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NEWSLETTER - November 2023

ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

Elmer Elson continues to be a very busy and active school. Our current student enrollment is 312. We are gradually integrating more programs and activities for students as we continue to develop engaged learners, ethical citizens, and empowered youth.

In October we welcomed Daniel Alvarenga and Sylvia Lessard into our school family.

Stay tuned for details on our Parent Fundraising Society's upcoming fall fundraiser. Information regarding the fall fundraiser will be sent home soon by the parent committee.

Mr. A and Mrs. Feser

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The dates for
Parent Teacher Conferences are:

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

*This is your opportunity to connect
with your child's teacher and be
informed about how they are doing.*

*Please call the school if you would like
to book an appointment by phone or
in-person.*

*Mrs. Chittick will be available during
these times to set up Schoolcash
accounts for anyone who wants help.*

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS ON POWERSCHOOL

Regular reporting of student progress is an important aspect of what we do at Elmer Elson. This is done through PowerSchool. To obtain specific details of how your child is doing, please log in to PowerSchool. The parent portal is open, so you should be able to access it now and first term citizenship and general comments will be released on November 24th.

If you require assistance in getting set up, please contact the office and we will help you. It is very important that all parents are accessing this information.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE or PICKED UP BEFORE SCHOOL DISMISSES

Arriving late to school:

Inform the office that you will be late.

Upon arrival, students will enter through the main door. Ring the buzzer on the left-hand side of the entryway. The office staff will let the students in.

Leaving prior to dismissal times:

Parents should call the office upon arrival. For student safety, parents **MUST** meet the office staff at the main doors to sign the children out.

MOVEMBER



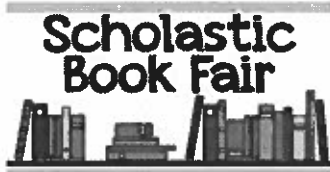
We have decided to participate in Movember and help raise money for cancer research. As such, we will be selling stick-on moustaches on Tuesday,

November 28th. Students can bring a donation of a loonie, toonie, or more for a "stick on" moustache that they will wear throughout the day. All money raised will be sent to the Cross Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer.

Thank you for your generosity.

BOOK FAIR RETURNS TO EEE!

We are excited to be hosting an in School Book Fair the week of **November 6th - 8th**
More information to follow.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DAY

Thursday, November 9th, will be a Planning and Development day for staff. As such, there will not be school for students.

There will be no school on November 10th as it is a day in lieu of parent teacher conferences or November 13th in honor of Remembrance Day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be on Wednesday, November 8th @ 10:45 a.m. All students will receive a poppy and monetary donations will be accepted for the local legion.

Parents and community members are welcome to join us.



GRADE FIVE INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Our grade five students have again partnered with the Auxiliary Hospital and Pleasantview Lodge for the Intergenerational Program. We are excited to continue this special partnership in person this year.

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.



NGPS TECHNOLOGY AND MAINTENANCE FEE

The mandatory technology fee of \$32.00 for full time students and \$16.00 for ECS students is now due. This fee is used towards replacement of devices in schools throughout the division.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid. We kindly ask you to pay this fee as soon as possible.

MENTAL WELLNESS COACH

For the 2nd year our school division has offered Mental Health Capacity Building In School Initiative. This Alberta Health Services program works to support children in rural communities with the development of emotional, mental and social well-being. Mr. Brandon Schalm helps to provide programs and support in the area of health and well-being for our students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2023-2024

We had a great turnout at our last school council meeting on October 30th.

The 2023-2024 School Council was formed.

Chairperson: Jill Stoney
Vice Chair: Falon Boll
Secretary: Nadine Szybunka
Vice Secretary: Jody Braithwaite
School Community Member: Lana Bohnet

Each meeting brings new information and ideas to keep parents in the know. I invite you to come to our next meeting on November 27th at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions regarding school council please don't hesitate to contact myself, or any other member of the council. We are also looking for new members to join the Parent Fundraising Committee.

Jill Stoney
School Council Chairperson

MINI-HANDBALL PROVINCIALS

Our school was well represented at the mini-handball provincials in Edmonton on October 28th. Thank you to the staff and parent coaches for volunteering their time for such a valuable event.

STUDENT COUNCIL

We are excited to introduce our 2023-2024 Student Council Executive:

President	Adrianna Soroka
Vice President	Ella Nelson
Treasurer	Jace Ainsworth
Secretary	Mesa Adams

LITTLE ELMERS UPDATE

Everyone at Little Elmers Childcare is enjoying learning, playing, socializing and being active every day.

The students were excited to attend their first of many Elmer Elson Halloween parades on Halloween Day.



DOG POLICY

Just a friendly reminder that all dogs should be on a leash when around the school. For student safety we ask that you do not bring dogs in high traffic areas during school hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.