

# ÉCOLE ELBOW VALLEY SCHOOL

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## **March 2018 Principal's Message**

It was great to see so many families at our second set of Student-Led Conferences! These evenings present a tremendous opportunity for your children to really show you their achievement, and to express what they need to learn next in various subject areas. If you missed the article regarding student-led conferences in our weekly vlog, please follow the link at:  
<http://www.edudemic.com/guide-to-student-led-conferences/>

Please remember that you are welcome to contact your child's teacher at any time throughout the year. We are happy to meet with parents to discuss student progress. Term 2 report cards will be coming home on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This will provide the opportunity to reflect upon the evidence and goals established during Student-Led Conferences. Empowering children to take charge of their own learning is an on-going focus at École Elbow Valley. Understanding what your child is learning and how he/she is performing relative to the goals established helps facilitate meaningful conversations. Together, home and school, allow children to realize their fullest potential.

In keeping with Rocky View's plan for Communication of Student Learning, we will be hosting a Parent Portal Information Night on March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM. The Parent Portal (available through your Power School account) and Student-Led Conferences are two of the mediums through which we provide on-going communication regarding your child's progress. The Parent Portal currently contains assessment information for Math and Music, with Language Arts coming online term three.

The Parent Portal Evening will explore Rocky View's plan for the Communication of Student Learning, highlight effective assessment practices and guide parents through the use of the Parent Portal. If you are having any problem logging into your account, please contact the school office at (403) 242-1117. We would be happy to provide the necessary supports.

Alberta Opera's performance, "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be making its way to École Elbow Valley on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM. Alberta Opera presentations are always a welcome enrichment to our Fine Arts program! They involve students in the performance and provide another way to relay familiar stories.

The end of March marks the beginning of our Spring Break! The last day of school prior to the break is Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Students return to school on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy this well-deserved pause surrounded by those you love. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday!



### **Did you know that in Alberta, Friday was the most collision-prone day of the week?**

Friday is a day when many families have sports and social commitments. Parents can often be in hurry to start the weekend. School children are excited about the weekend beginning and may not be paying as much attention to traffic safety.

Please continue to keep our children safe by encouraging your child to meet you at the sidewalk or the parent pick up area. Children are not easily seen in a busy parking lot, and will impulsively run out to their parents' car when they see them arrive, if parents aren't in the practice of escorting their child to their vehicle.

Your child's safety is everyone's primary responsibility!

## **March's Character Focus is Sportsmanship**



Sportsmanship means playing fair, agreeing and following the rules of the game, respecting the judgment of referees and officials and treating opponents with respect. Children who demonstrate good sportsmanship tend to be more respected by their peers and have a larger circle of friends. We need to teach our children the importance of having fun and focus less upon competition and winning.

### **Easter Fun Activities**

The Friendly Helpers will be running Easter egg hunts for our students during recesses on the following days:

**Wednesday March 21 – Grade 1**

**Thursday March 22 – Grade 2**

**Friday March 23 – Grade 3**

**Monday March 26 – Grade 4**

**Tuesday March 27 – Friendly Helpers**

## School Council

***Welcome back EEVE families! We hope everyone was able to relax and have fun.***

### **IMPORTANT → CALL OUT TO ALL PARENTS!!!**

We are still looking to fill Council roles for the 2018-2019 school year. Please consider volunteering your time next year in one of these capacities:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Special Lunch Coordinator
- Secretary
- Co-Grant Writer (role needs support)

*If you have questions about any of these roles, School Council, or getting stains out of white socks, please contact Michelle or Brandi at [elbowvalleycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:elbowvalleycouncil@gmail.com).*

Upcoming event in March...**ASCA** (Alberta School Council Association) will be presenting before our next school council meeting. The presentation is called ***School Council Purpose***. ALL PARENTS at École Elbow Valley Elementary are members of our School Council, and are therefore invited to any and all meetings/workshops. *The purpose of this presentation is to engage a larger parent body at our meetings, and to encourage anyone willing to be part of our executive team to have background knowledge of what School Council responsibilities are.*

The presentation begins at 6:00PM and runs until 7:30PM. We will have pizza and beverages for everyone attending. Please arrive at 5:45PM, so we can get our food and be settled in time for the presentation. It would be helpful if you could please **RSVP** for this event [elbowvalleycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:elbowvalleycouncil@gmail.com) to ensure we have enough pizza.

### **ASCA presents - "School Council Purpose"**

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:00PM** *(before School council meeting)*

### February School Council Meeting in Review...

(Please see the school's website for a review of the full meetings minutes:

<http://evalley.rockyview.ab.ca/school-council/meeting-minutes>)

- **iPads** – School Council has approved the purchase of 10 new IPADS, in addition to the school purchasing another 10. These should arrive within the next 2 months. Expenditures of public funds must be made in accordance with mandated practices and legislation to ensure that open, fair, transparent and accountable purchasing practices are followed. The purchase approval process allows for ongoing maintenance and service to be provided through Rocky View Schools technology branch. The purpose of the new iPads will be to support the robotics program at our school.
- **Parking** - Mrs. Adams has requested, on behalf of School Council, a traffic advisor to come to our school to help us better ensure safety for our children. They will be reviewing options and advising maintenance as to what changes need to be made. This will most likely happen through the summer months.
- **Survey** - the results of the latest survey have been recorded and added to our February Meeting Minutes.

- **Grant updates** - Fantastic news!!! Alberta Recycling Municipal Demonstration Grant valued at \$18,601.45 has been approved and will go towards the \$75,000 needed for our *Pour n' Play* playground resurfacing. The reason we would like to replace with this particular surface is so that all of our students, including those with limited mobility, can access and use these play areas. Including this grant, we have raised almost 70% of the funds needed for this project. With that said, if you are interested, or know of a company interested, in making a tax-deductible donation to this project, please contact Brandi or Michelle at [elbowvalleycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:elbowvalleycouncil@gmail.com) and we can direct you to the right place. BIG THANKS to Jason Hendrick for all his hard work on these grant submissions!

**Next School Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 @ 7:30PM**

Michelle and Brandi

### **Volunteer Committee**

Thank you to all of our amazing parents at EEVE that helped make our staff appreciation week a huge success. The amazing food and beautiful centerpieces were incredible. The set up and clean-up crew and the brave volunteers that supervised our wonderful children so the staff could eat sitting down. Thank you! Merci! Without all of you we could not have done this for our staff.

Thank you!

Amal and Arlene

## **Yearbooks**

**2017/2018** Yearbooks will be available to order through [schoolcashonline.com](http://schoolcashonline.com) before **May 31, 2018**. The cost is **\$25**. Help us reach our goal of 350 yearbooks sold by ordering yours today. We are currently at 208 sold!

There is still time to get your submissions on for the Yearbook Cover Contest. The yearbook will include one submission from each grade (K-4). To be considered for the front cover, your submission must include the name of the school and the school year (Elbow Valley Elementary 2017/2018). Aside from that, you are free to draw and/or colour anything that you feel represents our school. It could be our rural setting with the mountain backdrop, the learning commons, your classroom, the new school logo, etc. The possibilities are endless, so use your imagination!

Please create your submissions on a piece of 8 1/2 x 11 paper with your name and class written on the back. Submissions will be accepted until March 2, 2018.

We are always looking for photo submissions for the yearbook. If you've got photos of field trips, classroom activities, etc. please consider sending them to the yearbook committee at [elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com)

### **CLASS GROUP & KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION PHOTO**

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Grade K-3**

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**@ 9:00AM**

**Grade 4's**

## March 2018

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>SPORTSMANSHIP</b> 			<b>1</b> <b>School Tour @1:00PM</b> You are being a good sport when you share.	<b>2</b> <b>Pizza Lunch</b> Sportsmanship means following the rules of the game.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Be a great team player by working with your team mates.	<b>6</b> You are being a good sport when you congratulate the winning team.	<b>7</b> Having fun is much more important than winning.	<b>8</b> If you show good sportsmanship others will want to play with you.	<b>9</b> <b>Gr. 4 Olympic Building Project Subway</b> Always try your best to be a good sport.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Professional Learning No School for Students</b>	<b>13</b> Whatever game or sport you play, remember to have fun.	<b>14</b> <b>Alberta Opera K-4</b> <b>School Council Meeting @7PM</b> You are being a good sport when you encourage.	<b>15</b> You are being a good sport when you use your manners.	<b>16</b> <b>Pizza Lunch</b> You are being a good sport when you pick fair teams.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> You are being a good sport when you include everyone who wants to play.	<b>20</b> <b>Parent Portal Information Night @ 6:30PM</b> You are being a good sport when you do not brag or boast.	<b>21</b> <b>Gr. 1 Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>Subway Lunch</b> You are being a good friend when you take turns.	<b>22</b> <b>Gr. 2 Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>Gr. 4's Skiing COP</b> <b>K-3 Class Group Kindergarten Graduation Photo</b> Sportsmanship means playing fair.	<b>23</b> <b>Gr. 3 Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>Subway Lunch</b> You are being a good sport when you use kind words.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Gr. 4 Easter Egg Hunt</b> Remember to use Kelso's choices if you have a conflict.	<b>27</b> <b>Friendly Helpers Easter Egg Hunt</b> If you have a conflict when playing a game try to make a deal.	<b>28</b> <b>Jellybean guesses are due!</b> <b>Subway Lunch</b> You are showing good sportsmanship when you treat.	<b>29</b> <b>Last day of classes – Easter Vacation</b> <b>Report cards go home.</b> You are being a good sport when you cooperate.	<b>30</b> <b>Back to School on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> K-4</b>	<b>31</b>	

