



FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER



The Elwick Community
School Belief Statement

Elwick Community School

30 Maberley Road, Winnipeg, MB R2P 0E2

Sistema at the WSO

On January 28th the Beethoven Choir sang in the WSO's New Music Festival's "The Sinking of the Titanic." It was a unique performance both musically and in its setting! We performed at the Pan Am Pool with other WSO musicians on the diving platforms with synchronized swimmers in the pool! We sat in the bleachers amongst the audience.

The experience is hard to describe in words. The combination of pitch darkness with only a few dimly lit music stands and a blue light cast over the foggy water with the ethereal music, created a hauntingly beautiful experience. One of the students will not soon forget!

After the show, the students were thrilled to have many audience members congratulate them on their performance. One audience member said, "The choir's last entrance sounded like angels." Another said it gave him chills. This was the first time our students were a part of making new music in such a professional setting. I hope it has inspired some of them in their own compositions!

Resident conductor of the WSO, Julian Pellicano came to work with the Beethoven Choir to prepare the students for the concert. What a gift it is to have such high calibre musicians working with our students in the Sistema Program.

February brings more rehearsals and performances. Our Mozart Orchestra will be practising on February 10 for the WSO's Adventures in Music concert, in which they will be performing on March 8th. They will also get a chance to see the performance on February 10th or 11th.



Julian working with the choir.



Patiently waiting during rehearsal.



We are the lit section in the bleachers.

See more Pictures inside...

More Pictures from Sistema's Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra performance...



Musicians on the diving platforms.

View from the choir.



Excitedly waiting for the show to start!



Applause after the show!





Notes from the Music Room



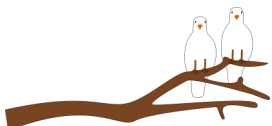
January was **MUSIC OLYMPICS** in the music room! Each day, classes competed in fun musical challenges with the hopes of winning **fame** and **glory** for their classroom. We are fortunate to be borrowing the 7 Oaks African Drums for two weeks where we learn about drumming of the world.

Here are some of our upcoming adventures:

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra: **On February 10th**, all grade 4/5 students will be going to watch the **WSO** perform a concert. This year's theme is **OLYMPICS!**

Middle Years Concert: **February 18th at 7:00pm.** This concert will feature middle years band, fiddle, and choir!

Brandon Jazz Festival: **On March 18th-19th**, our **Middle Years Choir and Jazz Band** students are going on an overnight trip to **Brandon, Manitoba** to perform and participate in the **Brandon Jazz Festival**. We have many fun events to look forward to during our trip!



February Dates to Remember...

February 5, 2016— No Classes—School Closed

February 12, 2016—Middle Years Dance 1:00pm—3:30pm

February 15, 2016—Louis Riel Day—School Closed

February 29, 2016—2016-17 Kindergarten Registration—6:00 pm



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Kindergarten Registration

Monday, February 29, 2016
6:00 PM—8:00pm
Elwick School

If you have a child born in 2011, be sure to come out to our
 Kindergarten Registration Night

Please bring a proof of address and proof of age.

Manitoba medical card, birth certificate and any piece of identification with a
 current address.



Indigenous Language Bilingual Program

Seven Oaks School Division is looking to establish a K-3 Indigenous Language Bilingual Program for September 2016. If you would consider enrolling your son or daughter in a **Cree** or **Ojibwe** bilingual program, please complete a survey which is available at the school office.

The information provided will help us determine interest and help with planning. Our goal is to establish the bilingual program in Seven Oaks School Division with a start date of September 2016.

Seven Oaks School Division Indigenous Bilingual Classes Information Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Seven Oaks School Division board office
830 Powers Avenue, 4:30-6:30.

Please RSVP Donna Herold if you plan to attend, phone 204586-8061 or email her at Donna.Herold@7oaks.org





Phys. Ed Report

Kim Schettler

Basketball

The basketball season is underway. Students have been practicing with their coaches and have been taking part in the Divisional basketball tournaments after school. Please feel free to come out and watch your children play.

Early Year's Badminton

Badminton will be starting in February for any grade 4 and 5 students wanting to play. Practices will be held during some of the lunch hours. Mrs. Schettler will be handing out more information to those students showing an interest in February. The Divisional tournament is taking place on March 23rd at the Maples Collegiate (evening).

Intramurals

Intramurals takes place from 12:20 - 12:50 during the lunch hour. Students are encouraged to check with their home room teacher to see when their class is scheduled for intramurals.

Middle Years Hockey Report - By Mikayla Williams

My name is: Mikayla.

I'm in grade 6, and I'm 11 years old.

In September I heard about a middle years hockey program. There was going to be two sessions, and my session began in January. I joined hockey because I wanted to play a sport that I'm good at. I got hockey equipment from Seven Oaks School Division, Mrs. Huber and Mrs. Collette made sure it fit.

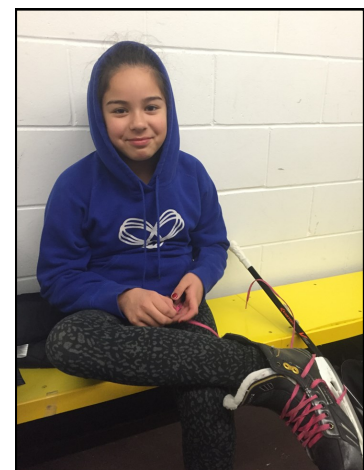
At my first session it was hard to put on my skates and when I came on the ice it was cold. After the class my feet were aching.

The most fun part in my hockey class was when we played a game of hockey at the end. The hardest part in hockey class was putting on skates. I learned how to control my stick.

This program is important because I learn skills, get exercise and it's fun.

They should do this program next year because the people can go next year to get better and better.

Thank you!



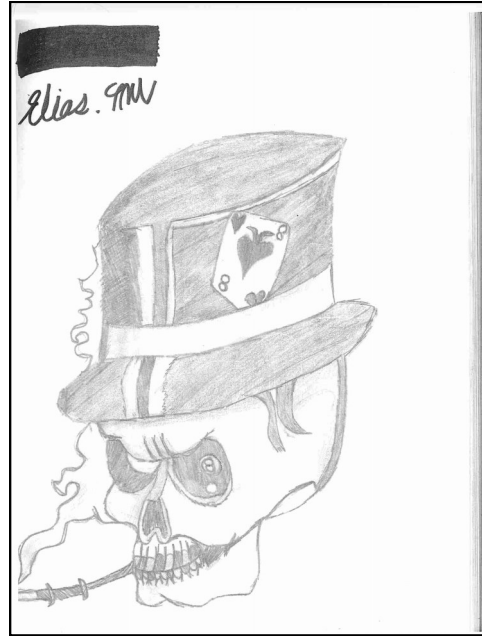
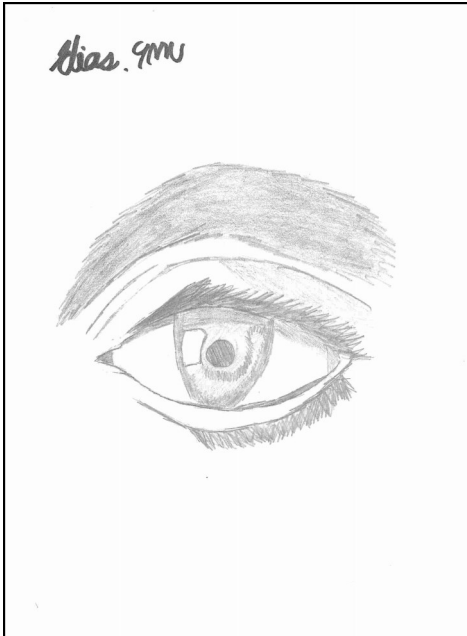
For the latest information, check out our website!

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STUDENT ARTWORK

The following pictures were drawn by Elias McKay from Room 15. Thank you for sharing these with us!



Community Connector

Marsha Harper



Hello everyone!

We have started up a cooking group here at Elwick School where you can come and prepare supper that you can take home to cook and have with your family, How exciting is that!?

So far, we have made lasagne, Indian taco and a taco ring. If you have any questions on what's next on the menu feel free to call the school at 204-633-5168.

A few moms have finished up on their mukluks and soon we will be starting to prepare for our next project, which will be star blankets. Sounds exciting!

All of the Elwick Community is welcome to join in on any of our wonderful groups so please don't hesitate to call the school to find out more information.

Thank you!

NO BATTERIES REQUIRED!

Dave Mathers

Getting cabin fever this winter? Here are a few things to do with your young ones when it's too cold to go outside. (From *Today's Parent* January 2016)

HUNT FOR TREASURE

Kids love finding hidden objects, especially when there's a prize at the end. Write clues on slips of paper and place them around the house, starting off with an easy hiding spot (like your kid's bed) and getting increasingly creative. Leave as many clues as you like, with the trail leading to the prize. Or keep it simple: have your treasure hunt lead them to coins scattered around the house that they can collect for their piggy banks.



GO BOWLING (AT HOME)

This is a great way to reuse plastic bottles from your recycling box. Line up 6 – 10 bottles at one end of a hallway. Place a line of masking tape on the floor at the other end to stand behind as they bowl. Give the kids a medium size indoor ball and let them go to town trying to knock down the pins. To stabilize the bottles or make it a bit more challenging, partially fill them with water – make sure the lids are on tightly.

HAVE FUN WITH A GIANT BOX

If you've never given your kids a huge cardboard box to play with, give it a go! Nothing beats their excitement as they imagine all the possibilities: spaceship, castle, time machine, fortress... Refrigerator, washing machine and hot water tank boxes work great. Ask a local appliance store or water tank repair business for one. Each side can be decorated to create a number of different ideas. All you need to do is help with the cut-outs for safety reasons.



PRACTISE ON THE BALANCE BEAM OR TIGHT ROPE WALKING

It's super easy to make a balance beam (less the height) with masking tape on the floor. Put on some music and have the kids take turns walking one foot over the other, backwards or hopping on one foot. The line can curve and run all over the place – it doesn't have to be a straight line.

PLAY A BOARD GAME

Board games are a great way to unplug and have fun – and the kids won't even realize they are building a range of skills, from math to deductive reasoning. Snakes and Ladders, Memory Game, Candyland, Connect Four, Monopoly Jr and card games are just a few suggestions.

PLAY HIDE AND SEEK

You can never go wrong with a game of hide and seek. If your brood gets bored with the standard play, add a twist to shake things up. Have a parent hide and all the kids seek, the first one to find the mom or dad wins. Play in teams. Or combine tag and hide and seek – everyone who's hiding has to make it back to home base (where the seeker started out) without getting caught.



SHOOT SOME HOOPS

You can't be too little for this version of basketball. All you need is a bucket and a rolled up pair of socks (or a small lightweight ball). Take turns throwing the sock ball from different places, start of close and move further and further back until you miss. Use masking tape to mark shooting spots, and count up how many shots you make.

MAKE A TOUCH AND FEEL BOX

For this guessing game, find a small cardboard box with a lid (like a shoe box). Cut a hole in one side of the box big enough to get the child's hand in easily. If you're feeling creative, decorate the box with glitter or question marks, or anything that will add to the mystique. When you're ready to play, put an item in the box and have your child reach inside and guess what the item is. They can ask questions or you can give clues as needed. You can use things such as small toys, cotton ball, crayon, dice, utensils, brush, a piece of fruit or almost any household item.

ELWICK ATTENDANCE CALL BACK

At Elwick School we have an attendance call back system.

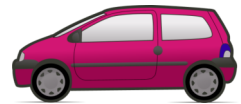
If your child is going to be away from school due to medical appointments, illness or any other reasons we ask that you call the school office and speak to one of the secretaries any time after 8:00 am and by 1:00pm.

204- 633- 5641

If we do not hear from you and your child is not in attendance we will give you a call to make sure they are safe.



Pick up/Drop off Reminders



To all Parents and Families who drop off or pick up their children:

Please do not use the parking lot.

Please use Maberley Road for drop off, as traffic in the parking lot can be a safety concern as children are walking to and from school.

Thank you!



SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

Invites the Community to the 2016 - 2017

Public Budget Consultation Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Seven Oaks School Division invites the public to an open meeting to discuss the 2016-2017 school year budget. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about funding provisions and current budget discussions and to invite comment on educational and budget initiatives.

Monday, February 22, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Garden City Collegiate - Commons
711 Jefferson Avenue

Elwick Community Room Preschool Program

Our Parent/Caregiver and Child (birth to 6 years) Program will take place on Thursdays, from 9:00-11:00am. We will continue to have play, snack and Story time, but will also have special activities for families to do together. The coffee will be on!

February 4th – Move and Munch
 February 11th – Heart shaped cookie pizza
 February 18th – Beading
 February 25th – Program cancelled today

More to come in March.....



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 204-688-6221