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MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER



The Elwick Community School Belief Statement

Elwick Treaty Days

May 17, 18 & 19 Opening Geremonie

May 17-9:00am





May 19—4:00pm



May 19—5:00pm



ELWICK'S 3rd ANNUAL

DITIONAL POW WOW &

30 MABERLEY ROAD, WINNIPEG, MB

GRAND ENTRY: 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION: 3:30pm - 5:00pm

MASTER OF CEREMONY: Wendell Powless

HOST DRUM: Chasing Tail

HONORARIUM FOR DANCERS:

Cash honorarium for dancers who are registered and in regalia. Categories: Tiny Tots, Juniors, Teens, Adults, and Golden Age

ONLY FIRST 4 REGISTERED DRUM GROUPS WILL BE PAID



Who Am I?

By Room 10

In Room 10 we have been learning about who we are. We have asked ourselves "Who Am I?" to help us gain a better understanding of our identities. We have discussed our interests and our passions. We have also talked about the groups we identify with, our culture, and our heritage. KG represented her identity with an eagle feather, because it signifies her Dakota heritage. JS shared that he is a Canadian who likes to read and play soccer. KL shared that he likes playing with lego, basketball is his favourite sport, he collects Pokemon cards, and he thinks writing is fun. He also acknowledged that he is from the Philippines. We have created a mural to represent our different identities and to show that we all belong at Elwick School. On our mural we included the statement We Are All Treaty People to represent our Canadian identities.



Why Are We Are All Treaty People?

TV understands that we are all Treaty People, because we live in Canada where Treaties were made a long time ago. AS adds to this by stating the First Nations Peoples and the Newcomers made a Treaty that was based on promises. KL shared that Treaty 1 was made and signed at Lower Fort Garry in Manitoba. The kids in Room 10 understand how important a Treaty is, because we have our own classroom Treaty. We try our very best to honour our Treaty which is an agreement between students and teachers. Treaties are beneficial to all people living in Manitoba and Canada. As successors of the Treaties, we are all Treaty People.

We are looking forward to celebrating Elwick's Treaty Days May 17th to 19th to help promote understanding of the significance of Treaties in the creation of Canada.



Tuesday, May 17th

Painting with Gayle Sinclaire

10:00 am - 11:00am in the Library

Wednesday, May 18th

Nutrition Bingo

11:30am - 1:00pm in the Library

Thursday, May 19th

Soapstone Carving

11:45am - 12:45pm in the Community Center

Child minding provided for all sessions and assembly.

To register for sessions please contact:





All families with children 0-5 welcome to attend!

RAIN OR SHINE!

Featuring:

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Featuring: Oral Storytelling with Joe McLellan

Outdoor Activities Crafts Snacks Sage Planting

For more information please contact:

Toni Brown Elwick Community School (204)633-5641

Hope to see you there!

WHAT IS A TREATY?

Treaties are agreements which provide for peaceful relations between two nations.

WHO BENEFITS FROM TREATIES?

Treaties benefit all Canadians, but the Treaties also have responsibilities and obligations for both Canadians and First Nations.

WHAT DO TREATIES MEAN TODAY?

Treaties are the fundamental building blocks of Canada by ensuring the wellbeing of both parties to the agreements through economic and political means. The Treaties also established the long standing peaceful coexistence between First Nations and the Crown.

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE TREATY DAYS AT ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

We celebrate Treaty Days to promote understanding of the significance of Treaties in the creation of Canada. We also celebrate to reaffirm the Treaty relationship.



WHY DO WE PLAY SOFTBALL?

During Treaty Days, many reserves organize a softball tournament where family teams and outside community teams can come together for some fun and positive recreation. We would like to provide a similar opportunity for our Elwick students.



WHY DO WE PLAY BINGO?

Many communities hold a bingo during their Treaty Days. Playing bingo is about coming together and forming connections within your community in a safe and welcoming space. This is our purpose for Treaty Days. We want people to come together to celebrate relationships and community.



WHY DO WE GIVE OUT A \$5 BILL AT OUR BARBEQUE AND POW WOW?

Traditionally \$5 is paid to each registered First Nations person by an RCMP officer along with a handshake to reaffirm the Treaty relationship between the Crown (Canada) and the First Nations peoples during Treaty Days. Jean Allard, retired Metis politician, argues that Treaty payments should be adjusted to reflect today's dollar values. By Allard's math, that would work out to annual Treaty payments of \$3600 a year for each and every First Nations person.



WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TREATY MEDAL?

The Treaty medal was a symbol of the Treaty relationship: the new relationship created by the Treaties between the Crown (Canada) and the First Nations peoples.



Why do we give tobacco?

In room 14, we are eagerly awaiting Treaty Days. In preparation for the upcoming celebration, we have been preparing tobacco offerings for our guests.

Our students had this to say:

"Giving a tobacco offering shows respect." - G. N.

"We give tobacco to show respect to our Elders." - S. S-R.

"We can give tobacco to people who need our support." - G. B.

To help us remember why we give tobacco, room 14 reminds us to THANK our HEROS.



Thank you,

Honouring
Elders
Respect
Offering
Support

Miigwetch!



Indigenous Language Bilingual Program

Seven Oaks School Division is looking to establish a K-3 Indigenous Language Bilingual Program for September 2016. If you would consider enrolling your son or daughter in a **Cree** or **Ojibwe** bilingual program, please complete a survey which is available at the school office.

The information provided will help us determine interest and help with planning. Our goal is to establish the bilingual program in Seven Oaks School Division with a start date of September 2016.

This is an opportunity to connect with all families who may be interested. It is open to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.





Leadership visit to Winnipeg Harvest - April 20, 2016





On Wednesday April 21st, 2016 leadership went to the Winnipeg Harvest. We volunteered to sort potatoes, there were three big boxes with red and yellow potatoes. Some of us had to go inside the box because it was really deep. We also had to wear hair nets which we hated, but we had to, so our hair won't go on the potatoes. We found it very enjoyable because we knew that we were helping families across Winnipeg. After finishing, a volunteer showed us the community garden where they grew the vegetables. What was really interesting about Winnipeg Harvest was some of the objects in the garden were made out of reused bottle and tires.

By Francine and Mannah:)





For the latest information, check out our website!



https://www.7oaks.org/school/elwick/

2016-17 Parent Orientation Sessions

Parents and Guardians!

Please watch for scheduling letters to come home with your child in early June.

Please return completed forms by June 25.



Elwick Community School Safety Plan

As part of the Elwick Community School Safety Plan we will be practicing fire drills and lockdown drills throughout the year. Neither drills are meant to alarm students, but rather ensure a safe and practised response in the event of an emergency. While fire drills are familiar to students, lockdown drills are less common.

WEWILL BE HAVING A LOCKDOWN PRACTICE DRILL ON:

FRIDAY, MAY 6 AT 9:15AM

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Haegeman or Mr. Meacham in the school office at 205-4-633-5641



May Dates to Remember...

May 16—School PD—No Classes

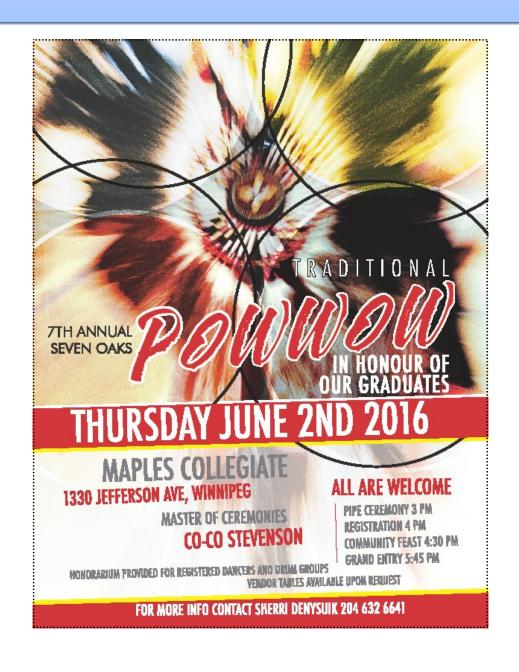
May 17, 18 and 19th—Treaty Days at Elwick

May 19th—4:00 PM—Community BBQ

May 23—Victoria Day—School closed

June I—Welcome to Kindergarten Night—6:00pm—7:00pm





Notes from the Music Room

Melanie Clendennan

Notes I from the Music Room

April was a fun month in the music room. Our grade 4/5 classes performed in Elwick's Spring Concert at the Maples Commons. I am so proud of how hard they worked all month and how wonderfully they represented Elwick School. Way to go!



Here are some of our upcoming adventures:

Middle Years Concert May 4th at 7:00pm. This concert will feature middle years band, fiddle, and choir!

<u>Treaty Days:</u> May 17th-19th. We welcome the amazing David Boulenger, Juno-Award winning Anishinaabe musician who will be sharing stories and songs with our students in the music room.

Arts Camp: On June 16th our grade 4/5 classes will be attending the divisional Arts Camp, where they choose a workshop and explore some new ideas in the arts.





Elwick Call Back System

At Elwick School we have an attendance call back system.

If your child is going to be away from school due to medical appointments, illness or any other reasons we ask that you call the school office and speak to one of the secretaries any time after

8:00 am and by 1:00pm.

204-633-5641

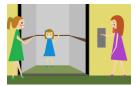
If we do not hear from you and your child is not in attendance we will give you a call to make sure they are safe.

Contact Information



It is very important that we have updated contact information for your child.

If you have moved or had a change of phone number, please let the school know at 204-688-6221



Our Elevator is working!

Elwick School is pleased to announce that our elevator is fully operational!

Please keep this in mind, if you require assistance in going up or down the stairs.



Pick up/Drop off Reminders



To all Parents and Families who drop off or pick up their children:

Please do not use the parking lot.

Please use Maberley Road for drop off, as traffic in the parking lot can be a safety concern as children are walking to and from school.

Thank you!



Elwick Community Room Preschool Program

Our Parent/Caregiver and Child (birth to 6 years) Program will take place on Thursdays, from 9:00-11:00am. We will continue to have play, snack and Storytime, but will also have special activities for families to do together. The coffee will be on!

May 5th – Special flowers for Moms

May 12th – Making Smoothies (kids get to run the blender!)

May 19th - Treaty Days - special time 1:00-3:00PM with Outdoors Activities

May 26th – String painting Butterflies

June 2nd – Wraps for lunch or snack

June 9th – Salad spinner art

June 16th – Last day of programs- Movement stations outside, bubbles, Ice cream...

Join us Wednesday, May 18th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Garden City Community Center for the

SEVEN OAKS EARLY YEARS COALITION free event for families including supper, a brief Annual General Meeting, children's entertainment, and a take home bag of goodies.

Kindergarten registration begins February 29th for children born in 2011. On May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2016, from 1:00-2:30pm, there will be sessions for children registered for kindergarten and their parents. Ask Dave and Donna for more information.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR NEWS

By Dave Mathers

"When Daddy was a Little Boy" adapted from Today's Parent Feb 2011.

Libby cherishes the stories about her grandmother, who grew up in a family of seven kids. She also likes to hear stories about her dad and his siblings – especially when they got into trouble, like the time her uncle decided to give himself a bubble bath by dumping the entire bottle of shampoo into the tub. Being pelted with requests for stories "about when Daddy was a little boy" is a common experience for parents of young kids. Yes, they like Pixar movies and Magic Tree House books, but nothing seems as satisfying as the stories you tell them about earlier generations.

Psychology professor Daniel Lagace-Seguin says these stories are valuable to children because they teach them a number of concepts.



Mom and Dad survived it too. It relieves children's stress and anxiety to know that their mom and dad made it through their first day of Kindergarten or having their teeth filled at the dentist – and came out of it with a funny story to tell about it. The story may arise out of a question – "Did you have to get needles when you were a kid?" – and parents can see that as an opportunity to share some experiences. Don't just say yes, and move on; tell them about how nervous you were in the waiting room, how the nurse let you practice giving needles to a doll, and in the end you barely noticed the needle going in. (And maybe how your sister, watching you get the shot fainted and ended up with a big bruise on her forehead.)

Things change and that's OK. Preschoolers are sometimes anxious about change. Hearing stories about their parents' childhood sometimes shocks them (Whoa, you didn't have car seats when you were 5?") but also reassures them that change is an inevitable – and not always bad – part of life. Stories can also teach how relationships change. Grandma is Daddy's mother and took care of him when he was young; now he lives with Mommy but helps Grandma out by cutting her grass and fixing her car. It can be quite a revelation for a preschooler to realize that Daddy was once a little boy.



People see things from a different perspective. A young preschooler thinks that everyone else sees the world just as he does. Stories help the child see the world through others' eyes. Even better, if Mom tells about being lost in the woods, and later Grandpa tells about the same incident, the child learns that what was an amusing adventure for Mom was a worried search and rescue for Grandpa.

These are our family's values. The stories you choose to tell and the way you deliver them convey the values you hope to teach your children. If you tell a story about a relative that smoked and later became ill or died, you are impressing on them that smoking isn't good for you. A story about how Uncle Tom protected you from bullies when you were little shows that your



family believes in helping one another – and it might also encourage your own child to come to you if they too, experience bullying.

They are like Mom and Dad and other relatives. Children naturally desire to model themselves and be like the people they are close to. You'll see that in the way your children imitate you. That's why they love to hear that Daddy also hated peas when he was little, and that Aunt Lisa's favourite colour was purple too. Stories that point out similarities help to strengthen the bonds between parents and children.

It's not TV. Kids love spending time with their parents and listening to the stories. It's so important in this day and age – when families spend so much time apart or watching TV or on the computer – to give kids the time and attention that happens when we tell them stories. You can tell stories while you drive in the car, while you cuddle before bed, or as you relax over a meal.

But maybe Libby summarized it best. After a long afternoon of being pestered, her mother asked, exasperated, "Why do you always want me to tell you these stories?" Libby replied, "Because they help me know who I am."

Sunny Mountain Nursery School #6-1965 Main Str.

Open house & registration for Sept 2016

Spaces available for children 3 & 4 years

For more information call 334-7075 or

Email smdcnursery@gmail.com



Is happy to announce our registration is now open, Come join in the excitement of the 2016-2017 school year!

At James Nisbet Nursery School, our Early Childhood Educators implement a play-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum.

Aleph-Bet Child Life Enrichment Nursery Program

Located at 1007 Sinclair Street

Open house & registration for September 2016 has already begun!

For more information call (204) 586-1110 or

Email: alephbet@mymts.net
Website: www.alephbetdaycare.ca

An exciting program is returning to Elwick School THIS SUMMER!



B.E.E.P.

(Balanced Experiential Education Program)

Will be offered to Elwick students Gr. 1-8 By the Seven Oaks School Division

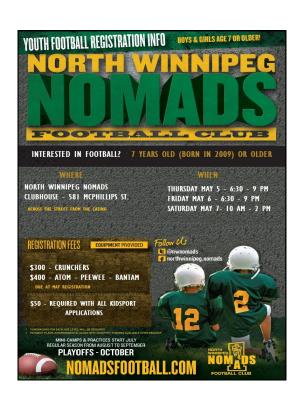
FREE OF CHARGE

BEEP starts Tuesday, July 5th
<u>and runs Mond</u>ay to Friday until August 12th
9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily at Elwick School

Watch for more info and a registration form in late May BEEP will include:

Free Breakfast Program
Exciting Hands-on Learning Activities
Free Weekly Outings on School Buses
Indoor and Outdoor Sports
Art and Music
Cooperative Games
Special Theme Days
Loads of Fun!

For more information please contact Cindy Burkett at 204 894 1174 or cindy.burkett@7oaks.org





Silhouettes Gymnastic Club Summer camp for girls age 5 years and up. Space is limited July 25-29 8-4 August 2-5 8-4 R.F. Morrison School 25 Morrison

For more information email

silhouettesgymclub@gmail.com