



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

School dates for **September**

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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

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Tuesday – Day 1

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

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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

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Thursday – Day 3

Cross Country practice – Gr. 4-5 @ 8:05 am
TERRY FOX DAY

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Friday – Day 4

Cross Country practice – Gr. 4-5 @ 8:05 am
Cross Country practice – Gr. 2-3 @ 12:15 pm
Elkhorn Orange Shirt day

From the principal

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

Great things are happening at Elkhorn.

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.

Elkhorn's School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting happened on Monday, September 19th at 6:30 pm. It was a fantastic turnout that led to discussions of addressing how to replace the Big Playscape. More details and how to get involved will be forthcoming.

*On **September 29th** we will participate in Elkhorn's 18th Terry Fox Run. A letter has been sent home with the schedule of when our students will be out on the field. Parents are welcome to join us in this amazing opportunity.*

On our school website calendar we had listed the first Pizza Lunch to be held on September 29th. That day has been changed and the first Pizza Lunch will be on October 13th.

On Friday, September 30th, we will be having a Respect Assembly that will incorporate "Orange Shirt Day- Every Child Matters". If possible please have your child wear orange. We are looking to do a school wide picture if the weather permits.

I will continue to communicate with all of you regarding possible realignment. I expect to have more information by next week.

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

Forms

If you have not completed your first day package forms please complete and return them to your child's teacher ASAP.



Verification Forms

Verification forms have gone home with the students. Please review these forms carefully and correct or add any missing information and return them ASAP.



It is important for the office to have the most up to date information regarding your child.

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 in the office with the medication.



Dental Screening

A form has gone home with information about the dental screening which will be occurring at the school from October 3rd until October 6th.

Once completed, only parents whose children are identified as requiring dental services will be notified of follow up recommendations.

Adopt a school

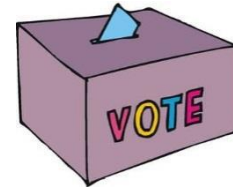


Indigo's love of reading foundation Adopt a School has once again selected Elkhorn to take part in their fundraising program to support the school's library. We need your support to make this a successful fundraising program and to put one new book in the hands of every child at our school.

There are 3 Easy Ways for you to support the school.

From September 18th to October 9th ...

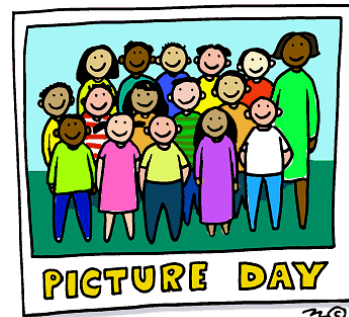
1. Adopt our school every day by going to adoptaschool.indigo.ca and search for our school then adopt us.



2. Donate online at adoptaschool.ca

3. Share Use Facebook, Twitter or email to get your friends and family to adopt our school every day for FREE.

Save the date...



Monday, October 24th.

Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters

on September 30th

Join us and hundreds of others across Canada and wear an orange shirt on **Friday, September 30** to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remember those that didn't.

Every Child Matters. We will wear orange shirts in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

The Story Behind Orange Shirt Day

"I went to the Mission for one year. I had just turned 6 years old. We never had very much money, and there was no welfare, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission School in. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had eyelets and lace, and I felt so pretty in that shirt and excited to be going to school!

Of course, when I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt. I never saw it again, except on other kids. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine!

Since then the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years...I want my orange shirt back!"

Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, Dog Creek,

This orange shirt taken from one child, is a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students, and their families and communities, over several generations including: loss of family, language, culture, freedom, parenting, self-esteem and worth and painful experiences of abuse and neglect. Wearing orange shirts are a symbol of defiance against those things that undermine children's self-esteem, and of our commitment to anti-racism and anti-bullying in general.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year that children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Wearing an orange shirt and promoting the slogan, Every Child Matters, is an affirmation of our commitment to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure that every child matters as we focus on our hope for a better future in which children are empowered to help each other. Let's not forget the children but honour them on September 30th.

Learn more:

Legacy of Hope <http://www.legacyofhope.ca/>

Reconciliation of Canada <http://reconciliationcanada.ca/>