



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Elnora School

THIS MONTH

Principal's Message

October always makes me feel grateful. The beautiful fall colors, a successful harvest for our farmers, and the sense of routine we've found at school all remind me of how much we have to appreciate. I'm excited to see Elnora School come alive with the Turkey Trot, Halloween fun, and more in class learning opportunities in October.

In our classrooms, things are going strong. We've had our fire drills and lockdown practices, made a few small schedule adjustments to keep everything running smoothly and are creating a welcoming learning environment for all. . Thank you to our staff for making connections with our students and setting up for a successful year.

Extra curricular activities involve volleyball! I'm thrilled that we have enough students for a volleyball team this year including grades 6-8 and both girls and boys! A huge shoutout to Mrs. Hoppins and Mrs. Kadar for making that happen.

Our footprints have led us into solid learning routines and finding joy in our days. Our yearly focus is: "Where will your feet take you?" Next, we'll be focusing on spreading kindness throughout our school and community; keep your eyes open for kindness!

As we soak in these beautiful fall days, I hope you take time to enjoy the little moments and all the beauty around us!

I am thankful for this amazing school of students, staff, and families who all have our students' best interests at the heart of their work.

Warmest Regards,
Sarah Hogg, Principal
~live~laugh~learn~



OUR STAFF

Kindergarten - Mrs. P
Grade 1/2 - Ms. Ward
Grade 3/4 - Ms. Moxness
Grade 5/6 - Mrs. Hogg
Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Hoppins
E.A.- Ms. Harder, Miss Shara
Administrative Support - Miss Kelly
Custodian - Aggie
YES - MJ
FSWW - Zeljka
IT - Tyler

COMING SOON

1 - EA Appreciation Day
2 - Custodian Appreciation Day
3 - Photo retakes / last day to order Edo
4 - Volleyball (leave @ 1:30)/ Teacher's Day
8 - Hat day/Turkey Trot/Edo Hot lunch
10 - Volleyball practice @ 3:30 -4:45
11 - Non-instructional day (no school)
14- Thanksgiving Day (no school)
16 - Volleyball practice @ 3:30 -4:45
17 - School Council Meeting @ 3:30
18 - Foodtastic Friday
23 - Volleyball Game vs Delburne 3:30
25 - Professional Learning Day (no school)
28 - Kinder Monday - Pumpkin Carving
31 - Halloween Dress-up and Activities



BREAKFAST/LUNCH/SNACK

We are really excited and grateful to be able to continue running this program. We know how important it is to have a healthy breakfast to feed our young minds. We also understand how difficult it is some mornings to get food into our children before school. Having this program ensures that all of our students get a good breakfast before we start our day here at the Elnora school. Donations are always welcome and appreciated! The Mustard Seed is a valuable resource for our Students. We get nutritious food delivered 2 days a week to help our students when lunch or snacks are forgotten. Also, continuing this year is our school's 3 o'clock snack bins during Homeroom. This opportunity has helped students regulate their emotions at day's end and come home with less hunger. These food programs combined with, the Parent Council who bring lots of food and snacks to ensure each child in our care is never without as part of the "Forgotten lunch" program,, care for all our students needs. . We are grateful for these programs and look forward to giving back to the Mustard Seed and our community throughout the year.

HOOR ZERO - SAFETY

While schools are considered to be one of the safest places in our communities, in reality emergencies can occur anywhere, at any time. Chinook's Edge takes seriously the responsibility to maintain readiness to respond to emergencies, and prioritize student and staff safety in our buildings.

Starting in September 2024, Chinook's Edge has adopted the use of Hour-Zero, which is a school emergency program, used by agencies throughout North America.

While we have always had safety plans in place, through Hour-Zero we have access to the same language used by emergency responders in our community. Also, Hour-Zero's ongoing staff training and support are valuable tools for us.

Each school has an on-site emergency response team, which is supported by the division emergency response team. Staff is trained on emergency protocols with drills being practiced at each school to ensure students and staff are prepared to act quickly and to minimize confusion and fear in a real emergency.

We invite you to take a moment to review this guide for parents / guardians, which outlines protocols and language we will use in emergency situations, as well as how we will communicate with you. Also, on the Chinook's Edge website here, there is a video summary of what you can expect.

4 SEASONS OF RECONCILIATION

I am happy to share some info regarding the 4 Seasons online course. We will have 2 sign up intakes this year (fall and winter) for staff and school community members (School Councils, parents and families). This will allow time for people to complete the course before we lose access to it at the end of June.

- Fall Intake: Deadline for sign up is Friday, October 11.
- Winter Intake: Deadline for sign up will be Friday, January 24th.

4 Seasons of Reconciliation is a unique 3-hour online course that promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous peoples and Canadians through transformative learning about truth and reconciliation.

This multimedia course provides a basic, foundational knowledge on truth and reconciliation that nearly all Canadians missed during their education journey, and is intended for Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners. The course and its bonus video library shine a bright light on the contributions of Indigenous peoples, debunk myths, stereotypes and racism while meeting the Calls to Action in the workplace and our lives from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). Watch this [video](#) to learn more.

How can I access this learning opportunity?

- CESD staff have been engaged in this learning for the past year and we are pleased to be able to offer this amazing online learning experience free to our School Council members and parents in this final year of our contract
- You can sign up for the fall intake to this course by clicking on and completing this [Fall Intake Registration](#) form by October 11, 2024.
- Your name and email address will be shared with 4 Seasons of Reconciliation and you will receive a welcome email with login information and instructions on how to access your course by October 21st.
- Simply follow the instructions and dive into the course. You may complete the course in one sitting (yes, it's that engaging!) or go in and out as many times as you like.
- You have until June 27, 2025 to complete the course.
- If you miss our fall intake deadline of October 11, you can sign up in the January intake.

On behalf of CESD and the Indigenous Learning Team, we thank you for taking the time to join our staff in this learning and the work of reconciliation.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council meetings will take place the third Thursday of the month, right after school at 3:30 pm. This is a time to be involved with your child's schooling, learn about playground fundraising, and other fundraising opportunities, receive messages about the school and school division through our trustee DeAnne, and updates from the teachers and principal. To aid you in coming to these meetings, we have collaborated with MJ (Y.E.S.) to offer after-school programming if you attend these meetings.

Chair - Brittany Swanson

Vice Chair - Jessica Mose

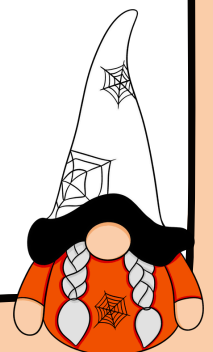
Secretary - Stacey Frere

Treasurer - Amanda Statts

Directors - Kathleen Readshaw, Alyse Swanson, Carley Gailing

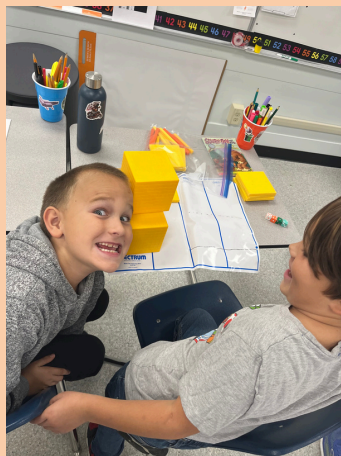
Hot lunch - Alyse Swanson

Join the Elnora School Council page on Facebook for more information.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 National Day for Truth	1 EA Day	2 Custodian Volleyball practice -	3 Photo retake	4 Volleyball tournament at Didsbury	5
6	7	8 EDO Hot lunch (order) Hat Day Turkey Trot 1pm	9 3:30pm - Volleyball	10	11 Non Instructional Day	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day	15	16 3:30pm - Volleyball	17 3:30pm - School	18 12:30pm - Foodtastic	19
20	21	22	23 4pm - Volleyball Game	24	25 Professional Learning	26
27	28 Kinder Monday	29	30 3:30pm - Volleyball	31 1pm - Halloween		





LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



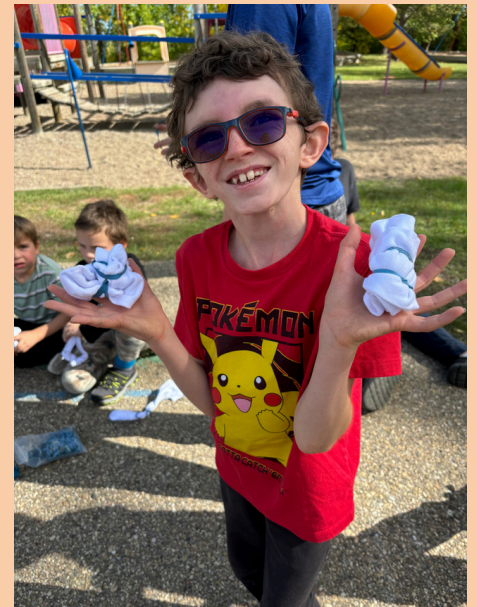
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES – WHERE WILL YOUR FEET TAKE YOU?





**TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION -
EVERY CHILD MATTERS**



**TRADES
COMING
SOON!**