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At Elwick we are learning to live the Seven Teachings everyday! Respect, Wisdom, Courage, Love, Honesty, Humility &Truth.

From the Office



Welcome Back To School!!

On behalf of the staff at Elwick Community School we would like to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year. We hope you enjoyed the summer months with friends and family. September brings us many changes at Elwick school. We have many new staff members as well as students. We have already been busy creating opportunities for our community members to connect with us at the school! In the meantime, feel free to come on down to enjoy the beautiful display of staff faces in the main display case by the school office. It is always nice to put a name to a face. We look forward to meeting you! Together, we can make a difference in the lives of Elwick Community School students.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey around the Seven Teachings. Over the past few years the Elwick staff and students have become familiar with the Seven Teachings and have discussed ways of applying them to their everyday life. Throughout the course of the year we encourage you to ask your child what they have learned to apply these teachings. If you come from another culture, we invite you to come and share some teachings that have been passed down in your culture.



<u>Respect</u> - Is carried by the buffalo. In all life, the gift of respect is first and foremost. Respect oneself and respect will come to you. E.g. treat your body with respect and it will look after itself.



<u>Love</u> - Is carried by the eagle. With love all things are possible. We enjoy unconditional love through our children.



Honesty - Is carried by Sabe (Bigfoot). It is not to be confused with truth (law). In reality, there is no "if" or "buts", there can only be honesty if one is to survive. In the wilderness, either one knows survival, or one does not.



<u>Courage</u> - Is carried by the bear. We seek strength and courage to face our greatest enemyoneself.



<u>**Humility</u>** - Is carried by the wolf. To ensure survival, the pack must be as one. Each member must understand its role and ask for help when needed.</u>



<u>Wisdom</u> - Is carried by the Beaver. Wisdom should not be confused with knowledge. Wisdom is gained experience to know the difference and accept responsibility and accountability.



<u>Truth</u> - Is carried by the turtle. Truth is symbolic of natural law i.e. the earth revolves around the sun... undeniable truth.

We are pleased to introduce to you our new staff:



My name is Bobbi-Lynn Haegeman and I am the new Vice Principal at Elwick Community School. Although I am new to the position I am returning to a famil-

iar place. Growing up in the community allowed for me to attend Elwick school as a student. I also started my teaching career at Elwick school as an early years teacher. I had the privledge of working with intermediate teachers and students as a learning support teacher as well. I am looking forward to meeting all the families and students in the Elwick Community School community. Together we can make a difference in the lives of students.

Hi my name is Samantha Evans and I am currently teaching a grade 7/8 class. The Maples Community is very familiar to me, as I have grown up in this area. I went to Arthur E. Wright, Ken Seaford Junior High and Maples Collegiate. This is my third year teaching and my first two years were at Collicutt School teaching grade 4/5. I am an extremely active person and love to workout, play soccer or any type of sport. On the weekend I enjoy roller blading, playing with my puppy Hulk and



spending time with my 3 nephews and niece. I look forward to meeting so many new students and families in the community! Hi, my name is Kari White and I am one of the new grade 7/8 teachers in middle years. I am originally from Alberta; which is where I completed my Bachelor of Education and completed my first year of teaching. This is my fourth year living and teaching in Winnipeg. I am very excited to be joining the teaching team at Elwick! I hope to get to know and be involved in the community. Outside of school I am an avid curler and enjoy spending time with family, friends and my dog, Tucker. I hope everyone has a great school year!



Hello, my name is Raj Brar! I am a new teacher at Elwick School this year. In fact this is my first year of teaching and I am super excited about the learning that will take place this year at Elwick. I just graduated from the University of Manitoba with my Bachelor of Education. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the students and families at Elwick as we become partners in learning. I love to read and I hope to introduce new and exciting books to students so that they too can enjoy wonderful lit-

erature! I am really looking forward to a wonderful year filled with enthusiasm and learning!



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Saul Henteleff recently graduated from the University of Winnipeg's 2-Year Education Degree Program. Prior to becoming a teacher Saul was a sound designer with the National Film Board of Canada and an independent filmmaker. Saul has an M.A. in Media Studies from Concordia University and taught film production and film pedagogy for the University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg School Division, St James School Division, Sunrise School Division, River-East/Transcona School Division and the Royal Conservatory of Music. Saul



eats film for breakfast and lives with his wonderful family in the West Broadway neighborhood.



Hi! My name is Mrs. Anderson. I've worked with Seven Oaks School Division for nearly 14

years! I started as a teenager working for Kildonan Youth Activity Centre and continued as the program coordinator as I went through university. I started teaching at Ecole Seven Oaks Middle School in 2003. I've taught middle years since then with one move to Edmund Partridge Community School and found my way to Elwick in the spring of 2011. I'm really excited to continue my middle years journey here as the learning support teacher.

Hi, my name is Cindy Shields and I will be the Kindergarten teacher at Elwick Community School this year. I taught Grade Five last year at Victory School and am excited about the change to work with the little ones in Kinder-

garten! It is extremely exciting to play such an important role in children's first year of school. I am really looking forward to getting to know



families in the community! See you around 😊

Hi there! My name is Mrs. Angie Deprez and I teach Grade 2/3 here at Elwick Community School. After having a wonderful year off at home



with my daughter, it is great to be back. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning with the students and staff.

Hello! My name is Elizabeth Lobchuk. I have been a paraprofessional for the Seven Oaks School Division for over 5 years and I am on a term position at

Elwick School. I love reading, drawing and going to kickboxing in my spare time. I also enjoy camping and travelling with my family and friends. I am pleased to be a part of the staff at Elwick School and am looking forward to the new school year with everyone.

Hi ! My name is Angelica Ronavillo. I am one of the student teachers here at Elwick. I am currently a



student at the University of Winnipeg in my fourth year of education. I love travelling and tasting different kinds of foods. I love being outdoors and I

love experiencing beautiful nature. I am very excited to teach here and I look forward to spending my year here.

Hi, my name is Greg Alcaraz- evening custodian at Elwick. I am married with a 4 year old daughter. I

have been employed by 7 oaks school division for 11 months doing the evening shifts. I came from the Philippines.



I am Laura Rawluk Gies - student teacher

in my certifying year of the After-Degree program at the University of Winnipeg. I came back to school



in the 2009/2010 school year after a 5 year break. I'm married and I live with my husband and my pug Moose within walking distance of Elwick.

My name is Krista Lyon and I am the Grade 2/3 teacher in Room 3. I am thrilled to be a part of Elwick Community School and surrounding community. I am a graduate of the University of Manitoba, specializing in Early Years Education and Family Social Sciences. I love being a part of a learning community and I view myself as a learner, reflector, and teacher. I look for-

ward to joining my students through this fabulous journey of learning.

If you visit Room 3,



you will notice that it is an environment that is created by all the learners of Room 3. Much of the wall space is still neutral and empty, waiting for the pieces of work, showing documentation of the learning that is occurring within our room and school. I am very excited to see where we will take our learning this year. Please visit room 3 often so we can share our learning with you!

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Hello Families, Friends and Community Members of Elwick School,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself my name is Nicole Reay and I will be teaching grade 1 at Elwick this year. Some of you may already know me from Kindergarten where I spent two months at the end of last year on a term. Therefore I cannot begin to explain how excited I am to be back at Elwick. I graduated from the

University of Manitoba Education program with a focus on early years education, and I believe that children have an incredible voice and through inquiry and explorations they are able to self guide their learning in areas that interest them and that are authentic and meaningful. Education is a journey with many paths and has many members: the child, the teacher, the school, the families and the community. All members play an important role and enable education to be a fluid process from the school to the home and the home to the school. I am looking forward to beginning this lifelong journey of education with the community of Elwick. I know it is going to be a fantastic year!

Your partner in education, Nicole Reay

Hello! My name is Kristjanna Oleson. I am a music specialist with 7 Oaks School Division and was teaching at Riverbend School. This year, I am excited to be a part of creating a new opportunity for Elwick students from grades 1-3 called Sistema Win-

nipeg. 7 Oaks has partnered with the Winnipeg

Symphony Orchestra to bring this wonderful learning and mentorship opportunity to our community. The program will begin in



October. I am looking for volunteers and for students who will be committed to this 5 day a week program. It will be a lot of fun for students and expose them to Winnipeg's strong musical community. I look forward to getting to know you!

Kristjanna Oleson, Music Specialist

Summer Kuzyk- I am currently attending the University of Winnipeg where I am in my fourth year of the



education program. I enjoy reading, traveling, and being outdoors in my free time. I look forward to working alongside Mrs. Clarke in her grade 4/5 classroom and working more closely with the students.

Early Year's Phys.ed

It's back to school which means that our first activity is Cross-Country . Any students in grades 3, 4& 5 interested in running at the cross-country meet are invited to come out to our practices on Days 1, 3& 5 at 12:25. Practices are MANDATORY if you plan on coming to the divisional meet. Our fall meet will be held at Little Mountain Park on October 4th with a raindate on October 6th. We hope to see you out there!

Elwick Community School Guidance and Counselling Program

Did you know Elwick Community School has a Counselling Program for all students?

There are two experienced School Counsellors working at Elwick Community School to support your child.

Call 633-5641 to find out more.

Valerie Czarnecki or Carole McMillan



Who is Guidance and Counselling for?

The Counselling Progam at Elwick School is for all students.

Guidance is a total school effort involving students, staff, parents and the community. Through Elwick's Guidance Program, we work to provide a safe school environment in which each student may grow and learn.

What do School Counsellors do?

Counsellors...

- work with students individually and in small groups about their concerns.
- help students understand themselves and others.
- teach students decision-making and problem-solving skills.
- help students learn to co-operate with other children and adults.
- consult with parents, teachers and support services.
- talk to other professionals to help with student's attendance, behaviour issues, and social-emotional growth.
- work in classrooms to help teach students about personal safety, managing conflict, and friendship skills.

From Kristjanna Oleson (music specialist)



7 Oak; and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Create Sistema Winnipeg

Elwick Community School is pleased to announce that we

have partnered with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra to house a wonderful after-school music program for students called Sistema Winnipeg. In the program, students will learn to play an instrument, be a part of an orchestra, learn to work as a part of a team and most importantly build confidence and self-esteem.

Sistema Winnipeg is a program based on the Venezuelan program El Sistema which has been successfully enriching the lives of the people and communities in Venezuela for almost 40 years.

Sistema Winnipeg will run everyday after school from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. It is essential that students who participate commit to the program five days a week. It is also important that parents commit to picking up their children on time every day. After-school snacks will be provided to participants. This year we are offering the program to students in grades 1 to 3. The students will have the opportunity to build relationships with members of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra receiving group and individual instruction on the instrument they choose to study. Instruments will be lent to the students from the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra unless students provide their own instruments.

We are very excited about this unique opportunity we are bringing to students in 7 Oaks School

Division. If you are interested in enrolling your student or interested in volunteering with the program, please contact:: Kristjanna Oleson at 633-5641 or email -





Edge Program

Hello Everyone,

"EDGE (Extended Day Growth Education) welcomes you to another exciting school year with great after-school programs. Many favorite courses will be returning like the Babysitter Certificate Course. Registration will be arriving this month. Don't delay when you receive your EDGE booklet outlining all the courses we have to offer as class sizes are limited and filled on a first come first serve basis. You can sign up for courses like Hip Hop Dance, Art and Drawing plus many more.

EDGE fall courses will start the week of October 17th. We look forward to having you join us. For more information on EDGE check our our programs on the Seven Oaks website under Programs or contact Penny Raymond, Extended Day Coordinator at penny.raymond@7oaks.org or at 885-4333."

Important Dates to Remember!!

Weekday	Date	School Day	Event
Tuesday	Sep 20	5	Picture Day
Friday	23	2	School P.D.
Thursday	29	6	School Barbeque
Monday	Oct 3		Gr 4 & gr 6 girls immunization
Friday	7	6	Divisional PD
Monday	10		Thanksgiving
Friday	21	3	SAG
Friday	Nov 4	1	Picture Retake Day
Friday	11		Remembrance Day
Wednesday	23	1	Report cards home
Thursday	24	2	Evening parent teacher conferences
Friday	25	3	No Classes – parent teacher conferences
Thursday	Dec 8	6	Holiday luncheon
Thursday	22	4	Last day of school before winter break
Monday	Jan 9	5	School reopens
Monday	16	4	School PD
Friday	Feb 3	6	PD
Thursday	16	3	I Love To Read – BSSAP
Monday	20		Louis Riel Day
Wednesday	March 14	3	Report cards go home
Thursday	March 15	4	Evening parent teacher conferences
Friday	March 16	5	No classes – parent teacher conferences
Friday	23	4	Last day before spring break
Monday	April 2	5	School reopens
Friday	6		Good Friday
Friday	20	6	PD
Monday	May 7	5	School PD
Monday	21		Victoria Day
Monday	June 11	5	PD/Admin Day

Reminders For Parents

Please remember kids are to go home for lunch unless a parent/guardian is at work or school. If alternate arrangements need to be made, please call Elwick school at 633-5641. Thank you very much for your support.

Please remind your children that CELL PHONES are NOT allowed to be used in school.

Please be aware that Elwick school is a nut free environment!

Our school patrols are outside to help students cross the street safely. They go on duty at 8:45-9:00 every morning, 11:50-12:05 as well as 12:40-12:55 at lunch and 3:25-3:40 at the end of the day. It is very important that students cross the street at the designated patrol corners. Let's work together to help keep our children safe!

Middle Years Phys Ed. Program

Welcome back to all Elwick students! The middle years Physical Education program at Elwick Community School is an exciting, vibrant place to be! Here students will gain knowledge and skills for many activities and sports that will foster a lifelong love for being active and getting along with new and old friends.

The extra curricular program is extensive and includes cross country, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Softball, Track and Field and Cricket. In this sports league, healthy competition and participation are key in developing our young athletes.

Once every two weeks every Middle Years physical education class get Zaynee Zahn Day! This is a day where the gymnasium is turned into a virtual playground. Students are invited to participate in a number of activities including Basketball, Rope Swings, Mini Put, Hockey Skills Challenges, xbox Kinect, Scooter Zone and many more activities that remind us of how fun it is to be a kid! This day is a self directed day for students with Phys Ed Staff supervising. It's an amazing time for students and teachers to have a meaningful conversation about any of their concerns over the week.

Once again Welcome back, it's going to be a great year.

Fiddle classes for grades 4, 5, and 6 are on days 2, 4, and 6, in the band room Fiddlewicks club will meet on day 4 during the lunch recess (12:30 - 12:55) start date TBA Karen Warner - Fiddling Teacher

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Winnipeg Wave Swim Registration For Swim Programs At Seven Oaks Pool 444 Adsum Drive

For more information please contact Howard Ryant at: <u>hryant@shaw.ca</u> or 334-5927

Forms and fees are on available on our website: www.winnipegwave.com



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COMMUNITY COORDINATOR NEWS

It's September! Welcome back to a brand new school year! I hope everyone enjoyed the great weather this summer, and best of all NO MOSQUITOS!!!

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite all families with preschool children (0-5 years of age, including Kindergarten children) to join me for Elwick's Preschool Story-time Program. This program is for families in the 7 Oaks School Division and is free of charge.

The program begins <u>THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd at 1:00 p.m.</u>

Preschool Story-time

for children 5 and under accompanied by a parent or caregiver

Join us for:

- Stories
- Songs
- Rhymes
- Crafts
- Snacks
- @ Activities
- @ Games
- **Weekly** articles
- Parenting magazines
- Lending Library



Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00

For more information contact: Elwick Community School 30 Maberley Road 633-5641

Dave Mathers Community Coordinator david.mathers@7oaks.org



Connectors Connection

Welcome back everyone!

Our 2011-2012 school year is finally here; here at Elwick we are excited to start a new adventure with our returning families and many new families arriving. The start of the school year also means our Elwick families come together and enjoy a great family evening at our family BBQ. This year our BBQ will be held on September 29th with a rain date of October 6th. This is a wonderful time to get to know your classmates and Elwick staff in a fun filled environment for all ages.



I would like to take this moment and send out great big thanks to our community council for providing our Elwick community with 15 picnic tables this summer for our families to use. Also there were 5 donated to the school to be placed on school grounds. Thank you everyone for all your hard work what a beautiful addition to our community.

Here at Elwick we provide student and parent programs that run through out the year, keep an eye out for letters your children may bring home or even a quick peek in the mail box for evening programs for our community to enjoy. We hope you all enjoy your school year and please remember you can always stop by to see what is new, we keep our bulletin board up to date with all programs to come. Here is a quick peek of what is to come this year.

Zumba classes - Learn to skate - Community council
 Open gym - Christmas feast

For further info you can contact Amanda @ 793-2124 and I would be happy to help in anyway. ENJOY THE YEAR!

Gymnastics Classes

Silhouettes Gymnastics Club

offers:

- Classes for girl ages 3 & up
- Recreational and Competitive programs

Location:

R.F. Morrison School 25 Morrison St.

For more information about our program Call Laura at 582-0736

Winnipeg Wave Swim Registration For Swim Programs At Seven Oaks Pool 444 Adsum Drive

For more information please contact Howard Ryant at: <u>hryant@shaw.ca</u> or 334-5927

Forms and fees are on available on our website: <u>www.winnipegwave.com</u>

West Kildonan



Memorial Community Centre

346 Perth Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R2V 0T7

334-1679

wkmcc.webs.com



Back to School – Kid's Bingo

Hot Dogs ~ Snacks ~ Drinks
Come for supper and enjoy a family evening of Bingo ~
Great prizes to be won ~

\$2 per family with a max. of 4 cards/person. Kids are encouraged to play their own cards. This is a fun family night away from the TV, computer and video games.

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 22nd – doors open at 6:00, games begin at 6:30 – 8:00

Upcoming events ~ Halloween Bingo and Winter Bingo



WKMCC Urban Farmer's Market & Community Garage Sale 8-1 Saturday morning

The market is going strong ! Check out the website and facebook! Last dates of the season: September 3, 10 and 17 See you there!





HOCKEY & INDOOR SOCCER

August 25th 7:00-9:00pm August 30th 7:00-9:00pm September 8th 7:00-9:00pm

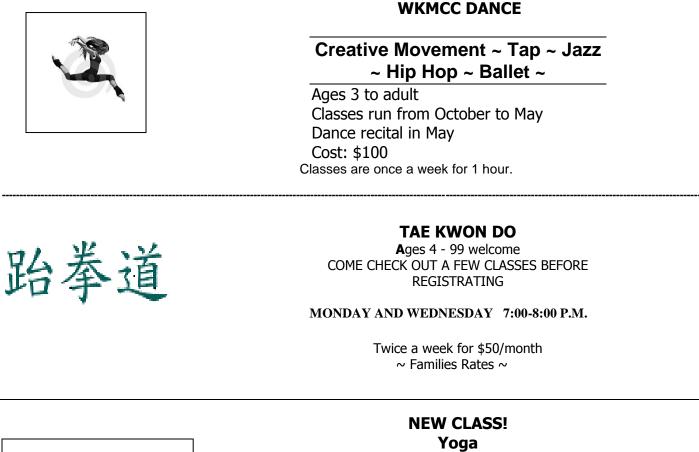
*registration will take place at Red River Community Centre 239 Murray Ave. (at Main St.) **there is a \$10 club fee added to registration amounts.

334-1679

WKMCC Program Registration

Thursday September $8^{th} \sim 7:00 - 9:00$ p.m. Saturday, September $10^{\text{th}} \sim \text{noon till } 3:00 \text{ p.m.}$ Tuesday, September $13^{\text{th}} \sim 7:00 - 9:00 \text{ p.m.}$

Payment due at time of registration- Cheque or Cash.





(Iyengar Style)

October – November January – February March - April

75 min. classes 50 +High school students 60 min. classes General public 90 min. classes Parent and Child classes

Tuesday or Thursday Tuesday or Friday Saturday morning TBA

11:00 - 12:00 \$50 4:00 - 5:00 \$50 11:00 - 12:00 \$60 free