



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

School dates for **September**

17 Monday – Day 5

18 Tuesday – Day 1
SAC Meeting – 6:30 pm

19 Wednesday – Day 2

20 Thursday – Day 3
Pizza Day - see ordering information
included in this issue

21 Friday – Day 4



From the principal

“Be the change you want to see in the world.”
(Mahatma Gandhi)

Welcome back to Elkhorn and for our new families it is great to have you join our school.

Elkhorn's School Advisory Council (SAC) will be meeting on Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. Actually it is a meeting to welcome back Elkhorn parents and let you know what is happening in the building. SAC Elections will be held on October 1st @ 6:30 pm. Further details are contained later in the Express and the school website. All are welcome to attend. Childcare will be available.

On **September 26^h** we will participate in Elkhorn's Terry Fox Run. The rain date will be September 27th. Thank you to all those families who have already joined this fundraiser for cancer research.

As mentioned in my Welcome Letter (in the forms package), we may be realigning our classes and I am working closely with the Board on this matter.

Please check Elkhorn's website frequently for school updates.

I look forward to a wonderful school year filled with learning.

Holly Richards

To report a student absence or late call 416-395-9505
or email the school at elkhorn@tdsb.on.ca

Forms

An envelope containing many important TDSB forms that requires your attention has been sent home with your child.

These forms need to be completed, signed and returned to your child's teacher.

Please try to fill out the forms and return them as quickly as possible as they contain important information for the school year.



Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent or late for school please call Elkhorn's **Safe Arrival** line @ **416-395-9505**, and leave your child's name, teacher and the reason for the absence or late.



You may leave messages at this number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (Please do not call the main school number with Safe Arrival messages)

Alternatively, you can also email the school at elkhorn@tdsb.on.ca and leave your message this way if you prefer.

Please help us to ensure that all children have arrived safely at school by using the Safe Arrival reporting procedure each time your child is absent or late.

Safe arrivals...what happens if you forget?

If you do not let the school office know about your child's absence or lateness, the system will call you for each reporting period (**morning & afternoon attendance**).

Here's how it works:

1. System will call the student's listed "Home" number

If someone picks up and follows all the prompts, no other calls will be made

If no one picks up, or all prompts are not followed, the system "cascades"

2. Cascade = system calls all numbers for both parents 3 times

3. System generates a report and notifies the school which students had successful call-outs and which students need follow up.

****NOTE**** Once the system starts the call-out process, it cannot be stopped by the school.

Epi pens

If your child requires an epi pen please make sure the office and your child's teacher is informed and aware of your child's needs.

Students should carry their epi pen with them at all times and provide an extra one to be stored in the office. Please provide one to the office immediately with your child's name on it.

Epi pens kept in the school need to be replaced by parents when they reach the expiry date.

Anaphylaxis

There are students in our school who have potentially life-threatening allergies to foods. These foods are predominantly peanuts or nuts.

Please do not send peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts to school in your child's lunch or snack.



Elkhorn is a nut free school and it is for the safety of our children that we follow this policy.

A medical form has been sent home with your child to be filled out and returned to the school in order to inform us of any allergies or health concerns that your child may have.

Please keep the school updated with any changes to your child's medical information.

Medication

School staff cannot administer medication (aspirin, cough syrup, antibiotics) unless the proper TDSB forms have been filled out by parents and in some cases a medical doctor, giving permission and listing specific instructions for the administration of the medication. These forms can be obtained from the office and will be kept on file with the medication upon completion.





This year Lunch Lady program will be even better and easier as all orders will be done **online only**.

The orders or the payments will no longer be handed in to the office.

Don't have an account?

Register at www.thelunchlady.ca to set up your account.

Hallways

For the safety of our children we would like to ask all parents and guardians who are dropping off children to please sign in at the office.

The students can then proceed to their classrooms. Only JK/SK parents should be taking their children to classes and then leaving by the closest door to the classroom.

Parents should not be in the hallways during instructional time.

If you are bringing your child to the YMCA please use the doors by the parking lot for the YMCA entrance.



Birthdays

To all of our parents/guardians:

This is just a reminder that due to the fact that many of our students have severe allergies no food is to be brought into the classroom for birthday celebrations.

You may however choose to celebrate with alternative methods such as stickers, pencils, etc. at the end of the school day.

Terry Fox Run

Elkhorn Public School will once again be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run.

We will be doing the run on Thursday, September 27th weather permitting.

Friday, September 28th is the rain date.





SAC MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 6:30 PM

Please join us at the upcoming SAC meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm at Elkhorn P.S. All parents welcome! Childcare will be available.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

We *always* welcome volunteers - get involved at Elkhorn! There is a lot to plan and things to do – and we need you! We would greatly appreciate your help to organize and manage many fun events this school year. Stay tuned to learn more in the coming weeks.

For instance volunteers are needed for the upcoming pizza lunch. If you are able to volunteer to help out please email

pizzalunch@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca

ELECTION TIME - POSITIONS OPEN!



Elkhorn school is currently seeking members for our SAC (2018/19). This is a great opportunity to promote parent engagement and be the liaison between parents and the school administration. Election night will be October 1st.

Are you interested in being part of the election committee? The duties would include providing nomination forms (available now online and in the office), ensure the school committee is notified of election procedures and election dates, location and time (at least 14 days in advance), request a profile from all candidates and make these available to the electorate, conduct the elections by

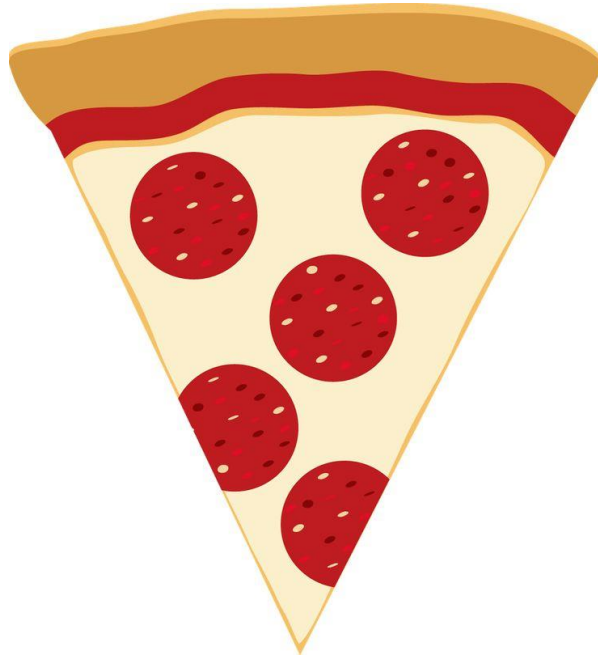
secret paper ballot, count the ballots, help the principal notify all candidates of the results and keep all the results and related information confidential.

Information regarding the upcoming elections will be discussed at the SAC meeting on Tuesday, September 18th.



PIZZA LUNCH

Thursday, September 20, 2018



Place your order at <https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

The LAST day to order pizza lunch for this date is Tuesday
September 18, 2018 at 11:59PM.

Sorry, we cannot take cash orders at school on the day of pizza lunch.

Register and connect your children on School Cash Online BEFORE you order.

If you are available to volunteer for Pizza Lunch,
please email

pizzalunch@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca