



Elmer Elson ELEMENTARY

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NEWSLETTER - November 2024

ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are well into the school year. Elmer Elson continues to be a very busy and active school. Our current student enrollment is 320. We have a variety of programs and activities for students to support the development of develop engaged learners, ethical citizens, and empowered youth.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we are creating a nurturing and engaging learning environment for our children.

Mr. A and Mrs. Feser

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS ON POWERSCHOOL

Regular reporting of student progress is an important aspect of what we do at Elmer Elson. This is done through PowerSchool. To obtain specific details of how your child is doing, please log in to PowerSchool. 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 22nd.

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

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The dates for
Parent Teacher Conferences are:

**November 5th and 6th
from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

*This is your opportunity to connect
with your child's teacher and be
informed about how they are doing.*

*Please call the school if you would like
to book an appointment by phone or
in-person.*

*We have noticed a growing collection
of items in our Lost and Found. If your
child is missing belongings, we
encourage you to stop and check out
our Lost and Found. Items will be
displayed during Parent Teacher
Conferences.*

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE or PICKED UP BEFORE SCHOOL DISMISSES

Arriving late to school:

Inform the office that you will be late. Upon arrival, students will enter through the main door. Ring the buzzer on the left-hand side of the entryway. The office staff will let the students in.

Leaving prior to dismissal times:

Parents should call the office upon arrival. For student safety, parents **MUST** meet the office staff at the main doors to sign the children out.

MOVEMBER

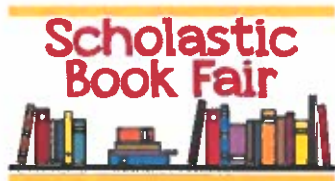


We have decided to participate in Movember and help raise money for cancer research. As such, we will be selling stick-on moustaches on Tuesday, **November 26th**. Students can bring a donation of a loonie, toonie, or more for a "stick on" moustache that they will wear throughout the day. All money raised will be sent to the Cross Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer.

Thank you for your generosity.

BOOK FAIR RETURNS TO EEE!

We are excited to be hosting an in School Book Fair the week of **November 4th - 6th**. This is a wonderful way to support our school library!



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DAY

Thursday, November 7th, will be a Planning and Development day for staff. As such, there will not be school for students.

There will be no school on November 8th as it is a day in lieu of parent teacher conferences or November 11th in honor of Remembrance Day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be on Wednesday, November 6th @ 10:30 a.m. All students will receive a poppy and monetary donations will be accepted for the local legion.

Parents and community members are welcome to join us.



GRADE FIVE INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Our grade five students have again partnered with the Auxiliary Hospital and Pleasantview Lodge for the Intergenerational Program. We are excited to continue this special partnership again this year.

REMIND APP

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for this app. We use it to inform parents of school activities and events. 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

Each classroom also has their own class remind. Please be sure to join so you don't miss out on key information.



NGPS TECHNOLOGY AND MAINTENANCE FEE

The mandatory technology fee of \$32.00 for full time students and \$16.00 for ECS students is now over due. This fee is used towards replacement of devices in schools throughout the division.

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

MENTAL WELLNESS COACH

For the 3rd year our school division has continued to support a wellness coach in our school. This Alberta Health Services program works to support children in rural communities with the development of emotional, mental, and social well-being.

Mr. Brandon Schalm helps to provide programs and support in the area of health and well-being for our students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2024-2025

We had a great turnout at our last school council meeting on October 28th.

The 2024-2025 School Council was formed.

Chairperson: Jill Stoney
Vice Chair: Falon Boll
Secretary: Nadine Szybunka
Vice Secretary: Jody Braithwaite
School Community Member: Lana Bohnet

Each meeting brings new information and ideas to keep parents in the know. Your insights and participation make a real difference and we would love to see you there!

I invite you to come to our next meeting on November 25th at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions regarding school council please don't hesitate to contact myself, or any other member of the council. We are also looking for new members to join the Parent Fundraising Committee.

Jill Stoney
School Council Chairperson

MINI-HANDBALL PROVINCIALS

Our school was well represented at the mini-handball provincials in Edmonton on both October 19th & 26th. Thank you to the staff and parent coaches for volunteering their time for such a valuable event.

Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 team who brought home the GOLD banner!

STUDENT COUNCIL

We are excited to introduce our 2023-2024 Student Council Executive:

President	Cougar Desjarlais
Vice President	Cohen Tomkiewych
Treasurer	Hadley Wilson
Secretary	Taylor Lloyd

We thank them along with the Room Reps, Sock-hop Reps, Sports Reps, and Hospital Reps for their dedication to the Council.

Each member is an important part of the School Council.

DOG POLICY

Just a friendly reminder that all dogs should be on a leash when around the school. For student safety we ask that you do not bring dogs in high traffic areas during school hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Nearly everyday I have parents, caregivers or staff members express concerns about social media and how it is affecting children. It is a fulltime job trying to stay informed about all matters related to raising healthy children.

I found this excellent article on a site that I frequently use as a resource. They have thoroughly investigated TikTok. Here is an excerpt from an article written by Defend Young Minds Staff on October 29, 2024. The entire article can be found at [Defend Young Minds](#).

Why TikTok Isn't Safe for Kids: 5 Shocking Features Parents need to Know Now

- 1. TikTok LIVE: A Virtual Strip Club” for Minors**
- 2. TikTok addiction develops in just 35 minutes**
- 3. TikTok’s Time Limit Feature Fails to Protect Kids**
- 4. TikTok Beauty Filters Harm Kids’ Self Esteem and Mental Health**
- 5. Filter Bubbles and Dangerous Content**

What Can Parents Do to Keep their Kids Safer from TikTok Dangers?

- Delay Social Media
- Set Clear Rules
- Monitor Usage
- Talk About What They See
- Find Safer Alternatives
- Build a Support Network

Detailed strategies, suggestions and links can be found at [Defend Young Minds](#)

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