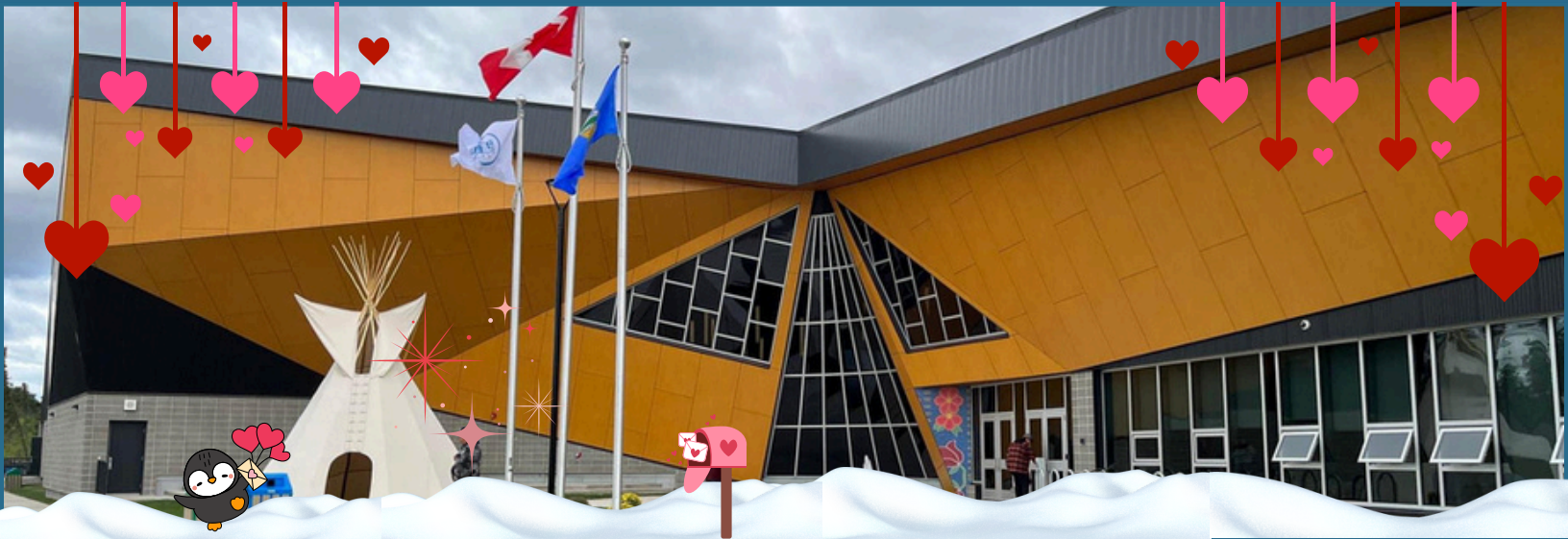


# The Ravin' Raven

Elsie Fabian School Monthly Newsletter



# February

## Principal's Message

### Tansi! Edlanet'e! Hello!

Greetings Parents and Community Members,

As we moved through February, a month often associated with love and kindness, it provided a perfect opportunity for reflection and action. At our school, we continue to embrace these values, and throughout the month, we held several exciting events and initiatives designed to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion. On February 20th, we came together for our annual Valentine's Family Dance. This special event allowed families to connect with one another while celebrating the love and joy that makes our school community so unique. It was a fun evening filled with music, laughter, and the spirit of togetherness.

**Inclusion Week (February 3rd-7th):** Inclusion Week was an important time for our school to highlight the value of embracing differences. Through lessons and activities, we explored how we could support and celebrate everyone, regardless of background, abilities, or experiences.

**Anti-Bullying Week (February 10th-13th):** During Anti-Bullying Week, we focused on raising awareness about bullying and the importance of standing up for one another. Students participated in discussions and activities aimed at fostering empathy, kindness, and understanding. This was also a time to remind ourselves that every person had the right to feel safe, valued, and accepted.

**Kindness Week (February 18th-22nd):** Kindness Week was a time for us all to practice the power of small acts of kindness. From sharing a compliment to helping a friend in need, we explored how even the simplest gestures could make a big difference in creating a positive and caring environment. We encouraged everyone to participate by spreading kindness both inside and outside of school. This frame of mind led to the Respectful Ravens initiative, which promotes kindness, respect, and empathy among our students. Each month, students and staff nominate "Respectful Ravens" who demonstrate outstanding acts of kindness or respect.

In everything we do, we emphasize the importance of treating others with respect, practicing empathy, and creating a culture of kindness. We believe that when we work together, we can build a school environment where every individual feels seen, heard, and appreciated.

Merci Cho, Hiy Hiy, Thank you,  
EFS Principal, Mrs. 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

## February Issue: What's Inside

- STUDENT SUCCESS ASSEMBLY
- PINK SHIRT DAY
- INCLUSION WEEK
- ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
- FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
- KINDNESS WEEK
- sakihitowin
- SCHOOL DANCE



# FEBRUARY STUDENT SUCCESS ASSEMBLY

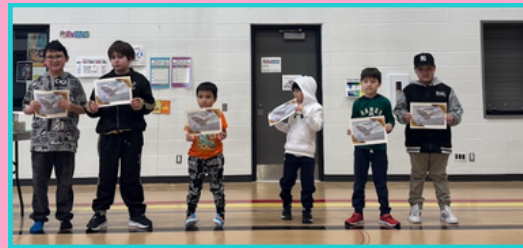
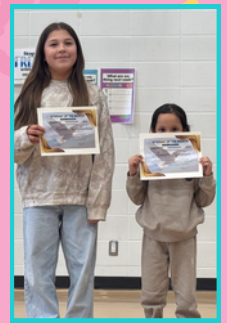
## Grandfather Theme for the Month: LOVE

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 LOVE and was led by the Grade 8 class.

Knowing love is to know peace.

Our love must be unconditional. When people are weak, that is when they need love the most. Love is a strong affection for another. This can form between friends and family. Love is an attachment based upon devotion, admiration, tenderness, and kindness for all things around you. For one to love and accept themselves is to live at peace with the Creator and in harmony with all of creation. Love knows no bounds.

We must accept it sincerely and give it freely.



### Love in Our Indigenous Teachings

- Love is at the center of many Indigenous teachings
- It connects us to family, community, and nature
- Love brings harmony and balance to life
- What teachings about love have you learned from your elders?



Love

Cree: âkihitowin

Dene: Neghânitâ



# FEBRUARY STUDENT SUCCESS AWARDS

## Students of the Month

### K5

Farren Cardinal

### Grade 1

Niah Boucher

### Grade 2

Tasia Shott

### Grade 3

Vance Cardinal

### Grade 4

Willow Boucher

### Grade 5

Aurora Boucher

### Grade 6

Makayla Cardinal

### Grade 7

Scarlett McClure

### Grade 8

Morgan Houle

### Grade 9

Joely Grandjambe



## Most Improved

### Division 1

Jayden Spencer  
Carson Bear Spencer  
Jaxson Herman  
Hunter Stanley

### Division 2

Samuel Quinn  
Darius Willier  
Alex Gullickson

### Division 3

Hayden Faichney  
Kody Spencer  
Savannah Dyson

## Perfect Attendance

### Division 2

Kieran Antoine-Boucher  
Creedon Gladue  
Honor L'Homme court  
Callie Lockhart  
Dominic Mclsaac  
Layla Serafinchan  
Aliyah Courteorille  
Maddox Donofrio  
Perla Langdon  
Darius Willier  
Alex Gullickson

### Division 1

Emberly Spencer  
Maddix McClure  
Levon Grandjambe  
Stella Dyson

### Division 3

Hayden Faichney  
Matayah Grandjambe  
Patience Grandjambe

## Land Based Award

### Division 1

Ilya Hogg  
Mila Fitzpatrick  
Eden Laliberte  
Stella Dyson

### Division 2

Kieran Boucher,  
Maddox Donofrio  
Victoria Block

### Division 3

Shinayce Richards  
Joely Grandjambe  
Samara Donofiro

## Cree Award

Div 1: Mila Fitzpatrick

Div 2: Felix Faichney

Div 3: Ace Lacorde

## Dene Award

Div 1: Junior Spencer

Div 2: McKenna Serafinchan

Div 3: Summer Boucher



# INTRODUCING... 'RESPECTFUL RAVENS'



## Introducing the "Respectful Raven" Initiative!

At Elsie Fabian School, we believe that **kindness and respect** are the foundations of a strong and supportive community. To celebrate and encourage these values, we are excited to launch our new school-wide 'positive behavior' initiative: "**Respectful Raven.**"

The **Respectful Raven** initiative aims to recognize students who go above and beyond in demonstrating leadership, kindness, inclusion, and positive behavior. Whether it's helping a peer, showing respect to others, or contributing to a welcoming environment, these actions deserve to be celebrated!

### Criteria for Becoming a Respectful Raven:

Students can earn this recognition by going **ABOVE & BEYOND** and consistently displaying:

- **Leadership:** Setting a positive example for others.
- **Anti-Bullying Actions:** Standing up for others and promoting a safe space.
- **Inclusion:** Welcoming all students and encouraging participation.
- **Engagement in Learning:** Showing enthusiasm and involvement in school activities.
- **Kindness & Positivity:** Sharing, helping, and creating a positive atmosphere.
- **Consistent Positive Behavior:** Demonstrating respect and kindness over several days or weeks.

### How to Nominate a Respectful Raven:

**Who Can Nominate?** All EFS staff members can highlight a student.

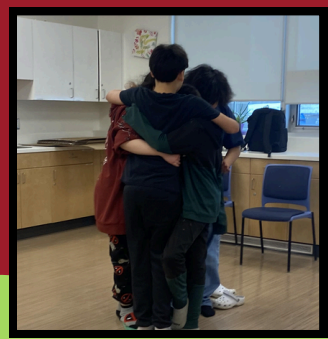
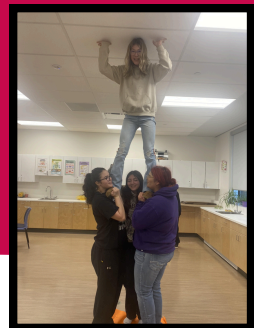
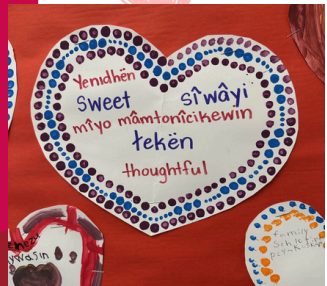
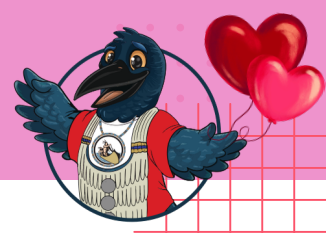
**Where to Nominate?** Simply fill one out and drop it in the Respectful Raven Box at the front office.

Every month, a selected Respectful Raven will be highlighted and celebrated school-wide. Let's work together to make Elsie Fabian School a place where kindness and respect soar!

Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping us build a stronger, more positive school community.



# PINK SHIRT & INCLUSION WEEK



**working together**



# SAKIHITOWIN FAMILY DANCE



**What a fantastic time we had at the Family Dance! The event was filled with great music, dancing, and lots of smiles. Families came together to enjoy an evening of fun, laughter, and community spirit.**

**One of the highlights of the night was the photo booth, where everyone had a blast taking fun, memorable photos with loved ones. It was truly a night to remember!**

**Thank you to all the families who joined us for this special event, and we look forward to more exciting gatherings in the future!**



# SAKIHITOWIN FAMILY DANCE



cute



love



# KINDNESS WEEK

## BE A BUDDY, NOT A BULLY



*you are*  
A·M·A·Z·I·N·G

# CHOOSE kindness



## KINDNESS WEEK

AT ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL, WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF KINDNESS TO BUILD A POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY. OUR STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO ONE ANOTHER, WHETHER IT'S ASSISTING WITH SCHOOLWORK, SHARING RESOURCES, OR OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT. BY SPREADING KIND WORDS AND SHOWING EMPATHY, THEY CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE EVERYONE FEELS VALUED AND RESPECTED, MAKING OUR SCHOOL A TRULY SPECIAL PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW.

## IT'S COOL TO BE KIND





# KINDNESS WEEK ACTIVITY

SPREAD  
KIND  
NESS



KIND PEOPLE  
SAVE THE  
-WORLD-



## KINDNESS WEEK ACTIVITY FRIENDSHIP BRACELET MAKING

EFS STUDENTS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME MAKING FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS WITH REANNA! IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY WHILE STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS.

A BIG THANK YOU TO REANNA FOR SPENDING TIME WITH US AND SHARING THIS FUN ACTIVITY!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND KINDNESS. 🧡🌟



# Respectful Raven

## DAILY ACTS OF KINDNESS



SAY KIND WORDS  
TO YOURSELF &  
OTHERS



SHARE AN ACTIVITY  
YOU LOVE



LISTEN  
ATTENTIVELY



GIVE YOUR BEST  
EFFORT



BE FRIENDLY AND  
GENEROUS



ENCOURAGE  
SOMEONE



FIND SOMETHING  
THAT BRINGS JOY

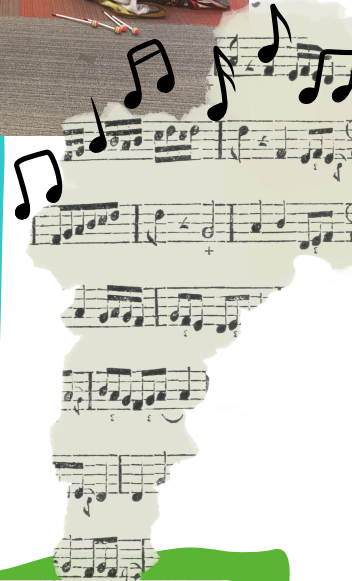
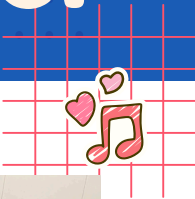


GIVE A COMPLIMENT  
TO A FRIEND



OFFER YOUR  
HELP

# MUSIC CLASS HIGHLIGHTS!



**MUSIC**



# EFS STUDENTS GETTING CRAFTY & CREATIVE!

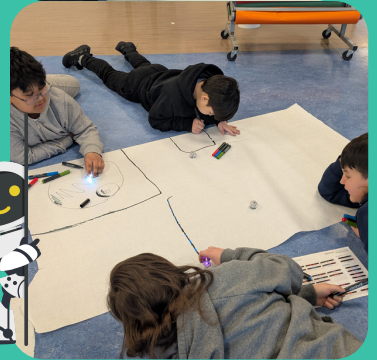
## Pottery Class Project



## Beading class



## Cooking Class



## Grade 4 & Robots



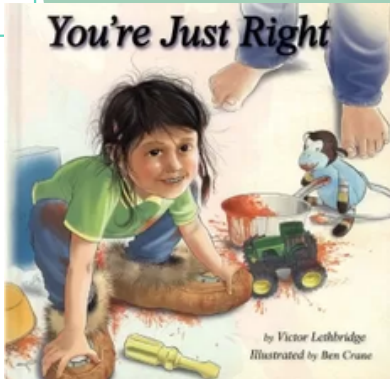
## photography club!



## Photography Club



# BOOK AUTHOR VISIT: 'YOU'RE JUST RIGHT'



We were thrilled to have the opportunity to host Victor Lethbridge, the author of *You're Just Right*, for a special visit with our junior high students. During his time with us, Victor spoke to the students about the inspiration behind his book and read them the story, engaging them in a meaningful discussion. As a special treat, each student was given a copy of *You're Just Right* to take home and enjoy. It was a wonderful experience for both the students and our school community!



*We will miss you*

Create a **POSITIVE**  
and **INCLUSIVE**  
*Learning*  
**ENVIRONMENT**

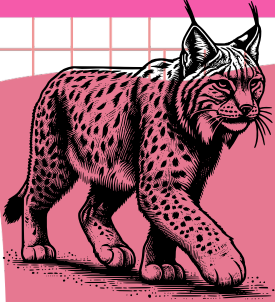


As we say farewell to one of our kitchen cooks Raph, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the warmth and dedication he brought to our school family. His bright smile, caring presence, and hard work will be deeply missed by all of us. We wish him nothing but success as he embarks on his new career path.

Raph, thank you for everything – you will always be a part of our Elsie Fabian family!



# LEARNING OUR CREE & DENE LANGUAGE TOGETHER!

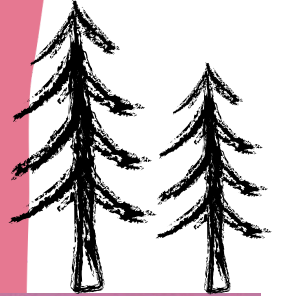
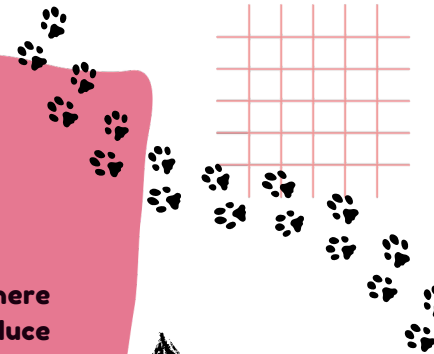


## Tansi! Edlanet'e!

February - Sa Nedúe Zá

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.



## THIS MONTH'S WORDS:

nicmos - my forever person

misiminôš - Lynx

ʔedzí Dziđ Hé Neba Huzų Nidé  
- Happy Valentines Day

chíze - Lynx

Neghânitâ - I love you



# LEARNING ABOUT THE BUFFALO IN LAND BASED



## Learning About the Buffalo with FMFN Sustainability Department!

Our students had an exciting and educational experience as the Fort McKay First Nation Sustainability Department visited Elsie Fabian School to teach us about the buffalo and its deep cultural significance.

Through engaging discussions and hands-on activities, students learned about the buffalo's role in traditional ways of life, sustainability, and respect for the land. One of the highlights of the day was sculpting buffalo out of modeling clay, bringing their learning to life in a creative way!

A huge thank you to Jonathan from the FMFN Sustainability Department for sharing his knowledge and making this such a fun and memorable experience for our students.

#EFSlearning #LandBasedEducation #BuffaloTeachings

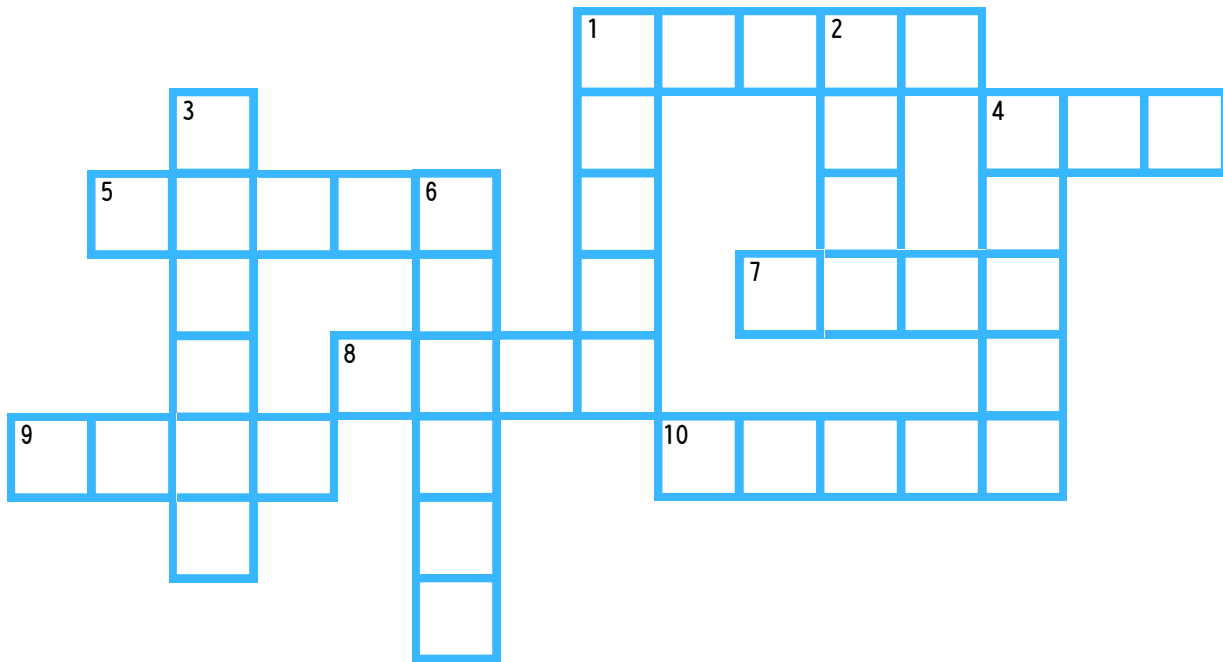


# PINK SHIRT DAY

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Read the clues below and fill in the grid.



### ACROSS

1. What you do when you're happy.
4. Wrapping your arms around someone.
5. Believing someone will do the right thing.
7. Doing something for someone.
8. Thinking about how others feel.
9. Being nice to others.
10. A word you say if you hurt someone.

### DOWN

1. Letting others use what you have.
2. A strong feeling of liking someone a lot.
3. Someone you like and spend time with.
4. Feeling good and joyful.
6. What you say when someone helps you.



# Respectful Raven Kindness Jar



In the jar below, write a random act of kindness  
you have done this week.

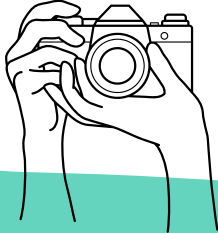


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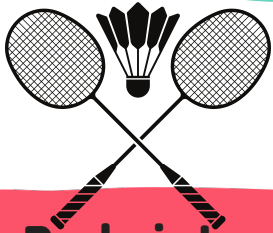
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# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT EFS

## Daily in-school & Extracurricular Activities



### Photography Club



### Badminton



### Basketball



Elsie Fabian School Presents

## SAKIHITOWIN FAMILY DANCE ELGHATS'ELYA

**EFS Gymnasium**  
**Thursday, February 20th**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Parents must accompany their children  
Featuring music by DJ Rd0 Dave  
Canteen by EFS Gr 7-9 Students  
Proceeds will go to the Div 3 trip to Montreal

### 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 March...

- Oral Health Week!
- PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - MARCH 25TH!
- Ice Fishing
- Photography Club
- Badminton starts!

**Check out the March Calendar for details on upcoming school activities..**

## March\*



# MARCH

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tue.Sday	Wedne.Sday	Thur.Sday	Friday	Saturday
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Children's Oral Health in March 3-7	3 Day 1 Jr C & C meeting @ lunch Basketball 3:15-4:30pm	4 Tooth Day Day 2 Assembly @ 9:19am Basketball 3:15-4:30pm Gr4-9 Badminton 3:15-4:30 Parent Council meeting 5pm	5 Day 1 EFS Tubing @ Vista Photography Club 3:15-4:15pm	6 Day 2	7 Day 1	8 Div 2 Boys Basketball Tourney
9	10 Day 2 Jr C & C meeting @ lunch Basketball 3:15-4:30pm	11 Day 1 Gr4-9 Badminton 3:15-4:30 Basketball 3:15-4:30pm	12 Day 2 Ice Fishing Div 2 Photography Club 3:15-4:15pm	13 Day 1 Gr4-9 Badminton 3:15-4:30	14 NO SCHOOL PD day	15
16	17 Day 2 Jr C & C meeting @ lunch Basketball 3:15-4:30pm	18 Day 1 Gr4-9 Badminton 3:15-4:30 Basketball 3:15-4:30pm	19 Day 2 Photography Club 3:15-4:15pm	20 Day 1 Gr4-9 Badminton 3:15-4:30	21 Day 2 Report cards go home	22 Div 2 Girls Basketball Tourney
23	24 Day 1 Jr C & C meeting @ lunch Basketball 3:15-4:30pm	25 Day 2 Gr4-9 Badminton 3:15-4:30 Parent teacher Interviews 3:15-6pm	26 Day 1 Photography Club 3:15-4:15pm	27 Day 2 Gr4-9 Badminton 3:15-4:30	28 NO SCHOOL PD day	29
30	31 Jr C & C meeting @ lunch School Assemby 1:27pm Basketball 3:15-4:30pm					

# MARCH

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tue.Sday	Wedne.Sday	Thur.Sday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Day 1 Cereal, Fresh fruit & yogurt tubes Burgers, fries/gravy & corn	4 Day 2 Scramble eggs, potato patty & bacon Meatballs in gravy, mash potato & broccoli salad	5 Day 1 Muffins, fresh fruit & apple sauce Shake n' bake chicken, roast potatoes & carrots	6 Day 2 Pancakes & sausage Beef stew & bannock	7 Day 1 Fried/boiled eggs, hashbrowns & bacon Spaghetti & garlic toast	8
9	10 Day 2 Cereal, yogurt cups & fresh fruit Chicken strips, mac n' cheese & mix veggies	11 Day 1 Pancakes & bacon Beefaroni, corn & garlic toast	12 Day 2 Muffins, fruit cups & apple sauce cups Pork chops, rice & egg rolls	13 Day 1 Scramble eggs, hashbrowns & sausage Meatloaf, mash potato & corn	14 NO SCHOOL PD day	15
16	17 Day 2 Cereal, yogurt & fresh fruit Pizza bagels & chicken wings	18 Day 1 Scramble eggs, sausage & hash browns Soft taco, mexi fries w/ cheese sauce	19 Day 2 Smoothies, muffins & fresh fruit Chicken Alfredo, veggie stix & garlic toast	20 Day 1 Pancakes, bacon & fresh fruit Shepard's Pie & croissants	21 Day 2 Fried/boiled eggs, potato patty & sausage Pasta bake & garlic toast	22
23	24 Day 1 Cereal, fresh fruit & yogurt tubes chicken burgers, fries/gravy & carrots	25 Day 2 Pancakes & bacon Sweet n sour chicken, rice & egg rolls	26 Day 1 Muffins, fresh fruit & cheese hamburger soup & grilled cheese	27 Day 2 Scramble eggs, sausage & hash browns Ham, scalloped potatoes & carrots	28 NO SCHOOL PD day	29
30	31 Cereal, cheese, fresh fruit & yogurt tubes Hot dogs, fries/poutine & corn					

# LUNCH MENU

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT EFS

## WHAT'S NEXT?

IN

## MARCH



### Trappers Festival

March 6 & 7

**Rescheduled - keep an eye out for the new dates!**

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Private Land-  
ts have been  
ear.

#### Activities for grades 4 to 9:

Log cutting, Nail Poun&ding, Rabbit Snaring, Fire building/tea/bannock making, Snowshoe race, Lean-to Building, Animal Calls & Portage Sled Race.

#### Activities for KS to grade 3:

Shaving logs, Collecting Kindling, Target shooting, Ice sculpting/snow painting, Snowshoe race & Snow snakes.

#### Handgames, Jigging contest

**STAY TUNED**

grade and a school feast to celebrate.

### STUDENT CLASSTRIP FUNDRAISER

## RAFFLE

FOR GRADE 7,8,9  
CLASSTRIP  
\$5.00 TICKET EACH

**DRAW DATE - APRIL 11TH, 2025**

#### PRIZES

- 1ST \$1000
- 2ND \$750
- 3RD \$500
- 4TH \$250

\*ORIGINAL TICKET MUST BE PRESENTED - IF UNABLE TO PROVIDE AFTER 24 HOURS A NEW TICKET WILL BE PICKED

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH GRADE 7/8/9 STUDENTS  
1400 TICKETS WILL SOLD

PROCEEDS GO TO GRADE 7,8,9 CLASSTRIP TO MONTREAL, QUEBEC CITY & OTTAWA

## BOTTLE DRIVE

Drop off at Green Bottle Depo (170 Boreal Avenue)  
Attach code **5L7H** to your bags

Fundraising for  
Grade 7,8 & 9  
trip to Montreal

Check it out





# 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/>



## 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

# 2024/25 School Calendar

## Elsie Fabian School 2024-2025 Calendar

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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



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