
Elora Public School

Newsletter

February, 2012



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Steve Viveiros, Principal

Andy Hill, Vice Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to all of our friends and families at Elora Public. Here at the school, we have had a great start to 2012. The teachers and students came back from holidays well rested and ready for more fun and learning!

Elora P.S. is certainly a busy place this time of year. Be sure to look over the calendar for all of the exciting events that will be taking place. Basketball, art club, intermediate ski trip, grade 6 camping trip, salad days and sub days are just a few of the awesome things happening in the coming weeks. Two important dates to remember are February 9 when reports go home and February 20 which is Family Day. On another note, if you know of any families who have a child who will be turning 4 in 2012, please let them know that registration is the week of February 6-10. Remember, no experience necessary!

As a new year arises, many people reflect on goals and changes they wish to make in that year. These resolutions come in many different forms and often include making healthier lifestyle choices. At the school, we have taken the opportunity to reinforce this mindset and have asked all of our students to become members of the "3 up 2 down" program. Many of you may be aware of this program as students and staff have worked to spread the word of the importance of making healthy choices. Talk to your children about the program and take the initiative as a family to join us.

As always, Mr. Viveiros and I are here if you ever have any questions or things you would like to discuss.

Mr. Hill
Vice-Principal

Important Reminder

It was noted by one of our parents that there is an error in our correspondence with regards to when supervision starts on the school yard. The information will be updated on our website. Morning outdoor supervision starts at 8:35 a.m.

Salad Days

We would like to once again offer a **B I G** "THANK YOU" to Fraberts Fresh Food in Fergus and parent volunteers for their generous contributions to our Salad Day lunches. You have helped to make Salad Days great and very successful at our school.

Grade 9 Option Sheets

This is a reminder for our Grade 8 students. Whether students are planning to attend College Heights Secondary School or Centre Wellington District High School in the Fall, the option sheets are due at Elora PS by Friday, February 17th.

Are You Planning a Move???

If you know that you will be moving and that your child(ren) will be attending another school in September, please contact Mrs. Thompson in the office. This will help us in setting up our classes for next year.

Kindergarten Registration for Sept. 2012

Registration for new students for Kindergarten in September, 2012 will take place during the week of February 6 - 10.

We have set Wednesday, February 8th for Kindergarten registration day. Please come between 9 am – 4 pm to register. If this is inconvenient please come any day during the week 😊

Please bring your child's birth certificate, their yellow immunization card, and proof of residence to the office. If you know of a family with a child who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2012, please encourage them to register their child for Junior Kindergarten during this time.



Changes in Student Information

It is extremely important that we are able to get in touch with you throughout the year. Please keep us informed of any changes in student information: i.e., address & home phone number, parents' work numbers and emergency information.

Recycling Project at Elora

Elora PS is still recycling laser and inkjet cartridges as a fund raiser. Cell phones and digital cameras will also generate some money. Please deposit any items in the collection box located in the main office. Cell phone accessories will not generate money but the company will recycle the items. For every 24 items that qualify for the program *Think Recycle* will plant a tree through *Trees Canada* in our name. If you are unable to drop off printer cartridges at the school please take them to your local Staples and deposit them in the *Recycle for Education* bin.

If you have any questions please contact Alison Kuntz (519) 846-1995

Safe Arrival Phone Calls on Bus Cancellation Days

In order to ensure the safety of students, the Upper Grand District School Board has a "Safe Arrival Policy". We are required to contact parents when students do not arrive at school and there is not a note or phone call from the parent ahead of time to notify us of the student's absence.



Thank you to parents of "walkers" who have called in to let us know when your child(ren) will be away on bus cancellation days. Please note that we do not require a phone call from parents of bus students.

On bus cancellation days, we do continue with regular programming for our students and during these times our students may indeed receive extra individual and small group instruction. When students come to school in the morning they are required to stay here until the final bell rings in the afternoon, unless we receive a note or a phone call from the parent telling us of a different plan.

Intermediate Ski Days

This is a reminder that we have two ski days scheduled for Grade 7 and 8 students: Feb. 9th and 10th. We will have regular programming here at the school for those students who are not attending the ski trips.



Grade 8 Quebec Trip

This is a friendly reminder that the second installment, \$250, for the Grade 8 trip is due Feb 3rd to Mrs. Hall. Please make cheques payable to *Elora Public School* with the student's full name and homeroom in the memo section. It has also been requested that the cheque not be stapled to another piece of paper. The 3rd installment of \$250 will be due on March 23rd.



Grocery Tapes

Elora PS continues to save up grocery tapes from Zehrs and L&M. If you have a bunch collected, please send them in to your child's teacher. We will be doing a big collection later in the year. We do need folks to assist in the counting and tallying of tapes when that time comes. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kroetsch. Thanks for helping support Elora Public School.

Dogs on School Property

We have a number of parents who bring their dogs when they come to drop off or pick up students. You are reminded that if you bring your dogs onto school property, they must be kept on a leash. This rule is made in the interest of safety for all of our students. Thank you for your co-operation.



A Reminder About Snowballs on School Property

In order to maintain a safe environment for all of our students, snowballs are not allowed to be thrown at school. If you could please support us by reminding your child(ren) of this rule that would be greatly appreciated.





Time to Replenish School Supplies

Mid-way through the school year may be a good time to replenish those supplies that were bought in Sept.(e.g., pencils, crayons, glue, paper, rulers etc.).

UGDSB Recognizes February as Black History Month

Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, during Black History Month.

Black History Month exists to remind us all of the rich contributions within our society from people of African and Caribbean decent, and of their ongoing struggle for equity and social justice. This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of black Canadians in our society and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

The Harvest Table - The Butcher Shop

Shop at The Harvest Table - Elora and support your child's school.

Here's how it works:

When you make a \$50.00 purchase at The Harvest Table, 3% will be donated to your child's school that month. When you make a \$100.00 purchase at The Harvest Table, 5% will be donated to your child's school that month. To date we have received \$146.83. Thank You for your support.

International Student Exchange (I.S.E.) for 2013

The deadline to submit a student application for the exchange to France in 2013 is due to Mr. Montgomery by February 28. Applications can be downloaded from the ISE website (<http://www.iseontario.on.ca/elementary.htm>)

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back Mis Hornett from her medical leave. Miss Hornett will be transitioning back to her role over the next few months as she will be volunteering in the Gr. 4 classroom.

SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR STAYING WARM IN COLD WEATHER!

1. Do not wear cotton or polyester/cotton fabrics next to your skin. Cotton absorbs moisture and therefore will get cold lying against your skin. This will lead to rapid loss of heat which could cause hypothermia in very cold weather. A good investment is a fleece vest as it will keep the heart and body warm which results in warmer blood being sent out to the body's extremities. Fleece is very good as it "wicks" moisture away from your skin quickly. Down jackets are great insulators if they do not get wet. But . . . WOOL is the best by far! It traps warm, dry air next to your skin keeping air from moving across your body.
2. Always dress in layers. Several thin layers are warmer than one heavy layer. You can always remove or add on layers as you need and therefore you can better regulate your core body temperature.
3. You can lose a lot of body heat through your head so it is important to wear a hat and one that can cover your ears if needed.
4. Wearing a scarf also will warm the air before you breathe it in.
5. Wearing mittens (instead of gloves) and long thick wool or polypropylene socks will protect your hands and feet from the cold. Hands and feet are the hardest places to keep warm blood flowing to.
6. Keep hydrated and make sure you eat a healthy diet so your body temperature stays at a normal level. Dehydration affects your body's ability to regulate body heat and increases risk of frostbite. Water is just as important in the winter as it is in the summer.
7. If you get wet remove clothes immediately and warm the core body temperature with a blanket and warm fluids (soup or hot apple cider). Do not drink caffeine or alcohol as they are diuretics and increases heat loss.

Thinking of going away this March break?

Bed bugs don't make good souvenirs, so don't bring them home when traveling. Check beds for live bugs, and for blood spots on sheets, mattresses and walls. Keep personal items off the floor and away from the bed, and examine your belongings before heading home.

Have a question? Need to report a problem with bed bugs? Call Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4617 or email info@wdgpublichealth.ca



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Sunday

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Saturday

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Gr 7 salad day



Gr 8 salad day



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Grade 8 Grad Photos

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2nd installment due to Quebec Trip - \$250.00

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Kindergarten Registration Week



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Sub Day

Kindergarten Registration Day
9 am - 4 pm

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Reports Go Home
Intermediate Ski trip
6:30 am



3:25 Mad Science

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3:25 Mad Science

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Gr 9 Option Sheets DUE

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20 Family Day - School Closed



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Sub Day

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3:25 Mad Science

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6:30 School Council Mtg

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ISE France exchange due to Mr. Montgomery

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Gr 6 go to Ki-Wa-Y camp

February 29 - March 3: Grade 6 Ki-Wa-Y camp

March 12 - 16: March Break