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## November 20

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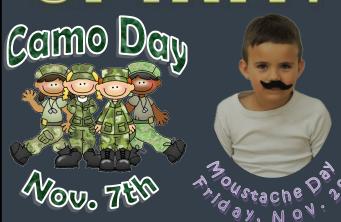
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Our School Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held Friday, Nov. 8 @ 1:00 pm

## Show your SCHOOL SPIRIT!



Students are encouraged to wear orange/black School gear can be purchased online at elkpointelementary.entripyshops.com

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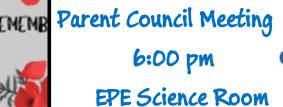
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- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Camo Day
- Hot Food—Perogies/Sausages
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 11 Remembrance Day—no school
- 12-15 Fall Break—no school
- 19 Dec. Milk & Hot Food Orders Due
- 19 Skate Sale 3:30—4:30 pm
- 20 Parent Council Meeting @ 6pm
- 21 Hot Food—Taquitos
- 22 Report Cards Go Home
- 26 Student Assembly
- 28 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 28 Hot Food—Chicken Nuggets
- 29 Moustache Day
- 29 Family Activity

Remembrance Day





Reporting

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**Absences** 



Parents are encouraged to use **SAFE ARRIVAL** to report your child's absence

- ⇒ Download the SMHome App
- ⇒ Online @ home.schoolmessenger.ca
- ⇒ Call 1-844-502-5088

Text **YES** to 978338 to sign up for SchoolMessenger





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school lunch menu

NOV. 7—PEROGIES/SAUSAGES

NOV. 21—TAQUITOS

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NOV. 28—CHICKEN NUGGETS

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are able to assist with our Hot Lunch
Days please call the office.

## HOT FOOD & MILK ORDERS

The deadline for December Hot Food orders

#### is **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

Order and Pay for your child`s order through schoolcashonline.

No late orders will be accepted.

#### **After School Plans**

We strongly encourage parents to communicate any afterschool plans with their children at home every morning. You can also write in your child's agenda. It's the most effective means of communication between your home and the school. Other options are to email or Remind message your teacher.





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Just a reminder to please pay your child's school fees

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Thank You so much for donating food to the Elk Point Elementary School Food Drive!

The 292 items of food will help feed many families this winter. Families that receive food are very grateful for your help!

Thank You for caring about people in need in this area. Your support

is truly appreciated!





Skate Sala Tuesday,

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November 19

3:30-4:30 pm

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STOP BY THE SCHOOL LOBBY AND CHECK OUT THE RACKS
OF WINTER COATS WE HAVE TO GIVE AWAY.

IF YOU NEED A COAT, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE ONE!

IF YOU HAVE WINTER COATS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF AT THE OFFICE.

THEY MUST BE IN GOOD, CLEAN CONDITION.



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1—Dakyo Jung

2A—Gavin Brousseau

2B—Tucker Pankiw

3—Oliver Williams

4—Nolan Dones-Janzen

4/5—Madison Bannister

5—Ashley Beck

6—Victoria Page

## LEARNING COMMONS



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We are busy in our Learning Commons!!! Time is FLYING BY!!!

**Library Jeopardy** for the Grades 5 & 6's will be starting right away!



ACCELERATED READER has begun its 19th year at Elk Point Elementary!
The students from Grades 2-6 read their AR books and quiz on it. An added bonus is that they get points awarded for their success as well as prizes for it!! I think it is fabulous to see these students reading in their zone and achieving their goals!! Come see me if you have any questions about this program that our School Division has purchased!

REMEMBER - Our 1st Reporting period ends November 8th!! Congratulations to all that have made their AR goal to date!!!

Our School is once again participating in Santa's Anonymous. Check out the information page attached to this newsletter!

OUR LEARNING COMMONS IS A BUSY
BUT REWARDING AND
HAPPENING PLACE TO BE!!!!

Have a great reading month!! Mrs. Dewan



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **SKATE SALE**: Tuesday, November 19 @ 3:30-4:30 pm in the gym.
- GRADES 3-6 SKATING PROGRAM: Begins Monday, December 2nd

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All students must be equipped with skates, certified helmet & appropriate winter gear for the Skating Program, which will run from December 2 until December 13, 2024. The EPE Skating Program runs during our regular Phys. Ed Periods during the day, so please be sure your child comes prepared to these classes. If your child does not have skates, be sure to check out the Skate Sale on November 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have skates or helmets to sell or donate for the Skate Sale, please contact Mrs. Roche or the office, before November 18<sup>th</sup>.

For students who are unable to find skates or helmets, the school does have some to lend out for the duration of the skating program. Please notify the office or Mrs. Roche if you are needing some.

I encourage all students, who may have difficulty tying up their skates by themselves, to be practicing at home before our Skating Program begins. We will have some parents assisting with tying in the Grade 3, 4 and 4/5 classes, but it is important to encourage your child to help out by getting their own skates on and making an effort to tie them up.

## Volunteers Needed!!!

I am looking for some skate tying volunteer Coordinators for Grades 3, 4 & 4/5 to organize a skate tying schedule for each class. If interested, please contact Mrs. Roche or the office by Monday, November 18th.



## REPORT CARDS

#### **Early Reporting Period**

With our new fall break, the time teachers have had to assess students in the first two and a half months is a little shorter than in the past. Because of this, the November report cards won't cover as many outcomes as you'll see in the spring and end-of-June reports. You can, however, expect a thorough report on outcomes that have been covered and learning demonstrated in class.

Rest assured, lots of great learning is happening, as will be evidenced in our report cards coming home on November 22, and in parent teacher conferences on November 28. Conferences on November 28 may include information gathered after report cards were submitted.

Mr. G. Finlay

Principal, Elk Point Elementary School

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Report Cards go home on Friday, November 22nd

Parent-Teacher Conferences

will be held Thursday, November 28th between 4:00—7:00 pm

Please call the school office

Between 9:00 am on Monday, Nov. 25th and 12:00 pm on Nov. 28th

to book a time.

# NOVEMBER AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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18	19	20	21 ATHLETICS	22	23	24			
25	26	27	28 ATHLETICS	29	30				
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Elk Point Elementary School is once again offering an after-school athletic program, to provide an additional opportunity for our Grade 5 & 6 students to further develop athletic skills, sportsmanship, and overall fitness. The vision for this program is to achieve this through a balance of instructional activities and active games that develop personal and group skills. To begin with, we will focus on the sports of Team Handball, Basketball and Volleyball.

The program will run from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Wednesdays in the Elk Point Elementary Gym. For safety and management reasons, only students participating in the program will be allowed in the gym on practice days.



# PUT A SMILE ON A FAMILY'S FACE!

This Christmas you can help a family in need. We have decided once again to donate to Santa's Anonymous.

#### Some requested items, but not limited to:

- baby items
- diapers, soothers, wipes, blankets, baby towels
- hygiene products
- soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, hand sanitizer
- unexpired canned foods, unexpired non-perishable foods
- toys
- make-up kits

Please do not send clothes as the sizes of recipients are not known.

Any Santa's Anonymous items can be dropped off at our main office doors or brought in with your child and given to their teacher.

We will be accepting donations from November 1st - December 7th.

Thank you in advance!

For more info or if you have any questions, please contact



#### Addiction & Mental Health News

#### November 2024

#### Empower your teen. Help them resist drug use/risky behaviours by:

- Nurturing their self-confidence and intelligence
- Creating a sense of hope and optimism
- Ensuring they grow up in a safe environment and are involved in extracurricular activities
- Making sure they have the community support that they need
- Providing clear rules and consequences

#### Talk to your teen about substance use. Here are some tips for having the conversation:

- Talk regularly and often. Many "miniconversations" are better than long lectures.
- Think about their perspective and listen respectfully.
- Use "teachable moments" to discuss drug use with your teen. i.e.) while in the car or at the dinner table.
- Eat a meal together as often as possible. Family meals are great ways to strengthen your relationship.

#### Help your kids practice refusal skills

Help your kids practice saying no so they feel comfortable and confident setting boundaries with their friends. Examples of boundary-setting statements they could use:

- No thanks, I'm not interested
- I have to go home
- I'd rather do something else
- Deflect and redirect:
  - Suggest other activities to participate in

Practice these skills with your teen just like you would any other experience.

#### YOU are your child's most important role model

Talking openly with your teen about drugs can help strengthen your relationship. When you have a solid connection, communication becomes much easier.

If your teen talks back or argues, it doesn't mean they are pushing you away. In fact, it often means the opposite. By asserting their independence, your teen is actually working on building a stronger and healthier relationship with you.

#### **MORE RESOURCES:**

Centre for Addiction & Mental Health

Parent Information Series - AHS

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





Addiction Services Help Line 1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line 1-877-303-2642







#### **EXTREME WEATHER**

#### Is my child's bus running? Coming home early?

Throughout the winter, weather and road conditions are constantly monitored with the safety of students and staff at the center of all of our decisions. We strive to inform parents of any delays or cancellations as quickly as possible. Here's how you may be notified:

- Bus driver contact
- Call/text from your school
- Local radio stations
- Bus Status app

- Division social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Division website https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/transportation/bus-status



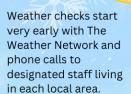
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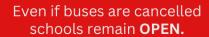
When temperatures and/or wind chill is -40 or colder, buses are CANCELLED.

Notice may be given the night before or in the morning.



Buses may run in the afternoon during extreme cold weather under certain circumstances.





- If your child attends: meaningful learning still occurs
- If your child is absent: efforts will be made to ensure they do not fall behind



If a decision is required around temperature and/or road conditions, the Director of Transportation consults with:

- Local bus drivers
- School principals
- Superintendent of Schools



Decision is based on:

- · Local road conditions
- RCMP travel advisories
- · Weather and wind warnings
- · Local municipality

Your bus driver also has complete discretion to cancel a route should they feel travel is unsafe.



Parents always have the final say about their child's safety and well-being and can always choose whether or not to have their child take the bus.



The Nations of Saddle Lake, Whitefish Lake and Frog Lake make independent decisions about their buses.

Please contact them directly for any questions regarding their transportation policies.

# HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



#### **SEND TO SCHOOL**

- A runny nose or just a little cough but no other symptoms.
- Sore throat but no other symptoms.
- No fever in the past 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.



#### **KEEP AT HOME**

- Fever higher than 100.4 degrees F (38 degrees C).
- Sore throat, with other symptoms such as a persistent cough.
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Eyes are pink and crusty.
- Has been exposed to an illness where isolation is recommended.







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# NOVEMBER



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