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SCHOOL DIVISION
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June 2014 Newsletter

Elwick Community School

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Vice Principal: Bobbi-Lynn Haegeman

ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATES NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

Please join us for an outdoor concert!

Monday, June 16th, 2014

1:15 pm

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

**FEATURING
GUEST MUSICIAN
J.C. CAMPBELL**

**ELWICK
DRUMMING
GROUP**

**DANCE
PERFORMANCES**

**ELWICK
FIDDLERS**



Rain or Shine Event!

We would like to wish two lovely Educational Assistants a wonderful retirement from Elwick School!

**Ms. Jerri Weston
&
Ms. Cathy Sault**

You have touched the hearts of many students, teachers, and parents and we wish you the very best in the future.



DATE TO REMEMBER!

THURSDAY, JUNE 26th – ADMINISTRATIVE DAY – NO CLASSES

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL INFORMATION

Our last day of school is Friday, June 27th. Our last assembly of the school year will happen at 9:30am. At this time our Grade 8 students will be honoured as well as our staff members who are retiring or leaving Elwick School. Families are welcome to attend this event.

Students will be dismissed at 12:00pm on the last day and Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:00. Report cards will be sent home on the last day of school too.

We wish you a safe and fun filled summer holiday. Let's hope for plenty of sunshine!



Last month Elwick School hosted our first annual Treaty Days celebration. Students and families learned and shared together with the week culminating in a barbeque and Pow-Wow. Many thanks to all who support this wonderful community event.

(See inside for stories from students.)



Important Dates

June 15 th	Father's Day
June 16 th	National Aboriginal Day Celebration at Elwick
June 17 th	Kindergarten Night (see Pg.4 for info.)
June 20 th	Grade Eight Farewell (Harbourview 9:15-2:00)
June 25 th	Sistema Community Concert (4:30-5:00)
June 26 th	Administrative Day (No Classes)
June 27 th	Last Day of School
June 27 th	Report Cards Go Home
July 1 st	Canada Day
Sept. 2 nd -3 rd	Orientation Days
Sept. 4 th	First Day of Classes for 2014-15 School Year

Please check this section each month as dates may be changed or new dates added throughout the school year.

Also see the calendar at the back of the newsletter for more dates and events.



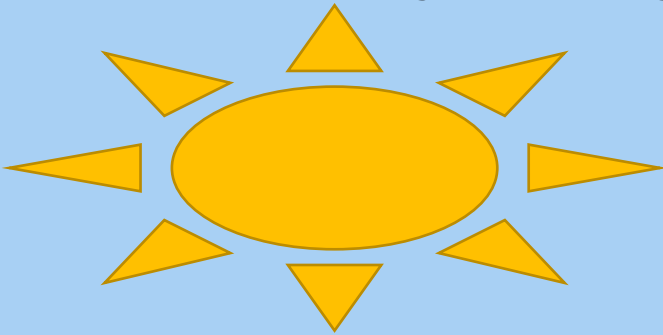
Staff Listing

T. Manastersky	Kindergarten
T. Brown	Grade 1
L. Wepler	Grade 1
N. Reay	Grade 1/2
G. Neufeld	Grade 2/3
A. Deprez	Grade 2/3
R. Brar	Grade 2/3
J. Beaupré	Grade 2/3
C. Spiers	Grade 4/5
B. Thompson	Grade 4/5
B. Treyturik	Grade 4/5
C. Weekes	Grade 4/5
D. Gebhardt	Grade 4/5
D. Vaarmeyer	Grade 6
C. Parenteau/R. Cairns	Grade 6
R. Isfeld	Grade 6/7
K. Kammerlock	Grade 7/8
S. Keller	Grade 7/8
G. Prout	Grade 7/8
C. Ziegler	Grade 7/8
R. Scott	K/1 Learning Support
V. Sanders	2/3 Learning Support
S. Clarke	4/5 Learning Support
P. Harding	6/7/8 Learning Support
C. McMillan	Early Years Guidance
A. Anderson	Middle Years Guidance
M. Hawula	Social Worker
W. Persowich	Psychologist
C. Singbiel	Speech/Language
M. Kirkwood	Music Specialist
K. Schettler	Phys. Ed. Specialist
E. Lister	Phys. Ed. Specialist
R. Dow	Dance Specialist
K. Warner	Fiddle Specialist
R. Hodgins	Band Specialist
J. Lessard	Sistema
E. Risbey	Sistema
S. Howell	Librarian
J. Eisbrenner	Educational Assistant
J. Weston	Educational Assistant
B. Melnyk	Educational Assistant
K. Jemielity	Educational Assistant
D. Fisher	Educational Assistant
C. Sault	Educational Assistant
D. Kowalchuk	Educational Assistant
E. Lobchuk	Educational Assistant
J. Ellison	Educational Assistant
B. Jasper	Educational Assistant
K. Chartrand	CATEP Ed. Assistant
K. Chinchilla	CATEP Ed. Assistant
D. Mathers	Community Coordinator
A. Lennon	Community Connector
B. Roccola	Custodian
P. Ekosky	Custodian
H. Chomiak	Custodian
A. Easton	Secretary
M. Patacz	Secretary
C. Phinney	Secretary
B. Haegeman	Vice-Principal
P. Obendoerfer	Principal

BEEP Program Information

(Balanced Experiential Education Program)

As many families already know, Elwick School is offering a BEEP summer school opportunity for all students currently registered in grades 1-8. The program runs from July 3rd to August 15th and is free of charge for students attending Elwick School. Please submit your registration for to the office as soon as possible. We welcome the following BEEP teachers who are already busy working alongside teachers and are busy preparing for some summer fun:



- 1) Devon Barker**
- 2) Adam Martini**
- 3) Erica Bulow**
- 4) Elfren Raquin**
- 5) Carl Klassen**

GRADE 8 FAREWELL

Our Grade 8 Farewell will be held at Harbourview this year on June 20th. We wish our grade 8 students all the best as they continue their learning journey in high school. We always look forward to visits from our past Elwick students. We love to hear about all their high school experiences.



New!

Find important information about events and programs going on in the Seven Oaks School Division.

Go to www.7oaks.org and click on the “Community Information” link on the right-hand side.

Information is updated regularly so bookmark the site and check it often!



MOVING?

If you know that you will be moving in the summer months, and your child/children will not be returning to Elwick School – please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can update our records and plan for the upcoming school year.

(Call 204-633-5641)

Thanks!



Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child at home who was born in 2009 please make sure you come to the office between 9:30am and 2:30pm to register them for Kindergarten for the 2014- 2015 school year.

(See Page 4 for information about Kindergarten Night on June 17th.)





KINDERGARTEN NIGHT

Our Kindergarten Night will be taking place on **Tuesday, June 17th from 6:00-7:00pm** Please bring your child and come and join us for some Kindergarten fun!

If you have a son or daughter who will be coming to Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year, this night is for you! This night is designed for each family to get to know our Kindergarten team, at the same time our Kindergarten team will get to know our Elwick families, too.

We will be showing your child a little of **what to expect in Kindergarten** and we will also get to know some of the other special people that work in our school. There will be activities to participate in and we will send you home with a "Welcome to Kindergarten" bag with learning activities and parent information. Please come and join us for this fun-filled night of information and learning.

Light refreshments will be served.

Many Winnipeg kids haven't got a bicycle.

Is there an old bike
in your garage?



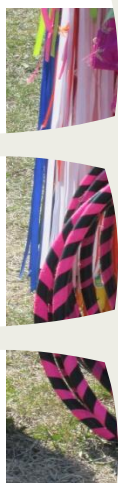
"Bike Drive
for Elwick
Community
School"

30 Maberley Road,
Winnipeg

We'll come get your
bike. If it's broken,
we'll fix it.

Please contact:

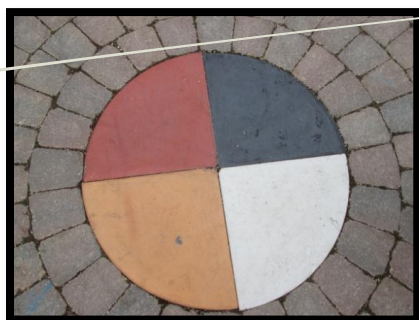
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TREATY DAYS

ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MS. ISFELD'S GRADE 6/7 CLASS



Photograph by: Jesmar



Photograph by: Rodine Isfeld

“WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE” IS MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION AT ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL...IT IS A REASON TO CELEBRATE.

From May 13-16, 2014 the homes surrounding Elwick Community School witnessed some interesting activity on the school grounds. The raising of the Tipi was a clear sign that something out-of-ordinary was afoot. Indeed, it was the beginning of Elwick's first Treaty Days, a four day event organized to celebrate our treaty relationship with Manitoba's First Nations peoples.

As I have learned, the beginning of all treaties began with a handshake... and that handshake has since become an important symbol for relationship. At our opening ceremony, each guest was greeted with a handshake which let each person know that they were welcomed and their presence in our school is an honour and a gift.

Throughout the next four days, students were treated to a variety of activities, many of which took place in the Tipi. Students listened to storytellers, played on the drums, tried their hands at Soapstone carving and had a ton of fun laughing while they played First Nations games. This was a learning experience like no other!

One of the highlights of Treaty Days had to be the Pow Wow and feast. Elwick's own Pow Wow Club dancers were stunning in their regalia and you could not help but be proud as they made their way into the circle during Grand Entry. Equally as impressive were the three drum groups whose singing filled the air.

Treaty Days was an absolute success and many Thank You's must go out to the Elwick staff that made it happen! This is definitely how relationships are made!

Rodine Isfeld

History and Culture

With the guidance of Richelle Scott, Early Years Support Teacher at Elwick, Ms. Isfeld's Grade 6/7 class was treated to a learning experience like no other! Our Aboriginal Education unit encompassed learning about the Seven Teachings, making our own Medicine Wheels, Smudging and the significance in gifting tobacco. Students had history brought to life by the many guests that came to share their gifts and stories.



Photograph by: Colton

I learned how to set up a Tipi. ~ Jesmar & Breanna

I learned about the First Nations people, culture and their stories. This is important because it teaches us lessons in life and how to respect each other. ~ Alexis

To start, Dennis Whitebird and Peter Atkinson from the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba taught us about Manitoba's Treaties which helped us to understand why it is so important that our Treaties be honoured.

All Treaties begin with a handshake and they are agreements. ~ Alexis

The one thing I learned about Treaties is that they are a new relationship/deal that two people/groups agree on. ~ Anjali

Treaties were created in 1871 and they keep everything together. ~ Colton

The one thing I learned about Treaties is two different peoples made a deal on this land to share it. ~ Chelsea

I learned about the Treaty days and how the Treaties still exist today. Right now, we're all living on Treaty One Lands. ~ Patrick



Over two mornings, Niigaanwewidam, Dr. James Sinclair, wowed the class with his storytelling and expertise in graphic novel writing and coached the student through the creation of their own comic panels. As so many students read graphic novels, they loved learning about the details and thought that goes into writing and illustrating one. As a final project, students will be creating their own graphic novels.

I liked making the comics. ~ Delanie



Perhaps our most powerful learning came from watching *We Were Children*, a movie recounting the experiences of Lyna and Glen, two children who were taken from their homes and placed in Residential Schools and reading *Sugar Falls*, the graphic novel based on the events in Betty Ross' life. The students continually demonstrated a depth of understanding, maturity and genuine empathy for Lyna, Glen, Betty and other children whose lives were changed by Residential Schools.

When Betty came to visit our class, her gentle ways, positive outlook, honesty and bravery touched all of us. By sharing with us, she brought her story to life... and my students are still talking about her!

Photograph by: Breanna

Betty Ross, a Residential School survivor, has arrived at Elwick and has shared her story with Ms. Isfeld and Mrs. Kammerlock's classes. The two classes thank Betty dearly for having the courage to share her story with us. The two classes have been learning a lot about Residential Schools and to hear Betty's story has left some students heartbroken. ~ Patrick

I learned that Residential Schools were bad to be in and Betty was abused and had a hard life. ~ Trinity

We were lucky to have Betty Ross share her story because not many people can hear her speak. ~ Colton

I think Betty Ross is courageous because she told us her story and her story had painful memories. ~ Austin

The most powerful thing I learned about Residential Schools is that children were taken from their homes. ~Darren

When Betty Ross spoke to our class, I really liked when she sang a song for each direction. ~ Patrick

Watching We Were Children made me sad because some of the children didn't get a chance for a childhood. ~ Chelsea

My favourite story was Sugar Falls because it had black and white drawings and was interesting. ~ Trinity

I think Betty Ross is brave because sharing her sad story with us is really sad. I can't even share how my weekend was and she told us her story. ~ Anjali



Favourites and Fun



I enjoyed the drumming because it's a natural way for Aboriginal peoples. ~ Trinity

My Favourite part of Treaty Days was when the school had the BBQ party with the entire community. ~ Patrick

When I asked the students what their favourite part of Treaty Days was, it was no surprise that the answers covered all of the Tipi events and every game they played. Elwick was abuzz with drumming, dancing, singing, kickball, traditional Aboriginal Games, arts, crafts, feasting and friendship. Softball Manitoba even ran a two day workshop and tournament. After the long winter we've had, everyone was happy to be outside getting some fresh air!



the Tipi. ~ Delanie

My favourite part was watching the Pow Wow and storytelling. ~ Alexis

I liked doing the Aboriginal painting, the drumming and

I enjoyed the drumming because it's so cool, loud and fun. ~ Matthew

I enjoyed the drumming because I felt it touch my heart. ~ Ally

I had fun playing kickball because I could dolphin dive onto the mats. ~ Darren

Kickball was fun because we played other classes. ~ Mason

Thankfully, the night of the Pow Wow was warm and sunny, which made everyone's smiles a little brighter. With the talents of our Fiddlewicks players and Sistema musicians adding their song to evening's festivities, this was definitely remember.



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News from Room 8

Our Treaty Days Experience

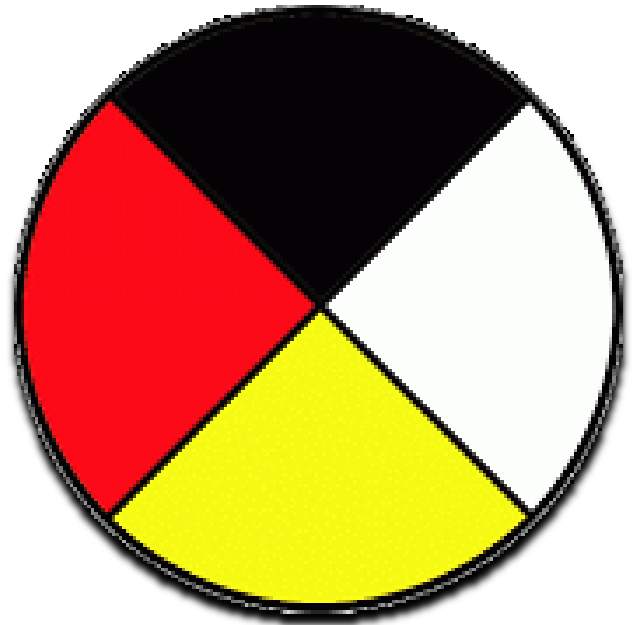
In Room 8 we have been learning about the importance of the handshake and making treaties. The handshake shows that you are a nice and respectful person. It is about building relationships and friendships. It shows that you are willing to make a deal, an agreement, or a treaty with someone else.

On May 13th we had a Treaty Days assembly. We showed a video of us doing the handshake. We also made a Seven Teachings and Treaty Days hanging craft with our buddies.

On May 14th we played kickball against other classes. It was so much fun. We also spent some time in the tipi, and then went upstairs to the library to see Joe McLellan. He told us the story about Nanabosho and the Cranberries, and he played his drum. He made us laugh! On May 15th we had a Treaty Days BBQ and Pow Wow. We really enjoyed watching the Pow Wow dancers.

On May 16th we went outside to watch the tipi being set up. After the tipi was set up, we entered the tipi in a circle because that is how the eagle flies. Mr. E. told us some stories about tipis. We also sketched the tipi. We also played Indigenous Games. It was fun and funny, because there were stories and different games. We played bingo, and we all got a pencil. We needed to get five numbers in a row to win a pencil.

We had fun during Treaty Days. It was the best time and made us very happy!



Written by Room 8 Grade 2/3 Multi-age

*CALLING ALL PARENTS AND COMMUNITY OF THE
SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION TO ATTEND AN
EVENING DISCUSSION AROUND THE ABORIGINAL
EDUCATION POLICY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A RUBRIC*



MONDAY JUNE 16TH, 2014

5:00-8:00 PM

NECCHI COMMONS 865

MAIN STREET **RSVP**

DONNA HEROLD

204-586-8061 OR DONNA.HEROLD@7OAKS.ORG

A LIGHT SUPPER & CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED

**ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
MAY 2014**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 	2 Day 1 	3 Day 2 Ms Kammerlock/Ms Ziegler to Academy Lanes 910-1130 Gr 4s & Gr 6 girls immunization 915-1100 Family Football Night	4 Day 3 Ms Parenteau/Mr Vaarmeyer to Aviation Centre 930-200 Gr 4/5 Track & Field  	5 Day 4 C Spiers/B Thompson to The Forks 915-215 Ms Beaupre/Ms Neufeld to Assiniboine Park 915-200 Sistema performs @ King Edward School Divisional Pow Wow @ West Kildonan Collegiate	6 Day 5 Last Day of Library classes Raindate for Gr 4/5 Track & Field Mr. Harding's group to swimming	7 Teen Club @ Elwick Community Centre Ages 13 & up	
8 	9 Day 6 East meets West: East Indian drumming workshop in Library p.m.	10 Day 1 Gr 4/5 to Assiniboine Park/Zoo 915-200 Ms Brown's class to the fire hall	11 Day 2 Patrol outing to dragon boats 900-1200 Ms Parenteau/Mr Vaarmeyer to MB Museum 915-200 Gr 7/8 to Wayfinders/Circle Garden 1100-1215 No Drumming @ lunch today	12 Day 3 Mr Spiers/Ms Thompson to Assiniboine Park 915-200	13 Day 4 	14 Teen Club @ Elwick Community Centre Ages 13 & up	
15 Father's Day	16 Day 5 National Aboriginal Day Celebration @ Elwick Tabloid Day K-5 	17 Day 6 Mr Weekes & Mr Gebhardt to Legislature & Roxy Lanes 930-200 MY to Assiniboine Park 910-200 Kindergarten Open House 600	18 Day 1 Ms Neufeld & Ms Beaupre to The Forks 915-200 MY Movie @ Cinema City p.m. 	19 Day 2 Ms Brown & Ms Reay to Assiniboine Park 930-200	20 Day 3 Gr 8 farewell @ Harborview 915-200 Ms Weppler/Ms Brar to Assiniboine Park/Zoo 915-200 Gr 7 go swimming Gr 4/5 swimming pm 	21 Teen Club @ Elwick Community Centre Ages 13 & up	
22	23 Day 4 Gr 4/5 to Wheelies 940-130 Ms Weppler-Ms Brar to Kildonan Park 915-215 Ms Deprez-Ms Reay to Steinbach Museum 900-130 Gr 8 farewell @ Assiniboine Park 915-215	24 Day 5 MY Tabloid Day PM  	25 Day 6 MY Dance p.m. Sistema Community Concert 430-500 – last day of Sistema	26 Day 1 Inservice Day No Classes	27 Day 2 Report cards go home LAST DAY OF CLASSES!	28 Teen Club @ Elwick Community Centre Ages 13 & up	
29	30 	<h1>HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!</h1> 					
Middle Years Band Day 1-3-5 Choir Practice Day 1(1000) & Day 4 (900) Fiddling Day 2-4-6 TAA Day 2 & Day 4	Every Monday	Every Tuesday Preschool Story Time 100-300	Every Wednesday MY Late Start 1000 Drumming 1220-100 MY girls soccer 330-430	Every Thursday Preschool Story Time 100-300	Every Friday	Early Years Dance Day 2 & Day 4 Fiddling Day 2-4-6	

