



The Elkhorn Express

YOUR SCHOOLS' INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 09, 2016

School dates for **September**

12 Monday – Day 5

13 Tuesday – Day 1
International Languages registration
3:30 pm (Gym)

14 Wednesday – Day 2

15 Thursday – Day 3

16 Friday – Day 4

From the principal

“Think and Wonder, Wonder and Think” – Dr. Suess

Welcome back to Elkhorn, and for our new families it is great to have you join our school.

Already things are moving forward as we are launching our “Adopt A School Program” on September 18th sponsored by Chapters. More information on this fundraising initiative is listed later in the Express.

Elkhorn’s School Advisory Council (SAC) will be meeting on Monday, September 19th at 6:30 pm. It will involve Council Elections. Details for positions on the Council are available in the newsletter.

*On **September 29th** we will participate in Elkhorn’s 18th Terry Fox Run.*

Parents please be aware that for any visit to the school you are asked to make the office your first stop. This includes visits at lunch and to the portables. Also, please do not enter portables after school without teacher invitation.

As mentioned in my letter, we may be realigning our classes and I am working closely with the Board on this matter. Please check Elkhorn’s website frequently for updates.

I look forward to an exciting productive school year.

Holly Richards

Holly Richards – Principal
Holly.Richards@tdsb.on.ca

To report a student absence or late call 416-395-9501
or email Kim at Kimberley.daley@tdsb.on.ca

Forms

An envelope containing many important TDSB forms that requires your attention has been sent home with your child. These forms need to be completed, signed and returned to your child's teacher by Monday, September 19.



Please try to fill out the forms and return them as quickly as possible as they contain important information for the school year.

Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent or late for school please call Elkhorn's **Safe Arrival** line @ **416-395-9501**, and leave your child's name, teacher and the reason for the absence or late.



You may leave messages at this number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (Please do not call the main school number with Safe Arrival messages)

Alternatively, you can also email Kim at Kimberley.daley@tdsb.on.ca and leave your message this way if you prefer.

Please help us to ensure that all children have arrived safely at school by using the Safe Arrival reporting procedure each time your child is absent or late.

Safe arrivals...what happens if you forget?

If you do not let the school office know about your child's absence or lateness, the system will call you for each reporting period (**morning & afternoon attendance**).

Here's how it works:

1. System will call the student's listed "Home" number
If someone picks up and follows all the prompts, no other calls will be made
- If no one picks up, or all prompts are not followed, the system "cascades"
2. Cascade = system calls all numbers for both parents 3 times
3. System generates a report and notifies the school which students had successful call-outs and which students need follow up.

****NOTE**** Once the system starts the call-out process, it cannot be stopped by the school.

Health and Safety

Epi pens

If your child requires an epi pen please make sure the office and your child's teacher is informed and aware of your child's needs.

Students should carry their epi pen with them at all times and provide an extra one to be stored in the office. Please provide one to the office immediately with your child's name on it.

Epi pens kept in the school need to be replaced by parents when they reach the expiry date.

Anaphylaxis

There are students in our school who have potentially life-threatening allergies to foods. These foods are predominantly peanuts or nuts.

Please do not send peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts to school in your child's lunch or snack.



Elkhorn is a nut free school and it is for the safety of our children that we follow this policy.

A medical form has been sent home with your child to be filled out and returned to the school in order to inform us of any allergies or health concerns that your child may have.

Please keep the school updated with any changes to your child's medical information.

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 with the medication upon completion.





Each month our school will focus on a TDSB “Building Character Building Success” theme. In the month of September the theme is RESPECT.

Throughout the month teachers will be discussing this theme in their classrooms. PA announcements will also be made daily reflecting this theme.

Teachers will be looking for student actions that demonstrate the theme of respect both inside and outside of the classroom.



School
Council

greetings from the
Elkhorn School Council

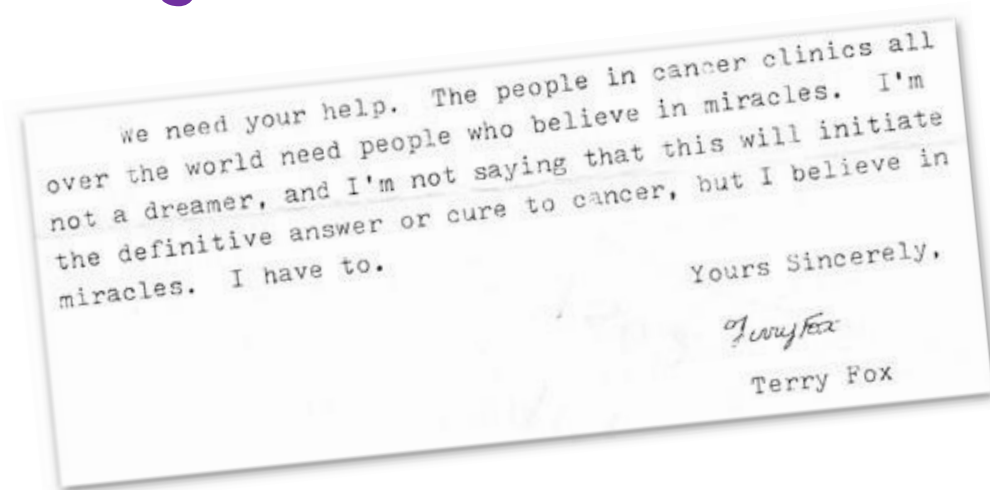
Welcome to the 2016/2017 school year at Elkhorn Public School.

The School Council needs many parent volunteers to help make this year a memorable one. We are very fortunate to be part of a vibrant school community with many events and extra activities. The success of all Elkhorn events and fundraisers relies largely upon the financial and voluntary efforts of *all* parents.

Our first GENERAL council meeting will be in the school gym at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 19th.

Please attend - this is your chance to get important updates from our Principal and the School Council on decisions that are being made to support the learning and growth of our student body.

Terry Fox Run



This will be the **18th** consecutive year that the Elkhorn community has supported The Terry Fox Foundation and the legacy of Terry Fox. To date the community and students have raised **\$55,060.91** dollars to support the foundation.

Last year the Elkhorn community raised **\$2469.05**.

This year's run will take place on **Thursday, September 29th**. (Rain date **Friday, September 30th**)
The Run will take place after morning announcements (approx. 9:10am).

All children from JK to Grade 5 are invited to participate.

Online fundraising

Our school is set up on the Terry Fox Foundation website to receive online donations. Donations can be made to our school by going to terryfox.org/nationalschoolrunday and searching for our school's name.

If you do not wish to make an online donation but would still like to donate you or your child can pick up a pledge sheet in the school's office anytime.



Adopt a School!

It another exciting year of transforming children's lives 1 book at a time.

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.

All participating schools receive:

- Every dollar raised to support our students and school library
- Eligibility for a match of up to 50 books from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation
- 30% off books at Indigo, Chapters and Coles stores when using program donations

Launching September 18th

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.

BOOK BONUS

For every 2 books you donate online the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation will give an extra bonus book to the selected school.

TELL A STORY, GIVE A STORY

Share your story about reading or why your local school matters. If your story is featured the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation will give on your behalf.

(Up to 10 books for each school)





School Council

Elections will be held in the gymnasium at Elkhorn on
Monday, September 19th at 6:30pm
 All are welcome – babysitting is available

The SAC currently has the following positions available:

Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Council is an executive officer of the Council. The Treasurer is a voting member who performs the same duties as other Council members, in addition to performing duties which include,

- ensure that the Council funds are kept separate from personal funds;
- ensure that proper accounting records are maintained for all revenues and expenses;
- arrange for payment of the Council's expenses and deposits of the Council revenues;
- monitor the status of the funds on a monthly basis by preparing and keeping current a cash flow report, reconciling the report with the bank statement and preparing budget reports;
- report the status of the funds to the Council members at each Council meeting;
- act as signing authority on the Council's bank account; and
- attend the Council meetings.

Secretary

The Secretary is an executive officer of the Council. The Secretary is a voting member who performs the same duties as other Council members, in addition to performing duties which include,

- record the Council meeting minutes; prepare and distribute meeting minutes prior to each council meeting;
- provide an electronic copy of draft meeting minutes to the members of the Council in attendance at such meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the next upcoming Council meeting and receive any comments from members that were in attendance on such draft minutes;
- file a copy of approved meeting minutes in the school office for examination by anyone without charge;
- maintain council website including the posting of meeting minutes;
- maintaining the calendar of events;
- maintain SAC documents regarding by-laws, policies and procedures; and
- maintain current member listing with current contact information

Volunteer Coordinator

- Enters names and availability of parent volunteers into database
- Advertises at local high schools to collect names of potential student volunteers (who gain credit for community service)
- Connects event coordinators with volunteers as needed

General Members

- participate in at least 1 school council committee or event
- contribute to the discussions of the school council, vote on council affairs
- solicit the views of other parents and members of the community to share with the school council
- Attend and contribute regularly at all school council meetings
- Act as a link between the school council and the community
- Participate in information and training
- Fulfill their duties
- Follow the operating rules/guidelines as agreed upon by the council including the guidelines for resolving differences of opinion
- Encourage others within the school community to participate in the activities of the council
- Communicate with various communities in the school and work towards removing any barriers to the participation of all members of the school community