



ELMER ELSON ELEMENTARY

Newsletter - October 2020

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Wow! It is hard to believe that we are through one month of school already. Time sure flies when we are having fun.

We recognize that there has been a lot of paperwork for you, as parents, this month. It has been that way for teachers as well. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and time in completing these required forms and in following all the Covid-19 preventative protocols.

The student showcase is being worked on. Each student and staff member will again have their picture as part of the display.

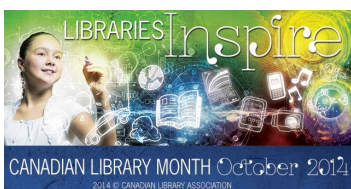
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NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY!



National School Library Day is celebrated annually across Canada on the fourth Monday in October. Its purpose is to reinforce the importance of school libraries and the connection between school and community. We will celebrate National School Library Day later in November.

***Monday, October 19th,
2020
marks the 17th anniversary
of National School Library
Day***

We will provide you with more information in the November newsletter.

BOOK FAIR RETURNS TO EEE!



Our school will be hosting a Virtual Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, November 2nd to Friday, November 6^h.

You will be given a specific URL to view and purchase all the fantastic resources the Book Fair has to offer. There will be no shipping charges on orders of \$35.00 or more. Orders less than \$35.00 will pay a flat \$6.00 rate. All purchases will be shipped directly to your home.

We will be sending more information in the coming weeks regarding our Virtual Book Fair.

Your support of this literary fundraiser is greatly appreciated. All profits from the Book Fair are used to purchase new resources for our library.

SCHOOL PHOTOS THURSDAY, October 8th



**Retakes are scheduled for
Tuesday, November 3rd**

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 School Council Executive was established at the September 21st meeting. The executive for this year includes:

Chairperson: Trista Bell
Vice Chair: Falon Boll
Secretary: Jody McKay
Vice Secretary: Trisha French
ECS Representatives: Lacey Shupac
Community Member: Lana Bohnet

Our meeting dates for this year are:

October	26 th
November	30 th
January	25 th
February	22 nd
March	15 th (2nd week due to Spring Break)
April	26 th
May	31 st

All meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

Hi, my name is Trista Bell and I am ecstatic about holding the position as school council chair again this year.

Thank you to everyone that attended our first virtual meeting of the year. We received a lot of information to bring us up to speed for the start of the school year. Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Trista Bell
 780-709-4862
 School Council Chair

BUSSING

We have had a relatively smooth start to the year with regards to bussing. The problems we encounter generally result from a lack of communication between the parent and bus driver. The following reminders will help.

- ⇒ If your child rides the bus in the morning and will not be riding the bus in the afternoon, the driver must be informed. You may contact the driver directly, phone the school and ask for a note to be written for the bus driver. We prefer that you write or contact the bus driver yourself directly whenever possible.
- ⇒ If your child did not ride the bus in the morning, the driver will not be expecting your child to ride the bus in the afternoon. Therefore, if you wish your child to ride in the afternoon, it is important to inform the school or the driver so the driver does not leave without him or her.

Please call the school by 3:00 if you are making alternate arrangements for your child unless you have a last minute emergency. We need time to contact your child's teacher and make the required bus notes.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences are taking place again this year but will look a little different than they have in the past. There will not be a report issued at this time, as these are online and on-going.

We will provide you with more information regarding the booking of appointments later in the month. The dates for parent teacher conferences are **November 4th and 5th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

REPORT CARDS

Your child's assessments and progress updates will be available for you to view through our student information system "Power School". You will require a log in password in order to access the information. If your child was registered at Elmer Elson last year, you will have received the log in information. If your child is new to the school, we will provide you with the information so you may access their information on line. Once we open the parent portal, you will be able to log in anytime and see the progress of your child(ren) rather than waiting every three months for a report. You will be informed of the date this will happen.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween activities will take place on Friday, October 30th. The schedule for the day will be further discussed and shared with you later in the month.

FIRE DRILLS & LOCKDOWN

As parents, you send your children to us with the expectation that they will be safe. At times, circumstances may arise where we may need to put specialized procedures in place to ensure this happens. As such, we practice fire drills and lockdowns throughout the school year. Our school continues to find creative and safe ways to practice fire drills and lockdowns to increase preparedness.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Breakfast is available for students who have not eaten before they come to school or whom have had a long bus ride and are in need of additional breakfast before school.

Students wishing to have breakfast can go to the Community Kitchen when the 8:40 bell rings. It is important for them to be prompt so they are ready for classes at 8:50.

Due to the high demand for the breakfast program, we always appreciate any donations of jams, jellies, or cheez whiz or margarine.

REMIND APP

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for this app. We will be using it to remind you of school events and activities. 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 @eesch**

Classroom teachers will also have given you information for joining their classroom. Please be sure to join so you don't miss out on key information.

STUDENT LEARNING ASSESSMENTS (SLA's)

Our grade 3 students will be writing the digital portion of the Student Learning Assessments. The main purpose of these assessments is to ascertain the students' learning needs. They are not tests to determine marks, but as assessment to provide information about the students. The information gathered through these assessments will guide classroom instruction and teacher planning.

STUDENT SNACK SHOP

Our student snack shop will look a little different than it has in the past to be able to maintain physical distancing protocols. All items remain fifty cents each. Choices may vary at times, but they will include such things as: juice boxes, cheese and breadsticks, Special K bars, puddings, jello, nutrigrain bars, Famous Amos cookies, mini Ritz Bits and yogurt tubes.

The snack shop is not intended to provide the students' lunches but rather add to them. Therefore, we have a limit of two items on any given day and students must have the exact change. Mrs. Rizzoli will be operating the snack shop trolley. It will be open for business on October 19th.

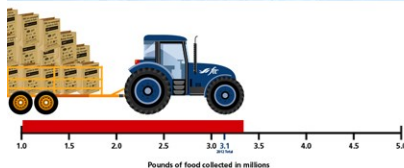
NGPS TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE FEE

There is a \$31.50 Technology fee for students in grades one to six and \$15.75 for Kindergarten kids.

This mandatory fee enables schools to keep current hardware for our students. This fee must be paid by October 30th.

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER CAMPAIGN

FCC Drive Away Hunger



Elmer Elson staff and students have partnered with Farm Credit Canada in support of their “Drive Away Hunger Campaign” for many years.

This year, instead of a food bank drive, Farm Credit will be making a donation to our local food bank.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Our school is fortunate to add two new student teachers to our staff for a few months. Miss Bobbi Adams and Mrs. Bailey Walker are both former Elmer Elson students and we are excited to welcome them to grade two and grade four.

MAYERTHORPE 4-H BEEF CLUB REORGANIZATION MEETING

The meeting will be held on Friday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ag. Barn. For more information, please call Trisha at 780-785-8155.

We're on the web!
elmerelson.ca