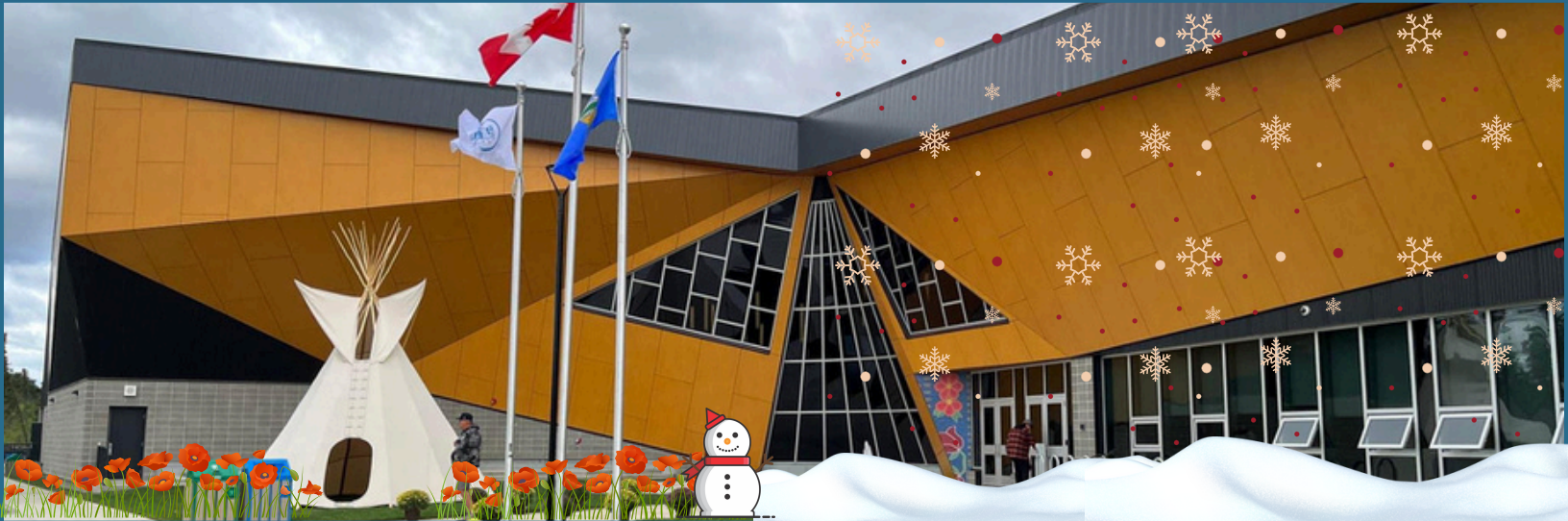




The Ravin' Raven

Elsie Fabian School Monthly Newsletter



Principal's Message Tansi! Edlanet'e! Hello!

Greetings Parents and Community Members,

We have had another successful and exciting month at Elsie Fabian School! November has passed quickly, and we are looking forward to the Christmas season! In November, we recognized Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day, held Parent/Teacher Interviews and celebrated our students during the November Assembly. We also celebrated Metis week, which culminated in a school-wide jigging contest. At the end of November, we held a Spirit Week and hosted the lead singer of the Prairie States, Mat Cardinal. Mat gave a school-wide performance and held song-writing sessions with our students. Alberta Ballet was also here, to provide lessons to our grades K-3 students. We will be holding a dance showcase on December 10th to display their talent! We also welcomed community members and elders into the school to share their knowledge and wisdom, and partnered with local agencies like Girls Inc, to promote positive relationships amongst students.

November has been a whirlwind and wonderful month. The students are thriving, and their energy and excitement is infectious. We look forward to December and watching the students continue to grow and learn. Again, thank you for the warm and wonderful welcome to Elsie Fabian School and the community of Fort McKay. I am honored to serve the community, staff and students of this vibrant nation.

Merci Cho, Hiy Hiy, Thank you,
Sarah Hiscock



MISSION

To promote and preserve our languages, history and culture. To continue to provide opportunities by advancing our education, economy and health of our people.

THIS month

November Issue: What's Inside

- Student Success Assembly
- Remembrance Day
- Spirit Week
- Hockey & Volleyball
- Visit from Mat Cardinal-Music
- Metis Week
- Junior C&C
- Upcoming School Events

November STUDENT SUCCESS ASSEMBLY



Grandfather Teacher Theme for the Month: Manacihto – RESPECT – Bek'ésoredli



The purpose of our Student Success Assemblies is to foster a feeling of community within our school. Each month will focus on one of the seven Grandfather teachings. This month, our Grandfather Teacher theme centers on RESPECT and was led by the Kindergarten (KO) and Grade 3 (G3) classes and held on Nov 29th.

Respect is symbolized by the Buffalo. Respect is to treat others kindly. We do this by listening, admiring or considering other people's wellbeing. We want to treat others how we would like to be treated. Special respect should also be given to parents, Elders and teachers as they specifically care for us, and wish to lovingly guide us. We should never purposefully disrespect others in an unkind or mean way. We want to raise people up, not put them down or hurt their feelings. At Elsie Fabian school we show respect for one another.

Respect



STUDENT SUCCESS AWARDS

RESPECT & MOST IMPROVED



CONGRATULATIONS to our recipients for the Respect award this month!

K5	Ziya Hogg	Gr. 5	Kassadee Gladue
Gr. 1	Kailynn L'Hommecourt	Gr. 6	Amira Asadi
Gr. 2	Royce House	Gr. 7	Gracie Dyson
Gr. 3	Riel Quintal	Gr. 8	Shinaye Richards
Gr. 4	Layla Serafinchan	Gr. 9	Patience Grandjambe



Respect Award



Land Based Learning

Congratulations to those students who have been awarded **Most Improved** for the Month of November



K5	Emberly Spencer	Gr. 5	Maddox Donofrio
Gr. 1	Niah Boucher	Gr. 6	Makayla Cardinal
Gr. 2	Mason Cardinal	Gr. 7	Shania Grandjambe
Gr. 3	Meredith Raymond	Gr. 8	Grayson Boucher
Gr. 4	Kenden Gladue	Gr. 9	Blake Hoffman

Congratulations to the students receiving the **Land Based Award** for the month of November

Div 1	Tasia Shott
Div 2	Layla Serafinchan
Div 3	Patrick Solomon



Congratulations to those students chosen for the **CREE AND DENE LANGUAGE AWARDS**

Dene Language Award

Div 1	Kailynn L'Hommecourt
Div 2	Eliza Howe
Div 3	Maria Da Costa

Cree Language Award

Div 1	Rylan L'Hommecourt
Div 2	McKenna Serafinchan
Div 3	Kali Faichney



Dene & Cree Language Award

Recognition of PERFECT ATTENDANCE for November

K5	Emberly Spencer	Gr. 6	Amira Asadi
Gr. 2	Levon Granjambe Maddix McClure	Gr. 7	Kalilea Faichney
Gr. 3	Stella Dyson	Gr. 8	Harley Gladue
Gr. 4	Willow Boucher	Gr. 9	Sadi Gladue



Perfect Attendance



Grade 8 won the Golden Garbage can Award!

Kindergarten won the Healthy Habits Award!

Grade 2 won the sneaky slipper award!



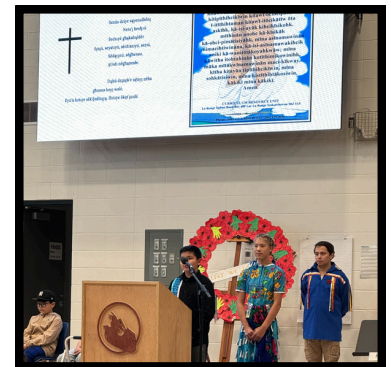
INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY

ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL'S REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

ON NOVEMBER 7TH, ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL HOSTED A HEARTFELT REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY TO HONOR INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY AND COMMEMORATE THE SACRIFICES OF ALL THOSE WHO SERVED. THIS SPECIAL EVENT WAS LED BY OUR TALENTED STAFF AND STUDENTS, SHOWCASING THEIR DEDICATION TO PRESERVING AND SHARING OUR HISTORY AND TRADITIONS.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE ASSEMBLY WAS A MOVING PERFORMANCE BY OUR DANCERS, WHOSE BEAUTIFUL MOVEMENTS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE RESILIENCE AND BRAVERY OF INDIGENOUS VETERANS. EACH CLASS ALSO CONTRIBUTED BY CREATING A UNIQUE WREATH, WHICH WAS PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN THE GYMNASIUM, SYMBOLIZING RESPECT AND REMEMBRANCE.

WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO THE PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO JOINED US FOR THIS MEANINGFUL GATHERING. YOUR PRESENCE MADE THE DAY EVEN MORE SPECIAL AS WE REFLECTED TOGETHER ON THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICES OF OUR VETERANS.



LEARNING OUR CREE & DENE LANGUAGE TOGETHER!

Tansi! Edlanet'e!

Dene & Cree Words of the Month NOVEMBER

At Elsie Fabian School, we're dedicated to fostering a learning environment where students connect deeply with both Dene and Cree language. Each month, we introduce new words in Dene and Cree to help students build a strong foundation in these languages, and we encourage you to practice these words together at home as a family.

Take a few moments to practice these words with your children. It's a wonderful way to honor our traditions and foster respect for language and culture, both inside and outside of school.



November



THIS MONTH'S WORDS:

tet'eghe yati dziné - Christmas Day

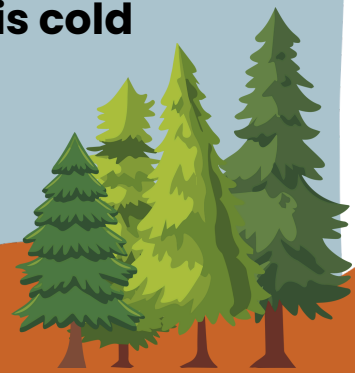
bethchené - toboggan

el - spruce tree

honék'áth/edza - it is cold



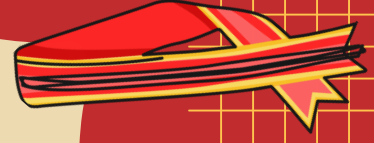
*Baby,
it's cold
outside*



MÉTIS WEEK AT EFS

Métis Week at EFS

From November 12 to 15th, Elsie Fabian School celebrated Métis Week! We celebrated Métis culture and traditions through a variety of fun and educational activities. On Tuesday & Wednesday we had jigging lessons for all grades during PE classes. On Thursday our students learned to weave the Métis sash, a symbol of Métis pride and heritage. Friday we had a special luncheon and jigging contest and parents, staff, and community members joined and cheered on the all the jiggers! Congrats to all our Jigging winners!



JUNIOR C&C MEET WITH FMFN CHIEF & COUNCIL

EFS Junior Chief & Council Meet FMFN Leadership

On November 26th, our EFS Junior Chief & Council had the incredible opportunity to meet with Fort McKay First Nation's Chief and Council at the band office for a special lunch and learning session. During the visit, our junior leaders proudly shared updates on their initiatives since being elected and observed how main Chief & Council meetings are opened. A memorable highlight was Vice Chief Harley opening the meeting with a prayer in Cree, showcasing the importance of language and tradition. It was an inspiring experience for our young leaders to connect with and learn from our Nation's leadership.

Thank you Mr. J and Ms. Thompson for the guidance and leadership!



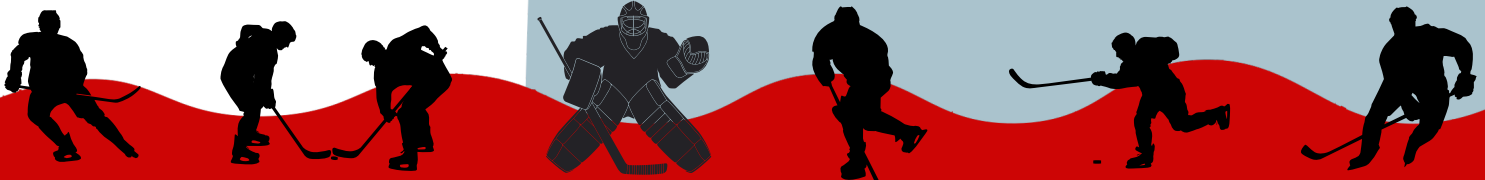
Youth
LEADERSHIP

EFS HOCKEY ACADEMY

EFS Hockey Academy: Go Ravens!

The Hockey Academy at Elsie Fabian School is in full swing, and we're thrilled to be back on the ice for our third year as the EFS Ravens! This year has been filled with exciting moments for our students as they develop their skills, teamwork, and love for the game.

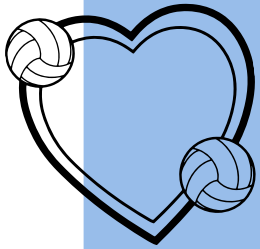
We're proud of our students' hard work and dedication both on and off the ice. Keep soaring, Ravens! 🏆 A Big THANK YOU to our Coaches and Teachers for guiding us and leading academy each week!



EFS JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



EFS JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM GOES TO KEYANO TO CHEER ON THE KEYANO HUSKIES!



LOVE



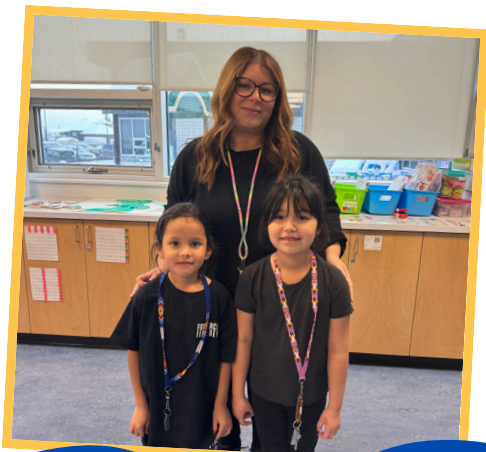
SPIRIT WEEK AT EFS

SPIRIT WEEK PRESENTED BY JUNIOR C&C!

- Jersey Day
- Dress like a Teacher Day
- Twin Day
- Dress like 2000's Day
- PJ/Crazy Hair Day



SPIRIT

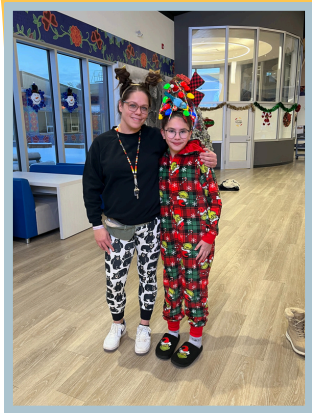
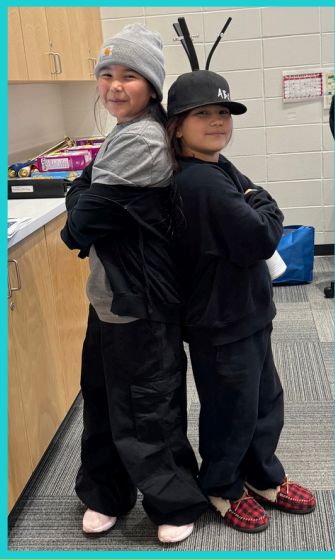


OUTFIT OF THE DAY



SPIRIT WEEK AT EFS!

let
YOUR
Spirit
SOAR



School
Spirit

MUSIC CLASS HOSTS MAT CARDINAL FROM PRAIRIE STATES

SPECIAL GUEST MAT CARDINAL VISITS EFS

ON NOVEMBER 26, WE WERE THRILLED TO WELCOME MAT CARDINAL TO ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL FOR A DAY OF MUSIC AND INSPIRATION. MAT IS THE LEAD SINGER OF THE PRAIRIE STATES. HE LED ENGAGING WORKSHOPS WITH DIVISIONS 2 AND 3 DURING THEIR MUSIC CLASSES, SHARING HIS TALENT AND PASSION FOR MUSIC.

IN THE AFTERNOON, HE PERFORMED FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL AND SPOKE ABOUT HIS JOURNEY AS A MUSICIAN. HIS VISIT WAS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL, AND WE'RE SO GRATEFUL HE SHARED HIS TIME AND TALENT WITH US!



ABOUT MAT CARDINAL:

MAT CARDINAL IS A SONGWRITER, RECORDING ARTIST AND THE LEAD SINGER OF THE COUNTRY BAND "THE PRAIRIE STATES". HAILING FROM THE SMALL NORTHERN ALBERTA COMMUNITY OF WABASCA/DESMARAIS, MAT IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE BIGSTONE CREE NATION. MAT STARTED MAKING MUSIC AT 12 YEARS OLD WITH HIS OLDER BROTHER ELI. THIS SPARKED A PASSION INSIDE OF MAT THAT PUSHED HIM TO MOVE TO EDMONTON. THIS IS WHERE HE MET THE GUYS IN THE BAND, THE PRAIRIE STATES. THE PRAIRIE STATES STARTED IN 2017 AND HAVE CELEBRATED 11 COUNTRY MUSIC ALBERTA AWARDS, 2 CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC AWARD NOMINATIONS, AND THEIR SONG "WAITING ON YOU" HIT #28 AT CANADIAN COUNTRY RADIO LANDING THEM THEIR FIRST TOP #30 SINGLE. THE BAND IS SIGNED WITH WILLING RECORDS/UNIVERSAL MUSIC AND SAKAMOTO AGENCY WHICH HAS HELPED THEM CLIMB TO THE NEXT LEVEL. MAT IS MAKING WAVES IN THE COUNTRY MUSIC SCENE WITH THE PRAIRIE STATES. HE'S EXCITED TO SHARE HIS STORY OF RESILIENCE AND LOVE OF MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUTH TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT EFS

Daily in-school & Extracurricular Activities

Volleyball Club



Craft Club



Hockey Academy



Basketball



DANCE

tryouts/ practice

for the dance showcase.

When: Day 2s at lunch recess in the music room.
Parents/ guardians- please email your child's song selection or their recorded video to: nfitzpatrick@fortmckayeducation.ca
Practice at home so your child is ready for Dec 10.

Dance showcase:

FEATURING Alberta Ballet choreographed dances by K5/GR.1, Gr.2/3, Gr. 4/5 & individual/ group dances, powwow dances too.

All welcome
1:30-2:15 PM
December 10, 2024

Reader's Theatre

Where: Music Room
Who: Grade's 4-9
When: Day 1 during lunch recess (11:56-12:16)

There will be a performance at the Christmas Concert.

Upcoming School Activities in December....

- Girls Inc presentation for Gr2/3
- Alberta Ballet in PE Class & Showcase
- Immunizations
- Parent Council meeting
- Christmas Concert
- Dream Catcher making
- Christmas Spirit week
- Movie Day
- Breakfast with Santa
- Cake Walk



Check out the December Calendar for details on upcoming school activities..



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT EFS

WHAT'S NEXT?



BASKETBALL CLUB
MONDAY & TUESDAYS
IN DECEMBER
3:15-4:15PM



Elsie Fabian School
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
—
December 12, 2024
5:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!



MOVIE DAY
for students
December 18th 10-2:45pm

ADMIT ONE
CINEMA
ADMIT ONE



DEC 19TH
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
8:30-9:30AM

TET'LEGHE YATI ZAGHÉ

DECEMBER 2024

PAWACAKINISIS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 NOTE • Basketball M/Tues 3:15-4:14pm • No Hockey Academy on Dec 19th	02 Day 1 Girls Inc Gr:2/3 @ 9:19am Junior Chief & Council meeting @ lunch	03 Day 2 Alberta Ballet K5-Gr 3	04 Day 1	05 Day 2	06 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	07 Gr 4/5 Singing at Santa Parade @ 5PM
08	09 Day 1 Girls Inc Gr:2/3 @ 9:19am Junior Chief & Council meeting @ lunch	10 Day 2 Alberta Ballet Showcase @1:30pm Wellness Christmas Party @ the Band hall 6-8pm	11 Day 1 Dene Handgames Tournament Wellness Family Gingerbread house making @ 6-8pm	12 Day 2 Christmas Concert @ 5pm	13 Day 1	14
15	16 Day 2 Santa/Reindeer Day 10:30 Dream catcher making Junior Chief & Council meeting @ lunch	17 Day 1 Crazy Hair/Grinch Day 10:30 Dream catcher making Parent Council Meeting @ 5pm Youth center Christmas supper @ 6pm	18 Day 2 PJ Day	19 Day 1 Elf Day Breakfast with Santa @ 8:30-9:30am Cake Walk @ 10:30	20 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	21
22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
*****No School - EFS Christmas Break*****						
29	30	31			Back to school January 6th after Christmas Break	

TET'LEGHE YATI ZAGHÉ

DECEMBER 2024

LUNCH MENU

PAWACAKINISIS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 Day 1 Cereal, fruit, Nutri-grain bars Chicken Strips, fries/poutine & corn cob	03 Day 2 Pancakes & bacon Chicken wings, potato skins & veggie stix	04 Day 1 Muffins, fresh fruit & yogurt Pork chops, mash potato & corn	05 Day 2 Fried eggs, sausage, boiled eggs & hashbrown Shephards pie & croissant	06 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	07
08	09 Day 1 Cereal, fresh fruit & yogurt tubes Hot dogs, fries & carrots	10 Day 2 Scramble eggs, hashbrowns & sausage Sweet/sour chicken, rice & egg rolls	11 Day 1 Muffins, fresh fruit Spaghetti & garlic toast	12 Day 2 Fried eggs, bacon & potatoe patties Meatballs in gravy, mash potato & veggies	13 Day 1 Pancake, bacon & fresh fruit Turkey/gravy/stuffing mash potato/cranberries	14
15	16 Day 2 Muffins, fresh fruit Garlic sausage, perogies & corn	17 Day 1 Boiled eggs, hash browns & sausage BBQ chicken, rice & mix veggies	18 Day 2 Smoothies, cereal & fresh fruit Pizza bagels & chicken wings	19 Day 1 Pancakes, bacon & fresh fruit Taco in a bag, mexi fries w/ cheese sauce	20 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	21
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PARENT REMINDERS

SCHOOL CLOUD

Parents should have received a link to create a School Cloud account during the first week of school. Once you create an account, you will be able to view your child's academic progress, lates or absences. Please check your Spam folder if you have not received the link. For more information on School Cloud please visit the link below:

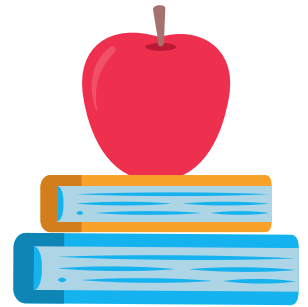
<https://sites.google.com/fortmckayeducation.ca/schoolcloud/home>

REMIND/CLASS DOJO

Parents may receive a link from their child's teacher to opt in to the Remind text messaging program or Class Dojo program. This allows your child's teacher to communicate with you. These great communication tools can keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your classroom, and at school. For more information, see the links below:

<https://www.remind.com/>

<https://www.classdojo.com/>



**LEARNING
EVERYDAY**

ABSENCES, LATES OR LEAVING EARLY

Please call the front office if your child will be late, absent or has to leave early to excuse them. If your child is absent and not excused, staff will begin making phone calls at 9:00 am to inquire about their whereabouts.

If you need to pick up your child early from school, or drop off something to them, please go to the front office to sign in and wait for your child. While we want parents to visit the school, it must be during appropriate times. We must ensure that visitors do not disrupt the learning environment. If you need to see your child during the school day, the front office will call their classrooms and they will come down to meet you and be released.

ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL BELL TIMES

8:15 AM Students begin to arrive

8:30 AM Classes begin

10:08 AM to 10:18 AM Body break

10:18 AM Classes begin

11:56 AM to 12:16 PM Lunch

12:16 PM to 12:38 PM Body break

12:38 PM Classes begin

2:16 PM to 2:26 PM Body break

2:26 PM Classes begin

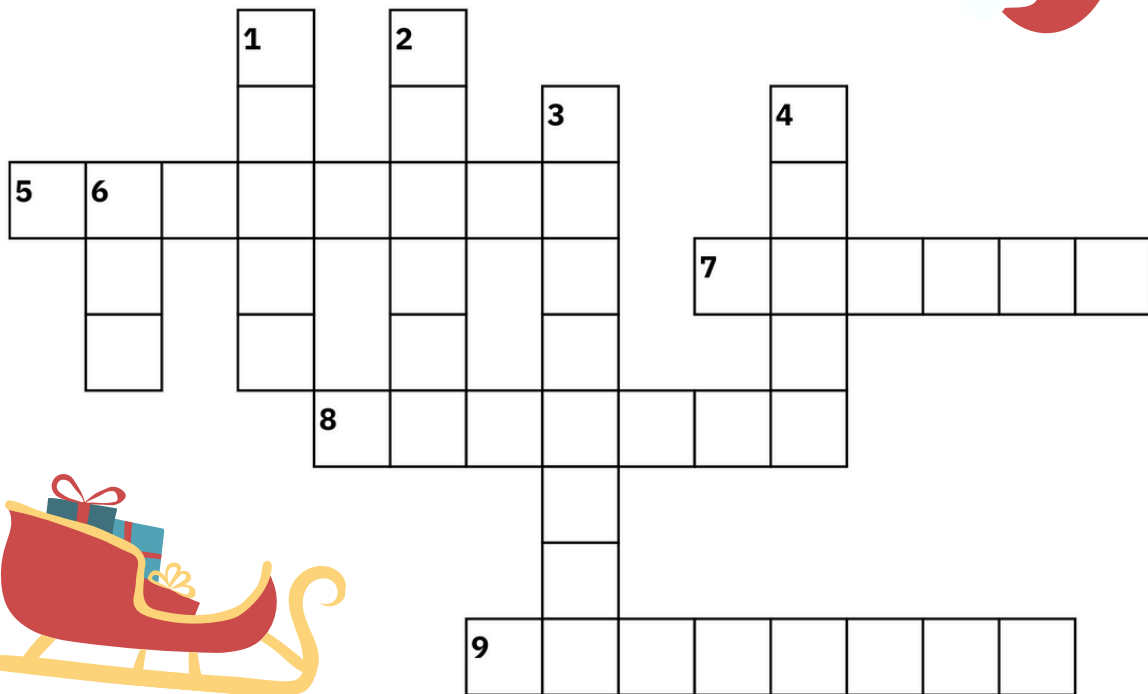
3:15 PM Classes end - Home time



Christmas Crossword



Read the clues and fill in the crossword grid.



Across

5. a special animal with antlers that help Santa pull his sleigh at Christmas
7. a special sled that Santa rides on while delivering presents
8. a tall, narrow space in the house where Santa is said to come down to deliver presents
9. a big sock that children hang by the fireplace for Santa to fill with gifts

Down

1. a kind man who wears a red suit, has a white beard, and brings presents to children at Christmas
2. a circle made of leaves or flowers, often hung on doors during Christmas
3. a small, pretty decoration used to decorate the Christmas tree
4. a plant with shiny green leaves and red berries, used for decorations at Christmas
6. a magical tiny person who helps Santa make toys at the North Pole

COMPLETE THE
CROSSWORD AND BRING
IT TO THE OFFICE TO
CLAIM A PRIZE!

2024/25 School Calendar

Elsie Fabian School 2024-2025 Calendar

August 2024

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July 2025

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- First and Last Day for Staff
- First and Last Day for Students
- Stats/School Breaks - No School
- Professional Learning Fridays No School
- Non-Operational Day - No School
- ATA Convention-No School

- 2024-2025 Important Dates:**
- Sept. 3 First Day for Students
 - Dec. 23 - Jan. 5 Christmas Break
 - Feb 24 - Feb 26 Non-op Day No school
 - Apr. 15 - Apr. 21 Easter
 - June 25 Last Day for Students



Merci Cho
Hiy Hiy

thank
you



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