



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

School dates for **September**

- 24** Monday – Day 5
- 25** Tuesday – Day 1
- 26** Wednesday – Day 2
- 27** Thursday – Day 3
Terry Fox Day
- 28** Friday – Day 4
Terry Fox Raindate



From the principal

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

It is hard to believe we are in the third week of September.

I would like to thank all of the parents who were able to attend the meeting on Tuesday evening. It provided me with the opportunity to inform parents about all the things we are doing at Elkhorn.

Thank you to all the Office Staff and parent volunteers who were involved in making our first pizza day happen.

There will be a Playscape Meeting at Elkhorn on Tuesday, September 25th @ 9:30 am. The meeting has been scheduled to review preliminary detailed design documents. All are welcome to attend.

A reminder that SAC Elections will be held on October 1st @ 6:30 pm. Further details are in the Express and on the school website.

On **September 27^h** we will participate in Elkhorn's Terry Fox Run. The rain date will be September 28th. Thank you to all those families who have already joined this fundraiser for cancer research.

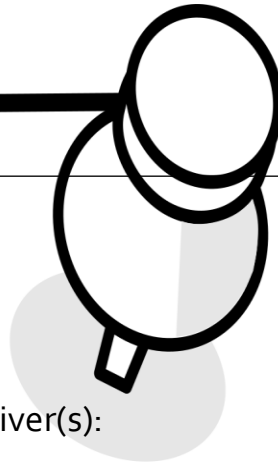
Keep on reading the Express to see an update on realignment. *Please check Elkhorn's website frequently for school updates.*

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

From Principal Richards...



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s):

As noted in my past messages September brings possible classroom realignment. Schools review actual student enrolment as compared to initial projections from last April, and reorganize classes as required.

As a result of student enrolment at Elkhorn, we will need to reorganize. The Kindergarten class of 15 will be changed to a full kindergarten class with an ECE. We are waiting to hear if another change may happen to reduce the FDK numbers. In the Primary Division we will be changing a Grade 1/2 split into a full Grade 1. Other changes made be needed to ensure the classes are balanced. The "first" day for the new classes at our school will take place on October 2nd which is a Day 1 in the schedule. If your child is moving classes you will be receiving a letter later next week with their new placements.

We know that for students and parents, changing classes may be stressful and may require an adjustment period. Students will be supported as they transition through these changes. We are grateful that the staff at Elkhorn will remain the same although teaching assignments have changed.

It is going to be a great year of learning for all.

Regards,

Holly Richards

Principal

Terry Fox Run

Our school will be doing the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 27th.
(Rain date will be Friday, September 28th).

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather and please make sure that they have water.

The event involves the whole school. Students run/walk around our field.

Grades 1 - 2 will be at approximately 9:15 am

Grades 3 - 5 will be at approximately 10:35 am

Kindergarten will be at around 11:15 am

Any family members that wish to join us are welcome.

If you have a purple Elkhorn T-shirt please wear it on that day.



Dropping off and Picking up of Students

Dropping off and picking up of students at Elkhorn is a continuing safety issue.

Due to some recent events that have been observed we would appreciate if you could review the rules below to ensure everyone's safety.

Here is a reminder of our rules and please remember that they are there to protect your child/children as well as the other children and families in our community.



First, the parking lot is only for **staff, volunteers and visitors only**. At no time should it be used for a drop off area for your child.

Unless you are going to the YMCA to drop off your child or are staying at the school for volunteering, etc. you should not be entering or using the parking lot area as your child's personal drop off spot. Too many vehicles driving in and out pose a serious safety concern for our children walking to and from school. We also need to have the parking spots available for the people coming to and working at the school.



Please note that as you are entering the parking lot there is a **stop sign**. **Please obey this sign.** Many people entering the parking lot are driving right through this sign. It is there to make cars slow down and to prevent accidents from happening.

The fire lane is never to be blocked even if you are just "stopping for a second". You are not allowed to park or stop there *at any time*. It is illegal to stop or park in that spot.

Due to the lack of parking in front of the building parents/guardians may use the bus loop as a pick up and drop off "kiss and ride" location in the morning only. **Drivers are required to stay in their vehicles** and to not block traffic for the school busses and other vehicles passing through.

Please help us to keep all the children safe by following these rules.

SAC ELECTIONS - IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND POSITIONS!

These are the open positions for the upcoming elections:

1. Chair
2. Co-chairs
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Volunteer co-ordinator



Important Deadlines: Tuesday, September 25th - Submission deadlines for all nomination forms

Wednesday, September 26th - All received nomination forms and bios will be posted on school website

Election date is **Monday, October 1st**.



Change of clothes

A reminder to parents that it is always a good idea for your child to have a change of clothes in their backpack in case of accidents (spills, etc.) or changing weather conditions (children are outside and get soaked in puddles, etc.)



Mark your calendars

Picture day this year will be on **Tuesday, October 23rd**.

Picture *retake* day will be on **Tuesday, November 20th** in the morning only.

