



Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER - June 2023

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ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

Wow! It is hard to believe June is here already. The month of June always keeps staff and students busy until the final hour on the final day.

We have had a very successful year at Elmer Elson. Your children have given us many fond memories that we will carry with us for years to come. It is wonderful to have such a fine student body; young people who show respect for themselves and others. It is you, the parents, who have provide us with the encouragement, cooperation and support to work together for your children. Thank you for a great year and we look forward to working together again next year.

Mr. A & Mrs. Feser

HOT LUNCH



A June Hot Lunch note went home last week.
The deadline to order is June 5th.
There will be opportunities to order the other meals later in the moth.

Balon Valves will be coming to cook hot dogs on June 8th.

The June 23rd hamburger meal will be cooked by our friends at Pembina Pipeline.

YEAR END B-B-Q



On Thursday, June 29th, all students and staff will enjoy a hotdog B-B-Q . The school will also supply drinks and an ice cream treat.

The B-B-Q has become a yearly event and is a great way to conclude and celebrate the end of the school year.

The ECS students will have their year end B-B-Q on June 21st

Please refer to the hot lunch note for more details.

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. LeClerc. 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.

Information has been sent home and is on our website.

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.



ICE CREAM DAY

We have declared
Tuesday, June 13th
as
Ice Cream Day

The cost is a suggested donation of \$2.00 per cone. Alternate options for peanut free and/or lactose free students will be available.

The proceeds will be donated to the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.



IMPORTANT DATES

The last day for grade 1-6 students to attend school this year is **Thursday, June 29th**.

The first day of school for students for the 2023-2024 school year is **Tuesday, September 5th**.



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

As your School Council chair, I had the opportunity to attend the Alberta School Council Association AGM and Conference. It is an informative day of breakout sessions and networking opportunities. During one of the break-out Sessions I took in information on The Seven Sacred Teachings, also known as Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers. Each teaching is about basic virtues intrinsic to a full and healthy life.

Your opinion is important to us and if you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, please consider attending School Council meetings in the fall. During these meetings you have the opportunity to discuss the opportunities for our students as well as hear from our school board trustees.

Reach out to me if you want to hear more or have any questions.

Falon Boll
School Council Chair

ANNUAL GRADE 3-6 TALENT SHOW

So you think you've got talent? Students in grades 3-6 have the next three weeks to prepare and practice their talent for the annual Elmer Elson Talent Show, which will be held in on June 28th. Parents are welcome to attend.

PANORAMA PHOTO

To order a whole school group photo visit SmartOrders.ca

Enter code **EE2223WSG**. Enjoy free shipping until June 9th, 2023.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Now that the weather is warming 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 midribs 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.)

PARENT FUNDRAISING SOCIETY UPDATE

It's hard to believe that it's June and summer break is right around the corner. The parent fundraising Society will cover swimming costs for all grades to go to the pool twice this year. This expense will be around \$3000.00 for bus fees and the pool rental.

Friendly reminder to take advantage of our local Pembina West CO-OP Keep It Local Program. To participate visit: pwcoop.ca/mayerthorpe, enter your membership information and select Elmer Elson Elementary Parent Fundraising Society to have our organization receive up to 1% of your purchases throughout the year!

With this school year coming to an end we are thinking ahead to the fall with new fundraising ideas as well as bring our school community together for a fun social event to kick off the school year. More details to come in the fall when school is back in!

If you are interested in what we do as a society, and would like to help out please contact any of our members: Kristin Tomkiewych, Falon Boll, Miranda Knapp, Jaclynn Andriuk, Nadine Ollenberg, or Christina Gilroy.

We wish you all a wonderful summer with your family and friends!

GRADE 6 ORIENTATION

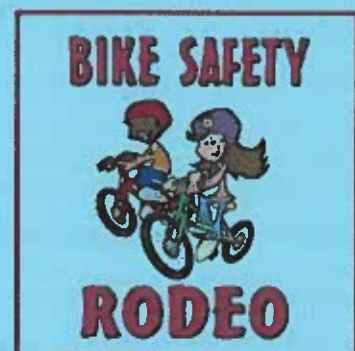
On June 16th, the Mayerthorpe High School administration team has organized an orientation for our grade sixes to assist with the transition to grade 7 next year.

Students will meet their teachers at MHS on the morning of the 16th. Attendance will be taken at MHS.

BIKE RODEO

Special thanks to Courtney from AHS, our RCMP friends and By-law officer, and wonderful parents who volunteered their time to ensure our Bike Rodeo was successful. The students learned about bike and helmet safety.

Just a friendly reminder that it is the law for anyone under 18 to be wearing a helmet while riding bikes and scooters. Students are expected to wear helmets on school property.



JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bike Rodeo	2 MOM Deadline	3
4	5 Seniors' Week Kick-off	6 Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 - 11:30 Legion Awards 12:45	7 Indigenous Event Gr. 5 Interger B-B-Q	8 MOM Student Celebration Assembly 12:45	9 Gr. 6 Field Trip	10
11	12	13 Ice Cream Day \$2.00/cone	14 Gr. 6 Outdoor Ed.	15 Gr. 6 Outdoor Ed. Gr. 3 Field Trip	16 Primary Track Day Gr. 6 MHS Orientation Gr. 4 Field Trip	17
18	19	20 ECS Farewell 12:45 p.m.	21 Last Day for ECS & PUF Students National Indigenous Peoples Day	22 Gr. 1 Field Trip	23 Gr. 4-6 Track Day MOM	24
25	26 Social Studies PAT Test Gr. 2 Field Trip	27 Science PAT Test	28 Talent Show	29 Last Student Day 	30 Last Staff Day	

Love the Child You Have

From the moment we meet our child, visions of all their potential begin dancing in our minds. We visualize what they will look like, what their profession will be, or where they will live. We can't help but dream of how tall they will be, what talents they will have, the places they will go, mountains they will climb, and the difference they will make!

Then it happens, as it should, these little humans who we thought we could mold into whatever we wanted, become different than what we intended. They develop their own thoughts, opinions, hopes, dreams and goals.

We may discover the child whom we dreamed would become a doctor, lawyer or engineer does not want to pursue post secondary.

Or they have a diagnosis that has made learning difficult.

Or the one we fantasized about being a professional athlete detests sports and competition.

Or they make choices with their friends that hurt others or themselves.

Or we hear a doctor give a diagnosis that will forever alter our child's life.

Or we read a psychological assessment that says our child has a mental illness.

Or a moment in time changes their trajectory, if only temporary, that will see them with a criminal record or requiring treatment for an addiction.

**One of the most profound lessons I have learned as a mother is to
parent the children I have, not the ones I wished I had.**

Now hear me out, I am not saying that we just let go of the wheel and allow our children to do whatever they want. They will always need us to set limits, provide guidance and safe boundaries. This will always be a requirement of good parenting, no matter the age of our children. We need to be the unwavering North Star to help them navigate life.

There is, however, a delicate balance in providing the right amount of direction with the right amount of freedom which essentially allows our children to have confidence to become their authentic self.

**My parenting changed when I understood that
letting go of my (sometimes unrealistic) expectations was actually a grieving process.
It was a loss that I needed to come to terms with and
imperative that I work through it similar to how I would walk through any other loss.**

When we can understand and appreciate that process, we will find peace in how we view our children. It is in accepting **AND** embracing all our children's strengths and challenges that we will see them in their true light.

It is in this space, I believe, that our children will genuinely feel loved by us and in turn, they will learn to love and accept themselves. ***Isn't that what we all want for not only our children but ourselves: to be loved, accepted and appreciated?***

This article was written by Tammy Charko BA, BSW, RSW. Tammy is Northern Gateway Public School's Student Support Facilitator. She is a support for schools, students, parents and caregivers to promote wellness and success in school. Tammy has been a Registered Social Worker for more than 24 years and is a mother to 4 children; 2 in high school and 2 in university.



Lemonade Day!
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JUNE 17TH 2023

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KINDERGARTEN & UP**



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- ✓ Be creative
- ✓ Earn your own money
- ✓ Meet your community



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2023-2024 Calendar

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2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

August 30-Sept 1	Staff Planning & Development Days
September 4	Labour Day
September 5	First Day for Students
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 6	Staff Planning & Development Day
October 9	Thanksgiving Day
November 9	Staff Planning & Development Day
November 10	Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
November 13	Remembrance Day "in lieu"
Dec 25-Jan 5	Christmas Break
January 8	First Day Back for Students
January 31	Staff Planning & Development Day/Term End
February 8 & 9	Onway to Fox Creek only - Teachers' Convention
February 19	Family Day
March 7 & 8	Valleyview only - Teachers' Convention
March 8	Onway to Fox Creek only - Staff Planning & Development Day
March 25 - 28	Spring Break
March 29	Good Friday
April 1	Easter Monday
April 2	First Day Back for Students
April 12	Valleyview Only-Staff Planning & Development Day
May 16	Staff Planning & Development Day
May 17	Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
May 20	Victoria Day
June 27	Last Day for Students
June 28	Staff Planning & Development Day



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