

Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

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NEWSLETTER - September 2024

ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

We are always excited to begin a new year. We want to let our families know we are here to support you and work collaboratively to ensure the success of all our students. As we enter the year we are excited to welcome back our grade 1-6 students and welcome all of our kindergarten and new families to EEE. We love when new families join the EEE team! Kindness, patience, and understanding are key to making 2024-2025 an amazing school year. We promise to respect and care for each and every child in our care and thank you for entrusting them to us.

Our current enrollment in the school is 320 students.

We appreciate the support of our parents and welcome all thoughts and questions. Together we will make this year a rewarding educational experience for your children. We are "Better Together."

Mr. Andriuk & Mrs. Feser

PARENT AND FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Families are encouraged to stay connected through email, Remind, Powerschool, and by telephone.

If you need to pick up your child early, please call the school and we will make arrangements for them to meet you at the front doors upon your arrival. **Please call the office if after school plans change after last recess.**

If a student is leaving prior to dismissal times, we ask you to please inform the office. For student safety, parents must sign the student out at the office.

If a student arrives late to school, please ring the buzzer outside the main door upon arrival.

Please check the Elmer Elson website and EEE facebook page for updated information.

Teacher emails can be found on the school website. Teachers also encourage families to sign up for their classroom remind.

School Phone Number 780-786-2268

TEACHING STAFF LIST 2024-2025

ECS	Rhonda Bablitz Trisha French
Grade One	Leanna Feser & Carlie Erion Susan Mattson
Grade Two	Suzanna Patterson Lisa Chittick
Grade Three	Graham Osadczuk Ann Unland
Grade Four	Kristi Mercer & Dana Bond Tenille Hagman
Grade Five	Dawn Paquette & Amanda Benson Sherry Petersen
Grade Six	Ashley Chayka Katie Mattson
Music (half time)	Amanda Benson

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

Join us on September 19th at 6:30 p.m. to meet the staff and see your child's classroom.

We ask you to please read the initial pages in your child's agenda about our school philosophy toward education and our behavior expectations.

Please sign the bottom of the document and have your child sign it to be entered to win a prize.

BELL SCHEDULE

The following is the bell schedule for the upcoming school year. This should assist you in being able to contact staff members or your children during class breaks.

8:40	Doors open and buses unload
8:50	Classes begin
10:30 - 10:44	Morning Recess
11:44 - 12:10	Primary Noon Recess & Intermediate eat lunch/DEAR (drop everything and read)
12:10 - 12:34	Intermediate Noon Recess & Primary eat lunch/DEAR
1:54 - 2:08	Last Recess
3:10	Dismissal

STUDENT INFORMATION VALIDATION GREEN FORMS

Each year we are required by Alberta Education to update student information forms.

We know they take time to complete, but it is important that we have accurate information on file for each student. We are asking for e-mail addresses from parents to aid in getting communications out smoothly. Please complete and return the green validation forms by September 19th so our information is up to date and accurate.

Also, if we do not have your child's birth certificate or proof of residence on file, please bring it in so we may make a copy for our files. Proof of residence can be verified by a utility bill, tax notice, telephone bill or a rental agreement that shows your range road and township road number (blue or green sign). Legal land location i.e. SW-24-56-W5 is not sufficient.

NGPS TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE FEE

Our school division has set a technology and maintenance fee for all ngps students of \$32.00 for full time students and \$16.00 for ECS. This mandatory fee helps to keep up with the expensive, yet important advances in technology and ensure all students have access to a device.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

We all know that back to school can be very busy, but we hope you can spare some time to join our School Council for the first meeting of the year. The organizational meeting for the School Council will be held on Monday, October 7th, at 5:00 p.m. in the staffroom.

We will elect the new executive for the 2024-2025 school year. We hope you will join us.

SNACK SHOP

Mrs. Rizzoli will be starting the snack shop trolley on September 11th. Items are meant to supplement lunches. Most items are 50 cents each but there are a few big ticket items that sell for \$1.00.

STUDENT AGENDAS

Each student in our school has been given an agenda. This is an excellent way to communicate between home and school. It also helps students take responsibility for organizing homework, schedules, and important dates. Please send it to school daily with your child.



Thank you to the Parent Fundraising Society for purchasing the agendas.



2024-2025 BUS FEE SCHEDULE

Please refer to the following information regarding bus fees for urban Mayerthorpe students. Application for bus service and payment of bus fees must be made as follows: Sign up for [SchoolCashOnline](#), or go to ngps.schoolcashonline.com. From the Home Page, click on Register to create an account. Follow the prompts to set your password and begin paying all your school expenses easily online! This fee is charged for students who are not funded for transportation by Alberta Learning because they live within 2.0 kilometres of the school.

Access your Parent Portal with [BusPlanner](#) or visit busplanner.ngps.ca. This will take you to the Parent Portal home page. Click on Parent Portal, enter your email address under New Subscribers, check the 'I'm not a robot' box and click submit. Follow the prompts to set up a password and you are ready to go!

Students in the Paddle Heights Trailer Park on the west side of town and north of the tracks by Mayerthorpe Welding will be provided transportation without charge. Students must be registered with the Transportation Department in order to access this service. Please refer to the first paragraph for information on how to register for bus service.

There are no bus fees for students who live more than 1.0 km (Kindergarten to Grade 6) and 2.0 km (Grade 7-12) away from their designated school (proof of address is required).

Bus Fees are as follows:

Students - Kindergarten to Grade 6 under 1.0 km \$371 per child

Grade 7-12 under 2.0 km \$371 per child

Kindergarten Half Time \$185 per half day per child

Kindergarten Full Time \$371 per child

Family Rate \$927 (3 or more children)

Regular Fee plus Supplemental Bus Service Fee - \$200 per child (this is in addition to the regular single seat placement of \$371 for students who live under 1.0 km Kindergarten to Grade 6 and 2.0 km Grade 7-12 from their designated school, for a total of \$571).

Supplemental Bus Service Fee - There is no regular single seat placement fee for students who live 1.0 km for Kindergarten to Grade 6 and 2.0 km for Grade 7-12 from their designated school; however, students who do reside more than said distances from their designated school, who wish to access Supplemental Bus Service (alternate seat placement), will be charged the Supplemental Bus Service Fee of \$200 per child.

Kindergarten Half Time - Supplemental Bus Service Fee - \$100 per child (this is in addition to the regular single placement fee for Kindergarten Half Time students of \$185 per regular daily ECS rate, for a total of \$285).

Family Rate - Supplemental Bus Service Fee \$500 (3 or more children)

Replacement Bus Pass \$6 per pass

**All measurements for distance calculations will be determined by district Routing Software.*

For any questions regarding bus fees, please contact the Transportation Department at transportation@ngps.ca, Toll-free at 1-800-262-8674, or directly at 780-778-2800.

Pay any of your school and transportation fees conveniently and securely with SchoolCashOnline

BREAKFAST CLUB

It is thanks to many community members and businesses we have been able to offer a Breakfast Program for all students for many years.

We hope to start our breakfast program on September 16th. We have been very fortunate to receive bread from the local foodbank and other companies for years, however, there seems to be a shortage of extra bread this year. Any donations towards the breakfast are always appreciated.

As soon as students arrive at school in the a.m. they can go to the community kitchen to get toast for breakfast before classes begin.

It is open to all students even if they already had breakfast at home.

Thank you to our staff for volunteering their time.

PHOTO DAY

School photos are scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17th**. Individual photos will be taken on this day.

Class photos and retakes will be **determined at a later date.**

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We are excited to kick off the 2024-2025 year with a Back to School Pancake Breakfast! EEE staff and students will be treated to a pancake and sausage meal on Friday, September 13th. Shout out to Mayerthorpe Minor Hockey for their donation of pancake mix and syrup. We are also grateful to the Pembina Pipeline employees who will be cooking.

Due to the possibility of cross-contamination, we cannot supply gluten-free options for this breakfast. Please send a gluten-free option for your child if required.

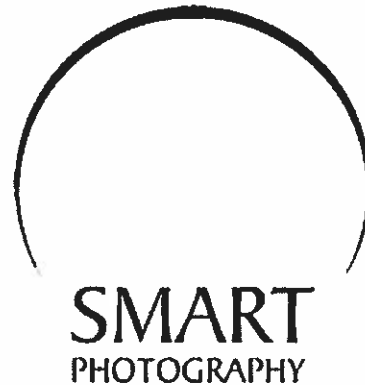
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Imagine if you didn't have to write another cheque or send cash to the school again. We highly recommend that you sign up for School Cash Online. This will allow you to pay any school related fees online rather than submitting money directly to the school. It is really quite easy to use and provides a history of all payments made.

To register please enter the following address:
<https://ngs.schoolcashonline.com>

You can also find this link on the Northern Gateway web page

If you need assistance to set up an account please call Mrs. Doris Chittick at the school.



➔ What to expect on Picture Day at Smart Photography!

- Smart Photography will be at your school on **September 17th**.
- On the day your child is photographed, they will receive an information sheet with their online access code.
- Your child's photos will be loaded online approximately 3-6 business days after the last day of photography.
- Log in to smartorders.ca to view your proofs and place an order.
- After the ship to school deadline, you can still access your photos and place an order to be shipped directly to your home!
- Contact Smart Photography at 780-944-0800 or 877-838-0800 info@smartphotography.ca for questions or assistance with your order!



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SCHOOL REMIND

To strengthen the home-school connection we ask our families to sign up for the school Remind messages. To participate in receiving school-wide message reminders and updates, simply text the number:

(587) 316-2959 (ENTER THIS NUMBER)

@eesch (TEXT THIS MESSAGE)

You will not receive advertisement texts and your phone number will remain private.

If you are already a member you do not have to re-join.

TERRY FOX RUN

On September 24th, 2024 students in K-6 will be taking part in the annual Terry Fox School Run. Students are permitted to wear hats on September 24th.

Any donations collected will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation.

More information will follow at a later date.



PEANUT ALLERGIES

Our school continues to be **PEANUT SENSITIVE**.

This means students may bring items that contain nuts or peanut butter if their class is free of allergies. Classrooms with a student with an allergy will take extra precautions. This will be revisited each year based on our students.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS

If you are interested in gaining a better understanding of Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 Curriculum, you can go to the link below.

curriculum.learnalberta.ca/parents/en/home

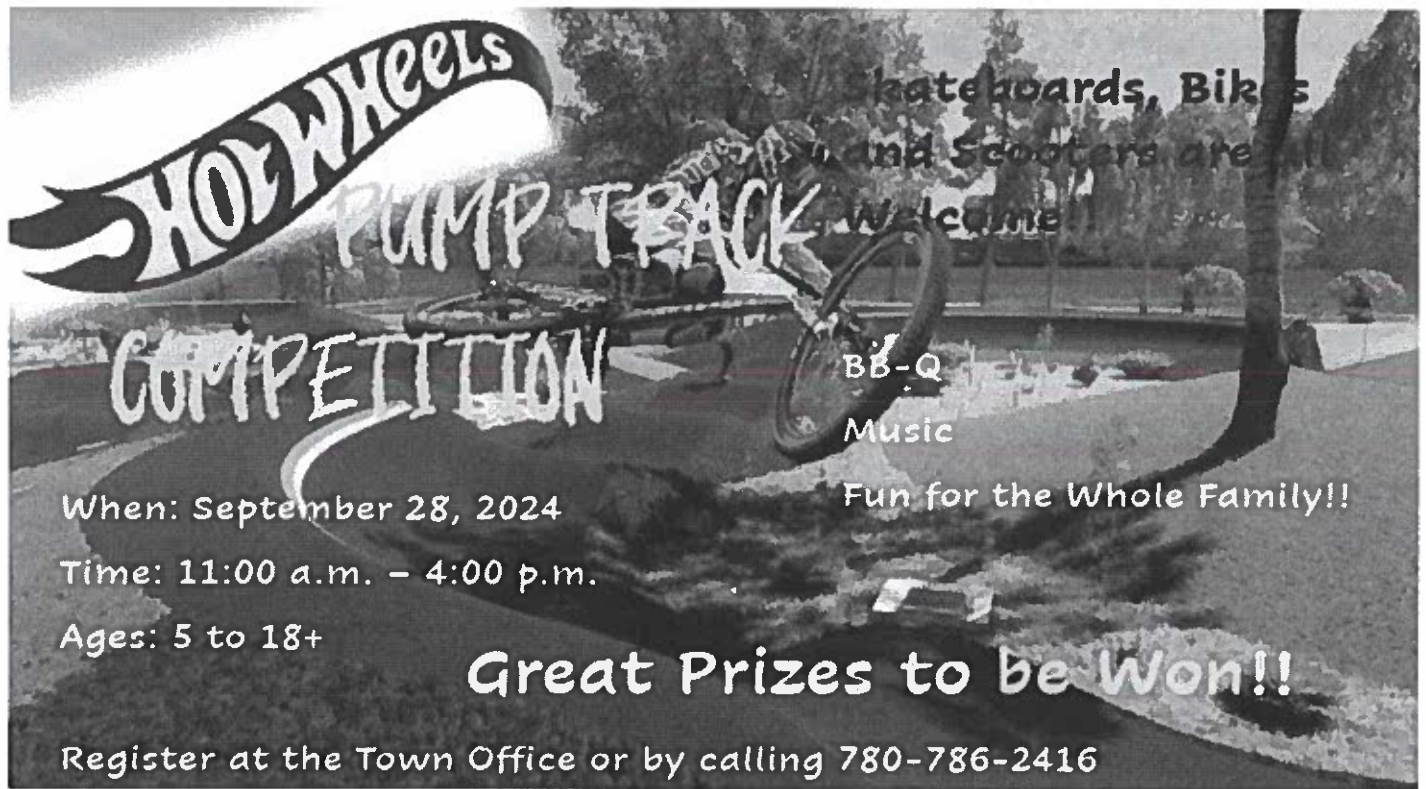


National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

There will be no school on September 30th to recognize National Day For Truth and Reconciliation.

Staff and students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on October 1st to show our collective commitment to ensure Every Child Matters.



**SKATEBOARDS, BIKES
AND SCOOTERS ARE ALL
WELCOME!**

**SHOEWHEELS
PUMP TRACK
COMPETITION**

When: September 28, 2024
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Ages: 5 to 18+

BB-Q
Music
Fun for the Whole Family!!

Great Prizes to be Won!!

Register at the Town Office or by calling 780-786-2416



Town of Mayerthorpe
780-786-2416
admin@mayerthorpe.ca
www.mayerthorpe.ca

www.inspiredancemayerthorpe.com



**Offering preschool, recreational,
competitive, and adult classes for ages 3+
Registration open until September 30th.**

2024-2025 Calendar

2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- August 28-29 Staff Planning & Development Days
- September 2 Labour Day
- September 3 First Day for Students
- September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (schools closed)
- October 11 Staff Planning & Development Day
- October 14 Thanksgiving Day
- November 7 Staff Planning & Development Day
- November 8 Day in Lieu - Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 11 Remembrance Day
- November 12 Sangudo Only - Day Off
- Dec 23-Jan 3 Christmas Break
- January 6 First Day Back for Students
- January 29 Semester Turnover
- January 31 Staff Planning & Development Day
- February 6 & 7 Onway to Fox Creek Only - Teachers' Convention
- February 17 Family Day
- March 6 & 7 Valleyview Only - Teachers' Convention
- March 24 - 28 Spring Break
- March 31 First Day Back for Students
- April 17 Staff Planning & Development Day
- April 18 Good Friday
- April 21 Easter Monday
- May 15 Staff Planning & Development Day
- May 16 Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- May 19 Victoria Day
- May 20 Sangudo Only - Day Off
- June 26 Last Day for Students
- June 27 Staff Planning & Development Day



**Northern Gateway
Public Schools**

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