



# École Elbow Valley Elementary

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## Summer 2017

### Admin Message

It's hard to believe that this year has come to an end; what an amazing year of learning it has been! I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your incredible support as I embarked on my first year at École Elbow Valley Elementary. This is an amazing learning community with active, engaged families. Your involvement provides rich learning opportunities for our students and contributes to a school where pride is abundant!

Wishing you all a warm, relaxing summer vacation surrounded by those you love. See you back in September 2017!

Mme Lindsay Adams

### Fall 2017

Looking forward, please mark your calendars for the following dates:

**Meet the Teacher** – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM

**First Day of School** – September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Kindergarten Staggered Entry** – Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**All Kindergarten students begin** in their respective classes (AM or PM) – Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our school office reopens on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 8:30AM to 3:30PM.

For the first day of school, students will need to bring indoor shoes, a healthy mid-morning snack, a lunch, a drink and a smile! Our **new** bell time is **8:40AM** and dismissal is **3:10PM**. Monday to Thursday. Early Friday dismissal at **1:55PM**. Milk and juice delivery will begin on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Each student will get an envelope on the first day of school with forms to be filled out and returned in the envelope provided. All other supplies are provided by the school.

Students who are being picked up at the end of the day will meet parents in the pick-up area outside of the southeast corner of the school (outside of the Kindergarten doors). If you need to change end-of-the-day arrangements for your child, please call the school office by 2:30PM the day of.

## **Parent Portal**

Enclosed with your child's report card, you will find a letter detailing your username and password information for Rocky View's parent portal. It is important that you create an account for the Parent Portal as moving forward, demographic updates will be made through this platform.

As this is a new system, please be patient as we work through any technical glitches. If you experience issues, rest assured that you still registered at Elbow Valley and we will address problem areas as they arise in the fall.

Eventually, parents will be able to access all relevant student information through the portal including: attendance, assignments and assessments. Please stay tuned for a Parent Portal Information Evening in November 2017!

## **School Council News**

A big thank you to all those parents who helped and supported our School Council this year. We are looking forward to another fun and busy year next year!

Please note:

September 13 is our first School Council meeting of the year. Please join us at 7pm to discuss our new year at EVE.

We are also excited to let you know that Mabel's labels has a school fundraising program that we have signed up for. For all of you that have seen our ever growing lost and found, Mabel's labels could severely limit our lost clothes, and your empty closets!! Just by clicking our school, EVE receives 20% of sales.

Please follow the link below:

[http://www.mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=6469&cur\\_website=base](http://www.mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=6469&cur_website=base)

or just go to Mabelslabels.com and click 'support a fundraiser' on the top right hand corner. Scroll to Elbow Valley Elementary.

Have a great summer, and we hope to see you at School Council,

Michelle and Brandi

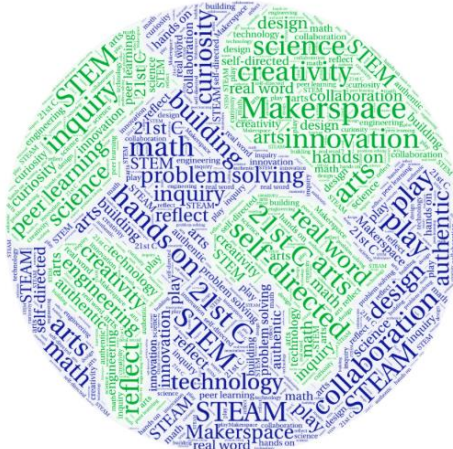
## **Rocky View County Master Plan Survey**

Rocky View County is preparing a Recreation Master Plan for West Rocky View. As an input to the process, there is a short survey that can be accessed at:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/rvcopen/>

Providing your feedback is important for designing a recreation plan that makes sense for our community. We encourage you to take 5-10 minutes and help shape our community for the future! Particularly, if there are new amenities that you would like to see, please do take the time and provide some comments!

# Welcome to the Maker Movement!!!



**“When we allow children to experiment, take risks, and play with their own ideas, we give them permission to trust themselves. They begin to see themselves as learners who have good ideas and can transform their own ideas into reality” (Martinez & Stager, 2013)**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLEJLOB6fDw&feature=youtu.be>**

A makerspace is an area that allows for creativity and innovation to occur. Within a makerspace area, students have the freedom to design, engineer, fabricate, create, build and collaborate. Makerspaces provide students with a place to tinker and develop something that possibly wouldn't be possible to create without a space with resources. The maker movement values human passion, capability and the ability to make things happen and solve problems anywhere, anytime.

Maker education fosters curiosity, tinkering, and interactive learning, which in turn leads to better thinking through better questioning. This type of learning environment fosters enthusiasm for learning, student confidence, and natural collaboration. Ultimately the outcome of maker education and educational makerspaces leads to determination, independent and creative problem solving, and an authentic preparation for the real world by simulating real-world challenges.

Take a look at this list of benefits of Makerspaces...

- Allow for student intrinsic motivation and self-directed learnings
- Support students in a natural connection of the 4 C's of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning: Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, and Collaboration
- Immerse students in experiences that promote the idea of flow
- Provide students opportunities that allow them to fail in order to succeed
- Emphasize to students and teachers the importance of process over outcome
- Promote student literacy through writing, reflecting, and journaling while Making
- Allow students to see the importance and value of the arts
- Facilitate to students the idea of entrepreneurship through innovation
- Support student inquiry by relaying the importance of good questions and continued questioning
- Makerspaces can be a powerful tool to link **STEM** and **STEAM** education

## **We are in the process of creating a Learning Commons Makerspace at École Elbow Valley.**

Over the summer, please remember that we can use some of your unwanted items.

We are looking for the following:

- Mallets
- Nails (various sizes)
- Screws, washers, nuts, bolts (various sizes)
- Kid friendly tools (screwdrivers, wrenches, safety glasses), measuring tapes
- Old electronics such as old computers, calculators, desktop telephones
- Broken toys
- Wires, pipe cleaners/chenille sticks, wikki stix
- Cleaning supplies (limited to paper towels, sponges, soap, Clorox wipes, etc.)
- Toys: legos, building toys, science kits, K'nex, tinker toys, broken toys
- Household items: paper cups/plates, foil, wax paper, coffee filters, toothpicks, straws, cereal/soda boxes
- Packaging materials such as bubble wrap
- Duct tape, electrical tape, copper tape,
- Cardboard
- Egg cartons
- Clean yogurt containers
- Newspaper
- Paper towel tubes, toilet paper rolls, paint stir sticks, buttons,
- PVC pipe
- Flashlights
- Ping pong balls
- Laundry basket with holes
- Drop cloths
- Work gloves-x-tra small, small, medium
- Wine corks
- Twist ties, cable ties
- Play-doh

If you have any items that you are willing to donate, please drop off the items in the donation box outside the office beginning August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Makerspace team members.

Thank you for your support.

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