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NEWSLETTER - November 2022

ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

Elmer Elson continues to be a very busy and active school. Our current student enrollment is 299. We are gradually integrating more programs and activities for students as we continue to develop engaged learners, ethical citizens, and empowered youth.

Since the beginning of the year we welcomed Justyce Tuckwood, Hassan Ebrahimi, Kimberly Wiege* and Leo Puchalsky into our school family.

Stayed tuned for details on our Parent Fundraising Society's upcoming fall fundraiser. Information regarding the Prairie Gourmet Perogies and Mom's Pantry 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 2nd and 3rd
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.***

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. If you are new to our school or have a child in ECS login information is being sent home soon. For parents who logged in last year the process remains the same. You will not need to change your passwords in order to access your child's information. 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 25th.

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



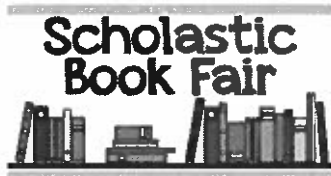
We have decided to participate in Movember and help raise money for cancer research. As such, we will be selling stick-on moustaches on Tuesday, November 29th. Students can bring a donation of a loonie, toonie or more for a "stick on" moustache that they will wear throughout the day. All money raised 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 both an In School Book Fair and a Virtual Book Fair the week of **October 31st - November 3rd**

Please refer to the letter that was sent home last week for more information.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday, November 14th, 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 11th in honor of Remembrance Day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony will be on Wednesday, November 9th @ 9:45 a.m. All students will receive a poppy and monetary donations will be accepted for the local legion.



TRADING CARDS

Please remind your children that the trading of pokemon cards, sports cards or other playing cards is not allowed at school.

In our experience, the trading of cards at school usually has negative outcomes.

GRADE FIVE INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

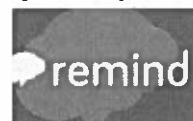
Our grade five students have again partnered with the Auxiliary Hospital and Pleasantview Lodge for the Intergenerational Program. We are excited to continue this special partnership in person this year.

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 @eeesch

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

New to our school this year is the 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. We welcomed Mr. Brandon Schalm as our wellness coach. Mr. Schalm helps to provide programs and support in the area of health and well-being for our students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022

We had a great turnout at our last school council meeting on October 24th.

The 2022-2023 School Council was formed.

Chairperson: Falon Boll

Vice Chair: Christina Gilroy

Secretary: Jody McKay

Vice Secretary: Kristin Tomkiewych

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 28th at 5:00 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.

Falon Boll
School Council Chairperson

ATHLETICS - MINI-HANDBALL

Mini Handball for grade 5 and 6 students has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and will run until November 24th.

Regular commitment from students help to improve skill levels associated with the sport.

Thanks to Mrs. King and our wellness coach Mr. Schalm for being our volunteer coaches.

MINI-HANDBALL PROVINCIALS

We are excited to be able to participate in the Mini Handball Provincials in Edmonton once again. Students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the tournament on November 19th. November 3 is the deadline to return the registration form and fee. Please contact Mr. A if you have any questions regarding the tournament.

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 p.m.	3 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8	9 Remembrance Day Ceremony 9:45 a.m.	10 Day In Lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews NO SCHOOL	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12
13	14 Staff Planning & Development Day NO SCHOOL	15	16	17	18	19 Mini Handball Provincials Grades 3-6
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 School Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.	29	30			