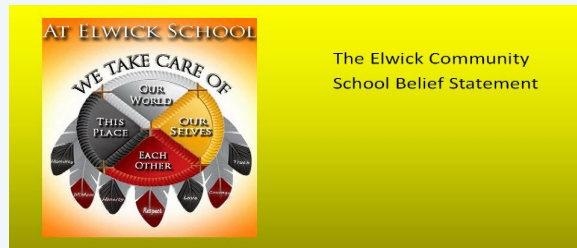




ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

APRIL

NEWSLETTER



April Dates to Remember...

April 2nd	Good Friday	NO SCHOOL
April 5th	School Re-Opens	
April 14	International Day of Pink	
April 16	PD Day	NO SCHOOL

ELWICK ATTENDANCE CALL BACK SYSTEM

Please call If your child is going
to be away 204-633-5641



Welcome back Elwick children and families to the last term of the school year! Can you believe we have made it this far keeping schools open with so few Covid cases in our school?

With optimism for vaccinations still comes real caution with sticking with the fundamentals. We will continue to work hard with the children to promote wearing masks, staying in cohorts, hand sanitizing and practicing physical distancing. We are not out of the woods yet and need to keep vigilant in our safety measures to keep schools open. This is a great reason to get outside and take learning outdoors. **Please remember to keep children who are symptomatic at home and please stay within your own family cohorts.** We notice many children playing together in the neighbourhood after school hours. This was the cause of our last Covid case. Please follow the directives from Public Health to keep our children coming to school! The better we do this, the sooner we can return to normal.

We hope that the break was just what you needed and have enjoyed the beautiful weather over the break. However, those April showers are greatly needed to bring May flowers. Let's hope for rain to help heal the land from the driest year on record.



Kindergarten Registration is open

**Due to COVID-19, the 2021-22
Kindergarten registration will take place online.**

For those families who are having difficulties applying online, they are to contact the school to **make an appointment to register.**

All children that are registering for Kindergarten **must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2021** (born in 2016) in order to register for Kindergarten starting in September 2021.

Immunization information from the WRHA will be made available online. Please ensure to share this information with those who call for appointment to register at their school.

You must provide:

- Proof of age
- Proof of address
- You must be the legal guardian to register the student.

WHATS HAPPENING AT ELWICK

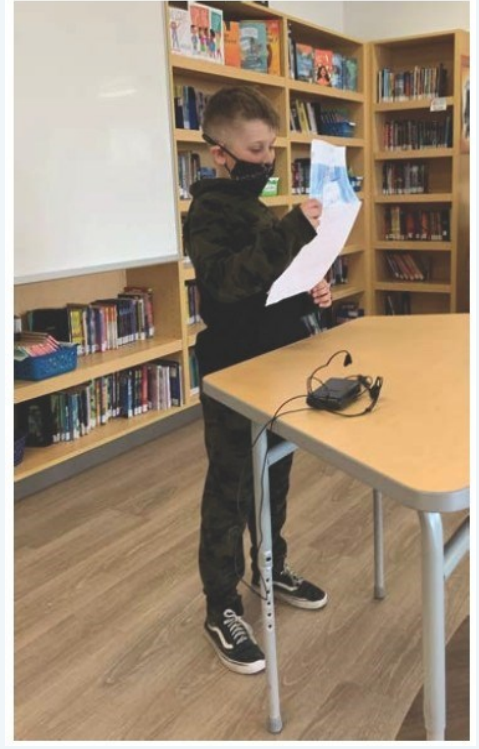
Room 3

Animal Explorers

On March 22nd, we welcomed Julian from Oak Hammock Marsh. He showed us some real fossils (one was 45 million years old!) and animal bones as we learned about marshes, forests, and how clues we find outside can teach us about wildlife in Manitoba. We always practice the Teaching of Respect when interacting with animals. We then had some time to hunt for real animal clues in our yard. Thanks for the visit Julian!



Poetry in Room 9



On Tuesday March 23, Room 9 hosted a poetry reading in the library. This was an opportunity for students to share some of the poems they have written this term in front of an audience. Students stood at the front of the library and each read a few of the poems they were most proud of. Everyone did a fantastic job and showed a great amount of courage reading out loud. This was a wonderful celebration of



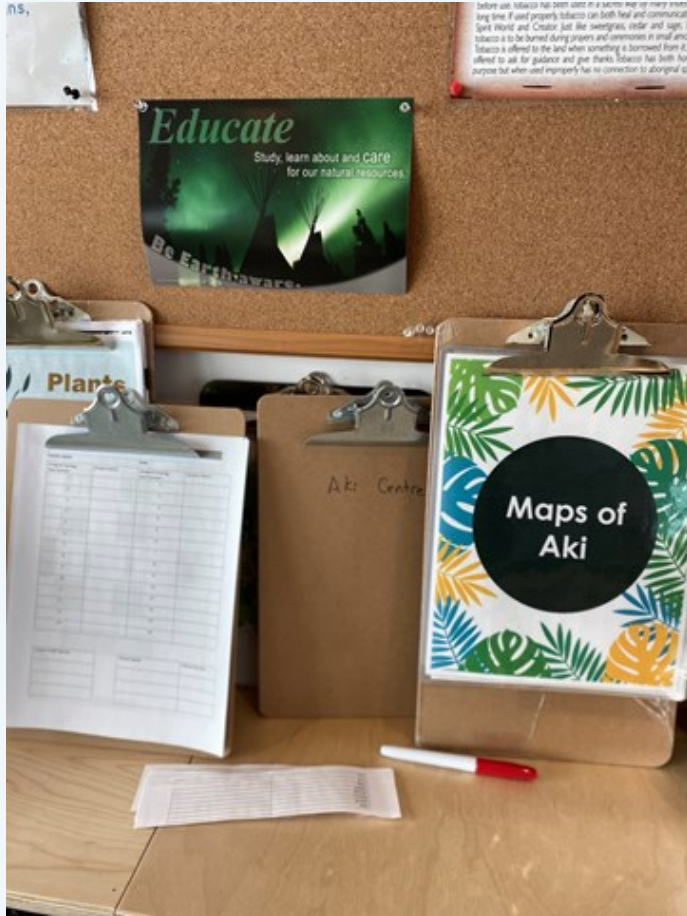
FIELD TRIP FUN WITH

ROOM 12



Ms. Jessi's Grade 4/5 class had the amazing opportunity to explore **The Aki Centre** Ozhaawashkwaa Animikii-Bineshi Aki Onji Kinimaagae' Inun (Blue Thunderbird Land-Based Teachings Learning Centre) on March 1, 2021. Students enjoyed the opportunity to do some land-based learning at the beautiful location situated at 1985-A Grassmere Road, Treaty One Territory in **West St. Paul, Manitoba**.









it is making appearance on All Mother Earth's and plant life are for the winter ons ahead.

2 and rivers is frozen. ther Moon brings er solstice - ing of winter.

3 The return of the geese reveals to us that spring is on its way. The coming of this moon represents the beginning of a new year.

4 This Grandmother Moon brings warmth to Mother Earth and awakens all living creatures and plants. The frogs sing the welcoming songs of spring.

5 ening on trees. shrubs and trees to bloom and

Eagle Moon
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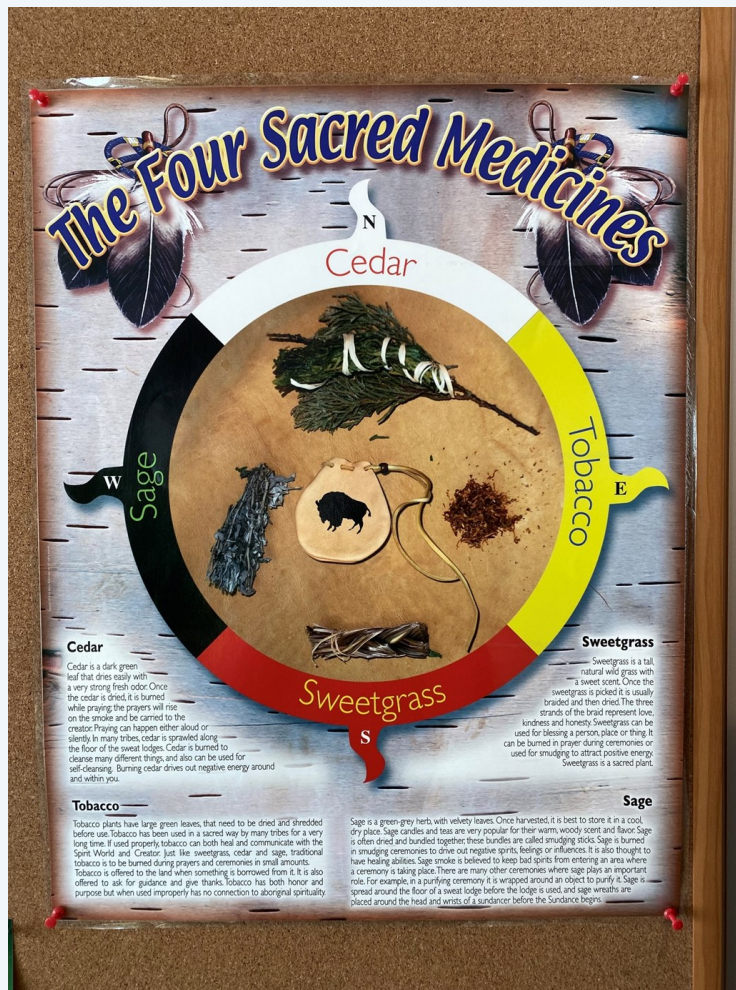
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The story behind the name:

“Back on September 27, 2018, Elder Dan Thomas and Elder Mary Courchene held a Naming and Pipe Ceremony on this land. Elder Mary Courchene shared that she had a dream where “Land-Based Teachings Learning Centre” came to her as a name for our new, shared place. When Elder Dan Thomas held the Pipe Ceremony, he had a vision of a big blue thunderbird "whose wings were outspread, covering this land here, that we are on". The first part of our name, "Ozhaawashkwaa Animikii-Bineshi" means Blue Thunderbird in the Ojibwe language. This is the spirit name for our centre. The second part of our name, "Aki Onji Kinimaagae' In-un" means Land-Based Teachings Learning Centre”.

Source: https://www.7oaks.org/Student/7OaksGrows/Newsletters/3.%202019%20Winter%20January%20Newsletter_Aki%20Centre.pdf#search=aki

Submitted by : Mrs. Collette



physical education



"every child is a winner when they try their very best!"



Checking out our flexibility in our Sit and Reach test



"This or That" Warm Up using our projector



Rope Climbing Activities



Giving Ringette a try



Indoor Broomball



Tug of War using Stepping Stones

News from the Band Room

What excellent news! We are allowed to play our wind instruments!



The band room is rearranged to accommodate players by keeping social distancing. Doors are open during our rehearsals for better room ventilation and students still are requested to keep their masks on when they are not playing their instruments, but we are slowly coming back to our routine.



Congratulations Elwick band community – the restrictions are lifting, and we are hoping to play for our beautiful audience again in the close future.

Mr.V

Sistema Happenings!



We hope you are all enjoying the warmer spring weather. All the students at Sistema did well this month. It was a little quieter on the performance side of things, but it was nice to focus on our music.

The Mozart String Orchestra rehearsed with the Beethovens at SOPAC to experience a professional theatre. Vivaldis also visited. Sistema played together beautifully. Thank you to all the staff that supported the students. It was a wonderful music experience. Our Sistema wind instrument section is allowed to play their instruments again and we are excited to be back to our regular routine, considering we also learned keyboard and percussion instruments at this point.

DID YOU KNOW?



DID YOU KNOW ELWICK SCHOOL HAS A MIDDLE YEARS MATH CLUB?

Once a week, we have a group of students who gather to tackle complex math problems. We learn new concepts, we collaborate on different strategies, and we are celebrating our solutions! Our goal is to compete in the Gauss International Math Contest in May. We have been practicing during our breaks in anticipation of the types of problems we will encounter and help us prepare for the exam.

This club has highlighted the students love for math and the talented "math-magicians" we have in Gr. 6-8! If you are interested in learning more about math and improving your problem solving skills - see Mrs. Clarke or Mr. Vaarmeyer. You do not need to participate in the exam to join math club - coming just for fun is welcome!

Want to know more about the contest? Check out the website below:

<https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/gauss.html>

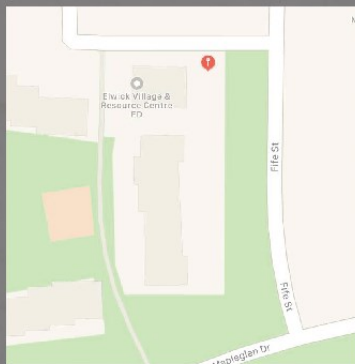
Need some help getting your grades 1-3 children to school? Maybe you have pre-school aged kids at home?

ELWICK SCHOOLS' WALKING SCHOOL BUS CAN HELP...

Elwick School will have staff that will meet students at the meeting spot that is closest to your home and walk with students to the school. After school the groups will walk back to the same meeting spot to meet caregivers.

If there is an older sibling, we encourage them to walk together, instead of using the walking school bus, to try and not make the group too large.

Thank you to Elwick Village Centre for Wednesday Support



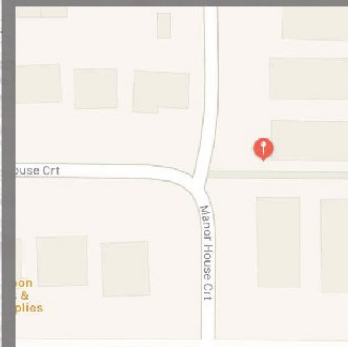
Village Centre Pickup

Pickup is at the Village Centre parking lot, besides the tree

TIME: **8:40 - 8:45**

Students will be picked up by: Mrs. Sonia

Please Note: On Wednesday, Ms. Jen, from the Village Centre will be picking up.



Manor House Pickup

Pickup is located at the walkway between the new units

TIME: **8:40 - 8:45**

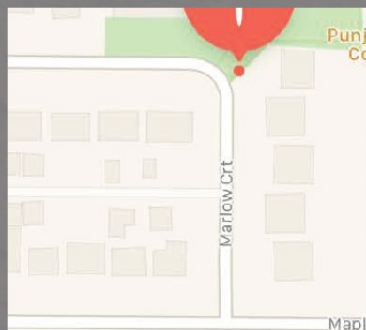
Students will be picked up by: Ms. Miranda

Marlow Pickup

Pickup is located at the corner park

TIME: **8:40 - 8:45**

Students will be picked up by: Mr. Scott

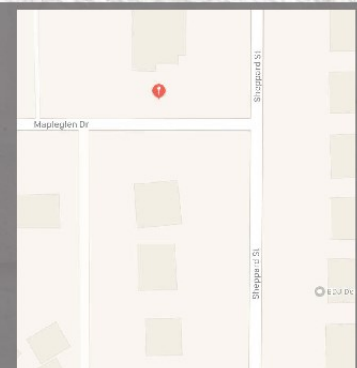


Sheppard Pickup

Pickup is located on Sheppard and Mapleglen, by the apartment block

TIME: **8:35**

Students will be picked up by: Mr. Scott



Counsellor's Corner

THEME OF THE MONTH

Acceptance

For the month of April, our school is going to be learning about **Acceptance!** Acceptance goes well beyond tolerance or endurance of something unpleasant. Accepting is the first step to learn to **love our differences, understanding** and **appreciating** what others bring to our lives.

DID YOU KNOW?



The **International Day of Pink** takes place on **April 14, 2021!**

- The Day of Pink started in 2007, when a grade nine student in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied by classmates for wearing a pink shirt to school.
- Taking notice, two students rallied their peers to send a message to the bullies.
- The next day, the halls were filled with pink T-shirts.
- Day of Pink started because two boys chose to do something about bullying rather than stand by and watch it happen.
- Now the movement is worldwide, educating and inspiring others to stand together and take action against violence and bullying!

Discrimination

Discrimination is when someone or a group of people are treated unfairly. A person might be discriminated against because of their race, their age, gender identity, the way they look, their disabilities or their sexuality, to name a few. The 2SLGBTQIA+ community is no stranger to the bullying and violence that stems from hateful beliefs. While progress has been made towards removing these social barriers from our society, discrimination still persists. So, every

year, on the second Wednesday of April, we urge people around the world to put on a pink shirt and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to continue fighting for equality and acceptance!



POWER

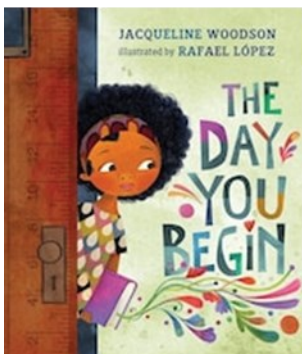
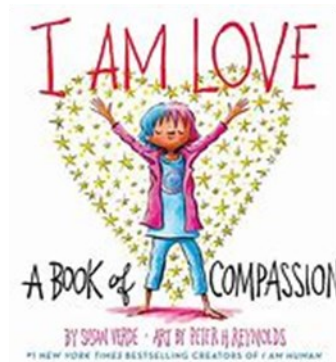
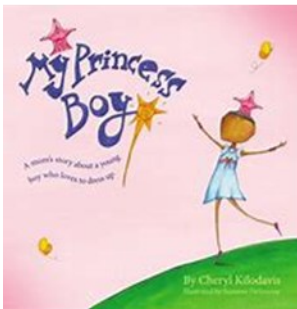
- Did you know that we all have different types of power?
- This power can be used in either a **positive** or **negative** way.
- When power is used in a positive way, it helps other people in some way.

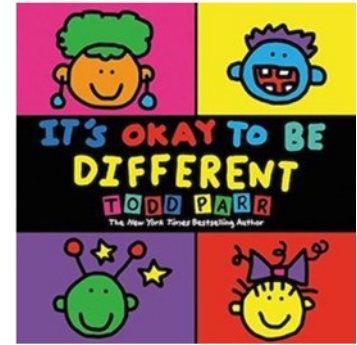
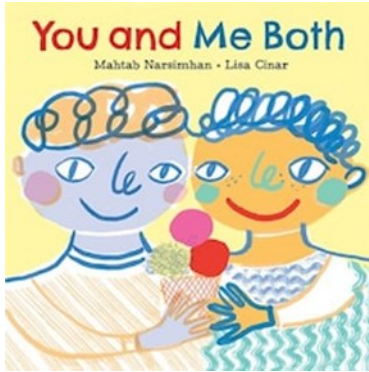


- It might help someone feel included, help them with a task they are having trouble with or help them feel safe and respected.
- When power is used in a negative way, it can hurt others in some way.
- It might make someone feel excluded, harm them physically or mentally, or force them to do something they don't want to.

Want additional resources?

Books





Online Resources:

Manitoba Possible – For an inclusive and accessible society

<https://www.manitobapossible.ca/>

Rainbow Resource Centre

<https://rainbowresourcecentre.org>

Instagram: @rainbowresourcecentre and @rainbowresourceyouth



Check out their Instagram (below):

Rainbow Resource Centre



Rainbow Resource Youth



Also From Rainbow Resource Centre:

LGBTQ Parenting Network

The LGBTQ Parenting Network is a program of Sherbourne Health Centre. They support lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer parenting through research, training, resources and community development.

My Kid is Gay

“My Kid is Gay” is a first-of-its-kind digital presence, inclusive of videos, advice, and resources, dedicated exclusively toward helping parents understand their Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual children. Subscribe to receive their “Coming Out With Care” package. The package includes a welcome video by our co-founder, Kristin Russo, advice on commonly asked questions, a list of curated LGBTQ support organizations, a guided journaling and coloring page, an exclusive excerpt from *This Is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids* (Chronicle, 2014), and a music playlist! Find it here: <http://mykidisgay.us14.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=d19c9460e37909b28074546c8&id=f9006c507d>

Out Proud Families

Out Proud Families is a place to find resources, information, perspectives and connections for supporting families, caregivers and other important people in the lives of children and youth of diverse gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations. Out Proud Families has a special focus on developing and sharing resources for families and youth of diverse cultural background.

Canadian Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.ca/in-your-community/manitoba/manitoba-events-campaigns-and-fundraising/celebrating-pink-day-your-way>

SERC – Sexuality Education Resource Centre Manitoba

<https://serc.mb.ca/about/mission/>



Dear Elwick Community School Families

Our Parent/Caregiver and child(Birth-6 years old) program is taking place on-line. We will be doing Songs and Stories on-line at www.7oaks.org/Parents can then click the Pre School circle found on the Seven Oaks Home page. Parents can sign in at any time. I also have Pre School Learning Packages available. These consist of crafts, parent information, songs, recipes, and sometimes books. If you are interested in receiving a package please call the School at 204-633-5641 (ask for Sonia) or E-mail me at Sonia.Cordeiro@7oaks.org. April packages will be delivered this week. I am also working on the May Packages which will be ready shortly.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sonia Cordeiro

Community Coordinator - Partners in Learning

Collicutt School - 204.338.7937

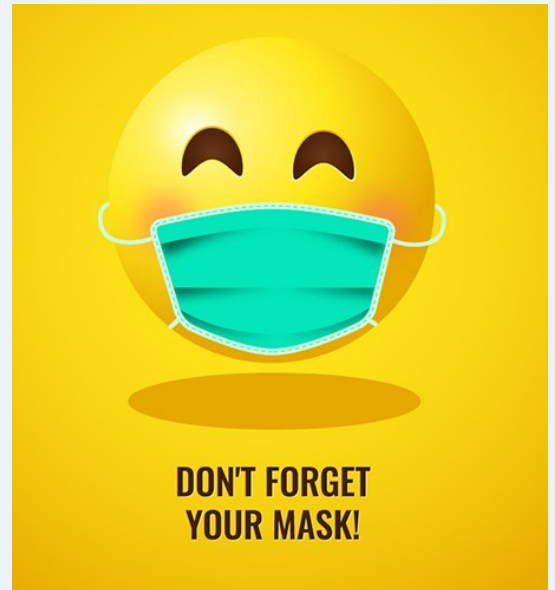
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Parents/Caregivers/Visitors

We ask that student pick ups and drop offs happen outside of the building to limit the amount of people coming in. ***Please be aware that the wearing of face masks are mandatory for anyone needing to enter the school.***

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to follow the protocols from Manitoba Health during this unprecedented time.



Contact Information

It is very important that we have updated contact information for your child.

If you have moved or had a change of phone number, please let the school know at 204-633-5641

For the latest information, check out our website!

www.7oaks.org/schools/elwick



IMPORTANT DATES



April 2	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
April 5	School Re-Opens
April 14	International Day of Pink
April 16	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
May 24	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
May 28	School PD day- NO SCHOOL
June 30	Last Day of School