



SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION
community begins here

October 2014 Newsletter

Elwick Community School

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Winnipeg, Manitoba
R2P 0E2
Ph. 204-633-5641
www.7oaks.org/school/elwick

Principal: Peter Obendoerfer
Vice Principal: Bobbi-Lynn Haegeman



A t Elw ick School w e:
T ake care of ourselves
T ake care of each other
T ake care of this place
and
T ake care of this world!



REMINDER: There is no school
Monday October 13th.

Happy Thanksgiving



ELWICK SCHOOL CALL BACK SYSTEM

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL
WHEN YOUR CHILD
IS GOING TO BE ABSENT

(204)633-5641

Staff can take calls from:
8:00 am - 9:00 am
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



We have a call back program to ensure that all students arrive safely at school. If your child is going to be absent or late, please phone the school at **204-633-5641** between 8:30 and 9:00 am. If your child does not arrive at school at 9:10 or 1:10 and we have not heard from you, we will call you. It may be necessary to call you at work if we are unable to reach anyone at home. **Please keep us advised of any changes in phone numbers for home or work, babysitting or emergency contacts.**

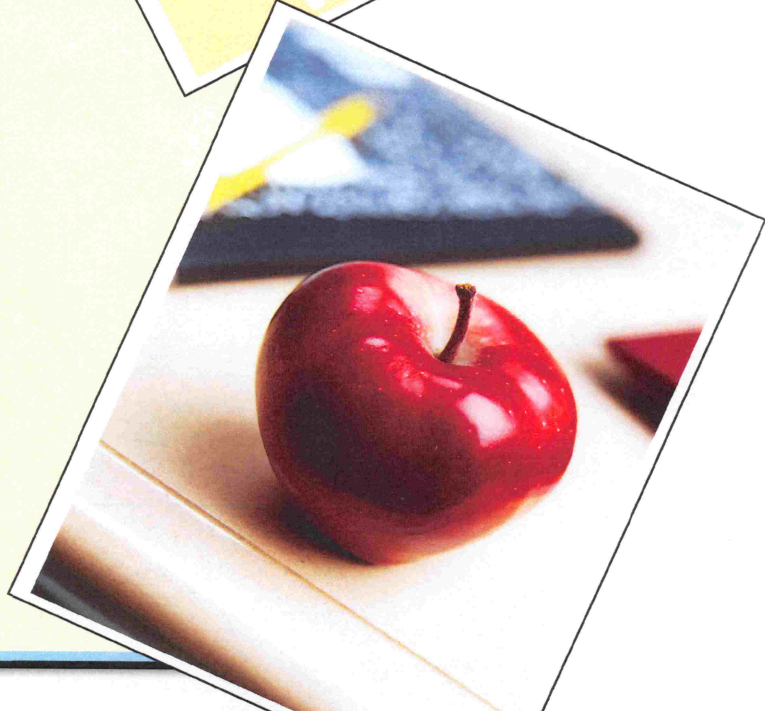


Medication

NO medication is allowed to be kept in the child's classroom or on their person, unless it is an Epi-Pen. We understand there may be a need/reason that a child be required to take prescribed medication throughout the school year. Please contact the office to inform staff of medication requirements. We will provide you with the proper forms that need to be filled out. **Working together we will ensure safe health procedures.**

Staff Listing

T. Lindsay	Kindergarten
T. Manastersky	Grade 1
L. Wepler	Grade 1
N.Platsko	Grade 2/3
D. Crawford	Grade 2/3
A. Deprez	Grade 2/3
J. Beaupre	Grade 2/3
J. Chin	Grade 2/3
T. Brown	Grade 4/5
B. Thompson	Grade 4/5
A. Martini	Grade 4/5
C. Weekes	Grade 4/5
D. Catanese	Grade 4/5
D. Vaarmeyer	Grade 6
C. Parenteau/E. Raquin	Grade 6
S. Conner	Grade 7/8
R. Cairns	Grade 7/8
N. Pidhirniak	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
A. Huber	6/7/8 Learning Support
C. McMillan	Early Years Guidance
A. Anderson	Middle Years Guidance
M. Hawula	Social Worker
W. Persowich	Psychologist
K. Ring-Whiklo	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
G. Gahungu	Sistema
E. Risbey	Sistema
S. Howell	Librarian
J. Eisbrenner	Educational Assistant
B. Melnyk	Educational Assistant
K. Jemielity	Educational Assistant
D. Fisher	Educational Assistant
D. Kowalchuk	Educational Assistant
E. Lobchuk	Educational Assistant
J. Ellison	Educational Assistant
C. Krueger	Educational Assistant
K. Chartrand	CATEP Ed. Assistant
K. Chinchilla	CATEP Ed. Assistant
D. Mathers	Community Coordinator
A. Lennon	Community Connector
B. Roccola	Custodian
M. Chomiak	Custodian
A. Easton	Secretary
M. Patacz	Secretary
C. Phinney	Secretary





News from Room 8:

Hello Parents, Family Members and Friends!

My first month at Elwick School was quite wonderful. I would like to thank my students, staff and families for making me feel so welcome and taking the time to connect with myself and the classroom. Our first month together has been one of building relationships, routines, friendships and community. In Social Studies we went on a community walk in order to embrace our local community and we built a 3D map/model of our community using recycled materials. Students have been learning about how to be a good Bucket Filler by the kind words use and the kind things they do for their friends. October will certainly be a busy month as well! We will be continuing with our "Learn to Skate" program, all of the students always look forward to Monday afternoons when we get to be on the ice together :) We have also enjoyed our Grade 2/3 Common Time where all of the Grade 2/3 students get to know each other and our team of teachers! We are quickly finding our groove in Room 8 with routines, relationship building and our goals for learning. In October we will be focusing more on our daily reading and math programs. We are all looking forward to learning more about the Seven Teachings, going on a fieldtrip, and special holidays such as Thanksgiving and Halloween this month!

Ms. Chin



What did you do at school today? "We had Explorations!!"

Does this sound like a familiar conversation...your son or daughter comes in the door around 3:45pm...You ask them:

"What did you do today at school?" "We had Explorations!"

"What is that?" "We played!"

Now many parents may be thinking, what is my son/daughter doing having play time at school??? Play time is something that they can do at home. When they are at school they should be learning things like math, reading and spelling. Well I would like to tell you that what my grade 2/3 class does during invitations and exploration time includes every aspect of learning and much MUCH more...

If you ask a student in room 6 "What is exploration time?" Here are a few typical responses:

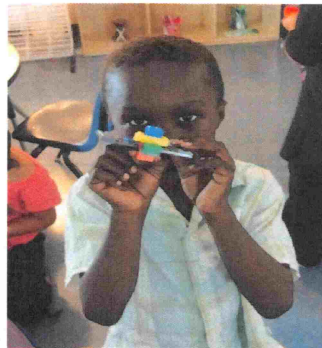
"Using your imagination"
"Trying new things"

"Learning and playing with different people"
"Creating a story"

In room 6 for two afternoons a cycle our classroom is transformed into a different place, one in which kids who often do not play with each other find common interests over things like sewing, working with ramps and exploring properties of momentum, going back in time and creating a story of when the dinosaurs lived, to even creating a fantasy world with dragons and flying ships made of lego. In our class anything goes, and learning and imagination are at the heart of everything we do. Take a look into what exploration time may look like...



Sewing with a needle and thread



Lego Dragon



Play-doh Pastries

When adults see children "Playing with Lego's" They are really creating a fantasy story, with characters, problems and solutions all through oral text. When they are "playing with play-doh" I see them inspiring to be pastry experts and jewellers, thinking critically about the steps they need to take and how to perfect their craft. When you see children playing you may not see that they are negotiating, compromising, and creating. Developing deeper their language skills, vocabulary, spatial awareness and so much more... So the next time you are at Elwick School come visit Room 6, and take a look at our documentation wall detailing our exploration time. Please take the time to read the children's ideas and thoughts. What once may have looked like 'play' will start to look a lot more like work! For play really is the work of children. I want to leave you with a quote from the Great Mr. Rogers:

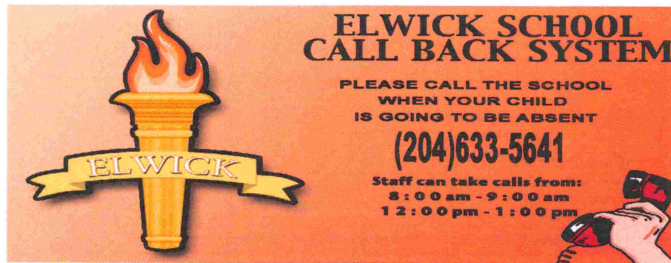
"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood"

Happy Exploring! Love Nicole and the 2/3's of Room 6



School Start— 8:55 a.m.
School End— 3:30 p.m.
A.M. Kindergarten pick up— 11:25 a.m.
P.M. Kindergarten pick up— 3:30 p.m.
Lunch Hour—11:55-12:55
A.M. Recess—10:20-10:35 a.m.
P.M. Recess— 2:20-2:35 p.m
Please remind your child if they are late they must
come to the office for a late slip.

Call the school if your child is away!!



To stay connected in what is going on at Elwick school -

Please find us on the web at www.7oaks.org/school/elwick

Coming Soon:

Elwick Parent Connect.

Watch for Information to be sent home in the next few weeks.



2014 / 2015 Important

Dates to Remember

October 13, 2014 - Thanksgiving Day (No Classes)

October 20, 2014 - No School (PD Day)

October 24, 2014 – No School (PD Day)

November 7, 2014 – No School (PD Day)

November 11, 2014– No School (Remembrance Day)

November 21, 2014 – No School (Conferences)

December 22, 2014 – First day of Winter Break

January 5, 2015 - First Day Back from Winter Break

February 2, 2015 – No School (PD Day)

February 16, 2015 - Louis Riel Day (No Classes)

March 30, 2015- First day of Spring Break

April 6, 2015 - First Day Back from Spring Break

April 24, 2015 – No School (PD Day)

May 11, 2015 – No School (PD Day)

May 18, 2015 - Victoria Day (No Classes)

June 29, 2015 - Administration Day (No Classes)

June 30, 2015 - Last Day of School

Free Preschool Storytime

for children 5 and under accompanied by a parent or caregiver

Join us for:

- 📖 Stories
- 🎵 Songs
- 🎶 Rhymes
- ✂️ Crafts
- 🍪 Snacks
- 🧩 Puzzles
- 🎮 Activities



Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

1:00 - 3:00

Programs start Tuesday September 16th

Elwick Community School - Family Room

30 Maberley Rd

Hi, I'm Dave Mathers, Community Coordinator at Elwick Community School.

I have over 20 years of experience working with young children and their families, the past 12 hosting parent/child preschool programs in the 7 Oaks School Division.

The program includes songs, stories, crafts and activities such as puzzles, playdough and games. It provides preschoolers with experiences and opportunities to learn and connect with other children their own age.

Parents and caregivers get to meet and talk to one another. They'll receive ideas and information about child development, behaviours, and activities they can do at home to help their children grow to their fullest potential.

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you and your preschool children to the programs listed above. For more information, you can call me at 633-5641 or email me david.mathers@7oaks.org I look forward to meeting you,

Dave

Reading to your baby: How families can promote reading from birth.

When is the best time to start reading to your children?

Although it is never too late to learn to read, the earlier one starts the better.

The later one starts, the more difficult and frustrating it becomes for the child.

Learning to read starts from birth. Newborns learn how to read signals all around them, by listening to voices, watching faces, and reading body language.

Babies need to hear and use sounds, sound patterns and spoken language. This helps prepare them to eventually learn to read printed words. Here are some tips on how you can help provide these opportunities from the moment your child is born.

Read to your baby. Making books, stories and storytelling a part of your baby's daily routine will help nurture a love of reading.

Use rhymes, games and songs. Babies respond to them almost from birth. And they don't need to understand the words for these moments to be learning experiences, especially when they're sharing them with mom, dad or other family members.

For newborns and very young babies, try rhymes that involve gentle touch, such as patting their feet or giving them a little bounce while you're talking.

Talk about what's going on. Whether you're changing a diaper, bathing your baby, or taking a walk, use words that describe the actions and the things around your baby. You'll help him develop vocabulary before he can even talk.

Babies babble. It's how they learn to make sounds with their own voices. Repeat these sounds, and turn them into real words. You'll help your baby recognize which sounds form language and he'll eventually make the connection between the sounds and an object or person, like "dada."

Reward your baby's first tries at making sounds with smiles and hugs. This early communication is exciting for your baby, and your approval will encourage her to keep trying.

Once your baby starts talking, help her find the words for the things around her. By repeating words, you'll help your child remember.

Sing songs. The music makes the words easier to remember, and is a fun way to make language come alive for you and your baby!

For more ideas on nurturing your child's growth and development, visit

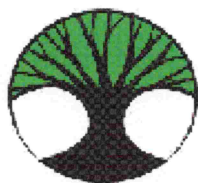
Caring for Kids, a website for families developed by the Canadian Paediatric Society:

www.caringforkids.cps.ca

ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 6 Mr. Vaarmeyer's class to Wpg. Art Gallery 900-1130 Bus Evacuation Drills 915 MY Cross Country meet @ Little Mountain Park 915-145 	4
5 	6 Day 1 School Picture Day EY Cross Country @ Little Mountain Park 1130-200 	7 Day 2	8 Day 3 EY Cross Country @ Little Mountain 	9 Day 4 Ms. Thompson's class first swim	10 Day 5 Mrs Platsko/Mrs Deprez to Penner's Pumpkins 900-130 MY Cross Country @ Birds Hill Park 915-145	11
12	13 NO CLASSES Thanksgiving	14 Day 6 M.r Vaarmeyer's class to Wpg. Art Gallery 900-1130 Gr 6/7 volleyball @ HC Avery 215-515 Pow Wow 330-530 Heritage Language starts 	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 Gr 7/8 volleyball @ Edmund Partridge 230-515 Immunization for Gr 4s & Gr 6 girls Ms Beaupre/Ms Chin classes to Penner Pumpkins 910-200	17 Day 3	18
19	20 Day 4 NO CLASSES Divisional PD Day	21 Day 5 Mr. Raquin/Mr. Vaarmeyer classes to Oak Hammock Marsh 915-245 	22 Day 6 Staff Meeting 800 Mr. Vaarmeyer's class to Wpg. Art Gallery 900-1130	23 Day 1 Gr 1 to Fort Whyte 915-200 Gr 7/8 volleyball @ West St. Paul 235-515	24 Day 2 NO CLASSES SAGE	25 
26	27 Day 3 Pow Wow Club 330-530	28 Day 4	29 Day 5 Ms Conner's class to WE Day 900-230	30 Day 6 Mr. Vaarmeyer's class to Wpg. Art Gallery 900-1130	31 Day 1	
Middle Years Band Day 1-3-5 Choir Practice Day 1(1220) & Day 4 (300) Fiddling Day 2-4-6 TAA Day 2 & Day 4	Every Monday Parent Drumming Group 100-200 Library Ms. Chin's class skate 140-300  	Every Tuesday Ms. Manastersky's class skate 1025-1145 Preschool Story Time 100-300 Ms. Weppler's class skate 140-300 Heritage Language 430-530	Every Wednesday MY Late Start 1000 Drum Songs 1220-100 Comm Rm Heritage Language 430-530	Every Thursday Preschool Story Time 100-300 Ms. Thompson's class swims 100-215 Heritage Language 430-530 	Every Friday	Early Years Dance Day 2 & Day 4 Fiddling Day 2-4-6 



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SETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS TO SEVEN OAKS

OCTOBER 2014

www.7oaks.org/programs/settlement

All events and programs are for newcomers to Canada. They are CIC funded and hosted by the Seven Oaks Settlement Program.

BRING YOUR PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD TO REGISTER.

All programs are free. Questions? Phone 204-632-1716 or 204-697-5961

CONTACT INFORMATION

Seven Oaks Adult Learning and Settlement Services

Website: www.7oaks.org/programs/settlement

Call us: 204-632-1716
OR 204-697-5961

Email us:
settlement@7oaks.org

Visit us:
950 Jefferson Ave

OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday
8:30 am - 8:00 pm

Drop-in Computer Use, Help or Information
860 Sheppard St.
Monday to Thursday
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Settlement Team: Shane, Rowena, Jose, and Sally

Coordinator: Jana

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

- **Women's Group:** Come join us for Health and Fitness and good conversation. Friday evenings 5-7pm. Child care available. Contact Rowena for details.
- **Conversation Classes:** every Wednesday 6-8pm at 950 Jefferson Ave., starting October 15th– November 19th. This is your chance to improve your speaking and listening skills in English. Call Shane if you have questions or to ask about child care.
- **Computer Training:** every Wednesday afternoon 1-3pm at 860 Sheppard St. This is a tutoring program for beginners, where you work at your own pace. Call Jose if you have questions or to ask about child care availability.
- **Job Search Skills Training**– every Wednesday 2-4pm at 860 Sheppard St. Sally will be available to help you improve your job search skills. Bring your resume. Call Sally about childcare availability or if you have questions.
- **Relationships in a New Culture:** a course for couples to strengthen your relationship in Canada. October 18th– November 22, 2014, 8:30am-12:30pm at 950 Jefferson Ave. Call Shane if you have questions.

EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Red River College: Information on returning to school - for you or your child. If you have questions about courses or requirements, this is the presentation for you. Wednesday, October 1st at 2:15 pm or Thursday November 21st at 7:30pm in the Wayfinders Room at 950 Jefferson Ave.

Seven Oaks Job Fair: Friday, October 17th, 3-5pm at 950 Jefferson Ave. Bring your resume and be ready to meet with companies hiring now, including the RCMP, Manitoba Civil Service Commission, Kitchen Craft, Winnipeg Transit and more. Please call 204-632-1716 for more info.

COMING SOON...

- **Health Fair:** November 21st, 2-6pm at 950 Jefferson Ave.
- **Conversation Café**– Wednesday, November 26th, 10-12pm. We will have an immigrant professional speak with you about how they moved forward in their career in Canada.
- **Renting in Manitoba:** what you need to know. November– date to be confirmed.

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE SEVEN OAKS AREA

- **Lunch and Rhyme:** a free parent and preschool program on Fridays, October 10-December 5th 12-2pm at 950 Jefferson. Space is limited so please come to the school and register with Dina in the Daycare Centre soon!
- **The local libraries are a great source of information and programs.** All you need is a library card to join in. You can get one of these for free if you live in Winnipeg. Just fill in an application at any library front desk.
 - **Current free programs at Sir William Stephenson Library (765 Keewatin St.)** include: Computer workshops, a Book Club, a Cookbook Club, Introduction to Genealogy Workshop, baby, pre-school, child and family reading/play programs
 - **Current free programs at West Kildonan Library** include: a baby Rhyme Time, Pre-school and Family Story Times, a Book Club and Word Processing (using a keyboard and mouse)

Pick up a copy of the Library newsletter for details at the Seven Oaks Adult Learning and Settlement Services Centre.

<http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/eventsall.asp>

SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

Did you know that Seven Oaks School Division has many great programs outside regular school hours for children and adults? Please check the SOSD website (www.7oaks.org/programs) for program details about:

- **Wayfinders and Beyond Grade 12 NOW** (programs for teens)
- **Continuing Education** (adult classes-with a fee)
- **CVE (Continuing Vocational Education)** for high school students interested in starting specific trades
- **Counselling Service Resources** (web links to community resources for all kinds of needs)
- **Seven Oaks Hockey Skills Academy** (for grades 6-8 boys and girls)
- **Pre-School Programs** including free parent/child programs and parenting courses;
- **Youth Programs** including **EDGE** (free classes for middle years students after school hours) including babysitting, art programs, creative writing, music, dance, knitting etc...; **MYAC** (Maples Youth Activity Centre for ages 10-16); **KYAC** (Kildonan Youth Activity Centre for ages 8-17) and others.



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SOSD Summer English Classes



Summer Gardening Project with Shane

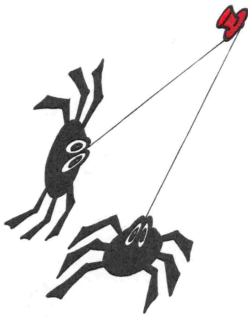


CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2014

SETTLEMENT PROGRAM NEWSLETTER CALENDER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 RRC Presentation @ 2:15 pm at 950 Jefferson	2	3 Women's Grp. 5-7 @ 950 Jefferson	4 Men's Swim- ming classes 12-2pm @ Cindy Klassen
5	6	7	8 Computer Tutoring 1-3 pm 2 Job Search Skills-4pm @ 660 Sheppard		10	9 Men's Swim- ming classes 12-2 pm @ Cindy Klassen
12	13 Thanksgiving Day	14	15 Computer Tutoring 1-3 pm Job Search Skills 2-4pm @ 660 Sheppard Conv. Classes 6-8pm at 950		17 JOB FAIR 3-7 pm @ 950 Jefferson	16 Men's Swim- ming classes 12-2pm @ Cindy Klassen
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Take a minute and do an October Thanksgiving and halloween themed word search on your own or as a family!!



October Wordsearch Find the words

S	T	H	G	G	H	O	S	T	P
Z	S	A	X	D	X	U	H	U	U
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Z	Y	M	X	W	Q	C	I	X	I

DINNER
HALLOWEEN

FAMILY
OCTOBER

GHOST
PUMPKIN

GHOUL
SPIDER

TURKEY

