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Elsie Fabian School Monthly Newsletter



MARCH 3

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

Greetings Parents, Guardians, Students, and Community Members,

As we move through the month of March, it's a great time to reflect on all the wonderful milestones we've achieved together and the exciting events we've celebrated. March has been filled with engaging activities that not only highlight the importance of school spirit but also emphasize the continuous growth in literacy and achievement.

One of the key moments we celebrated this month was the 100th Day of School. This milestone marks a significant point in our academic year, and it's a wonderful reminder of the progress our students have made in their learning. Whether it was through counting, reading, or other engaging activities, we've seen tremendous growth in literacy skills across all grades. It's heartening to see students becoming more confident readers and writers, and we are excited to continue fostering this growth in the coming months.

Our Ice Fishing adventure provided another memorable learning opportunity. As students bundled up and ventured outdoors, they gained hands-on experience with nature, science, and team-building. Through these experiences, students learned not only about the environment but also how perseverance and curiosity lead to achievement—skills that are invaluable in both academic and personal development.

We also had the privilege of participating in the Trappers Festival, a local tradition that connects our students to the community and history. It's always inspiring to witness how these events spark students' creativity and encourage them to explore and appreciate the world around them. This connection to our culture and history further enriches the learning process, enhancing both literacy and critical thinking.

As we continue to push forward, we are proud of the academic progress our students have made. There has been a significant increase in literacy across the school, and we're seeing students not only reach but exceed their reading and writing goals. It's a testament to the hard work of our students, teachers, and families. Together, we are achieving great things, and we are excited to see even more progress as we move through the final months of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support in making this school year a success. Let's keep up the momentum and finish the year strong!

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



Our Values

The foundation of the Elsie Fabian School is engagement in teaching and learning, parents and community, culture and traditions, and a school environment based on the principles of love, responsibility, respect, listening, nurturing, relationships, humility and learning.



Marchs Issue: What's Inside

Tubing at Vista Ridge Ice fishing with Land based RARA Awards - 2025 Year End Hockey Awards 100 Days of School Talent Show Trapper's Festival March Student Success Assembly

MARCH STUDENT SUCCESS ASSEMBLY

The purpose of out 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 wisdom and was led by







THE BEAVER TEACHES US WISDOM BY SHOWING US HOW TO USE OUR GIFTS WISELY AND WORK WITH PURPOSE. JUST AS THE BEAVER BUILDS AND ADAPTS ITS HOME, WE SHOULD APPLY KNOWLEDGE, BALANCE HARD WORK WITH RESPECT, AND WORKING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.













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MARCH STUDENT SUCCESS ASSEMBLY





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CONGRATULATIONS to our recipients for the Student of the month award this for displaying their Wisdom!

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Gr. 1	Carson Bear Spencer	Gr. 6	Emily Durocher
Gr. 2	Nico L'Hommecourt	Gr. 7	Maria Da Costa
Gr. 3	Aurora Grandjambe	Gr. 8	Summer Boucher
Gr. 4	Dominic McIsaac	Gr. 9	Blake Hoffman





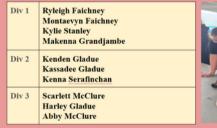


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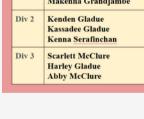
the Cree and Dene language awards for March



Congratulations to the students receiving the Land Based Award for the month of March









Healthy Habits

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Dene Language Award

Cree Language Award

Jaxon Herman

Samuel Quinn

Kali Faichney

Ava Wanderingspirit

Keanna Wanderingspirit

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Golden Garbage Can

Award

TUBING AT VISTA RIDGE



Our students had an amazing time tubing at the start of March! The beautiful day was filled with laughter and excitement as the kids raced down the slopes, enjoying the crisp air and making wonderful memories. It was a perfect way to kick off the month, and we're so grateful for the opportunity to share such a fun experience with our students!



























ICE FISHING WITH LAND BASED

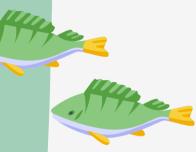








WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT DIVISION 2 & 3 HAD AN INCREDIBLE TIME ICE FISHING WITH LAND BASED LEARNING! THE DIVISION 2 STUDENTS KICKED OFF THE ADVENTURE ON THE FIRST DAY, AND DIVISION 3 THE FOLLOWING DAY. THROUGHOUT THESE TWO BEAUTIFUL DAYS, STUDENTS LEARNED HOW TO ICE FISH AND SET NETS UNDER THE ICE, WITH EACH GROUP HAVING THE CHANCE TO TRY THEIR SKILLS. BY THE END OF THE TRIP, A TOTAL OF 12 FISH WERE CAUGHT. IT WAS A FANTASTIC LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND A FUN WAY FOR STUDENTS TO CONNECT ON THE LAND.







2025 RARA AWARDS







The staff from Elsie Fabian School came to celebrate Felix Faichney Jr. he was honored with the junior Achievement Award at the Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards (RARA) on Saturday, March 1st.

Since its inception in 1988, RARA has recognized individuals who have made outstanding and positive contributions to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Felix Faichney Jr. is no exception. He stands as a role model for his peers, known for his kindness, dedication, and strong work ethic. Felix's commitment to his education is truly remarkable. He maintains excellent attendance and consistently excels academically, earning recognition as a top student in his class, His achievements and character make him a shining example of perseverance and excellence. congratulations, Felix, on this well-deserved honor!



HOCKEY ACADEMY YEAR END PARTY













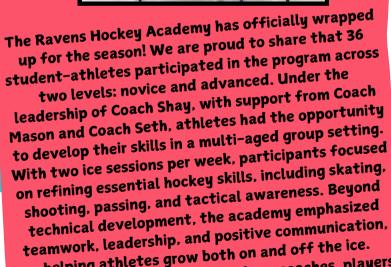


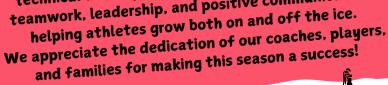






















100 DAYS OF SCHOOL















To celebrate our 100th day of school, students had a blast dressing up as 100-year-olds! It was a fun and creative day filled with laughter as everyone embraced their "aged" look, complete with gray hair, glasses, and canes. The students enjoyed participating in themed activities, and it was a memorable way to mark this special milestone in the school year!



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ST. PATRICKS DAY AT EFS

GRADE 4 LEPRECHAUN TRAPS

THE GRADE 4 CLASS HAD A FANTASTIC TIME GETTING CREATIVE AND BUILDING THEIR VERY OWN LEPRECHAUN TRAPS! AS PART OF A FUN ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITY, STUDENTS USED THEIR IMAGINATION AND TEAMWORK TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT CLEVER TRAPS, HOPING TO CATCH A MISCHIEVOUS LEPRECHAUN. WITH COLORFUL DECORATIONS, SECRET ENTRANCES, AND PLENTY OF TRICKS, EACH TRAP WAS UNIQUE AND FULL OF SURPRISES. IT WAS A GREAT WAY TO ENCOURAGE PROBLEM-SOLVING AND CREATIVITY WHILE CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY!























EFS STUDENTS GETTING CRAFTY & CREATIVE!







Division Three students had the exciting opportunity to choose an activity that sparked their interest! They could select from a variety of engaging options, including beading, shop, cooking, pottery, and LEGO. It was a fun and creative way for students to explore new skills, express their creativity, and dive into hands-on learning. Each session was filled with enthusiasm and gave students the chance to discover new passions!

EFS STAFF & STUDENTS BEING AWESOME!





TALENT SHOW

The Trappers Festival at Elsie Fabian School kicked off with a spectacular Talent Show, showcasing the incredible talents of our students! From beautiful singing to lively jigging, each performance was met with enthusiastic cheers from classmates. It was truly inspiring to see so many brave students take the stage and share their talents, filling the gym with energy and excitement. The event was a wonderful reminder of the creativity and courage of our students—an unforgettable way to start the festival!























TRAPPERS FESTIVAL

Stick Pull

The concept of the game is to pull the stick from your opponent's hand. Bear grease was used to grease the stick and to simulate catching slippery fish.













Snow Snake

Played in the winter and often used to test accuracy, power or technique. Traditionally a hunting tool to catch small game, in competition it is used as a distance game. Similar to the Javelin in track and field, the person that throws the spear the farthest wins. With Snow Snake however the spear is thrown underhand and along the ground.





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The Trappers Festival at Elsie Fabian School, students had the chance to participate in a variety of exciting and educational events throughout the day. From snow snake and beading to listening to oral stories from Elders, the students enjoyed learning new skills while embracing traditional activities. They had fun trying their hand at shelter building, making bannock on a stick, playing bingo, and even learning about trapping. Each event offered a unique opportunity for hands-on learning and allowed the kids to connect with cultural traditions in a fun and engaging way!

TRAPPERS FESTIVAL













































TRAPPERS FESTIVAL &

HANDGAMES

We had an amazing afternoon at the Trappers Festival at Elsie Fabian School, where students got the chance to participate in Dene Handgames! The excitement was contagious as teams showcased their best moves and calls, trying to outwit their opponents. While cheering on their peers, students also took turns drumming, adding to the lively atmosphere with their rhythmic beats, chants, and cheers. The energy in the gym was electric, making it a truly memorable event!





























LEARNING OUR CREE & DENE LANGUAGE TOGETHER!



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.













GREEN – DZERETÅ'ES LÁT'Î THE GOOSE MOON – NISKIPÎSIM CARIBOU (FEMALE) – TS'ÚDAY WATER, FREEZING … DETŸN TRAPPER – ONÔCIHCIKÊW

THIS MONTH'S WORDS:

THIS MONTH IN LAND BASED!



As part of our land-based learning program, students had the unique opportunity to learn the traditional skill of fleshing a caribou hide. They got hands-on experience in stretching the hide and scraping it, all while learning about the important tools used in this process. It was a fascinating way for students to connect with cultural traditions and gain a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship and knowledge involved in preparing hides. This hands-on experience truly brought learning to life!















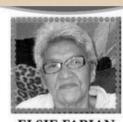




CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL

Women are the true builders of society

A special shout out to Elsie Fabian, the incredible woman behind the name of our school, on International Women's Day. Elsie was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who dedicated over 25 years of her life to education as Chairperson of the Fort McKay Local School Board and a trustee for Northland School Division No. 61. Her passion for education, lifelong learning, and deep cultural connections continue to inspire us every day. We honor her memory and the legacy she left behind, reminding us all to stay committed, resilient, and connected.



ELSIE FABIAN (December 15th, 1942 – May 10th, 2013)



A huge thank you to Ginger Auger for coming to Elsie Fabian to share her incredible story with our staff for International Women's Day! Ginger, founder of Ginger's Bannock House, started her business in 2016 after overcoming addiction and seeking a better life for her family. Inspired by her mother's teachings in cooking and survival, she began baking to ensure her children never faced food insecurity. Today, her bannock is a local favorite in Fort McMurray. Despite her success, Ginger stays grounded in compassion and gratitude, always finding ways to give back to her community. We're so grateful for the opportunity to hear from such an inspiring woman!

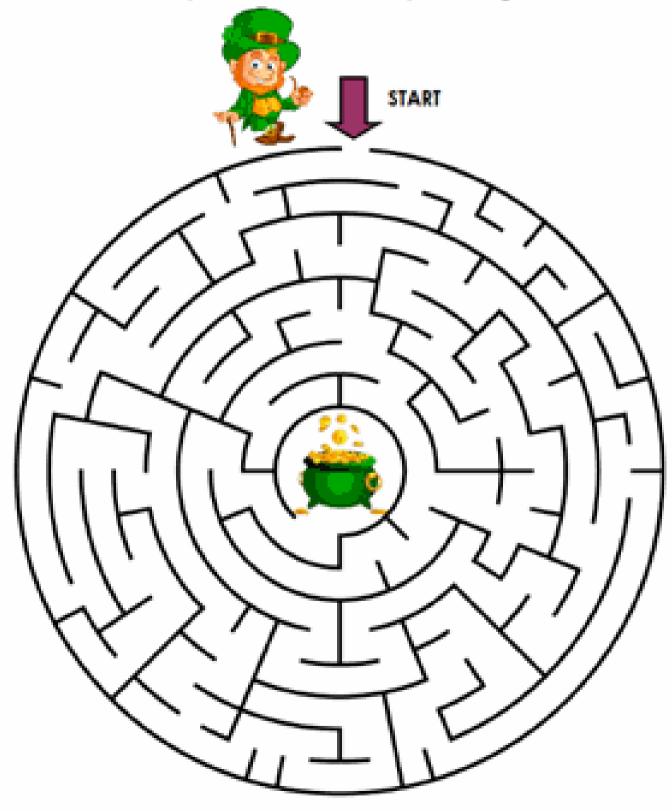
A big shout out to all the amazing female staff at Elsie Fabian School! Your hard work, dedication, and inspiring leadership make a difference every day. Happy International Women's Day!





St. Patrick's Day Worksheet

Guide the Leprechaun to his pot of gold!





ST PATRICK'S DAY MATH

Why was the math book sad on St Patrick's Day?

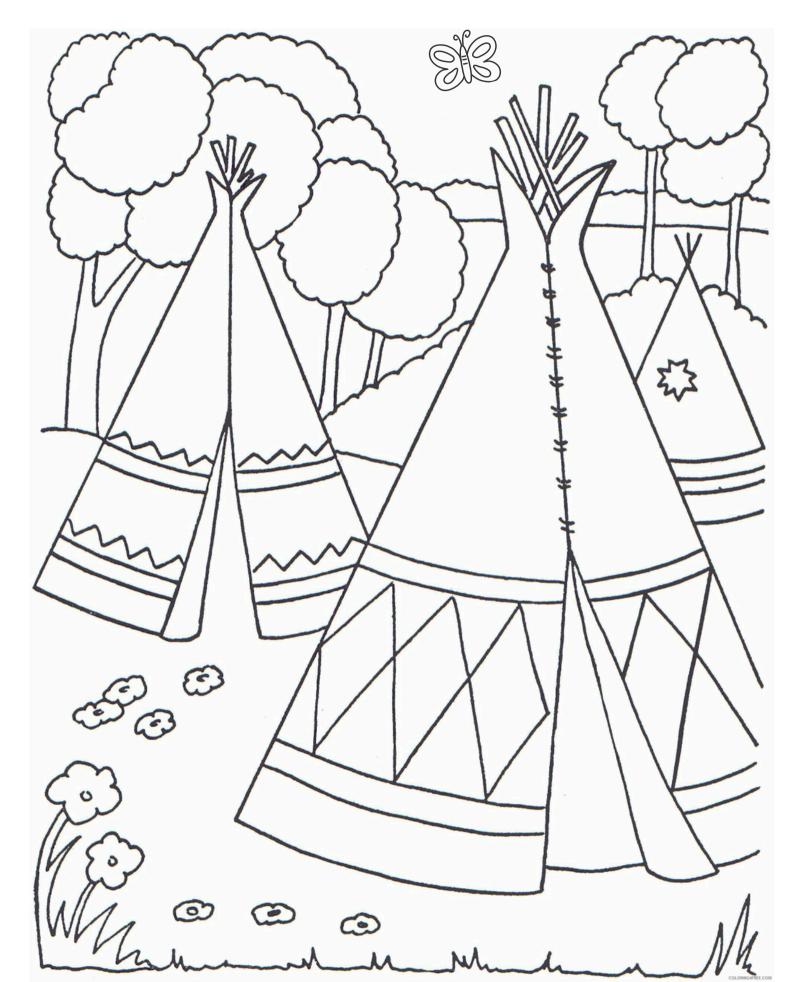
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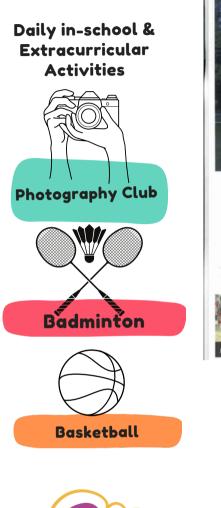
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT EFS





Upcoming School Activities in April...

- Swimming Lessons
- ATC Career Fair
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring Break April 14-21st
- Trickster Theatre











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

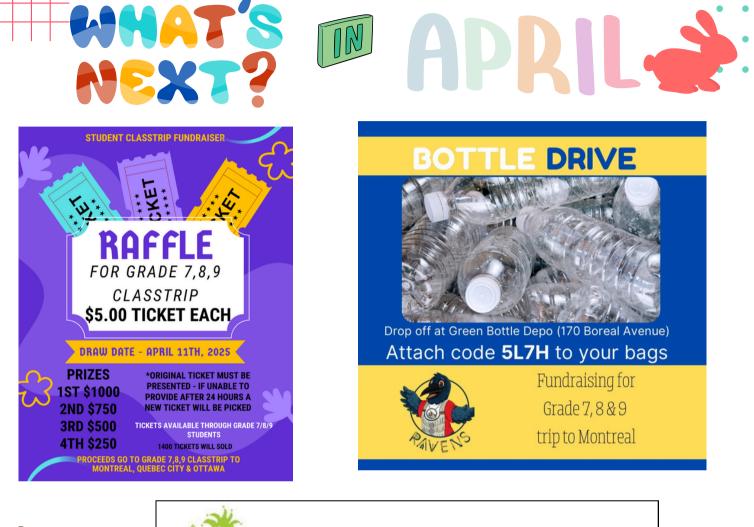


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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT EFS







Elsie Fabian School is excited to welcome Trickster Theatre to our School from April 28, 2025 to May 1, 2025

Trickster Theatre is an artist-in-residency company based in Calgary, Alberta. They tour across Alberta, creating approx. 50+ original shows a year in all kinds of communities based on a theme chosen by the school and developed with the assistance of Trickster. These residencies take place in schools, transforming the gym into a theatre.

A Trickster Theatre Residency involves the theatre team coming into our school for a week and facilitating staff and students in creating a unique and highly visual theatre. This week of workshops and rehearsals will culminate in a fun and high-energy production. They have been working with schools for over four decades! In that time, they have found that having parent involvement during a residency project greatly enhances the final production.

There are many ways parents can be involved in a residency – from preparing costumes and making props, to helping the Trickster Team move equipment in and out of the school.

From April 28 - May 1, Trickster will take over Elsie Fabian School, and we need your help!

How to Sign-up to volunteer:

1. Directly email the music teacher at <u>cyoung@fortmckayeducation.ca</u> if you would like to help. A sign up genius will be sent out closer to the date.



REMINDER 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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