



Elk Point Elementary School

March 2025

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MARCH

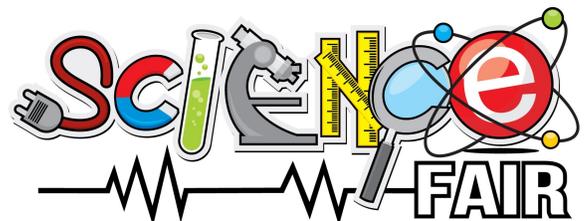


- 4 Science Fair/ Book Fair/
Student-Led Conferences—4-7pm
- 5 After School Athletics
- 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 10 PLC DAY, no school
- 11-14 Substitute Teacher Appreciation
- 12 After School Athletics
- 12 School Council Meeting—6:30 pm
- 17 St. Patrick's Day—Wear Green
- 18 April Hot Food & Milk Deadline
- 19 Kinosoo Trip—Grade 4-6
- 20 Report Cards Go Home
- 20 Crazy Socks Day
- 20 Student Assembly
- 21 Winter Carnival
- 24-28 Spring Break



Tuesday, March 4th

4 - 7 pm



Student-Led Conferences

What are Student-Led Conferences?

It has come time once again for parent-teacher interviews. The students will be showcasing their learning through student-led conferences rather than traditional parent-teacher interviews this term. When you come in, your child will demonstrate to you what they are working on and what they have learned. The benefit of student-led conferences is that students are accountable for what they have learned and are given an opportunity to be more involved. It also gives you an opportunity to witness your child's learning in action. When you come in for student-led conferences, your child will be able to show you what they have learned in a variety of ways, which will include projects, games and experiments.

We look forward to seeing you and your child on **March 4th**.

Thank you for being involved in your child's learning!

March Menu

6—Chicken Burgers



13—Magic Pizza

20—Subway



APRIL HOT LUNCH
& MILK ORDERS
ARE DUE TUESDAY,
MARCH 18TH

A Special Note From
Elk Point Helping
Hands...



Donations from our fall food drive helped fill **137** Christmas food hampers! That's GREAT!!!

FEBRUARY Top Tigers



KA—Agatha Peters, Grade 1—Judy Peters,
Grade 2A—Bexley Bristow, Grade 2B—Patty Webb,
Grade 3—Jacob Botstein,
Grade 4—Mark Kuba, Grade 4/5—Kenzie Leathem,
Grade 5—Mya Letawsky, Grade 6—Kyla LaPointe



Thank-you for supporting our
Annual Candygram Fundraiser!

We raised \$871.24



School Council
Wednesday,
March 12th
6:30 pm

HAPPY SPRING!

OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY WILL BE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NEXT WEEK!
COME OUT AND CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF READING!!!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS WILL PROVIDE NEW BOOKS FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND INTERESTED PUBLIC TO BUY. THE BOOKS COVER A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS AND INTERESTS. THE MAIN FOCUS IS ON ELEMENTARY-AGE STUDENTS IN BOTH FICTION AND NON-FICTION SUBJECTS. WE WILL ALSO HAVE POSTERS, AWESOME PENS AND ERASERS, AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE!!

THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR, AS WELL AS STUDENT LED CONFERENCES! THE FIRST CHANCE TO PURCHASE BOOKS WILL BE
AT THE OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, FROM 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

THE BOOK FAIR WILL CONTINUE DURING SCHOOL HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH, THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH AND THE MORNING OF FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH. PROFITS RAISED BY THE BOOK FAIR ARE USED TO PURCHASE BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY AND AUTHOR VISITS! COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!!! CLASSES WILL HAVE A DESIGNATED TIME TO BE ABLE TO COME. A SCHEDULE HAS BEEN SENT OUT!!



A DEBIT MACHINE WILL BE AVAILABLE!!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Mrs. Derwan

Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week



MARCH 11-14
We ♥ our Subs!!



Spring Forward!



Daylight Savings Begins

Sunday, March 9

Turn your clocks ahead
one hour!

You can
LEARN,
something new
EVERYDAY
If you
LISTEN

Monday, March 10

PLC DAY, no classes



2024-2025

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

\$19.00

Order Deadline: Monday,
May 26, 2025

Order & Pay through
School Cash Online

Spring Break



March 24-28



Monday,
March 17th
Wear Green

Winter
Carnival

Friday, March 21st

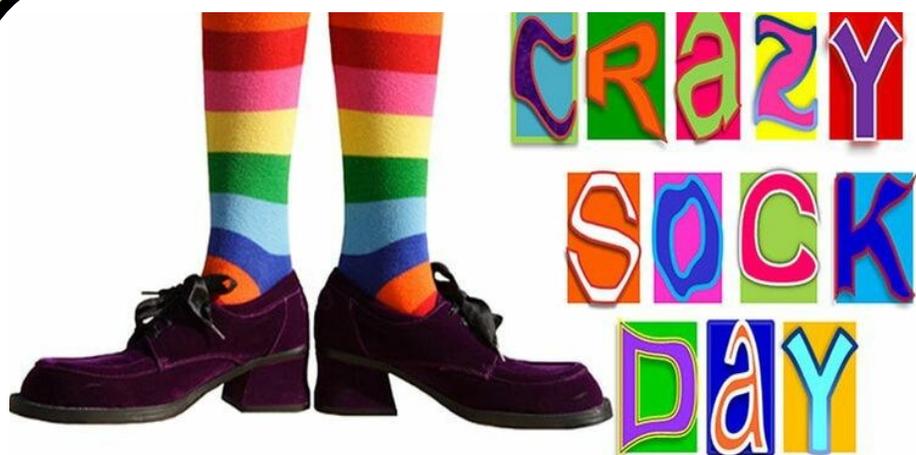
Come dressed for an afternoon of
outdoor winter fun!

Report Cards

Go Home

Thursday, March 20





March 20th

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

We strongly encourage parents to communicate any afterschool plans with their children at home every morning. You can also write in your child's agenda. It's the most effective means of communication between your home and the school.

After School Athletics
Wednesday, March 5
Wednesday, March 12



GET YOUR
OFFICIAL GEAR

School gear can be purchased online at entripyshops.com

The second "Battle of the Sixes" of the year showcased the grade six students' volleyball skills. A super game was played on January 29, 2025 which saw Team 1 win over Team 2. Team 1 then went on to play against the staff the next day, which once again showed great serving, volleyball skills and great enthusiastic play! Well-played matches everyone & a special thanks to all those who helped make those days a success!!! Great job spectating and cheering EPE students!

Battle of the 6s VOLLEYBALL

Game 1 25 - 15 (Team 1 Win)

Game 2 25 - 17 (Team 1 Win)

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRADE 5 & 6 KINBALL TOURNAMENT APRIL 8-16



Learning Lacrosse

Lacrosse Visit from Lakeland Lacrosse Association

On February 4th our Grades 1-6 students had an amazing time learning the skills of lacrosse led by one of the instructors from the Lakeland Lacrosse Association. It was a fantastic day filled with demos, skill-building and exciting games. For more information about Lacrosse and how to register, please check out their website

www.lakelandlacrosse.ca

Ski/Snowboard Trip

Grades 4,5,6

Wednesday, March 19



IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING *be kind*



**CLASSROOM BUDDIES
GRADE 1 AND GRADE 5**



**FUN AT
SCHOOL**



BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS

2025–2026 Calendar

After reviewing feedback from school councils, parents, and staff on two draft versions, Trustees approved Calendar B for the 2025-2026 school year. The final calendar will be available on our website soon.

Alberta School Council Association Spring Symposium

This event will be held virtually on April 25, 2025. Information will be shared with school councils to gauge interest and assess the availability of school council funds to cover the cost of registration.

Town of St. Paul Election

Due to the numerous changes introduced by Bill 20 for the upcoming general election, the Town of St. Paul advised that they will be unable to accommodate the Division's request for support in the forthcoming fall municipal and school division election. The Division is exploring options with the intent of maintaining convenience for voters.

Alberta's Child Care Capital Grant

In partnership with the County of St. Paul, the Division is applying for funding through the provincial government's Building Blocks Program to support the development of daycare in the new Mallaig school. This grant provides capital funding to expand licensed early learning and childcare spaces in high-need communities across Alberta.



Two Hills School Canadian Space Agency Presentation

On February 6, CSA astronaut Col. Joshua Kutryk, an alumnus of Two Hills School, returned to share his journey, answer space-related questions, take photos, and walk the same hallways he once did as a teen. We are incredibly grateful for his visit and look forward to following his path to space. Thank you to the Two Hills School for organizing such a memorable event.

Financial Report

The Province is expected to release its budget at the end of February. Trustees and stakeholders will be engaged in budget development in the coming months, including setting priorities.

Innovation Consultant Report

Innovation Consultant Terra-Lee Gratton provided an overview of her work supporting schools in fostering innovation and enhancing learning. She highlighted initiatives such as coding activities, International STEAM Day celebrations, and monthly challenges encouraging creativity and critical thinking. She emphasized professional development opportunities and ongoing educator support to ensure innovative practices continue to grow within the Division.



Literacy Update

Assessments using the Acadience program have been completed for all K-6 students, identifying those needing extra support. Program assistants provide targeted help, while literacy consultants collaborate with teachers to share resources and training for effective interventions.

Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award

The Division has submitted 28 nominations for this award, which honours First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students in Alberta who demonstrate strength and commitment in their educational journey. Thank you to our staff for recognizing and celebrating these students' talents.



École St. Paul Elementary School Presentation

A delegation of Grade 4 students and staff from École St. Paul Elementary School showcased a creative project on French settlements in Canada built entirely with LEGO. This initiative is part of the new Social Studies curriculum pilot, integrating project-based learning to navigate the new outcomes while also incorporating cross-curricular connections to other subjects.

March Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Division Office. A live stream will be available on the Division's [YouTube page](#)

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St. Paul Education

Learning Together, Growing Together

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St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2025-2026

August 2025					September 2025					October 2025					November 2025				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
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December 2025					January 2026					February 2026					March 2026				
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April 2026					May 2026					June 2026				
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LEGEND	
First/last day of classes	
Instructional Day	
PLC Day	
Schools Closed	
Early Dismissal (2 pm)	
Catholic Formation	

Important Dates	
August 27-29	PLC Days
September 1	Labour Day
September 2	First day of school
September 19	Division PLC Day
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day
October 9	Catholic Education Formation (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig only)
October 10	PLC Day
October 13	Thanksgiving
November 7	Schools closed
November 10	Schools closed
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 28	PLC Day
December 19	Early Dismissal
Dec 22 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
January 28	PLC Day
January 29	First day of second semester
February 11	Early Dismissal
February 12-13	Teachers' Convention
February 16	Family Day
March 9	PLC Day
March 30 - Apr 3	Spring Break/Good Friday
April 6	Easter Monday
April 24	PLC Day
May 14	PLC Day
May 15	Schools closed
May 18	Victoria Day
June 5	PLC Day
June 21	National Indigenous People's Day
June 23	Last day of classes
June 24	PLC Day

	Days of School Operation			
	Public Schools		Catholic Schools	
	Instructional	Staff Only	Instructional	Staff Only
August	0	3	0	3
September	20	1	20	1
October	21	1	20	2
November	16	1	16	1
December	15	0	15	0
January	17	1	17	1
Semester 1	89	7	88	8
February	2	0	2	0
March	17	2	17	2
April	19	1	19	1
May	17	1	17	1
June	18	1	18	1
July	16	2	16	2
Semester 2	89	7	89	7

	Public Schools	Catholic Schools
Total Instructional Days	178	177
Total Non-Instructional Day	14	16
Total Operational Days	192	193

First Day of Classes: September 2			
First Day of Second Semester: January 29			
Last Day of Classes: June 23			

Instructional Hours - Public Schools			
	Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year
Elem/Jr High	178	320	950
High School	178	337	1000

Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig)			
	Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year
Elem/Jr High	177	322	950
High School	177	339	1000



Approved School Holidays

Labour Day	Sept 1	Family Day	Feb 16
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 13	Spring Break	Mar 30-Apr 2
Remembrance Day	Nov 11	Good Friday	April 3
Christmas Vacation	Dec 22-Jan 2	Easter Monday	April 6
		Victoria Day	May 18

St. Paul Education

Calendar Approved: February 12, 2025

Professional Learning Community - PLC days provide opportunities for staff to work together on topics such as: school opening and closing, professional learning, sharing best practices, assessment, and supports for students.

Catholic Education Formation (CEF) - October 9, 2025

Diploma Exam Schedule 2025-26: October 27 - 30, November 3-7, January 12-15, 19-23, 26 & 27 April 7-10, 13-17, June 8-12, 15-19, 22-23

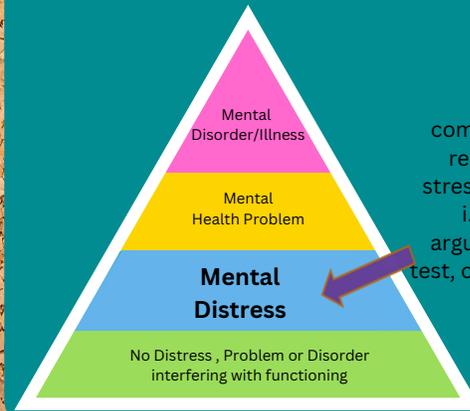
Provincial Achievement Test Schedule 2025-26: January 15, 19-23, 26 & 27, May 19-22, June 3 & 4, 8-12, 15-19, 22 & 23

What is Mental Health Literacy?

Mental health literacy is part of health literacy. It is about knowing how to take care of your mental health and understanding mental health issues. It means being able to recognize when something isn't right with your thoughts or feelings, knowing what causes mental health problems, and understanding how to get help.

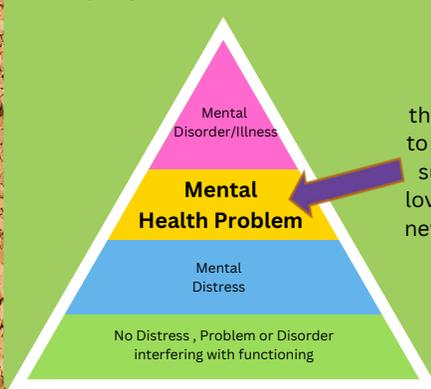
It's important to use the right words when talking about mental health. We all have mental health and there are four components that help us understand it. We can exist in all of these states at the same time.

Mental States – Language Matters



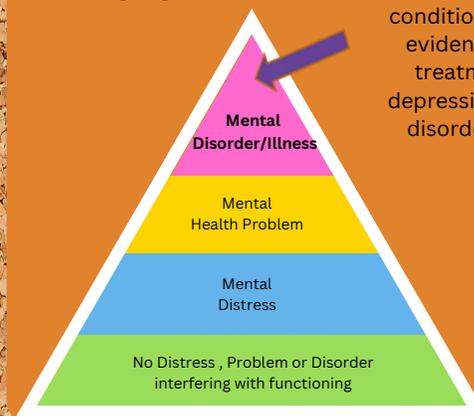
common, expected response to the stressors of daily life (i.e.) having an argument, writing a test, car breaking down

Mental States – Language Matters



the reactions we have to huge life challenges such as the loss of a loved one, moving to a new country, or loss of a relationship.

Mental States – Language Matters



a diagnosed health condition requiring evidence-based treatment (i.e.) depression, anxiety disorder, ADHD

MORE RESOURCES, visit:

www.mentalhealthliteracy.org

For information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:

2025 March

Elk Point LOCATION

WHICH PROGRAM IS FOR ME?
 child development & well being
ages 0-6 (blue)
ages 7-18 (red)
 caregiver support, building, classes
all ages (Grey)
 community events
all ages (White)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
03 Youth Group Keychains 3:30pm - 5:30pm REGISTER RAINBOWS 6pm-7pm REGISTER	04 Office OPEN 8:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm	05 Office OPEN 8:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm	06 	07 Making Music 10am - 12pm DROP IN
10 PD Day Youth Program 9am - 3:30pm REGISTER RAINBOWS 6pm-7pm REGISTER	11 Office OPEN 8:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm	12 Office OPEN 8:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm	13 	14 St. Patricks Day Activities 10am- 12pm DROP IN
17 St. Patricks Day Activities 3:30pm-5:30pm REGISTER RAINBOWS 6pm-7pm REGISTER	18 Office OPEN 8:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm	19 Office OPEN 8:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm Moms Matter Games 6:30pm-8pm REGISTER	20 Kids have Stress too 11am-12pm REGISTER 	21 Rhymes That Bind 10am - 12pm DROP IN
24 Youth Group Board Games 2pm - 4pm REGISTER	25 Office OPEN 8:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm	26 Office OPEN 8:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 4:30pm	27 	28 Get Moving 10am-12pm DROP IN
31 Youth Group Mindful Matters Ages 13+ 3:30pm - 5:30pm REGISTER RAINBOWS 6pm-7pm REGISTER Gym Night 7:15pm-8:30pm AGES 13-18 DROP IN				



REGISTER

4906 - 48 St
Elk Point AB T0A 1A0
 Call: 780-724-3800
 Text: 780-614-1941
 Web: stpaulfcss.ca



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St. Paul Regional
 FCSS & Family
 Resource Network



Come join us for fun St. Patrick's Day activities!

YOUTH 7+
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

St. Patrick's Day Fun

Monday
March 17

3:30pm-5:30pm

CALL TO REGISTER
780-724-3800



Lakeland

FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

Connect with us for more information.

Call **780-724-3800** or visit our website at stpaulfcss.ca
Providing services and support for ages 0-18yrs, parents and caregivers.



Providing positive spaces for peer interactions and connections.

AGES 0-6
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

St. Patrick's Day Fun

Friday
March 14

10am-12pm

DROP IN
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Connecting with us and other families in a fun environment.



Take some time
away to do
something for
yourself.

Join us for an evening
of games!



Come connect with friends, play musical
instruments, sing songs and dance!

CAREGIVERS

LFRN Elk Point 4906 48st

Moms Matter

Wednesday
March **19**

6:30pm-8pm

CALL TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

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For moms or
caregivers of
children 0-18yrs

AGES 0-6

LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Making Music

Friday
March **07**

10am-12pm

DROP IN
780-724-3800



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Singing and making
music supports
speech & language
development,
encourages
socialization and
builds self-esteem.



Let's get together and create a keychain to add to your backpack or favorite bag.

YOUTH 7+
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St
Providing positive spaces for peer interactions and connections.

Keychains

Monday March 03

3:30pm-5:30pm

CALL TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

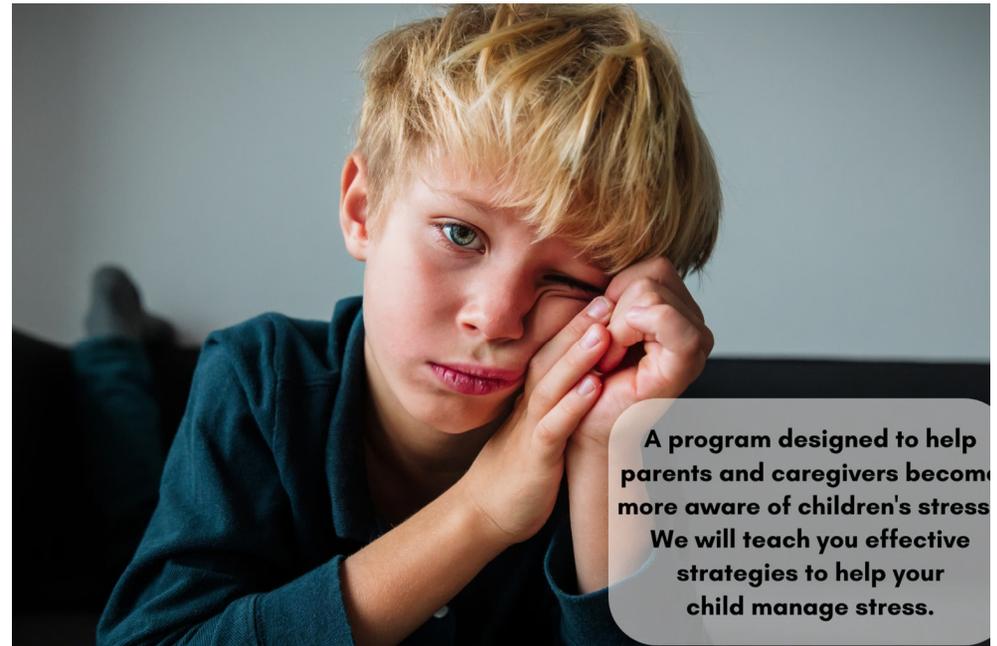


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A program designed to help parents and caregivers become more aware of children's stress. We will teach you effective strategies to help your child manage stress.

CAREGIVERS
Elk Point LFRN 4906 48 ST

Kids Have Stress Too

Thursday March 20

11am-12pm

CALL TO REGISTER
780-724-3800



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Providing services and support for ages 0-18yrs, parents and caregivers.





Learn new ways to support your child's early literacy and language experiences.



Let's create a movement cube that you can make and take with you to continue the fun at home!

AGES 0-6
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Rhymes that Bind

Friday March **21**

10am-12pm

DROP IN
780-724-3800



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AGES 0-6
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Get Moving

Friday March **28**

10am-12pm

DROP IN
780-724-3800



Lakeland

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Connect with us for more information.

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MARCH
31ST



7:15 PM-
8:30 PM



FG MILLER JR/SR
HIGHSCHOOL
ELK POINT ALBERTA



AGE 13-18yrs



FREE

Open Gym Night!

Grab your friends and join us for a fun-filled Open Gym Night at FG

Miller in Elk Point! 🏀

Shoot some hoops, dodge like a pro in dodgeball, or smash the birdie in badminton! No matter your game, it's all about having a blast! 🎯🔥

KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 6

LFRN Elk Point 4906 48 St

PD Day Youth Program

Monday
March 10

9am - 3:30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 780-724-3800

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This program is for working parents who do not have childcare available.

Must bring their own nut free snacks & lunch.

8 spaces available.

\$25 CASH refundable deposit per child.

Registration is not secured until deposit & registration form is received.

Registration and payment to be made at the FCSS office during our office hours Tuesday and Wednesday (8:30am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4:30pm).

First come first served.





MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Day 6 KB	4 Student Led Conferences Book Fair / Science Fair 4:00-7:00 pm 	5 Day 2 KB After School Athletics	6 Day 3 KA Chicken Burgers	7 Day 4 KB	8
9 	10 PLC Day	11 Day 5 KA 	12 Day 6 School Council Meeting @6:30 pm After School Athletics	13 Day 1 KA Magic Pizza	14 Day 2 KB	15
16	17 Day 3 KA Happy St. Patrick's Day Wear Green!	18 Day 4 KB April Hot Food & Milk Orders Due Today! 	19 Day 5 KA Kinosoo Trip Gr. 4-6 	20 Day 6 KB Crazy Sock Day Report Cards Go Home Today! Assembly Subway	21 Day 1 KA Winter Carnival	22
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<h1>Spring Break</h1>						
30	31 Day 2 KB					