



# Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

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## NEWSLETTER - December 2024

### ADMIN CORNER

Once again the generosity of our community overwhelms us as a staff at EEE. We raised \$489.30 for the Cross Cancer Institute for Movember. Many businesses have contributed to the applEs for EveryonE program, breakfast club, and Meal of the Month program to keep the students in our school full. We can't thank you enough for your on-going support.

We are very pleased to be able to offer all students at Elmer Elson Elementary School a free hot turkey Christmas meal to celebrate the holiday season! As such, we are serving a hot turkey lunch on Friday, December 20th to all students K-6 at no charge.

We welcomed Eddy Delaney-Macdonald and Myles Delaney-MacDonald in to our school family in the month of November.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas filled with love, joy and peace.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to an amazing new year together!



### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Elmer Elson will once again be helping with the Community Christmas Hamper program, coordinated by the local food bank.

The intent of hampers is to ensure every family in our community has a Merry Christmas. Therefore, **we ask that you consider sending items that are more Christmas oriented rather than your regular food bank items such as noodles or soup.** **Breakfast items are also recommended.**

We are collecting food items and cash donations from December 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations can also be dropped off at the Christmas Concert.

Thank you for your continued support of this very important community project.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Christmas Hamper this year, please call the school,

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Parents, get ready for a great show! Your children have been working hard to perfect their performances for the Christmas Concert on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be two shows: 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Benson is encouraging everyone to download the Jingle+ App for the concert finale.

### THEME DAYS

We have declared  
Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> as  
"HOLIDAY HEADGEAR DAY"  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> as  
"PAJAMA DAY"  
Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> as  
"FESTIVE CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY"  
Wear a sweater if you have one, or wear something festive, red, or green.

### BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting our recent Book Fair. It was a resounding success raising a total of \$1800.00.



## MOVEMBER

On Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, students and staff took part in Movember. Donations were collected for the opportunity to wear a stick on moustache in support of cancer. Through this activity we collected \$489.30 for cancer research. Thank you everyone for your generous support.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

From all of us on the School Council, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the joy of this time of year remain in your hearts today and in the new year.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Jill Stoney  
School Council Chairperson

## NGPS TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE FEE

The mandatory technology fee of \$32.00 for full time students and \$16.00 for ECS students is now overdue. 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.

## CHANGES to AFTER SCHOOL PLANS for STUDENTS

If after school plans change for your child near the end of the day, we ask you to please contact the office to inform us of any changes if you do not hear back from the teacher. Teachers are often unable to check remind or texts during class time.

Please remember, dismissal time is 3:10 for our students with buses loading promptly thereafter. Thank you.

## BOOKS FOR GIFTS

### “The Gift that Keeps on Giving”

Many years ago a member of our Parent 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. LeClerc. Payment may be made by cheque, cash, or through School Cash online.



## STAY CONNECTED



Access student schedules, attendance, and grades online at any time with PowerSchool. Please contact us to receive your individual username and password if you have not yet created an account or have misplaced the information.



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Pay for student items online

Pay school fees, school activities and more at  
<https://schoolcashonline.com>



Enter (587)316-2959  
Text @eesch

Contact us directly at:  
780-786-2268  
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## BUS LANES

We respectfully ask that during bus times you do not walk between the buses. For the safety of our students we ask you to follow this important rule and walk around the buses or wait until they leave the parking lot.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please e-mail Mrs. LeClerc at the following email address:

[carolyn.leclercq@ngps.ca](mailto:carolyn.leclercq@ngps.ca)

## EEE LOST & FOUND

Please encourage your children to check the lost and found for their items. There are a lot of items that want to find their owner!

Winter weather has officially arrived and we want to be prepared. The following chart explains the process used to decide whether buses run or not.



# EEE Parent Fundraising Update

Sold  
\$ 13,129.00

**THANK  
YOU!**

The  
Brickhouse

The society would like to thank everyone who participated and donated to the fall 2024 fundriaser. We belive it was a great sucess. All funds go back to our students by enhancing their educational experience and opportunities.

Profit  
\$ 3804.00

EEE Parent  
Fundraising  
Society



## **NGPS Division Social Worker's Light Hearted Holiday Survival Guide**

With the Christmas season upon us, traditional images of the holidays appear impeccable and dreamlike. Cozy, cheerful, tastefully decorated homes, surrounded by white, pristine snow, with happy, well-dressed families gathered around a table sharing a large dinner cooked to Instagram perfection are simply unrealistic.

Life can be so complex and messy that it's impossible to guarantee a picture perfect Christmas. And yet, every year, we still yearn for it. A lot of hard work goes into planning, baking, decorating, expecting a fun, relaxing Christmas holiday, often ending up hectic and stressful. For some of us, we would rather stay under the covers until spring!

### **MY GUIDE TO SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

*(Disclaimer wink wink: This guide is not intended to replace professional therapy or medication. However, it may help you laugh through the chaos!)*

#### **Essential Items**

1. **A Strong Cup of Coffee (or Tea):** Your daily dose of sanity in liquid form.
2. **Ear Plugs:** Because sometimes, "Silent Night" becomes a screaming match.
3. **A Sense of Humor:** Your superpower against sugar-fueled tantrums and endless demands of "Are we there yet?"
4. **A Planned Escape:** For when the kids are finally asleep and you need some "me" time: a walk in the snow, Netflix that is not cartoons, phone call to the friend that can make you laugh.
5. **A First Aid Kit:** For minor injuries, like paper cuts from wrapping presents and emotional wounds from family gatherings.

#### **Survival Tips**

1. **Embrace the Chaos:** Don't fight it. Just enjoy the ride (or at least pretend to).
2. **Lower Your Expectations:** Remember, perfection is overrated. An overcooked turkey or an off-key rendition of "Jingle Bells" can still create lasting memories.
3. **Delegate:** Don't be afraid to enlist the help of your spouse, kids, or the family pet.
4. **Practice Mindfulness:** Take deep breaths and count to ten (or twenty or thirty). Remember, this too shall pass.

To help promote the Mayerthorpe Minor Hockey Hometown Hockey Weekend we have declared Thursday, December 5 Jersey Day! The Co-op and MMH have also donated a hotdog for all the staff and students on December 5th. We thank them for their generosity.

# MAYERTHORPE MINOR HOCKEY HOMETOWN HOCKEY

WEEKEND - DECEMBER 6 - 8, 2024

**FRIDAY  
DEC 6, 2024**

**U18**

**7:00 TO 9:30 PM**

**SATURDAY  
DEC 7, 2024**

**U7**

**9:00 TO 10:30 AM**

**U11**

**10:45 TO 1:00 PM**

**U13**

**1:15 TO 3:45 PM**

**U15**

**4:00 TO 6:30 PM**

**SUNDAY  
DEC 8, 2024**

**U9**

**9:00 TO 10:30 AM**

**U11**

**10:45 TO 1:00 PM**

**U13**

**1:15 TO 3:45 PM**

**U15**

**4:00 TO 6:30 PM**

**U18**

**6:45 TO 9:15 PM**

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- BIG MONEY 50/50 RAFFLE
- RAFFLE TABLE (WE WILL DELIVER!)
- PLAYER SWAG BAGS
- PHOTO BOOTH
- CONCESSION SPECIALS
- MINI MARKET
- A GREAT TIME
- A HOME TOWN FEELING
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

**FALLEN FOUR  
MEMORIAL  
HOCKEY GAME**

**DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES  
WORKERS  
VS**

**MMH COACHES  
PUCK DROPS AT  
6:45 PM**

JOIN US IN HONORING AND REMEMBERING  
MAYERTHORPE'S FALLEN FOUR  
CONSTABLES: ANTHONY GORDON, LEO JOHNSTON,  
BROCK MYROL & PETER SCHIEMANN



**PLEASE BRING A FOOD BANK DONATION!**

**FREE ADMISSION!!**

**AT THE  
DICK GRANLEY ARENA  
LET'S GO, MUSTANGS  
LET'S GO!**



# Mayerthorpe Christmas Toy Drive



Donations of new, unopened  
toys accepted here.



Make the Christmas season  
brighter for our community with  
your donation of a gift for a local  
child up to 16 years of age.

Suggested maximum value \$40.

All donations will be given to  
Mayerthorpe Food Bank to be  
distributed as needed.

Donations will be  
accepted until Dec 19,  
earlier is appreciated.

