

ELORA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Steve Viveiros, Principal

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was wonderful to see all the family and friends that attended our Christmas concert on Dec. 7th. The performances by our students were very inspiring and definitely got us into the season of the holidays. The evening was a huge success due to the many efforts of staff, students, and school council members. Profits generated from this event will help support Amnesty International and our Playground Enhancement Project.

Have a wonderful holiday, a Merry Christmas, and best wishes for the upcoming New Year!

Thank you from the Elora Public School Student Amnesty Club

So far this year we have had two main activities and accomplishments: *Autumn Letter Writing Campaign* and our *December Art Auction*

Autumn Letter Writing Campaign (Writing for Rights)

We wrote over twenty-five letters to the Government of Mexico to help persuade it to release women who were arrested for demanding basic human rights in their country that are part of the United Nations Charter of Human Rights.

December Art Auction



We held our annual Art Auction recently to raise money for Amnesty International Canada. Thank you to our art teacher, Mrs. Hull, for donating the lovely print of a wolf to our auction. We would like to congratulate our winner, Lloyd Philips. Combined with the generous donation from our School Council and our art Auction we will be able to forward 300.00 to Amnesty International Canada .

Quebec Payment

2nd Quebec payment is due on February 3, 2012. \$250 for grade 8 students

Please make cheque out to Elora Public School Quebec Trip. Student's name and class should be put on the front of the cheque

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for new students for Kindergarten in September, 2012 will take place during the week of Monday, February 6 - 10 . We have designated the 8th between 9am -4pm as our formal registration day. If you are not available on this day, please feel free to register at another time during this week. Please bring your child's birth certificate, proof of address and their yellow immunization card to the office. If you know of a family with a child who will be 4 prior to January, 2012, please encourage them to register the child for Junior Kindergarten.

Dressing for the Great Outdoors

Our daily timetable has two nice long thirty minute recesses for students to enjoy the snow and play with friends on our playground. Parents and students are reminded that wearing appropriate outdoor clothing makes these outdoor times much more enjoyable. When sending your child to school, please ensure they are arriving with the "winter essentials" to make sure that they are comfortable outside during the day.



Upper Grand Learning Foundation - Tax Deductible Donations to Support Elora P.S.

Parents and other community members who are interested in helping to support our school may do so by contributing to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation. 100% of the donations made to this foundation in our name will come directly to our school. Please make cheques payable to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation and send them to our school. Receipts will be issued from the foundation. If you wish your donation to go towards a specific program or specific resource4s (for example, we have had parents donate specifically to the Music program or to the Library), please include a letter with your donation to let us know your wishes. Thank you for your generous support.

Campbell Soup Labels



We continue to collect labels from Campbell Soup in hopes of one day saving enough to purchase something special for the school. Please continue to send these in to the school with your child(ren)

Bus Reminders



Students are not allowed to change buses and walkers are not allowed to travel on buses, unless there is an emergency situation. Such cases must be pre-approved by the school principal. Students are to get off of their bus at their regular stop unless they bring a note, signed by their parent, and approved by the principal. Students who arrive at school by bus are expected to return home by bus. Written permission by a parent is required for any change in this routine.

Picking Students Up During the Day

Often students need to leave early from school to attend appointments or special activities. Please write a note to your child's teacher if there is a change in their schedule which requires them to leave the school at an alternative time. This note is passed onto the office staff so they are aware of the change in schedule and intermediate students are provided with an "excuse slip" to leave class early at the designated time. When students leave class early they come to the office to await being picked up. When you come to pick up your child, we require that you come into the school and sign them out. This is a very important process for the school because it ensures that we are monitoring students exiting the building as well as ensuring that your child safely connects with you, their parent. Thank you with your ongoing support with this process.

How many absences is too many?

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Sue Bagnell, Attendance Counsellor with the Upper Grand District School Board. It provides some guidelines for the amount of time that students might miss during a school year.

An attendance councillor often talks to students and parents about a "twenty day rule". If a student misses two days each month of the school year they will have missed 20 days by the end of the year. If this pattern is repeated every year until a student reaches the age of sixteen, they have likely missed about 220 school days

or more than one full year of instruction. Gaps like this will likely make it difficult for many students to be successful.

While there is not a “magic number” as to how many days students can miss and still keep up, it is best to encourage regular and punctual attendance. Sending work home cannot replace the instruction, learning experiences and rich discussions that happen on a day to day basis in classrooms. Being late for school can be just as detrimental as missing an entire day as important.

Lost and Found

“Lost and Found” items will be displayed in the front foyer at the end of each month. Please encourage your child(ren) to have a look for items that belong to them. Parents are also welcome to stop in and see if you recognize any missing items.

Inclement Weather Policy

It is a parent/guardian’s responsibility to determine whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school in inclement or severe weather. Parents/Guardians must be aware of the following:

- a. When a bus does not travel a route in the morning due to fog, ice or snow conditions, it will not travel that route in the afternoon.
- b. If a parent/guardian elects to drive their child(ren) to school on a day when buses do not run, they are responsible for pick-up of the children at dismissal time.
- c. Walkers are expected at school on Inclement Weather Days. If your child is a walker and you elect to keep them home please call the school and leave a message on ext. 100

Note:

Please listen to the radio for news of bus cancellations and/or school closure.

OR

www.ugdsb.on.ca Scroll down to school bus cancellations and school closures

Recycling laser and inkjet cartridges

Elora PS will once again be recycling laser and inkjet cartridges as an ongoing fundraiser.

Cell phones and digital cameras will also generate some \$\$\$. Please deposit any items in the collection box located at the main office. Cell phone accessories will not generate \$\$\$ 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. Elora PS is also registered with this program.

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

CWDHS Parent Information Night

January 19 @ 6:30 pm

College Heights Open House

January 18 @ 6:30 pm

Grade 8 GRAD Photos

February 1st @ 9 am

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

January 2012

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Gr 7 salad day



Gr 8 salad day

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Sub Day

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Mad Science presentation for Gr 1-6 @ 1:40 pm



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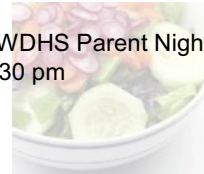


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College Heights SS Open House 6:30 pm

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CWDHS Parent Night @ 6:30 pm



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PA DAY



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Sub Day

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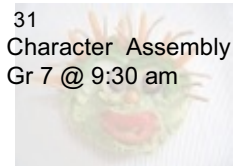
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Character Assembly Gr 7 @ 9:30 am



Grade 8 GRAD photos - February 1 @ 9 am
Quebec trip 2nd installment due on February 3rd - \$250.00
Groundhog Day - February 2