



Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER - January 2024

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ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

Welcome back after a well-deserved Christmas break. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a restful holiday season. We are excited for what the new year will bring!

We feel very fortunate to work with such a great staff, amazing students, and supportive parents. We think that together we form very strong team.

Please know that our doors are always open and we ask that you come to us, with any questions or concerns and we will do our best to answer in a timely manner.

In December we welcomed Chance Malcolm, Lachlan Malcolm and Menitha Levesque into our school family.

Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to everyone for your ongoing commitment to the success and well-being of our school community.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We are continuing to offer a breakfast program for anyone who would like breakfast.

Students are required to go straight to breakfast before getting prepared for class.

Thank you to our amazing staff who prepare breakfast each morning and for the huge support from our community to help fund this essential program.



SHARING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Numerous food items and over \$535.00 in cash donations were collected at Elmer Elson for the Christmas Hamper program.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make Christmas wonderful for everyone in our community.



OUTDOOR RECESS/NOON BREAKS

It is our expectation that all students will go outside at recess time. As such, students need to be dressed appropriately to do so. Our recess breaks are only 14 minutes, so by the time the students dress, they are outside for even less time than that. The noon recess is 25 minutes and when warranted, we go out for only half of the time.



Obviously there will be days when the weather dictates otherwise. We use -20 with/without the wind as a guide but this is not an absolute number. There are many variables that are considered when making a decision. Student and staff safety are always our first priority. Of course, we monitor the weather closely when making decisions.

On inside days we choose one recess to do a school-wide movement break where students walk the hallways during recess.

MEAL OF THE MONTH PROGRAM (MOM)

A new menu and order form for MOM meals will be going home very soon. The deadline to order meals will be Monday, January 22nd, 2024.

TRACK TEAM TRYOUTS

Grade 4-6 track team tryouts will be happening the week of January 15th during recess time. Any students who want to try out for the track teams should stay tuned for specific details about when each grade's time trials will happen.



PINK SHIRT DAY ORDERS

Pink Shirt Day will be on February 28, 2024. The deadline to order items is January 18th.



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

On behalf of the School Council, I would like to wish you all the best in 2024.

Are you interested in knowing what the school council is all about? Not sure if you need or want to attend a meeting? As your School Council Chairperson, I want to extend an invitation to attend one of our meetings. You can hear firsthand what's happening "behind the scenes" at EEE. These meetings generally never run any more than an hour. They are jam-packed with information regarding the education and programming for our students. This is also a great place to meet our school trustees. Northern Gateway School Trustees are there to hear what we have to say as parents and guardians of the students. If you have questions or concerns but are unable to attend a meeting you can contact me and I would be happy to bring the items forward. Our next meeting is January 22nd at 5:00 p.m. in the staffroom.

Jill Stoney
School Council Chairperson

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