



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2016

School dates for **December**

12 Monday – Day 1

13 Tuesday – Day 2

14 Wednesday – Day 3

Holiday Concert @ 6:30 pm

15 Thursday – Day 4

Gr. 5's trip to Legislative
Assembly

Holiday Concert @ 6:30 pm

16 Friday – Day 5



From the principal

“Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers.”(Anonymous)

As we approach next week I would like to remind parents of all the important information in the Express. We are very excited about all of the wonderful concerts and trips that are coming next week.

We continue to have a number of students late in the morning. Being late has a direct impact on how your child's day begins and can be disruptive to the classroom. We need to have our students on time and ready to learn at the start of every school day.

Enjoy the winter weather and have a wonderful weekend!



Holly Richards

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To report a student absence or late call 416-395-9505
or email Kim at Kimberley.daley@tdsb.on.ca



Lost and Found

This will be the last week that items from the lost and found will remain on the table outside the office.

Any unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to charity after the end of next week.



Please make sure that you check the table outside the office for any items that your child may be missing.

Holiday Concerts

All parents/guardians are invited to attend the holiday concerts this Wednesday and Thursday.

However we ask that as we have limited seating in the gym, you only attend the concert on the evening that your child is performing.



Winter Break

The last day of school is December 23rd.

Winter Break begins on December 26th and ends on January 6th.

School resumes on **Monday, January 9th.**

Things to do in Toronto

Here is a link from Tourism Toronto with some of the top things to do over the holidays.

<http://www.seetorontonow.com/toronto-for-the-holidays/>





As the colder weather approaches we ask that you dress your child accordingly. The children are outside for morning and afternoon recess as well as at lunch time.

The only time they will be inside is during extreme cold conditions which will be monitored and decisions on going outside will be made according to current weather reports.

It is recommended that your child should have a hat and mittens as well as snow pants and boots.

Please reinforce with your child the importance of putting on their winter clothing before going outside so that they stay warm.

Outside Supervision

Please note that there is no supervision outside of the school until 8:45 am in the morning. If you leave your child unattended outside there will be no one there to ensure their safety.

Outdoor supervision ends at 3:45 pm in the afternoon. If your child is not picked up by that time they will be brought to the office.

Please note that we can only guarantee that someone will be in the office until 4:00 pm. If you cannot make it by this time please make alternate arrangements to have someone pick up your child.





Here is a great heartwarming story about one of our Elkhorn students and the Star Santa Claus Fund.

https://www.thestar.com/initiatives/santa_claus_fund/2016/11/25/one-familys-santa-claus-fund-story-one-year-later.html



In the gym...

Gr. 5 Boys' Volleyball

December is here and what a great way to celebrate this festive month by enjoying a great day of volleyball! The grade five boys' volleyball team had been practicing really hard three times a week for most of November. They developed the important skills of serving, volleying, bumping, footwork and working together as a team to get that ball over the net as much as possible.

On Thursday, December 1st the grade five boys' volleyball team participated in an all day tournament at Owen Public School. We took the TTC bus down to Owen, and with the walk, it took about thirty minutes to reach their doors. It was a lot of fun to travel by the TTC and we considered it to be a nice warm-up for our upcoming games. What a beautiful school! Everyone was amazed by their gymnasium. It's gigantic (twice the size of Elkhorn's gym)! We were very excited to play in such a spacious place.

Our first game was against McKee and it was obvious that we were quite nervous because we lost both sets very quickly. But it was a learning experience and for the next game we turned things around as we beat Steelesview in two straight sets. After a long wait, our last game was a nail-biter! Undefeated McKee had locked up first place so it all depended on our last game against Owen to see who would join them in the playoffs. Basically, whoever won between Owen and Elkhorn would move on to the quarter-finals...no pressure! Both teams were tied with one win and one loss each. So even before the first serve was made, everyone predicted it was going to be a closely contested match...and it was! Due to the importance of the game, and it also being the last scheduled match of the day, the gymnasium was the fullest it had been all day to witness a tremendous battle between two evenly skilled teams.

The final result couldn't have been farther than the truth...Owen won a long first set 26-24 and the second set was very similar to the second with Owen also taking the second set 25-23. There were many jaw-dropping moments in the game that had many people wondering if the skill demonstrated on the court were actually that of grade six level, as opposed to grade five students. Elkhorn congratulates McKee and Owen on advancing to the next round and wishes them all the best in their journey to the championships. We would also like to thank all those Elkhorn supporters who cheered us on during each and every point...it was at times, a true difference maker!

We will continue to serve, bump, and set our way through life!

Mr. Tang

