



Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER - March 2023

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ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

Student Leadership continues to grow at E.E.E. The language has become more natural and embedded in daily conversations. Leadership was very evident in the Pink Shirt activities. Together we are becoming the leaders of tomorrow.

We have had a large donation of 8 ounce hand sanitizers with a pump. If you would like some for at home please let the office know.

STUDENT ONLINE REPORTS

Teachers are updating your child's progress and achievement on an ongoing basis. On March 24th be sure to check the homeroom section for Term 2 citizenship comments. You should have a password with log in information. If you require any assistance with this matter, please call the school.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on March 8th & 9th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Please call the school to book an appointment.

PINK SHIRT DAY

February 22nd was Pink Shirt Day. Elmer Elson Elementary School participated in our 9th annual Pink Shirt Day!

The theme this year is "Lifting Each Other Up". It was a day to remind us that we should treat every day like Pink Shirt Day and lift each other up all year long.

ECS REGISTRATION

If you have a child or know of a child who would be eligible for Kindergarten (must be 5 before December 31st, 2023) starting September, 2023 we ask you to please call the school to add them to our list or attend the March 21st registration night at 7:00 p.m.

A copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residence will be required upon registration.

Please see the attached flyer for more details.



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Access student schedules, attendance, and grades online at any time with Power School. Please contact us to receive your individual username and password if you have not yet created an account or have misplaced the information.



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STUDENT ABSENCES

This is a reminder to please call the school when your child(ren) are absent from school. We realize this may be burdensome but it is for your child's safety. This way we know where they are when they are not at school.

In the case of a missing child, it would allow us to react quickly.

When a child is absent, a call home will occur each morning if we have not heard from parents.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

I think we are all crossing our fingers hoping spring is around the corner. Hopefully the nicer weather will bring more activities for our kids. This time of the year also keeps our school buzzing with many activities

Please join us for our next meeting to learn about all the exciting upcoming events happening at EEE. Our next meeting is on Monday, March 20th @ 5:00.

Falon Boll
School Council Chairperson

EEE PARENT FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Happy almost spring!

The Elmer Elson Parent Fundraising Society (EEPFS) recently approved funding in the amount of \$2613.00 to cover school skating fees for all K-6 students eliminating fees required from parents.

Spring Fundraiser Campaign - Purdy's Chocolates due- March 12, 2023

After a successful campaign last spring, we decided to run the Purdy's campaign again. Any support is greatly appreciated.

Shop online:

<https://fundraising.purdy's.com/1514869-105587>

Campaign information: Number 62758/Elmer Elson Parent Fundraising Society.

If you require assistance or have questions regarding ordering please contact Falon Boll, campaign organizer @780-294-9909 or falonboll@gmail.com.

Our society is currently working on an exciting project behind the scenes. We are hoping to share the news on this project in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support that benefits every student at EEE!

Kristin Tomkiewych
EEPFS President

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

We are once again preparing for the Whitecourt Rotary Music Festival. The choir and vocal soloists will perform on March 15th at Central School in Whitecourt.

Choral groups and individual speech arts will be at EEE on March 16th and 17th. Specific performance times have been sent home.

March will be a busy month getting everyone prepared for this exciting event and Elmer Elson is certain to be represented well.

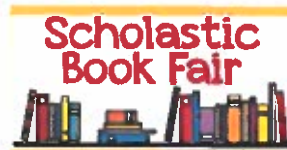
BOOK FAIR RETURNS TO EEE!

We are excited to be hosting both an In School Book Fair and a Virtual Book Fair the week of March 6th -9th.

Please check the information letter that was sent home for complete information.

We are pleased once again to offer free shipping (delivered to the school) for all online purchases!

Many students will bring home wish lists with suggestions of books they will like to buy.





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Kindergarten

REGISTRATION

And



Open House

7:00 PM



Tuesday, March 21, 2023

***At time of Registration, you must supply your child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE
and***

PROOF OF PHYSICAL ADDRESS (Rural or Town)

(Found on Utility Bill or Tax Notice)

Students are not expected to attend, however babysitters will be available.



Keeping Children Safe Online Help for Parents

February 2023

Parents, this article is a difficult but critical one to read. When I say our children's lives depend on it, please know I am not being overly dramatic. Our children are being contacted by predators, literally **ALL. THE. TIME.**

How do I know? Because I am a school division social worker in contact with over 5000 students. I regularly communicate with mental health professionals, law enforcement, child protection workers and Canada's national tip line for reporting online exploitation of children, [Cybertip.ca](https://www.cybertip.ca). Not only that, I am a mother of four, aunt of seven, and pseudo mom of countless more.

Please don't just take my word for it, here are some disturbing Canadian statistics documented by Cybertip.ca and the RCMP:

- ? In 2020 these three statistics when compared to the previous five year average
 - ? **making or disturbing child exploitation material increased 89%,**
 - ? **luring a child online increased 37% and**
 - ? **non-consensual distribution of intimate images increased 80%**
- ? Cybertip receives **1000 reports across Canada A DAY on sextortion** (when someone threatens to send an intimate picture or video of you, real or photoshopped, to others if you do not comply with their demands of money, cryptocurrency or sexual content)
- ? Between 2020 and 2021, **law enforcement received a 510% increase in enticement complaints** (adults communicating with a minor with the intent to exploit them). Data from [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](https://www.nationalcenterformissingandexploitedchildren.org/)

I have never met a parent who did not have their child's best interest and safety in mind. We tell our children not to talk to strangers, we buckle them up safely in vehicles and we put helmets on their beautiful heads when they take part in nearly every activity. We teach them to look both ways when they cross the street and we have fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors in our homes. We ensure all the toys we buy are not hazardous. Governments have all sorts of rules and laws to keep children safe in their day to day life - except when they are **ONLINE**. When our children are online, all the responsibility - and blame - to protect them is put on parents.

It is impossible for parents to oversee all our children's online activity because social media platforms and online video games have unsupervised access to our children 24-7. How can we possibly stay up to date on the [Best Parental Control Software](#) available or to be savvy on every video game and [app that is dangerous](#)? It is daunting to think where to start in protecting the ones who are most precious to us.



OUR KIDS THESE DAYS

There's a lot going on in our kids' lives these days. Are you wondering how you can keep them safe, and help them navigate the world in an information age - where everything good and not so good is at their fingertips? This session will provide tips on how to build your child's resiliency and problem solving skills to keep them safe. Designed for families with kids 8+.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

**1:00pm at the Whitecourt Seniors Circle
5212 50 Street, Whitecourt**

The session is facilitated by Sharon Mailloux a local registered psychologist,
as well as a member from the Whitecourt RCMP Detachment.

To register call the Allan & Jean Millar Centre
at 780-778-3637 ext. 0. ID #B450



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It's BACK! Come one, come ALL!

Mayerthorpe Chapter of the WDCC presents:

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY DANCE

MARCH 17
7-10PM
FAMILY -\$30
INDIVIDUAL -\$15

At the Mayerthorpe
Diamond Centre

RAFFLE TABLE AND
FUN SUPRISES..!

Can't wait to see you there!