



ELGIN IN THE NEWS

Welcome Back!

The staff at Elgin are excited to be back to school routines and ready for another year of great adventures in learning! This edition is brought to you by the Grade 6/7 Class! Students have been learning about writing articles and sharing information, and were given the task of becoming journalists and writing about exciting Elgin news!

Tuesday, October 3 –

Young Canada Day at the Norfolk County Fair – has been designated as a Professional Activity day by the Grand Erie District School Board. Except for scheduled events (like the Road Race), there will be no supervision of elementary students on this day. Students will be admitted free to the Fair on Young Canada Day and do not require a pass to enter the fairgrounds.

Facts about bald Eagles!

Our mascot at Elgin is the Eagle! Did you know, bald eagles, who are endangered in North America, can live for 20 years? Bald eagles build huge nests that can weigh up to one ton, and the female bald eagle is larger than the male. Although their name suggests it, bald eagles are not bald.

New IEP Reporting Guidelines for Elementary

The reporting periods for your child's IEP have changed based on recommendations from the provincial Special Education Committee. Effective September 2017, your child's IEP will be reviewed and updated within the first 30 instructional days of school, with the Term 1 report card in January and the Term 2 report card in June. As always, we welcome communication and conversation about your child's progress, on-going achievement of learning skills, work habits and curriculum expectations at any time.

School Hours at Elgin Avenue

All elementary schools in The Grand Erie District School Board operate on a Balanced Day Schedule. The school day is organized in to three instructional blocks and two 40 minute nutritional breaks.

The school playground is supervised from 8:30 a.m.-3:10 p.m. daily. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:30 a.m.

All students must remain on school property unless they have parent permission. Students are asked to remain on school property for the First Nutrition break (10:20-11:00). Those who have permission to leave the property for lunch will do so on the second nutrition break (12:40-1:20pm).

We expect that all students will display good manners and be respectful of each other during the Nutrition/Fitness breaks. Students must follow lunchroom routines under the supervision of school staff.

Welcome to New Staff



Mme Hladysh

New French teacher means new Coach at Elgin! Mme Hladysh is our new French teacher, soccer coach and cross country coach. As a student, she attended a French Immersion school and lived in Quebec for a year. She has also taught in Kenya!

Mrs. Howard is the new prep teacher at Elgin, and is our other soccer coach. She teaches Science, Health, Gym, Drama and Dance to some of our classes. Mrs. Howard comes to Elgin from Waterford!



Mrs. Howard

Mrs. Richert is our new D-ECE in Kindergarten JKB! Her bright smile lights up the classroom of our youngest learners!



Ms. Norton is our new Vice Principal, and she teaches grade 6/7 in the mornings!



Mrs. Richert

Healthy Lunches = Greater Learning

Nutrition is important for all of us, especially for kids. What we eat makes a difference in how we grow and learn, especially in school! Here are 10 healthy foods you can pack in your lunch:

- 1) Fruit: Banana, Strawberries, Apple
- 2) Healthy Nut-free granola bars
- 3) Hard Boiled Egg
- 4) Salad
- 5) Vegetables and dip
- 6) Homemade Apple Sauce
- 7) Yogurt
- 8) Turkey Wraps
- 9) Cheese and crackers
- 10) Water! Water! Water!

Clubs and Teams

Soccer Team: The soccer team is coached by Mme. Hladysh and Mrs. Howard. The junior team includes six girls and eight boys, and the intermediate team includes eight girls and six boys. Both teams will participate in a tournament during the first week of October – Let's wish our Eagles some luck!

Art Club

Welcome back Eagles! This year there is a new club for students in Grades 6-8 – the Arts Club! There will be singing, dancing, drama games and lots of fun! If you are interested in joining talk to Mrs. Chwastiak.



1 MILLION CRUNCHES FOR FOOD LITERACY

Join students at Elgin on October 19th at 2:30 by celebrating the Great Big Crunch, an annual moment of anti-silence where everyone gets together and bites into crunchy fresh local produce in unison. The symphony is loud, whether you munch on apples or carrots. From coast to coast to coast, celebrate and enjoy healthy snacking with your class, colleagues or friends. Using vegetables and fruits as stars in recipes and fun activities will make you cherish the local bounty around us all.

Elgin welcomes new Kindergarten Students

Do you have a child at home who will turn four by the end of the year? If yes, they can come to Kindergarten this year! This year at Elgin we have almost 60 Kindergarten students, each classroom has a teacher and an Early Childhood Educator who work together as a team to teach the youngest students at Elgin. Our class helps too, many of us are Kindergarten lunch helpers and we are Kindergarten reading buddies!

Check out our Library!

Elgin has a great library, with something for everyone! There is an entire section of picture books, both fiction and non-fiction. There are also shelves full of beginning chapter books and YA novels. An exciting addition is some of the teen fiction books, including popular series such as the Hunger Games and Goosebumps. If you like anime we have a few manga's and graphic novels in our library!



Halloween Dance coming soon!

If you are in grades 6-8, you better be ready to dance like a skeleton and groove like a zombie because the Halloween dance is coming soon and is going to be the best one yet. Don't forget costumes must be school appropriate, no masks or bloody/gory effects! Your dancing should be the only scary thing!



My first days at Elgin!

I am new to Elgin and so far I like it. The school is big, and it took a few days to figure out where to go, but everyone was very helpful. I like how there is a big yard outside, and how there are really good books in the library.



What do we love about Elgin? Here are some of our favourite things

- 1) The Elgin Circle: outside on the blacktop where people go at recess to play games
- 2) The Elgin Music: Mrs. Chwastiak introduces us to all types of music and instruments
- 3) The Elgin Playground – so much fun!
- 4) The Elgin Gym – lots of space to play and a great area to watch our teams win!
- 5) Elgin French - nous aimons apprendre une nouvelle langue!
- 6) The Elgin Library and Computer Lab – where we can go to find the answers to all we wonder about.
- 7) The Elgin People! Best students and teachers in the world!

