

**NOVEMBER 2016**

# **Elwick Community School**

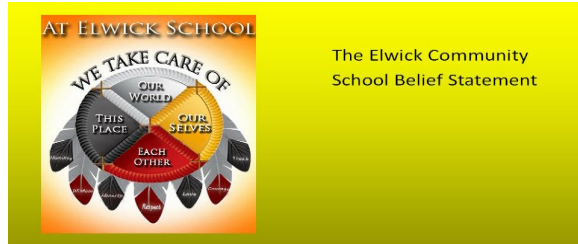
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## **Welcome Back to School!!**

### **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.*

## **October Dates to Remember...**

**November 10—11:00am—Remembrance Day Assembly**

**November 11—Remembrance Day—No Classes**

**November 22—Report cards sent home**

**November 25—Parent/Teacher Conferences—No School**

## Sistema News

Gisaya Gahungu



Sistema got settled in nicely in October. We had some visits from a special guest, Harry Stafylakis. He is the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's newest composer in residence.

"A composer of music that is "dreamy yet rhythmic" (*New York Times*), Stafylakis was selected for his thoughtful and emotional style, his breadth of experience, and musical versatility.



Sistema had a great turn out of orange shirts on September 30<sup>th</sup>, recognizing the effects that the residential schools had on children's sense of self-esteem. In honour of residential school survivors, Sistema gathered at Elwick's sharing circle and spoke about what they had learned that day in class. Students shared how they felt about these events and how it had affected them. We spoke about the importance of thinking of the people affected by residential schools during the whole year, not just on these special days.




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### Staff Parking Lot Reminder

Please **DO NOT** park in the Staff Lot for any reason, this includes drop-off and pick-up for your children.

There is parking available on Maberley Road.

**Thank you!**



## Notes from the Music Room

Melanie Clendenan

October was a creative month in the music room. We hosted an Artist-in-Residence, Raine Hamilton, who completed song-writing workshops with our grade 1-8 students.



**Here are some of our upcoming adventures:**

**Bach to School: November 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will be visiting Elwick for a special concert.

**Remembrance Day Assembly: November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

Families are welcome at this assembly.

**Winter Concert: December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Our Kindergarten – Grade Three classes will be performing the fun winter musical “Elflandia”!



## Phys. Ed Report

Kim Schettler

**Grade 3,4,5 Cross-Country:** The early year's cross-country team had a great time at Little Mountain Park in October. The team tried their best and represented Elwick well. All participants took home a card with their time on it that they will be able to compare their results to in the spring.



**Handball:** We will be having practices at lunch for the grade 4/5's interested in playing in a tournament on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please listen for the announcements for when practices will be taking place.

**Volleyball:** The grade 6,7,8 girls volleyball teams have been practicing since the middle of October. Game schedules are posted in the gym.

**\*\*\*The grade 8 girls will have their final volleyball tournament at Red River College on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This will take place during the school day.**



Hello Community!

## Community Connector

Marsha Harper

We will continue our parent group projects every Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the community room. and remember you are all welcome. Come join us for snacks and laughter . Child-minding is available.

For more information you can contact me Marsha at (204) 633-5641



## Elwick Community Room Preschool

**Tuesday mornings from 10:00-12:00 noon  
Preschool Story time/Child-minding for the Beading Group**

Our Parent/Caregiver and Child (birth to 6 years) Program will take place on Wednesdays, from 1:00-3:00pm in November and December, but will be cancelled November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have play, snack and Storytime, but will also have special activities for families to do together on Wednesday afternoons. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> there will be Parents Cooking from 10:00-12:00am, with childminding available for the children.

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Make and Take Playdough
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – Jen the Speech Therapist visits
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – Take and Bake “Wacky Cake”
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – “Parents Cooking”
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – “Parents Cooking”
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – Let’s Paint
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fun!

There will be no programs December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, but programs will resume after the break on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### Wiggle, Giggle & Munch

A time for Parents/Caregivers and Children to have fun together through active play, games, songs and a healthy snack.

All parents and their children, age birth to 5 years, are invited to this free program.

Wiggle, Giggle & Munch is being offered at:

Location: Elwick School Community Room

Day and Time: Thursdays from 9:00-10:45AM.

Dates: October 13, 20 and 27 and November 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: Street parking only. No parking available in the school lot

For information please contact Donna Giesbrecht at 204-633-5641 or [donna.giesbrecht@7oaks.org](mailto:donna.giesbrecht@7oaks.org) or Veronica Thiffeault at 204-586-9716 or [veronica.thiffeault@7oaks.org](mailto:veronica.thiffeault@7oaks.org)



## SAGE PICKING

Our year at Elwick is off to a busy start!

On September 28, a small group of students from grades 2-8 went Sage picking at Bird's Hill Park alongside some teachers and support staff from Elwick. Our students provided a small offering of tobacco to the earth, witnessed a pipe ceremony, and were taught how to harvest the Sage.

We carefully removed the stalk of the plant with the roots in the ground, and spread the seeds of the female plants; this is to help a new generation of Sage continue to grow. Our harvested Sage is now dried and ready to be used as a part of our school Smudge program! Miigwetch to our students and staff who participated in our Sage harvest!

- Ms. Henry, on behalf of the Sage picking group -



For the latest information, check out our website!

[www.7oaks.org/schools/elwick](http://www.7oaks.org/schools/elwick)





## THANK YOU!!

In 2009, the Knights of Columbus launched the coats initiative designed to keep kids warm in harsh winter climates. With many families with young children struggling in tough economic times, there was a clear need to provide warm winter coats to children in their communities. And so, the Knights of Columbus Kids Coats program was born.

Elwick Community school graciously acknowledges the Knights of Columbus for their generous donations.

Please contact Angie in the office if your child is in need of a winter coat.

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### 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*

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**Remembrance Day Assembly  
November 10, 2016—11:00am**

**No School on Friday, November 11, 2016**