



# Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

## NEWSLETTER - May 2024

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### ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

It is hard to believe May has arrived and we are into the final term of the school year.

The May 27<sup>th</sup> School Council meeting is the final one for this school year. We plan to share updates for the 2024-2025 school year at this time.

In April we welcomed Wyatt Stoney to our school family.

We are excited for what the remainder of this year will bring.



*Learning Uplifts All*

### EDUCATION WEEK MAY 6 - 10

The first Alberta School Week (Education Week) was held December 2-8, 1928. Its purpose then, as now, is to call attention to the importance of education and to show the public the good things happening in Alberta schools.

### EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES AT EEE

During the week of May 6 - 10 the students and staff at Elmer Elson will be involved in a variety of activities to celebrate Education Week.

- ◆ **May 6** - Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- ◆ **May 7** - Music Festival Awards
- ◆ **May 8** - Hats On for Mental Health - all staff and students can wear a hat for mental health awareness
- ◆ **May 9** - Reading buddies will be paired up to read with other classes.

Throughout the week classes will have guest readers in the classrooms to share their love for literacy.

ECS to grade 3 students are decorating place-mats to be delivered to the Auxiliary Hospital and Pleasantview Lodge. Grade 4 to 6 kids are decorating special book marks to donate to the public library.

### BOOKS FOR GIFTS

#### "The Gift that Keeps on Giving"

Many years ago a member of our School Council proposed a "Books for Gifts" program

The purpose of this program was to enable a parent or guardian to have a book purchased in honor of a staff member at EEE and have it placed in the school Library. Staff members appreciate this donation to our Library in place of gifts at Christmas or year end. If you are interested in this program, please contact Mrs. LeClercq. Payment may be made by cheque, cash, or through School Cash online.



### SCHOOL START SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We will be offering parents the opportunity to pre-purchase next year's school supplies for their children. This is completely optional for parents and all orders will be delivered directly to parents.



Teachers will review the supply lists soon and more information will follow. The website is [www.schoolstart.ca](http://www.schoolstart.ca) if you wish to find out more information.

A supply list for each grade will also be sent home on the last day of school if you would prefer to purchase your own supplies.

### THEME DAY

The student council have declared May 24<sup>th</sup> Western Day at EEE. Yee-Haw!



I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. Despite our busy schedules, I hope you can take some time to join us at our last school council meeting of the year on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in the EEE staffroom at 5:30 p.m.

I was excited to attend the School Council Conference and look forward to sharing new ideas with the council.

Jill Stoney  
School Council Chairperson

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

As the weather becomes warmer we want to review our student dress code. Our expectations are:

- All students are expected to wear clothing that is appropriate for school
- No inappropriate messages or images
- All students must dress to ensure coverage for midriffs and backs as well as no low cut tops or short shorts (shorts must ensure coverage even when students are active, bending or sitting - a mid thigh length or longer is acceptable.)

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Thanks to the overwhelming support of our Easter Raffle, we proudly donated almost \$500.00 to the Mayerthorpe Food Bank. We had almost 100 students take home small prizes from the raffle draws.

Thank you to our school family for generously supporting this initiative.

### **Gr. 5-6 ATHLETICS**

Students can participate in after school badminton on Wednesdays after school. It will start on May 8<sup>th</sup> and will end on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Students are permitted to bring their own racket or use the school rackets.

### **RUN 4 FUN and KIDS KILOMETRE CLUB**

We are excited to offer the running club to all grades again this year and are amazed by the interest in the Kids' Kilometre Club at EEE and/or the Run 4 Fun event in Whitecourt.

All kindergarten to grade 3 students have the opportunity to participate in the Kids' Kilometre club around the school playground on Wednesday noon hour recess. A large number of primary students have joined the Kids' Kilometre club. We want to thank our grade 4, 5, and 6 student volunteers for helping during primary recess.

65 Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be running in the 2.2 km Run 4 Fun at 10:30 a.m. in Whitecourt on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Mosher and Mrs. Chittick for coordinating this.

44 of our grade 4-6 students will run 5 km on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 a.m. at the Kids Run 4 Fun. They are training twice a week with the staff volunteers; Mrs. Chittick, Mrs. Hagman, Mrs. Mosher, Miss Chayka, Mr. A., and Miss Mattson.

### **MAY LONG WEEKEND**

We are excited that our families will have an extra long May weekend. The dates are as follows:

- May 16<sup>th</sup>** Staff Planning & Planning Day
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Conferences
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** Victoria Day

**Classes will resume on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>**



### **ATTENDANCE**

Although we appreciate the effort parents are putting forth to keep kids home who are sick, we also acknowledge the importance of regular attendance.

The visual on the next page shows how every day counts toward your child's success.



# EVERY DAY COUNTS!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

If your child misses...	That equals	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling, that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

## How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child.

If your child misses...	That equals	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling, that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	1/2 day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/1 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then,  
**YES, attendance does matter.**



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If you require support in getting your child to school consistently and on time, please talk to your Principal.

**EXCITING AND CREATIVE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WITH DISABILITIES**



# **GIGGLES AND WIGGLES SPECIALIZED SUMMER CAMP 2024**



July 8-12, 2024  
Music & Art week

Aug 12-16, 2024  
Sports week

July 22-26, 2024  
Animals & nature week

Aug 26-30, 2024  
All in one week



**Join us for a week  
filled with creativity,  
inspiration and fun**

**Our activities:**

- Dive into the rhythm of music
- Natural tranquility with sensory room
- Adaptive sports
- A trip to zoo
- Water slide
- Scavenger hunt



LOCATED IN EDMONTON, AB

Registration link: <https://www.bridgetocare.org/summercamp>

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