

# JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER



The Elwick Community
School Belief Statement

# **Elwick Community School**

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#### **Holiday Feast**

On Thursday, December 3, 2015, Elwick students were treated to a traditional holiday feast in the gym. Whether it was cooking turkeys at home, baking cupcakes, decorating and setting the tables or preparing the buffet, all staff contributed their time and energy to make this a truly special event.

A special thanks to Angie Schers and Marsh Harper for their tireless efforts in making sure all ran smoothly for the lunch. As well, as Blake Roccola for getting his Dad to come in as a special guest for the kids.

A big thank you as well to the staff at Wayfinders who helped serve up the feast.



Santa made a special appearance!







Wayfinders Staff serving up the Feast.

#### Notes from the Music Room

Melanie Clendennan

December was a wonderfully festive month in music class. Our Winter Concert featured amazing musicians and amazing community. Both the Grade 4-5 and Middle Years Choirs went carolling at the Seven Oaks Hospital and the Forks to spread some holiday cheer. We have some very exciting events coming up this term:

Adventures in Music: On February 10<sup>th</sup>, all grade 4/5 students will be going to watch the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra perform a concert. This year's theme is OLYMPICS! In class we will be beginning some Olympic music fun.

Middle Years Concert: February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This concert will feature middle years band, fiddle, and choir!

Brandon Jazz Festival: On March 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 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!



# January Dates to Remember...

January 4, 2016— First Day of Classes—School Day I

January 5, 2016 — Career Trek Information Meeting—5:00pm—Library

#### **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.

<u>204- 633- 5641</u>

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.

# Elwick Community Room Preschool

#### **Program**

Our Parent/Caregiver and Child (birth to 6 years) Program will take place on Thursdays, from 9:00-II: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!

January 7<sup>th</sup> - Program begins

January 14<sup>th</sup> - Fruit Salad (make, eat and take)

January 21st – Make and take Playdough

January 28th – Make, take and bake Bran Muffins

February 4<sup>th</sup> – Move and Munch

February II<sup>th</sup> – Heart shaped cookie pizza

February 18th – Beading

February 25<sup>th</sup> – Program cancelled today

More to come in March.....







#### Career Trek

Starting January 19, some of the Elwick students will be starting a program called **Career Trek.** 

Career Trek is a non-profit organization that helps young people discover the importance of education and career development by providing career oriented programming in educational settings around Manitoba. Through the use of hands-on activities and the belief in the power of education, Career Trek exposes children to occupations and professions that ignite their passion for learning and inspires them to recognise their own potential.

Sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at various educational locations throughout the city, and culminate in a year-end celebration held at the end of April.





# Phys. Ed Report

Kim Schettler

#### Middle Year's:

Elwick's basketball season is underway. Games will be starting the week of January 11th. Please check with your coaches for practice and game schedules.

Early Year's:

Badminton will be our next sport in which the grade 4/5's are welcome to join. Practices will start in February with a tournament being held in March.

Intramurals:

Intramurals takes place for any students in grade 4 to grade 8. They are held during the lunch hour from 12:20-12:50. Please check with your homeroom teacher for the on-line schedule.



## Community Connector

Marsha Harper

Hello everyone!

Parent beading potluck which was held on December, 15th 2015, was a huge success! Thanks to all that contributed and helped make it happen. Remember, beading will continue so hope to see you all come back!

As everyone is finishing up on their mukluks we will start preparing for our next project, which will be star blankets. It sounds exciting and as a big wonderful group, it will be enjoyable.

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!



For the latest information, check out our website!

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### Christmas Cheer Board

Mrs. Shields and Ms. Catanese



On Wednesday December 5, our classes went to the Christmas Cheer Board to help pack hampers. Together we packaged 450 single hampers that will help 450 people in our city have an extra special Christmas. Here are some of the reflections from our wonderful grade 4 and 5 volunteers:

"At the Christmas Cheer Board I was putting food in boxes and me and Enka switched every 10 minutes. My job at the Christmas Cheer Board was putting corn in the boxes. The best part was eating cookies and pop. We were making hampers and it was so inspiring to me and my friend too."

-Kyrra Rudolph

"At the Christmas Cheer Board I had fun helping people that can't afford food. My job was packing juice packets. The best part was when we had cookies."

-Evan Caplette

"At the Christmas Cheer Board we were putting food boxes for people who can't have them. My job was to put Kraft Dinner in the boxes. The best part was when we gave food for people in need and the cookies and drinks."

-Mina Habib

"At the Christmas Cheer Board we were helping people. My job was putting the beans inside the box. My favourite part was helping."

-Rogine Mirando

"When we were working at the Christmas Cheer Board it felt like we were elves :)."
-Kyla

"I liked to going to the Cheer Board. It is a good place to be."

-Kafah

"It is good to help other people in need so that other people can have a good Christmas."

- Nataniel

"Christmas Cheer Board gives joy to people who need help. We put ingredients in boxes. I packed sugar."

-Raison

## Some Pictures from the Christmas Cheer Board...



