Library Day.



Each year schools across Canada recognize the importance of school libraries and their connection between the school and the community.

SCHOOL REMIND APP



Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for this app. We use it to inform parents of school activities and events. If you have not signed up yet, you still can join. This will certainly enhance school to home communication and keep you informed about school happenings.

Enter (587) 316-2959 Text @eesch

Each classroom also has their own class remind. Please be sure to join so you don't miss out on key information.

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER CAMPAIGN

In previous years, we have partnered with Farm Credit Canada in support of their "Drive Away Hunger Campaign".

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help support our local food bank, please send it to the school by **Thursday, October 13th.**

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

You can register to pay all school related fees for your child online. Please call the school if you would like assistance with this program.

To register please go to:

<https://ngps.schoolcashonline.com>

You may also find the link on the Northern Gateway web page or on our Elmer Elson website under registration.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2023-2024

The first School Council Meeting was held on September 25th.

The new executive is:

Chair	Jill Stoney
Vice Chair	Falon Boll
Secretary:	Nadine Szybunka
Vice Secretary:	Jody Braithwaite
Community Rep:	Lana Bohnet

The next meeting is Monday, October 23rd @ 5:00 p.m. in the EEE staffroom. Please do not hesitate to join the Council.

HALLOWEEN



Halloween activities will take place on **Tuesday, October 31st** for Kindergarten to grade 6.

Students can come to school dressed in their costumes. Everyone is welcome to watch the parade a 9:15 a.m.

FIRE DRILLS & LOCKDOWN

As parents, you send your children to us with the expectation that they will be safe. At times, circumstances may arise where we may need to put specialized procedures in place to ensure this happens. As such, we practice fire drills and lockdowns throughout the school year. Our school continues to find creative and safe ways to practice fire drills and lockdowns to increase preparedness.



STUDENT SNACK SHOP

Mrs. Rizzoli, our famous snack shop lady brings the snack shop trolley to primary classes each day. The grade 4-6 students meet her at the snack shop during their lunch.

Most items are .50 cents however some items cost \$1.00.

The snack shop is not intended to provide the students' lunches but rather add to them.

NGPS TECHNOLOGY AND MAINTENANCE FEE

There is a **\$32.00 Technology fee for students in grades one to six** and **\$16.00 for Kindergarten students**.

This mandatory fee enables school to keep current hardware for our students.

This fee must be paid by October 28th.

Please call Mr. Andriuk if you would like to set up a payment plan.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Breakfast is available for students who have not eaten breakfast before they come to school or if they have had a long bus ride and are in need of additional breakfast before school. It is open for everyone!

Students wishing to have breakfast can go to the Community Kitchen when the 8:40 bell rings. It is important for them to be prompt so they are ready for classes at 8:50 a.m.

Due to the high demand for the breakfast program, we always appreciate donations of jams, jellies, cheez whiz, or margarine.

AUTHOR VISIT

We are pleased to host award winning Alberta author Robert Feagan at EEE on **Tuesday, October 17th**.

Robert has lived and traveled to communities in both Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. His lively presentations include museum quality artifacts, discussion of Arctic cultures, lands and life experiences. His novels showcase life in the Arctic.

ATHLETICS - MINI-HANDBALL

Mini Handball for grade 5 and 6 students has started after school on Mondays and Wednesdays until October 25th.

Regular commitment from students help to improve skill levels associated with the sport.

Thanks to Mr. Andriuk and our wellness coach Mr. Schalm for being our volunteer coaches.

MINI-HANDBALL PROVINCIALS

We are excited to be able to participate in the Mini Handball Provincials in Edmonton once again. Students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the tournament on October 28th. October 4th was the deadline to return the registration form and fee.

Please contact Mr. Andriuk or Mrs. King if you have any questions regarding the tournament.

TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN

Our staff and students participated in the Terry Fox School Run on September 21st. We are proud to send \$1675.00 to the Terry Fox Foundation to support funding for cancer research.

Thank you for your generosity.



JERSEY DAY

We have declared Wednesday, October 11th as Jersey Day to celebrate the Edmonton Oilers season opener.



<http://Alberta.ca/foster-and-kinship-care.aspx>

1-844-957-0552 and

email fostercaregiving@gov.ab.ca is available

Elmer Elson Parent Fundraising Society

Start Up Meeting & Executive
Nomination

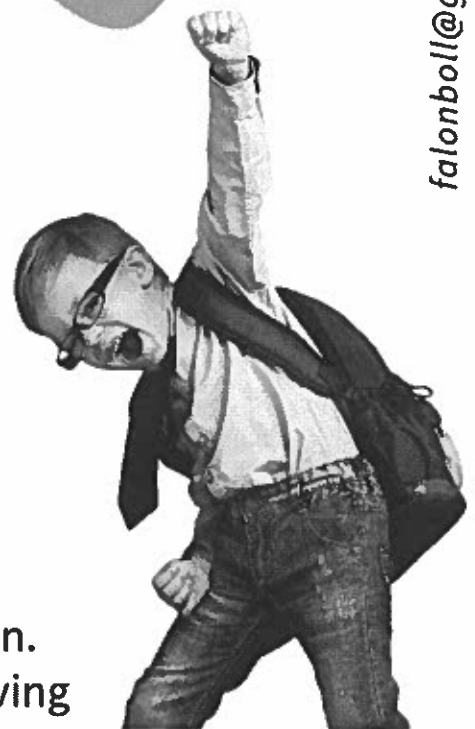
October 11, 2023

1:00pm

Crockett House Cafe'

In the 2022/23 school year the society was able to fund EEE with \$9995.88 in products or services to enhance the learning experience of each student. Saving you approximately \$33/student. With your continued support and help we can persist with enhancing our school and classroom experience for all students.

Giving is not just about making a donation.
It is about making a difference", Kathy Calving



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LITTLE ELMERS CHILDCARE & OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

We were excited to welcome the Little Elmers students to our school on September 5th

Please visit the Little Elmers Facebook page or website for more information.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



ST AGNES PARISH



INVITES THE COMMUNITY
To Their
ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

DATE: October 22, 2023

PLACE: Mayerthorpe Diamond
Centre

TIME: 4:30—6:30

Age 13 and up: \$18.00

Age 4-12 : \$10.00

Age 3 & Under: FREE

****Bag Raffles & 50/50 Raffle
also taking place****



EVERYONE WELCOME!!



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANSELMO REC & AG SOCIETY
**HALLOWEEN
PARTY**

OCTOBER 28 | DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
2023 | COSTUME JUDGING AT 7:00 PM
DANCE TO FOLLOW!

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
MEAGAN AT 1-403-877-0273
OR
MELISSA AT 1-780-779-7692

KIDS UNDER 2 FREE
\$10.00 PER TICKET



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Mayerthorpe OMCA

YOU ARE INVITED TO
All children welcome
Treat Street
Oct 31 2023
Mainstreet 4:00-
8:00

Mainstreet will be closed off
from 3:00 pm
We ask that children only go to
with business or association
ance

We ask that all businesses
have current insurance
coverage please

Please bring a food bank
donation