



ELMER ELSON ELEMENTARY

Newsletter - November 2020

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PPrincipal's **C**orner



Thank you for continuing to complete the daily screening questionnaire with your children. It is important to stay home when sick for the safety of all. Teachers will provide work to be completed at home to keep students as best connected to learning as they can.

Elmer Elson continues to be a very busy and active school. Our current student enrollment is 282. We are gradually integrating more programs and activities for students as we continue to develop engaged learners, ethical citizens and empowered youth.

In October we welcomed Mrs. Shay Wild as an educational assistant in ECS and Mrs. Jody McKay in PUF. We would like to welcome Hazel Broderson in ECS, Billy Bob Martin and Mackenzie Hodgins in grade 1, Lillian Briltz and Samantha Hodgins in grade 3, Ayla Vanderwolf in grade 5 and Haiden Briltz in grade 6 who joined our school family in the month of October.

Yours in Education,
Nolan Andriuk

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS ONLINE VERSION

You should have received log in information if you were new to our school this year. 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 27th.

If you require assistance in getting set up, please stop by and we will help you. It is very important that all parents are accessing this information.

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 Thursday, November 26th. 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 to the students for being so thoughtful and for considering others.

GRADE FIVE VIRTUAL INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Our grade five students have again partnered with the Auxiliary hospital for the Intergenerational Virtual Program. We are excited to continue this special partnership through online connections and pen pal letters.

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. Teachers are often unable to check remind or texts during class time.

Please remember, dismissal time is 3:07 for primary students and 3:10 for intermediate students with buses loading promptly thereafter.

Thank you.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our first parent teacher conferences are scheduled for next week on Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 5th. Please call the school to make your twelve minute appointment. This is your opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and be informed about how they are doing.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, November 6th, will be a planning and development day for staff. As such, there will not be school for students. On that day staff will be continuing their work on Quality Learning Environments and wellness as well as our school goals on Literacy and Numeracy.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held in the main gym on Wednesday, November 4th, @10:50 a.m.

All students will receive a poppy and monetary donations will be accepted for the local legion.

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR



Our Virtual Scholastic Book Fair will be held from November 12th to 20th. You will be able to shop from the convenience of your home for the latest and greatest fiction and non-fiction titles. A link to the Virtual Book Fair will be provided to you closer to the start date. Orders of \$35.00 or more will have free shipping and orders less than \$35.00 will be charged a flat rate of \$6.00. All purchases will be delivered to your home address. More information will be sent home at a later date.

Profits from the Book Fair are used to purchase new resources for the Library. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important literary fundraiser. This is a great place to start your Christmas shopping!

We had a great turnout at our last virtual school council meeting.

Each meeting brings new information and ideas to keep parents in the know. I invite you to come to our next Google Meets Virtual meeting on November 30th at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions regarding school council please don't hesitate to contact myself, or any other member of the council.

Trista Bell
School Council Chairperson

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE FEE

As reported earlier in previous newsletters, a mandatory technology fee is being charged in all Northern Gateway schools. This fee of \$31.50 for full time students and \$15.75 for ECS students will be used towards replacement of devices in schools throughout the division. EEE has gone 1 to 1 on all devices within our school. We are enjoying our new technologically advanced classrooms due to this fee, otherwise we would not have this luxury.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid this fee. We kindly ask you to pay this fee as soon as possible.

PHOTO RETAKES

Photo Retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd. Students must return their forms in order to have a retake. It is important for all staff and students to get their individual photo taken to be used in the school yearbook.

Due to masking and physical distancing protocols, we will not have class photos taken.

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

Please include your current e-mail address for our records.

To Run or not to run



1 Who makes the decision and how?

Rhett Czaban
Director of Transportation



2 Are the buses running?



3 The decision is made between

06:00 am 06:30 am

4 How do we let you know?



5 It's your decision!

Send to School

Keep Home



It is always your decision whether or not to send your child to school when weather conditions are extreme.

6 Dress warmly!



Don't forget to dress warmly. See you at school!

we're on the web
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NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Student Council Nomination Day	3	4 Student Council Campaigning during Recess Parent Teacher Conferences	5 Parent Teacher Conferences	6 P.D. Day No School for Students	7
8	9 Board Approved Non-Instructional Day No School	10 Day in Lieu Of Parent/Teacher Conferences No School	11 Remembrance Day No School	12 Student Council Speeches Due (Gr. 5&6) Virtual Book Fair	13 Student Council Voting Gr. 4-6	14
15	12 Virtual Book Fair	13	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Movember	27	28
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