



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2016

School dates for **October**

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Monday – Day 5

Cross Country practice – Gr. 4-5 @ 8:05 am
 Cross Country practice – Gr. 2-3 @ 12:15 pm
 Dental screening

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Tuesday – Day 1

Cross Country practice – Gr. 4-5 @ 8:05 am
 Dental screening

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Wednesday – Day 2

Cross Country practice – Gr. 4-5 @ 8:05 am
 Cross Country practice – Gr. 2-3 @ 12:15 pm
 Dental screening

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Thursday – Day 3

Cross Country practice – Gr. 4-5 @ 8:05 am
 Dental screening

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Friday – PA Day

NO SCHOOL

From the principal

"Think and Wonder, Wonder and Think" – Dr. Suess

Amazing news! We have been given the go ahead to open another Kindergarten class that will have 15 students. Staffing for this class is being worked on along with consideration for school organization. Stay tuned for more information once it has been received.

Chapters/Indigo's "Adopt a School Program" is in full swing. It is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for the school and building community partnerships. Thank you to one and all who have already supported this campaign.

Elkhorn's School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be held on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 pm. Alexander Brown, our school Trustee will be in attendance. We will be holding elections that evening.

In spite of the weather, our students participated in Elkhorn's 18th Terry Fox Run. The Kindergarten students will still be doing the run and a date will be set for next week. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped with the event.

On Friday, September 30th, we held out Respect Assembly that incorporated "Orange Shirt Day- Every Child Matters". We tweeted out our school wide picture supporting the day. AWESOME In ORANGE!!!

A reminder that next Friday is a PA Day and there will be no school for our students.

Enjoy the weekend.

Holly Richards

Holly Richards – Principal
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A Message from Elkhorn's School Advisory Council (SAC)

Administration

Thank you to those parents who have graciously signed up as General Members for Elkhorn's SAC - we are looking forward to working with all of you!

The Executive is still seeking someone to fulfill the Secretary position. There are also many Coordinator positions that may be shared among parent volunteers; please visit our website, www.elkhornschoolcouncil.ca for more information. Any parents who are still interested in being involved, please email us at chair@elkhornschoolcouncil.ca.

Formal elections will be held at the next SAC meeting on October 17, 2016. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend, childcare will be provided.

Pizza Lunch

BOO!

The first pizza lunch party will be a Halloween Monster Mash on Monday, October 31. We are in the final stages of completing the new pizza lunch online ordering system, so stay tuned to learn more about the upcoming details of the new ordering process.

Terry Fox Run

Millions of students across Canada take part in Terry Fox School Runs every year, making it one of the largest fundraising events in Canada.

Also known as the Marathon of Hope, the Terry Fox Run celebrates Terry's legacy while raising money for cancer research. ***A big thank you to Elkhorn students for supporting this great cause and to parents who volunteered their time to this important event.***

Just remember, "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!"

Terry Fox Day

In spite of the inclement weather Terry Fox Day still went off at our school.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the event and to everyone who contributed with their donations.

We would like to send a thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to make the day a great success.

We couldn't have done it without all of you and of course without the courage and determination of Terry Fox to inspire all of us.



Dental Screening



This is a reminder to all of our parents/guardians that dental screening will begin on Monday.

If you do not wish to have your child participate in the screening please inform the office so that we may inform the Toronto Public Health staff.

Picture Day

Picture day will be on:
Monday, October 24th.

Re-takes have been scheduled for **Thursday, November 17th.**



PA Day

Please note that Friday, October 7th is a PA Day and there will be No School on this day.

Happy Thanksgiving



Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.
Melody Beattie

We would like to wish all of our Elkhorn families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated in Canada and the United States. It was originally celebrated as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada.

School will be closed on Monday, October 10th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Rosh Hashanah



We would like to acknowledge the celebration of Rosh Hashanah and to wish a [Happy New Year](#) to all of the families in our community who are celebrating this important holiday.

Rosh Hashanah is the start of the Yamim Nora'im (High Holidays). The season of the High Holidays is a time for an epic journey for the soul, and Rosh Hashanah is where it all begins.

Families who are celebrating the Jewish New Year will be participating in prayers and the eating of symbolic foods such as challah bread, apples dipped in honey, honey cake and new fruit (usually pomegranate) during their celebration.

Happy Navaratri



Navaratri is a festival dedicated to the worship of the Hindu deity Durga. The word *Navaratri* means 'nine nights' in Sanskrit, *nava* meaning nine and *ratri* meaning nights.

During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Devi are worshipped. The tenth day is commonly referred to as Vijayadashami or "Dussehra" (also spelled Dasera). Navaratri is an important major festival and is celebrated all over India and Nepal.

Navaratri begins on October 1st.

Orange Shirt Day & Respect Assembly

Today's assembly was a day for us to learn, remember, reflect and share about how Residential Schools impacted many Canadians.

It began in 2013 in Williams Lake B.C. as an opportunity for the Survivors to come together and remember and heal. Now it is an event that is held annually on September 30th across Canada.

The presentation at today's assembly told us about the children at the residential schools who lost what made them special and about how they were forced to be something they were not.

We must now try to remember that what happened in the past was wrong and to never make someone feel like they don't matter. It is important to let everyone of us shine and to embrace and share what makes us special.

Special thanks to Evan who spoke at the assembly about his personal experiences as being someone whose heritage is part of the Indigenous people of Canada.



Dear Parents,

I would like to personally invite you to join me and our literacy team in making a difference in the lives of our children here at Elkhorn Public School by supporting us in the upcoming Indigo Adopt a School program.

From September 18 – October 9, 2016 we are excited to have been adopted by Chapters Bayview Village. This means that our library will be the benefactor of their in store fundraising and our additional community support through the adoptaschool.indigo.ca online fundraising platform.

There are two ways that our community can support our school online at adoptaschool.indigo.ca. Through *Book Bonus* or *Tell a Story, Give a Story*, the Foundation is matching your support up to 50 additional books for every participating school! This means, if you give 2 books to our school, the Foundation will add an extra book to your donation, up to 40 books! Or if you, Tell a Story, Give a Story for FREE the Foundation will match an additional book for each featured story, up to 10 books! That's 50 extra books that could be added to our library!

Through the Indigo Adopt a School program all fund raised go directly to that participating school and all participating schools receive a 30% discount off books when they shop at Indigo, Chapters and Coles.

As you know our current annual library budget is \$7.00 per student. Using the funds received through the program we are hoping to purchase additional resources to support the passion for literacy at our school.

Please let me know if you have any questions and please visit adoptaschool.indigo.ca from September 18 to October 9, 2016 to show your support for our library! I look forward to surprising the staff and children at Elkhorn Public School with all the new library books this year!

Sincerely,

Holly Richards
Principal

