



Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER - April 2023

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ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

It is hard to believe it is April already and that we are into the final term of the school year.

Thank you to parents who were able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences. Information about student achievement is available on an ongoing basis throughout the year on PowerSchool. Please be sure to check under **Homeroom** to see citizenship marks and individual comments if you have not already done so, in addition to all other subjects. New comments were released on March 24th.

It is hard to believe but we have begun to plan for the next school year. Our budget is impacted by student enrollment, so if you plan on moving, or know of families moving in it would be very helpful if you could let us know.

We would like to welcome Daniel Alvarenga, Zander Stashko, and Zaxxon Stashko who have recently joined our school family.

ECS REGISTRATION 2023-2024



On March 21st we held our 2023-2024 ECS registration night where we registered students for the upcoming year.

If you were unable to attend and have a child who will be the age of 5 by December 31st, 2023 or know of a child who is eligible, please call the school to get a registration package or you can print one off our school website.

As a reminder, a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e. top portion of a utility bill etc.) that has your legal address on it is required to complete the registration process. Please drop off completed registration packages at your convenience.

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023



We were excited to once again participate in a live music festival this year. On March 15th, Mrs. Benson, her school choir, and the grade three classes traveled to Whitecourt to sing in the Whitecourt Rotary Music Festival. Many members of the Choir also sang solo, duets, and trios. Special thanks to Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Miner, Mrs. Hornberger, Miss Unland, and Miss Chayka for helping to prepare the students for the festival. We are very proud to announce both groups earned a GOLD place standing.

On March 16th, the Kindergarten to grade three students participated in individual speech arts and the Primary Choral Speech group also performed. The next day the grade four to six students participated in individual speech arts and the grade 4-6 Choral Speech group also performed. Both groups earned a PLATINUM standing and a recommendation to perform in the virtual Provincial Music Festival. Special thanks to Mrs. Feser, Mrs. Rizzoli, Miss Unland and Mrs. Hagman for their time and dedication to preparing the students.

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.

Staff will be reviewing the supply lists soon and more information will follow. The website is www.schoolstart.ca if you wish to find out more information.

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.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG



Our supply of Kleenex is very low so any donations would be greatly accepted and appreciated.

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.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are very excited to be organizing an Easter raffle again this year where all proceeds will be donated to the local food bank. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, April 3rd till Thursday, April 6th at a cost of .25 cents each. There will be some great prizes to be won, while supporting a good cause.



DAMAGED LIBRARY BOOKS



Unfortunately we have seen an increase in damage to library books caused by water, juice, food, mud, etc.

Please help us to keep our books in good condition by reminding your children to keep their books separated from water bottles, juice, or food in their backpacks. It would be helpful to keep a clean grocery bag or large ziploc bag in your child's backpack for this purpose.

In some instances, this is happening to new books the first time they are signed out.

EASTER EGG HUNT

A group of staff and students are planning an Easter egg hunt for the entire student body on April 6th. Thank you to everyone who will help make this day memorable for our students.



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Spring has arrived!

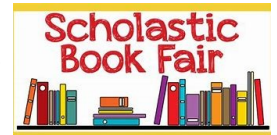
As your school delegate, I have the opportunity to attend the Alberta School Council Association's annual conference, Connect 2023. I look forward to reporting back on what I have learned at the April school council meeting.

We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. Despite our busy schedules, we hope you can take some time to join our next school council meeting on Monday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the EEE school library.

Falon Boll
School Council Chairperson

BOOK FAIR

Our recent Book Fair held in March was a tremendous success generating a profit of \$1,300.00.



Thank you for continued support of this literary fundraiser. This enables us to purchase new resources for our Library!

We look forward to hosting another Book Fair in the fall.

BUS ZONE

Please help us keep our students safe by not walking between the parked buses in the bus zone.



We know everyone is busy, but we are asking for your help to ensure the safety of all students.

PARENT FUNDRAISING SOCIETY UPDATE

Elmer Elson Parent Fundraising Society wishes to thank our community for generously supporting our Spring Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser!

The fundraiser was a huge success, raising \$1,050.00 in profit that will go towards enriching student programs in our school.

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

Our school has hosted the choral speech and individual speech arts classes for the festival for over a decade and we were so excited to participate in a live festival this year.

Congratulations to all the students and groups who won scholarships for their festival performance. Our school won \$1050.00 in scholarships. Special congratulations to the Primary Choral Speech Group and Grade 4-6 Choral Speech Group for being recommended by the adjudicator for Provincials.

\$150.00 - Dr. Diane Ferguson Award for the 2022 Highest Annual Mark in the entire festival

Mrs. Feser's Grade 4-6 Choral Speech Group

\$100.00 - Larry Johnson Memorial Award for the Highest mark in voice or speech

Mrs. Feser's Grade 4-6 Choral Speech Group

\$50.00 - Adjudicator's Choice Primary

Mrs. Feser's Primary Choral Speech Group

\$75.00 - Adjudicator's Choice Intermediate

Mrs. Feser's Grade 4-6 Choral Speech Group

\$75.00 - Adjudicator's Choice Award for Speech Arts

Ella

\$75.00 - Jacqui Kezar Adjudicator's Choice Award

Abby

\$25.00 Speech Arts Scholarship -Kindergarten

Mya

\$25.00 Speech Arts Scholarship - Grade One

Kacey, Lenora, Jack, Presley

\$25.00 Speech Arts Scholarship - Grade Two

Chloe, Teagan

\$25.00 Speech Arts Scholarship - Grade Three

Gunner, Luke, Mackenzie

\$25.00 Speech Arts Scholarship - Grade Four

Leena, Mesa, Jaxon

\$25.00 Speech Arts Scholarship - Grade Five

Adrianna, Annabelle

\$25.00 Speech Arts Scholarship - Grade Six

Charlotte

\$25.00 Vocal Solo and Duet Scholarship - Grade Four

(Solo) Capri (Duet) Penelope and Lynden

\$25.00 Vocal Solo and Duet Scholarship - Grade Six

(Solo) Ashley (Duet) Kira and Sam

\$50.00 Adjudicator's Choice Award

Mrs. Benson's Grade 4-6 Choir





LITTLE ELMERS

Childcare + OSC

Mark Your Calendars!

**Registration Opens:
April 17th, 2023**

**Please see the next page if you are
interested in working at
Little Elmers Childcare!**

Little Elmers Childcare and Out of School Care is looking for Early Childhood Educators (Level 1/2/3) willing to provide engaging environments and meaningful interactions with children, clean and sanitize according to AHS guidelines and company policy, and who have knowledge of the ELCC Act, Regulations, and Flight curriculum inspired practices. Candidates must be willing to participate in professional learning, including post-secondary (online to obtain level 2 or 3 certification) and other types of training depending on current knowledge and certification. Wage top-up (for hours when working with children) in addition to posted wages (from \$2.64 - \$8.62) once certification is received. Candidates must be 18 years or older. These positions would be to work at Little Elmers Childcare and Out of School Care

Jobs Types

Full-time, Part-time, Permanent, Casual and Volunteer.

Salary

\$16.00 - \$18.00 (Before Government Top Up)

Wages Post Government Top Up (With proper certification levels)

Level 1 - \$18.62

Level 2 - \$22.62

Level 3 - \$26.62

Benefits

- Employee Assistance Program
- Benefits
- Paid time off
- RRSP

Schedule

- Monday to Friday
- Flexible Hours (Up to 8 hours within a shift)
- Split shift available (Before and after school care)

Licence/Certification

- First Aid Certification required - certification training available in Mayerthorpe.
- Early Childhood Certification Level 1, 2 or 3 required - willing to hire with partial certifications to be completed within 3-6 months.

All staff and volunteers of Little Elmers Childcare and OSC must provide a current criminal record check including a vulnerable sector if hired.



READ TO BABY ANIMALS

Baby animals don't judge and they make reading even more fun! Call the library or visit our website for information or to register.

Thursday, April 6th at 4pm



Mayerthorpe Public Library

4601-52 Street | PO Box 810

Mayerthorpe, Alberta T0E 1N0 | 780.786.2404

www.mayerthorpe.library.ab.ca

Mayerthorpe Knights of Columbus

Spaghetti Supper & Bag Raffle

April 16, 2023

4:30pm- 6:30pm

Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre

Cost:

2 years & under – Free

3 – 6 Years - \$5.00

7 – 11 Years - \$10.00

12 years & up - \$15.00

