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January 2018 Principal's Message



Welcome to January 2018! We hope that everyone had a wonderful break surrounded by loved ones. January promises to be a very busy month, please refer to our weekly vlog and the school calendar for important dates.

Immediately upon our return (Tuesday, January 9th) we will be hosting a Kindergarten Information Evening. This event is intended for parents and will serve as an introduction to the Kindergarten program. We request that parents arrange for child care at home. We will provide opportunities for children and parents to tour the school and to attend a spring event.

Following the general information session, there will be a break out session for those interested in the French Immersion program. Should you have friends or family who are eligible to register for Kindergarten in September 2018, please pass this information along to them. This is a very exciting time for families. We are happy to host this event to help families make informed educational decisions for their children.

Advanced registration week occurs January 15th through to the 19th. Registration continues throughout the year. Students coming to Elbow Valley in September of 2018 are encouraged to register during advanced registration week. This helps the school administration create balanced classes and to staff the school appropriately.

On January 24th we will be hosting a Math Night for Adults! Thank you to our School Council and Mrs. Agnew for bringing this opportunity to our community. The evening will take you through a variety of tasks to support your ability to build your child's(ren's) confidence, ability, knowledge and skills for both learning and "doing" math. There are activities that focus on building the foundations for mathematical fluently and to help your child accurately solve problems with numbers. Learn how to diagram, puzzle and think your way through Mathematics. Once you understand how mathematical concepts are connected you can teach yourself and your child to perform all kinds of mathematics in your head. Please join us!

As we make our way through the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, please know that you are always welcome to contact your child's classroom teacher. Should you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help and will gladly make time to help our students reach their fullest potential.

Yours in Learning,

Mme Lindsay Adams



Eye See ... Eye Learn

Teachers are often the first people in a child's life to identify a vision problem. It is not uncommon for parents not to be aware that their child has a vision problem because sometimes they can be hard to spot. Statistics show that more than 43% of children who have a problem can pass a basic vision screening or sight test, but have a vision or eye health problem. Eye exams are covered by Alberta Health until a child turns 19. If you need help to find an optometrist if you don't already have one, try accessing this link.

https://www.optometrists.ab.ca/web/AAO/ESEL/AAO/ESEL/Eye_See...Eye_Learn.aspx?hkey=835bf294-09ca-48ac-87ec-d3f757c4f281



Parent Mathematics Evening Workshop: Teachers are Parents Too!

TARGET AUDIENCE: PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF CHILDREN KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 4

Location: Elbow Valley Elementary Learning Commons

Presented by: Geri Lorway

Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Cost: Free! Thank you to School Council and their fundraising efforts.

About the Session:

The focus is to support your ability to build your child's(ren's) confidence, ability, knowledge and skills for both learning and "doing" math. There are brief focused tasks and activities that focus on building the foundations for fluently and accurately solving problems with numbers.

Learn how to diagram, puzzle and think your way through Mathematics. Once you understand how mathematical concepts are connected you can teach yourself and your child to perform all kinds of mathematics in your head.

About the Presenter:

Geri Lorway: *I am the Director of Thinking101. I do not promote or support "discovery learning". I promote and support teaching all learners how to think, how to reason and problem solve, how to comprehend and communicate both written and oral language, how to access the visual spatial power of the human brain to learn, recall and apply FACTS.*

My career in education spans more than 35 years over which I have taught in single and multi-grade classrooms, served as a principal, a District Principal, a District Consultant, University Professor, action researcher, coach and mentor to thousands of teachers, parents and students across Western Canada.

I share an infectious energy & enthusiasm when I present or teach but make no mistake, my goal is to challenge every learner to master complex ideas and to achieve to his or her full potential. Changing the world, one mind at a time.

Elbow Valley Apparel for Sale

École Elbow Valley School now has its own line of apparel with our brand new logo. For more information, please visit:

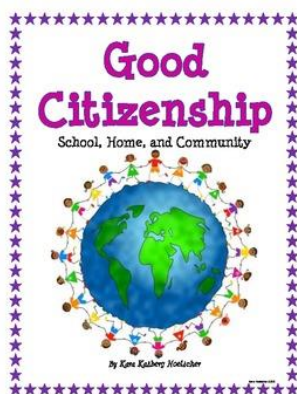
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All items available in youth and adult sizes! Sizing items are available to try at the school. Please note, sizing items are for size only. Colour options are available online.

January's Character Focus is Citizenship



Citizenship means being a good helpful member in society. This can be extended to school, class, community and family. We can teach our children to be good citizens by using their manners, sharing with others and showing care and concern for others. Citizenship can also be shown by working together, cooperating, encouraging others and treating each other with respect. By trying our best to be good citizens we are teaching our children that they can contribute to making their school, class, community, and family a terrific place to be!

School Council

Happy New Year!

School council wants to remind you of our new evening meeting, on **January 17th at 7 p.m.**

Please remember the upcoming **Parent Math Workshop on January 24th.**

Keep your new Christmas clothes safe while supporting your school - order Mabel's Label's now!

<https://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser>

Remember to select Elbow Valley School, and order online!

Want updates on what's happening at school? Follow us on Twitter!

<https://twitter.com/EveCouncil>

Yearbooks

2017/2018 Yearbooks are now available to order through schoolcashionline.com.

The cost is **\$25**. Our goal is to sell 350 and we're already half way there!

Please print your receipt for proof of purchase as reminder to yourself you have already purchased. School Cash Online (look in your history to see purchases).

We are unable to give refunds if purchased through Lifetouch.

Yearbooks will be available in September of 2018.

Yearbook committee has been busy taking photos of various activities, but we are always looking for others to send in photos. Photos taken on phones are usually good as long as the photos are forwarded/uploaded at their actual size. If you happened to get any photos of hip hop dancing, skating or any other activity the kids have been involved in, please send them to elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com

You are now able to upload images directly to the Lifetouch website. Go to community.lifetouch.com and use the following Community Image Upload Site Access Code to upload your photos: SOVGQW.

Alternatively, you can send the photos to the yearbook committee at elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com

Thank you to those who have already submitted photos!!

The yearbook cover contest will be happening soon. Watch for an email regarding details on how your child can submit their entry!

Learning Commons

The learning commons is looking great. Please come by to say hello to Mrs. Wendy Glidden if you have not met her yet. Or better yet, sign-up to volunteer in the learning commons! Easy, relaxing and fun to be around the kids! Find the sign-up on the website.

Please note I will be retiring from this position when my kid graduates middle school! If you're interested please email Monica monicacmwebster@gmail.com

January 2018 – Citizenship

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Back to School K-4 Lacrosse Residency A good citizen is a helpful member in class, at school, at home and in the community.	9 Lacrosse Residency English & French Immersion Information Evening 6:30 – 7:30 pm. To be a good citizen we need to work together to show respect for	10 Lacrosse Residency Being a good citizen means showing care and concern for others.	11 Lacrosse Residency Being a good citizen means following the rules at home and school.	12 Lacrosse Residency Subway Lunch Being a good citizen means doing your share of the work at home, school and in your community.	13	14
15 Kindergarten Registration Week 8:00 a.m. Cooperating with your classmates shows good citizenship.	16 Kindergarten Registration Week Using Kelso's choices to help solve conflicts shows good citizenship.	17 Kindergarten Registration Week School Council Meeting @ 7PM Treating others the way you want to be treated shows good citizenship.	18 Kindergarten Registration Week Standing up for each other shows good citizenship.	19 Kindergarten Registration Week Pizza Lunch Simple acts of kindness add up to make those around as happier.	20	21
22 School Tour New Families 9:30 am. To be a good citizen we need to work together to keep our school clean.	23 When you recycle you are showing good citizenship.	24 Parent Mathematics Workshop 6:30 – 8:30 pm. When you clean up litter outside you are showing good citizenship.	25 School Tour New Families 1:00 pm. You show good citizenship when you help others.	26 Subway Lunch 3B, 3M National Music Center You show good citizenship when you use good manners and kinds works.	27	28
29 French Culture Week You are showing good citizenship when you work hard at school.	30 French Culture Week Subway Lunch You show good citizenship when you keep your hands and feet to yourself.	31 French Culture Week Let's care about others and treat each other with kindness and this will show good citizenship.	1 French Culture Week	2 French Culture Week Mucho Burrito Lunch		