



Elk Point Elementary School

May 2024

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- 1 Principal Appreciation Day
- 2 Superhero Day
- 3 Showcase/Art Show/Spring Tea
- 6 InstaCake Fundraiser Due
- 6 Spring Photos/ECS Grad
- 6 Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 7 National Teachers Day
- 8 Support Staff Appreciation Day
- 8 Hats On! For Mental Health—
Wear a green shirt & a hat
- 8-15 Gr. 3/4 & 4 Swim Dates
- 14 School Council Meeting (6 PM)
- 14 Vaping Info Session for Parents
(7 PM)
- 15 School Grounds Clean Up
- 16 PLC Day
- 17 School Closed
- 20 Victoria Day
- 24 Tie Dye Day
- 30 POW WOW
- 31 Sports Day
- 31 Student Assembly

Welcome to EPE!!



St. Paul Education would like to congratulate Mr. Garth Finlay on being appointed as the principal of Elk Point Elementary School for the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

Mr. Finlay was born in Calgary, Alberta, where he spent his early years before relocating to High River for his secondary education from grade 8-12. His educational journey continued at the University of Lethbridge, where he obtained his Bachelor of Management followed by his Bachelor of Education.

His professional career commenced as an educator at the Grand Prairie Regional College in 2006. Transitioning to École Mallaig School in 2015, Mr. Finlay devoted his expertise to shaping young minds in Grades 5 and 6. In 2021, he assumed the role of assistant principal at École St. Paul Elementary School while also teaching upper elementary students.

Garth and his wife Missy enjoy spending time with their two children, Arlo and Hazel. An avid golfer and curler, he also dedicates his time as a volunteer baseball coach and member of the St. Paul Friends of Library initiative.

Mr. Finlay is excited to embark on this new chapter. When asked about what he hopes to bring to the position, he shared, "I look forward to supporting an already close and vibrant school community, while developing meaningful connections and working collaboratively towards the shared goal of guiding students toward academic and life success."

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Peter Barron, extends a warm welcome to Garth in his new role. "Garth, with his most recent experience as an assistant principal of École St. Paul Elementary School, is well-positioned to lead Elk Point Elementary School towards continued success in providing exceptional education and fostering a supportive learning environment for their students."

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Friday, May 3, 2024

Spring Tea

Art Show

Showcase

Cake Auction

Flower Sale

1:00—3:00 pm



Order deadline Monday, May 6th



Spring Photos
Monday,
May 6th

Dress Up Days

Thursday, May 2



Friday, May 24



Friday, May 31

SPORTS DAY




Tiger Tuesday

Wear your EPE school gear/
orange or black



HATS ON!



For Mental Health

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

wear a green shirt & your favorite hat

WE OUR SUPPORT STAFF



Thank you

Support Staff Appreciation Day—Wednesday, May 8



EPE Kin-Ball Tournament

This year marks the 8th year of our Annual Kin-Ball Tournament for Grades 5 and 6. We had a great turn out with 10 Teams entered into the tournament. Each Team was guaranteed four games and the Top 4 Teams with the most points advanced to the Final Game which was held on Monday, April 15th for all to watch. Congratulations to the following Top 4 Teams who advanced to the Final Game:

SIGMAS

HUDSON BROUSSEAU

FRANK KILLAM

HUDSON KRANKOWSKY

HUNTER PANKIW

SWEET SPOTS OGS

ETHAN LORENSON

CHASE SAUERS

AMI KACHAN

KOUPER PALS

HEDGEHOGS

AVA RAWLAKE

LENNOX ST. ARNAULT

STETSON REYNOLDS

DELANEY SWEDGAN

GRIZZLIES

NICHOLAS HABIAK

BRIELLE COLLINS

GRAYSON KOPPANG

DERRACE

KITCHEMOKAMAN

Congratulations to the SIGMAS who won the 2024 Kin-Ball Cup Tournament! Undefeated Champions!

Our Top 3 Teams played against 2 Staff Teams called the Pink Panthers and the Sigmas Slayers on Wednesday, April 17th during Success Time!!!! The Teachers fought hard, but in the end the Sweet Spot Ogs were victorious! Great game everyone!

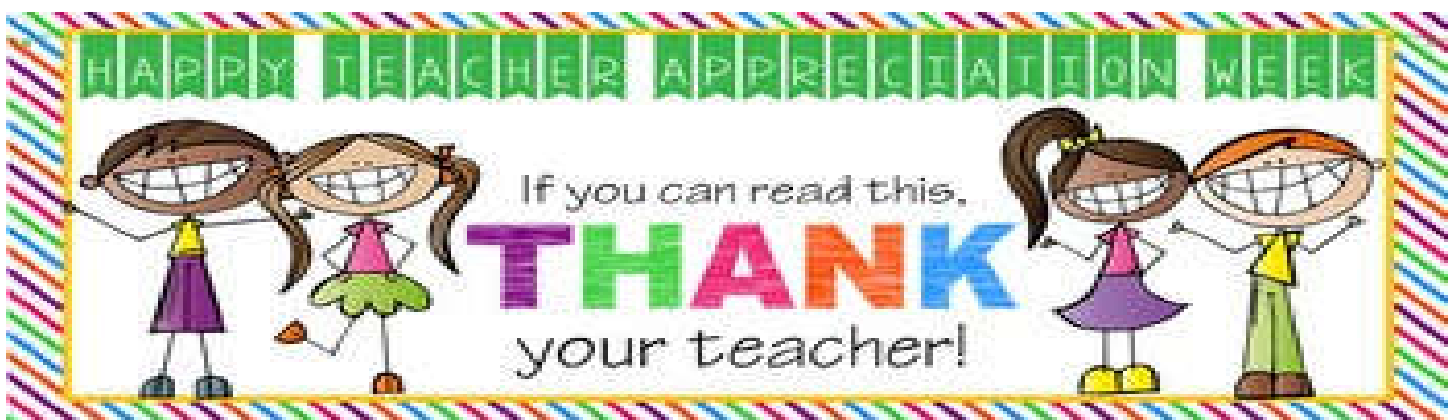
I would also like to congratulate all the teams who participated in the tournament. Great skills and sportsmanship were displayed by all. Can't wait for next year's tournament!



On April 26th, 2024 our Grades 3-6 students jumped and supported a great cause through fundraising. Money raised by Elk Point Elementary students goes to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation. Prizes are also earned by all participants that collect pledges and our school receives 8% of the total money collected. Thanks for supporting our students when they ask for your sponsorship.



Deadline to collect donations will be Friday, May 3rd.



National Teachers Day
Tuesday, May 7th





MAY is here!!!

Our 3rd reporting period for AR ends June 11th!! Students have until then to reach their AR goals!! Congratulations to those students who have already made their goals! Our School Wide Event is underway! Students are reading up a storm to get as many points as they can. In return, they will be able to cash in for AR bucks and will be able to cash them in for prizes. The more points they get, the better the prize!! KEEP READING students!!! Collect those points!!

**CONGRATULATIONS to our Library Jeopardy Winners
Hudson Krankowsky, Hunter Pankiw & Hudson Brousseau!**

2nd place went to Zachary Zarowny, Lee Barstad, and Sam Franklin!
They get a free slush!!

Have an AWESOME READING month everyone!!

- Mrs. Dewan

Victoria Day



Holiday Weekend

5 DAY
WEEKEND

Thursday,
May 16th
to
Monday,
May 20th


Don't forget to Buy a

**YEAR
BOOK**

Orders due Friday, May 31

Sunday, May 12th

happy
mother's
day



Principal
Appreciation Day
May 1st

Thank you
FOR BEING AN
Amazing
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL





2024 - 2025 School Registration

REGISTRATION
2024-25

NOW OPEN !

- Kindergarten
- New students
- Returning students

*Learning Together,
Growing Together*



- To register a Kindergarten student:
Contact the school to begin the registration process.
<https://www.elkpointelementaryschool.ca/contact>
Learn more about our Kindergarten programming at:
<https://www.stpaueducation.ab.ca/.../kindergarten-program>
 - To register a new student:
Contact the school to begin the registration process.
<https://www.elkpointelementaryschool.ca/contact>
 - To re-enroll a current student:
Parents can access re-enrollment forms through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Visit our website to learn more and to start the registration process.
<https://www.stpaueducation.ab.ca/parents/registration>
- We look forward to learning together and growing together!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children who will be 5 years old as of December 31, 2024
are eligible to attend the Kindergarten Program in the 2024-2025 school year.
Contact the school office for more information.

Swimming Lessons



Grade 3/4 & 4

Swim Dates

May 8-15

**Don't forget your towel
& swim suits!!**

HOT FOOD

MAY 2	Empress Hamburger
MAY 9	Chicken Nuggets
MAY 23	Taco-in-a-Bag
MAY 30	Subway

There will be **NO HOT FOOD** in June

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL
NEEDED ON MAY 2nd & 30TH**



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

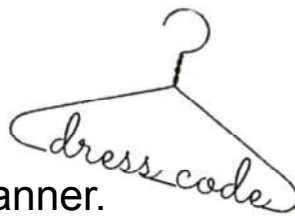
6:00 PM

VAPING INFO SESSION
FOR PARENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

7:00 pm

At EPE students are expected to dress in a neat and appropriate manner. Clothing deemed unacceptable to the well being of the school environment shall **NOT** be worn. Non-marking shoes are best for indoor footwear and separate outdoor footwear is required.



Just a friendly reminder to send utensils with your child in their lunch.



SCHOOL GROUND CLEAN UP - MAY 15th

STUDENT PLACEMENT GUIDELINES FOR EPE

In early June of each school year, EPE staff spend a considerable amount of time creating lists of students for class placement in the upcoming school term. Classroom teachers strive to create classes that are very equitable in terms of academic performance, special needs, and gender. Parental input to the classroom teacher is considered to the degree that we can when making class placements if the request has an educational basis.

Those discussions need to take place prior to June 1 of the current school year.

In the end, our goal for equitable classes is essential to all students' well being and academic success. Final class placement for your child will only be indicated to parents at the August registration.



2024 TRADITIONAL SCHOOL DIVISION POW WOW

Thursday,
May 30
2024

Host Location: Frog Lake First Nation

Pow Wow Arbor - Frog Lake, AB

10 am - 2:30 pm

Featuring the talented dancers from St. Paul Education schools. Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch. A concession will also be available on site.

Host Drum - Kihew Asiniy

**For more information
contact Keith Gamblin:**



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 **780-645-3323**

 **gambkeit@sperd.ca**

Traditional School Division Pow Wow



St. Paul Education

Princess Pageant

Tiny Tots, Junior, and Teen Princess will be crowned at the Pow Wow. They will represent the school division throughout the 2024-25 Pow Wow Year.

If you are interested in competing for one of the categories or would like more information, contact the Cree Instructor/Teacher, FNMI Liaison, or Principal at your school.

MAY 30 2024

Frog Lake Pow Wow Arbour



CATEGORIES:

Tiny Tots Princess - Ages 5 to 7 years

Junior Princess - Ages 8 to 12 years

Teen Princess - Ages 13 to 18 years

CRITERIA:

- All participants will be judged in a dance competition.
- Must be a student attending a school within St. Paul Education.

Prizes for each winner: Sash, Beaded Crown, Jacket
~ Gifts for other contestants ~

April 10, 2024

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



St. Paul Education

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs)

In response to feedback received from school authorities, Alberta Education has announced that Grade 6 PATs in English Language Arts and math will not be administered in May and June 2024. All grade 6 students are also exempt from the Science 6 PAT this year, as schools are piloting the new curriculum.

Long Service and Retirement Celebration

The Division will host a Long Service and Retirement Celebration for staff in early June.

Summer School

Registration is now open for the Division's Summer School Program being offered from July 2 to 26, 2024. Summer School is a great opportunity for students who want to complete a class before the school year begins or those who need to retake a course or upgrade their marks. Summer School will offer a variety of courses, including Google Productivity Pro, where students will receive a new Chromebook upon completion. For more information, please visit the Division [website](#).

Parent Session

Ariel Haubrich will return on May 2 to facilitate a free session for parents on social media use and mental health in children and youth. The session will be held in the Fine Arts Theatre at St. Paul Regional High School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is not required; however, those who wish to join us for pizza are asked to RSVP. More information is available on the Division [website](#).

Science Fair

The St. Paul and District Steam Society is hosting its second annual Science Fair on Saturday, April 13, 2024. In addition to featuring 32 science fair projects designed by students from St. Paul Education and surrounding divisions, there will also be a variety of educational sessions offered for students and staff. More information is available [here](#).

Ministers Youth Council

The Province is seeking approximately 40 junior and senior high school students from across Alberta between the ages of 14 and 19, representing diverse interests, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives, to join the 2024/25 Minister's Youth Council. Council members will learn about topics related to government and the inner workings of Alberta's education system and have an opportunity to provide their thoughts and ideas on how to strengthen education for all Alberta students. The deadline for submitting student applications is April 30, 2024. For more information, please visit alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx.

Financial Report

The Division has received its 2024-25 provincial funding profile. Funding rates are primarily unchanged from the current year, but with enrollment decline and adjustments to transportation funding, the Division will receive less provincial support. With decreased funding and increasing costs, early forecasts predict the Division could face a shortfall of approximately \$1,000,000. Administration and trustees will be looking to firm up assumptions in the coming weeks, but it is clear that reductions will be necessary. Like all sectors, education is being hit hard by inflation, and funding is simply not keeping pace.

Political Parties Trustee Elections

The Board is seeking clarification from the provincial government regarding proposed amendments to the Local Authorities Election Act and the Municipal Government Act that could introduce political parties for municipal and school board elections.

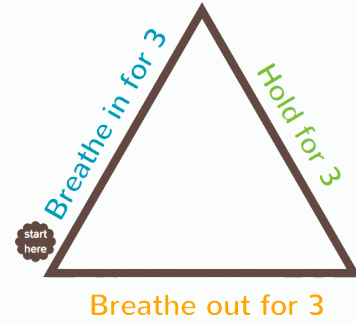
For more information, contact:

Mr. Peter Barron
Superintendent of Schools
barrpete@sperd.ca

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PRACTICE
Mindfulness

Practicing mindfulness together can help build your family's connection with each other. Try this simple strategy to relax and calm a busy mind.



Move
YOUR BODY



Move your body every day to improve your mental and physical health. The key is to make movement fun and try activities that you enjoy. Get outside and move together as a family.

Fuel
YOUR BODY

Food and water give your body the fuel it needs to grow, learn and play. Choose foods that make you feel good and give you energy. By eating with others, it can help create connections.



EXPAND YOUR
Mind



Expand your mind by doing something you enjoy like being creative, dancing and listening to music. This releases feel good chemicals in your brain.

Build
ASSETS

Build assets and help your kids grow up great by doing simple actions such as:

- telling your kids why they matter to you
- greet them warmly each day



Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



MyHealth.Alberta.ca

Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642



Health Link
Health Advice 24/7



Alberta Health
Services

2024 May

Elk Point LOCATION

WHICH PROGRAM IS FOR ME?
 child development & well being
ages 0-6 (blue)
ages 7-18 (red)
 caregiver support, building, classes
all ages (Grey)
 community events
all ages (White)

MON

TUE

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01
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

02
RAINBOWS
4pm-5pm
REGISTER

03
Matching Pattern
Games
10am - 12pm
DROP IN

06
Mother's Day
Make & Take
3:30pm-5:30pm
REGISTER

07
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

08
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

09
RAINBOWS
4pm-5pm
REGISTER

10
Mothers Day
Story & Craft
10am - 12pm
DROP IN

Baby Bunch
1:30pm
REGISTER

13

14
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

15
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

16
RAINBOWS
4pm-5pm
REGISTER

17
Making Music
10am - 12pm
DROP IN

 **Clothing Exchange** 
See Poster for
Details

20
CLOSED
Victoria Day

21
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

22
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

23
RAINBOWS
4pm-5pm
REGISTER

24
Icky, Sticky, Messy
10am-12pm
DROP IN

Baby Bunch
1:30pm
REGISTER

27
YOUTH GROUP
GAMES
3:30PM-5:30PM
DROP IN

28
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

29
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

30
RAINBOWS
4pm-5pm
REGISTER

31
Rhymes That Bind
10am - 12pm
DROP IN



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FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

4906 - 48 St
Elk Point AB T0A 1A0
Call: 780-724-3800
Text: 780-614-1941
Web: stpaulfcss.ca



st.paul_fcsc



St. Paul Regional
FCSS & Family
Resource Network

RECREATION CENTRE 4802-53 ST.

Accepting good, CLEAN, used clothing
and shoes for **ALL AGES**

Please call 780-645-5311
for more information

SPRING CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Donation Drop Off Time:
Tues. May 14 1pm-8pm
Doors Open:
Wed. May 15 1pm-8pm
Thurs. May 16 9am-12pm

COST IS FREE!
BRING YOUR OWN BAG!

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St. Paul Regional
Family and Community
Support Services

May Events

10-Mommy and me craft
24-Sensory Make & Take
**Please register for both
these events.**

Come connect with us & other families while learning about child development & parenting.

Look for **Baby Bunch Sessions** where professionals come in and discuss topics related to your child's age.



Baby Bunch

Fridays
1:30pm

REGISTER
780-724-3800



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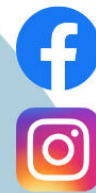
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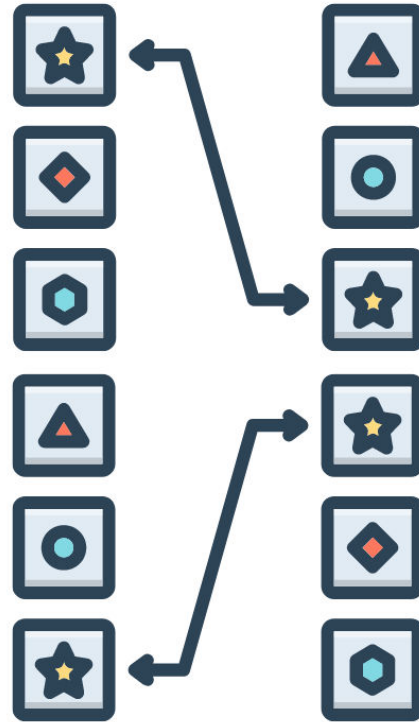
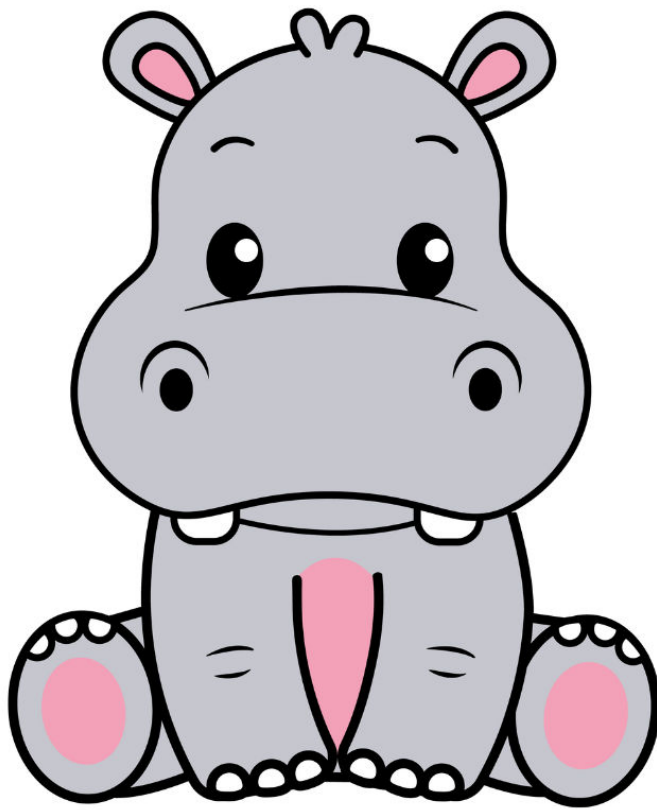
Connect with us for more information.

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Providing services and support for ages 0-18yrs, parents and caregivers.

0-18 MONTHS

LFRN ELK POINT 4906 48ST





AGES 0-6

LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Matching Patterns

Friday
May **03**

10am-12pm

DROP IN

780-724-3800



Matching games can help promote your child's cognitive development.

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HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

Come create a gift of love to share with
your special person.

YOUTH 7+

LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Mothers Day

Monday
May **06**

Make & Take

3:30pm-5:30pm

FREE TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

Celebrate
your special
person who
fulfills this role
in your life.

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AGES 0-6

LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Encouraging speech and language development, attention span, listening skills and bonding.

Storytime & Craft

Friday
May **10**

Mother's Day

10am-12pm

DROP IN

780-724-3800



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Come connect with friends, play musical instruments, sing songs and dance!

AGES 0-6

LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Making Music

Friday **17**
May

10am-12pm

DROP IN

780-724-3800



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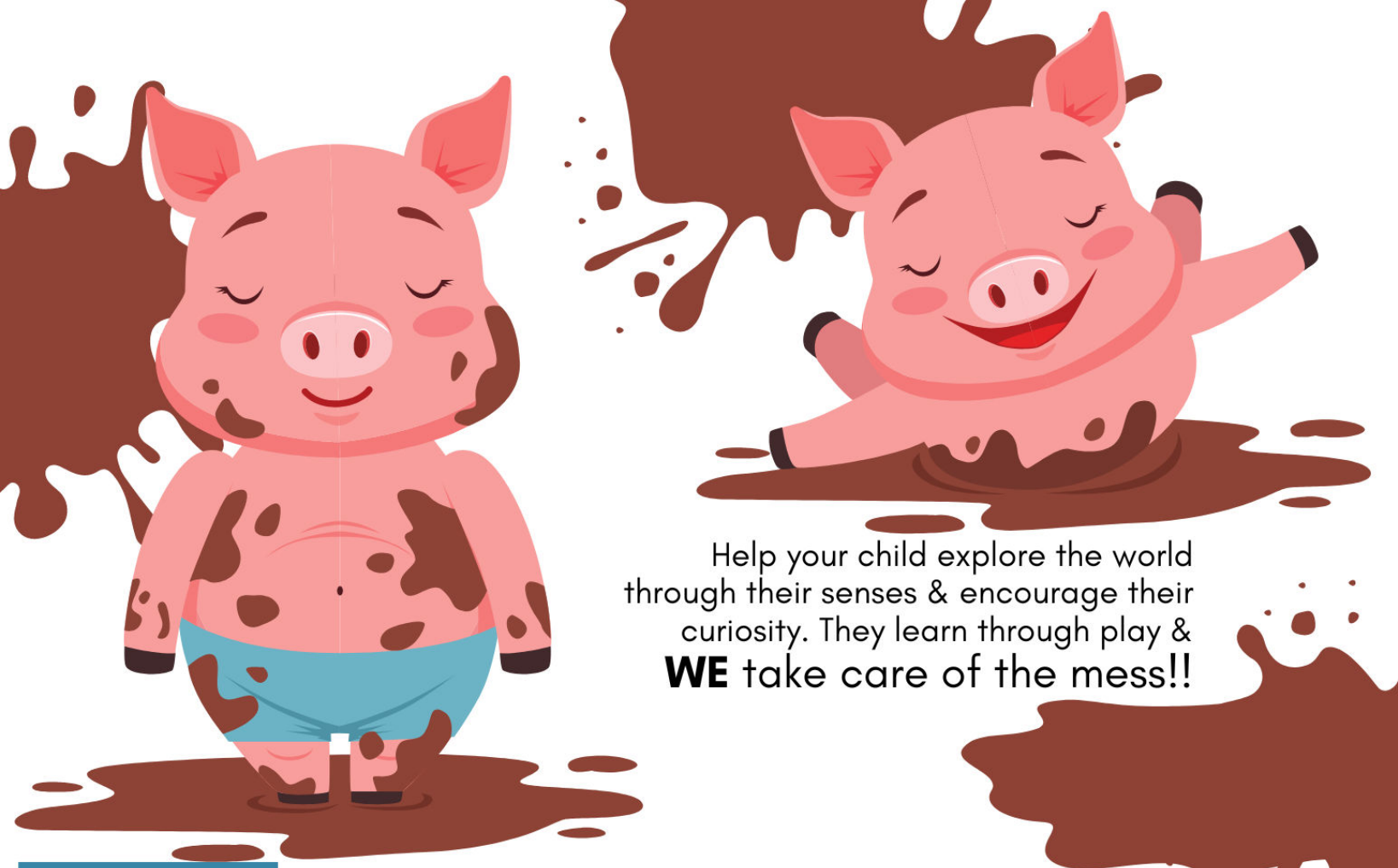
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Providing services and support for ages 0-18yrs, parents and caregivers.



Singing and making music supports speech & language development, encourages socialization and builds self-esteem.



Help your child explore the world through their senses & encourage their curiosity. They learn through play & **WE** take care of the mess!!

AGES 0-6

LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Icky, Sticky, Messy

Friday
May **24**

10am-12pm

DROP IN

780-724-3800



Encouraging sensory development, and helps build social-emotional skills.

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YOUTH 7+

LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Motivates, promotes & encourages learning in a variety of ways.

Board Games Play

Monday
May **27**

3:30pm-5:30pm

FREE DROP IN
780-724-3800

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Learn new ways to support your child's early literacy and language experiences.

AGES 0-6

LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Rhymes that Bind

Friday
May **31**

10am-12pm

DROP IN

780-724-3800



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Providing services and support for ages 0-18yrs, parents and caregivers.

Helping
promote
healthy family
relationships.



MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Day 6</p> 	<p>2 Day 1 KA</p>  <p>HAMBURGERS</p>	<p>3 Day 2</p>  <p>SPRING TEA ART SHOW Showcase Cake Auction Flower Sale</p>	4
5	<p>6 Day 3 KA</p>   	<p>7 Day 4</p> 	<p>8 Day 5 KA</p>   <p>Wear a green shirt & a hat</p>	<p>9 Day 6</p> <p>CHICKEN NUGGETS</p>	<p>10 Day 1 KA</p>	11
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19	<p>20</p>  <p>Happy Victoria Day</p>	<p>21 Day 5 KA</p>	<p>22 Day 6</p>	<p>23 Day 1 KA</p> <p>TACO-IN-A-BAG</p>	<p>24 Day 2</p>  <p>TIE DYE DAY</p>	25
26	<p>27 Day 3 KA</p>	<p>28 Day 4</p>	<p>29 Day 5 KA</p>	<p>30 Day 6</p>  <p>SCHOOL DIVISION POW WOW SUBWAY</p>	<p>31 Day 1 KA</p>  <p>SPORTS DAY Student Assembly</p>	