

ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL



# JANUARY NEWSLETTER



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## **Important Dates**

**Jan. 7**—First Day Back

**Jan. 16**—Drum Blessing Ceremony

## **Absence Call**

If your child is going to be away please call the office:

**204-633-5641**

# January Sistema Newsletter

Happy New Year everyone! We are very excited about what is to come for Sistema Elwick this year!



Our students worked very hard in 2018, and we were so pleased with their performance at the Tanis M. Richardson Winter Concert held at Maples Collegiate Commons this past December. We were excited to showcase the work of our Sistema Brass section with a special chamber performance at the Winter Concert. We are excited to announce that Mr. Evgeny Vishnevsky will continue as our brass instructor in the new year. We are looking forward to more *brasstro-nomical* performances from his crew of players. Many congratulations to all those involved in the concert!

We have made some changes to scheduling and programming for this year, moving from a 3-block class model to a 2-block class model, reducing transition times and absorbing three orchestras into two. These changes give students more contact time with their sectional teachers, allowing them to work the fundamentals and hone their finely-tuned musical skills. These changes



also permit students to apply their understanding of the fundamentals of music theory and general music learning to playing their instruments, as while in their Tutti groups they will



always have their instruments with them. Tutti is an Italian musical term that translates “everyone plays together”, a wonderfully fitting title for a class in a community orchestral program. At Sistema Elwick, a 60-minute Tutti will include Orchestra rehearsal, choral singing, and theory and history learning.

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Attendance and Snack	Monday through Wednesday, our two orchestras will alternate between Tutti and Sectionals. On Thursdays orchestras will alternate between Tutti and Personal Practice, and on Fridays orchestras will alternate between Tutti/Personal Practice and a Fun Fabulous Friday Activity.
4:00 pm – 5:00pm	Block One	
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Recess	
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Block Two	
6:15 pm	Dismissal	

Most experienced orchestra, previously known as our Beethoven Orchestra has voted to rename themselves the Carreño orchestra, after Maria Theresa Carreño (1853-1917). A well-known Venezuelan composer, pianist, and singer, Carreño composed at least 40 works for piano, two pieces for piano and voice, two pieces for piano and orchestra, and two pieces of chamber music. It is said that she performed for Abraham Lincoln at the White House, and also has a crater named after her on Venus. Our orchestra known as the Mozart Orchestra has not yet decided whether they will rename themselves.

We have two performances coming up in the Month of January. **Our next Family and Friends Night will take place on Wednesday January 23, 2019 at 5:00pm, potluck style snack contributions are welcome.** Members of our Carreño orchestra will give a performance at a retirement function for Sistema champion, Assistant Superintendent Lydia Hedrich at 4:00pm on Thursday January 31, 2019.

Welcome back everyone!

# Sistema January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 First Day of School	8	9 First Day of Sistema	10	11	12
13 Instrument Petting Zoo, 1pm	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Family Night 5:00pm Elwick School	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Performance at Retirement Function for Lydia	Elwick PD Day No Sistema February 1 <sup>st</sup>	

Friends and Family Night will be held in the Mini Gym at Elwick School on Wednesday January 23 at 5:00pm.

Potluck Style Snacks are welcome.

Four of our Violin Students will facilitate an Instrument Petting Zoo for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Kids Concert Series: How the Gimquat Found Her Song, on Sunday January 13, at the Centennial Concert Hall at 1:00 pm.

## Notes from the Music Room



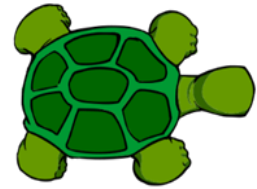
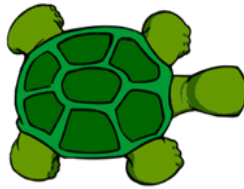
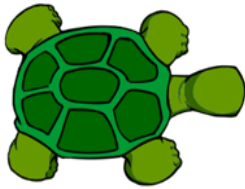
Happy New Year, Elwick families! The spring is always an exciting time in our music program, with Arts in the Park coming up and some wonderful spring concerts coming your way. Here are some of our upcoming adventures:

**January 15<sup>th</sup>:** We welcome Manitoba Buckskins to Elwick for a drum-making workshop where a special group of students will be creating a new set of drums for our school.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Fesitval du Voyageur chez Elwick! Assembly 9:30am.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** **Middle Years Concert at 6:30pm**

This concert will feature all middle years students in band, fiddle and choir!



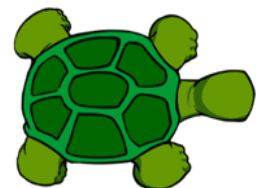
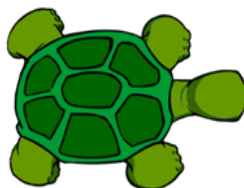
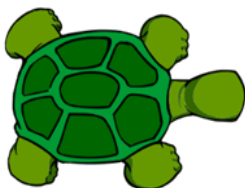
## Elwick Community Room Preschool Program

January 2019

Our FREE Parent/Caregiver and Child (birth to 6 years) Programs will take place on Wednesdays, from 1:00-3:00pm and Thursdays, from 9:00-10:30am in the Community Room. We will have play, special activities, Story Time, snack and coffee.

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| Wednesday, January 9  | - Name Games          |
| Thursday, January 10  | - Name Games          |
| Wednesday, January 16 | - Sock Snowpeople     |
| Thursday, January 17  | - Sock Snowpeople     |
| Wednesday, January 23 | - Make and Take books |
| Thursday, January 24  | - Make and Take books |
| Wednesday, January 30 | - Baby Shark          |
| Thursday, January 31  | - Baby Shark          |

For all Preschool Program information in 7 Oaks School Division visit [7oaks.org](http://7oaks.org) and click on Youth and Preschool Programs. Also visit [7oaksearlyyears.ca](http://7oaksearlyyears.ca) for Partners in Learning Coalition Information.



## Physical Education

**Middle Years** – Our basketball season has begun. Practices have started so please make sure that you are coming out to practice your skills. Below are the days that our Elwick teams will be playing on.

**Grade 6/7 Boys Team:** Mondays

**Girls Team:** Tuesdays

**Divisional Boys Team:** Thursdays

**GRADE 5 Basketball** – A few grade 5 students have been practicing their basketball skills during some of our activity breaks. They will be taking part in the Divisional 3 on 3 tournament at the Sport for Life Centre on January 29<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent home with the students that are participating at this event closer to the date.



## What's Happening at Elwick?!



## Room 3 made Pancake Art!



Starting Tuesday, January 15, 2018

Once a week on Wednesdays here at Elwick Village Resource Centre  
Registration beginning January 4, 2018 ~ please speak to Jen or Mandy.

# Traditional Indigenous Family Parenting

Traditional Indigenous Family Parenting is an **8 week workshop series** that will work to promote the pride and rich traditions that come from the Indigenous communities by sharing the traditional Indigenous teachings, languages, customs and traditions.

The workshop series will aim to create awareness of how families can revitalize and utilize the traditional Indigenous teachings along with parenting skills.

Like all of our programs at Elwick Village Resource Centre, this program is open to

## Some of the topics included will be:

- How a Child Was Raised by Our Ancestors
- The importance of bonding, attachment and prevention
- Trauma and addictions
- Traditional tools of moss bag, cradle board,



Graduation celebration and certificates on the last class.



## School Zone Sign

We are hoping to have the city assess Mapleglen Drive to add a school zone speed limit sign. If you are interested in advocating for a 30 km/hr school zone sign on Mapleglen Drive, please phone the office. Community member support may help our request be prioritized with Public Works .



## Crosswalk Safety

We would like to remind all families that we need to be crossing the streets located around our school in the safest manner possible. When needing to cross Mapleglen, we ask that students go to the cross walk and cross with our patrols. Keeping our little ones in the community safe is very important.

