



# Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

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## NEWSLETTER - February 2025

### ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

We cannot believe February has arrived. Thank you for your continued support, cooperation and involvement

Together we are creating a positive and enriching experience for our students.

We look forward to another month of learning, growth, and collaboration with the best staff and students.

### STAFF VS. SIXERS HOCKEY GAME

Thank you to everyone who made the hockey game a roaring success this year and for donating 157 items and \$545.00 to the local food bank.

Congratulations to Kenny Jacobson for taking home \$395.00 from the 50/50 raffle. The other half was put towards the EEE Apples for Everyone program.

This game has been a tradition for over 40 years at Elmer Elson.

### VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITIES



With Valentine's Day around the corner, it's a perfect time to emphasize the importance of compassion, empathy, and inclusion. Teachers will be sending home specific details about classroom activities.

We encourage everyone to wear pink, red, or white on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### STAY CONNECTED



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### PINK SHIRT DAY - LET KINDNESS GROW

On February 26th our staff and students will once again be joining millions of other Canadians on Pink Shirt Day in our mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness of anti-bullying initiatives.



This year's theme is all about cultivating a community of kindness. Just like tending a garden we can help nurture a sense of belonging where we live, work and go to school.

It all begins with small gestures and if we plant enough, more will be sprouting up all around us. By sprinkling seeds of empathy and compassion, we can work toward a world without bullying and "Let Kindness Grow" through all our community gardens.

### TRACK TEAM

Elmer Elson is sending 4 relay teams (2 boys teams and 2 girls teams) to participate in the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Running Room Indoor Games on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The teams have been made and the students have been working hard.

### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

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

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

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents will have the option to have the conference in person or over the telephone.

from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
on  
March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

You may call the office to book an appointment starting on **March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## I READ CANADIAN DAY

On Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.  
EEE will be celebrating  
"I Read Canadian Day"

This is a national day celebrating Canadian books for young people. This is a day dedicated to encouraging at least 15 minutes of "reading Canadian"

The purpose of this event is to celebrate Canadian authors, books and reading, and it encourages students and readers of all ages to engage in Canadian literature. It's a great opportunity to share stories by Canadian authors and promote reading as a fun, educational activity!



## TEACHERS' CONVENTION

There will be no school for students on **February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** as teachers will be participating in Teachers' Convention.

## AUTHOR VISIT

Our author visit on January 15<sup>th</sup> with Joan Marie Galat was a resounding success and enjoyed by all staff and students. One student shared that Joan Marie's presentation inspired her to become a writer!

This yearly event is intended to share with students a love of reading and books by published authors. Please ask your child(ren) to share what they learned from that presentation.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

### School Council, Why?

When you come to a school council meeting, it gives you the opportunity to play an advisory role in school planning. From attending these meetings we build meaningful, two-way communication and supporting respectful interactions among education partners.

Parents, principals, teachers, and community representatives are what makes a school council. The councils' purpose is to advise the admin and the school board respecting matters relating to the school. This gives parents and community members the availability to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning.

School Council is where we can support meaningful parental involvement in decisions that affect the school and its operations. Join us for our next school council meeting on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the staffroom. These meetings will not take much of your time and will give you the space to hear and voice your thoughts on matters within our school and school division.

Jill Stoney - School Council Chair

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Our school family continues to be overwhelmed by the support of our Community towards our programs and fundraising initiatives.

We are very grateful for the support and thoughtfulness.



## BOOK FAIR RETURNS TO EEE!

It's back! Our Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>



Please watch for more information in the coming weeks.

## WINTER ACTIVITIES

### WINTER WALK

We will be participating in Winter Walk Day as a way to encourage people to remain active throughout the year, even when the weather is cold. Please join us at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for our 30 minute Winter Walk.

### SCHOOL SKATING

We are excited to have school skating again this year. Please check the schedule that was sent out to all students last week. We are grateful that our Parent Fundraising Society has generously funded the arena rental and bus fees so there will be no cost for our students. Parents are welcome to skate with their children and are required to wear a helmet.