



# The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2016

## School dates for **November**

- 07** Monday – Day 3
- 08** Tuesday – Day 4
- 09** Wednesday – Day 5
- 10** Thursday – Day 1  
Forest Valley – Green/Chun  
Pizza lunch
- 11** Friday – Day 2  
Remembrance Day Assembly

**"Think and Wonder, Wonder and Think" – Dr. Seuss**

### **From the principal**

*Elkhorn had a great Halloween dance-a-thon and Kindergarten parade. The students had lots of fantastic costumes and it was a fun day for everyone.*

*Progress reports are going home on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Interview letters will be going home with your child so that you can schedule a parent teacher interview if you desire.*

*The Elkhorn School Advisory Council meeting has been changed. It will now be occurring on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the regular time. (6:30 – 8:00)*

*Again this is a reminder that as the weather is constantly changing at this time of year please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions as they do go outside for recess and lunch.*

*Have a great weekend,*

*Holly Richards*

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

# Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the official end of the World War 1 hostilities on November 11, 1918. World War 1 was a massive conflict that was played out over the whole globe, but particularly in Europe, where troops from Canada supported the Allied forces.

World War 1 resulted in the loss of huge numbers of lives amongst both civilians and military personnel. Many more people were badly injured. The war left great emotional scars in the servicemen, who had experienced it, and in the communities, whose sons, brothers, fathers, uncles and even grandfathers had died. Remembrance Day commemorates those who died in armed conflicts, particularly in and since World War 1.

In Canada, November 11 is officially called Remembrance Day, but it is also known as Armistice Day and Poppy Day. Remembrance Day is commemorated in many countries, particularly members of the Commonwealth, including Australia and New Zealand (where it is also referred to as Armistice Day). In the United States, Veterans Day falls on the same date. In the United Kingdom, the Sunday closest to November 11 is known as Remembrance Sunday.

## Symbols

Remembrance Day is symbolized by the artificial poppies that people wear and place at war memorials. The poppies may be worn or placed singly or as wreaths. The use of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance comes from a poem written by John McCrae, a Canadian doctor serving in the military. The poem is called In Flanders Fields and describes the poppies growing in the Flemish graveyards where soldiers were buried.

Poppies grow well in soil that has been disturbed. They also grew in large numbers on battle fields. The red color of their petals reminded people of the blood lost by victims of and casualties in the conflict. Some people choose to wear white poppies to campaign for non-military interventions in conflict situations.

Other symbols of Remembrance Day are the war memorials, which are often near the geographical center of communities. These commemorate members of the community, who have died in military action. A particularly well-known memorial is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa, Ontario. The military parades held on November 11 are also symbolic of Remembrance Day.

Elkhorn students will be participating in a Remembrance Day assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Each student will receive a poppy to commemorate this occasion. Donations for the poppy can be handed in to the office or put in the poppy box that will be set up in the gymnasium. All these donations are used to support veterans and their families.



# Parent Teacher Interviews for Progress report cards

As parent teacher interviews will soon be upon us, we encourage you to take this opportunity to find out about your child's progress. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 15th.

Interviews will be occurring on Thursday evening and Friday during the day.

Please contact your child's teacher to *confirm or reschedule* an interview time according to the schedules they have given you.



Below are some questions and tips that you may find useful for the interview.

- Talk to your child about school before the interview if age appropriate. Ask how they think they are doing and how the teacher can help meet their goals.
- Get an idea of what the curriculum is like, the level your child is working at and areas where they are struggling.
- Make a list of what you want to know before you go into the interview. You can even prepare questions ahead of time if it will make you feel more at ease. Knowing what you want to know and writing it down ensures that you don't forget anything, and that you get the information you need in a timely manner.
- Be open and honest. Feel free to add your own observations around your child's behaviour, strengths and weaknesses.
- Find out what they're learning. Ask curriculum questions and find out what your child has learned and what is coming up in the term ahead. Know the skills your child will need to be successful in the term ahead (i.e. knowing how to multiply/divide fractions).
- Ask about strengths and weaknesses and possible problems. Find out about problems before they happen. This information will allow students to get help before they fall behind.
- Find out how often and how much homework is being assigned as it relates to the TDSB's Homework Policy.
- Ask if your child is completing his/her home-work regularly, how long the work assigned should take to complete and does the teacher check the home-work regularly and provide feedback. The answers to these questions will help you better monitor your child's work habits.
- Ask what you can do at home to help your child. Make a commitment to support your child's learning.





## Old Prescription Glasses

If you have any old prescription glasses that you are no longer using we are collecting them in the office. The glasses will be donated to One Sight. Below is some information regarding this organization.

### Leading the Global Movement to Help the World See

With your support, OneSight brings vision care to people across the globe by mobilizing eye care professionals, industry experts, volunteers, and partners. Our shared passion for giving the best care to every patient is what sets us apart. We hold ourselves to the highest standard of care no matter where in the world we are working. This means that patients receive comprehensive eye exams and new, top-quality eyewear that allows them to see, look, and feel their best. Because each community is different, we develop solutions customized to meet local needs. Patients then walk away empowered to give their best to families, employers and communities.

OneSight believes in giving its very best to those that need it most. This belief led us to evaluate the use of recycled eyewear on Vision Clinics and we discovered:

Based on these trends and the changing global landscape on used eyewear, OneSight made the decision to stop dispensing used eyewear on Vision Clinics. Starting in 2014, all OneSight patients receive new eyewear made to their exact prescription! Less than 10% of collected eyewear met our strict quality standards

- Only 2 countries on OneSight's 2013 Clinic schedule even allowed the use of refurbished glasses

Donated eyewear is disassembled and sent to a third party recycler that utilizes the raw materials. OneSight receives modest funds based on weight that supports charitable programs. Here is a link to their site if you would like further information.

<https://onesight.org/>



## Downtown Vocal Music Academy

The Downtown Vocal Music Academy (DVMA) is a specialized school; for students grade 4 to 8. Our students thrive in a supportive learning environment that fosters academic rigour and singing.

Students who have a passion for singing would find the DVMA an ideal school to learn, perform and to develop into responsible, global citizens.

Please join us at our Open House on November 10 and January 12 @ 6:30pm.

**Downtown Vocal Music Academy**  
*of Toronto*

*Learn more about the DVMA!  
Take a tour, meet staff and students.*

**Building Community Through Music**  
**DVMA OPEN HOUSE**  
**November 10, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**  
**January 12, 2017 @ 6:30 PM**  
**96 Denison Ave. Toronto, ON M5T 1E4**

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