



Elk Point Elementary School

April 2025



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At EPE we take PRIDE in everything we do!



Dates to Remember

- 2 Autism Awareness Day—wear blue
- 3 Farm Safety Presentations
- 17 PLC DAY, no school
- 18 Good Friday, no school
- 21 Easter Monday, no school
- 22-29 Grades 4 & 4/5 Swim Program
- 23 School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 29 Class Color Day
- 29 Student Assembly
- 30—April 6 Grade 2 Swim Program

**ORDER YOUR
YEARBOOK
TODAY**

Order & Pay
through
SchoolCashOnline

\$19.00

Spring Photos & ECS Grad Photos



Mark Your
Calendar
Thursday, May 8
& Friday, May 9



school lunch menu



Thursday, April 3



Thursday, April 10



Thursday, April 24

May Milk & Hot Food Orders
due **Monday, April 22nd**

HAPPY
Easter

Thursday, April 17 - Monday, April 21

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

Thank you to everyone who made our 2025 Book Fair a **GREAT SUCCESS!!** This year we had over \$5800 in book sales! WOW! The profits will allow us to purchase several new books and resources for our Library!! I have purchased approximately \$778.00 in new books and approximately \$1300.00 in cash to go towards incentives, Authors, etc.! It will be a busy few months getting all of our new books catalogued!!

A **BIG** Thank You to the Staff and Students who helped prepare for our Book Fair. A very special Thanks to the Staff and Parents for their continued support in the Learning Commons during the Book Fair and during the opening night! Kaelynn Wood was the lucky winner of the passport. She won the new Dog Man book!

Eli Cousins was the lucky winner of \$25 in product from the book fair and \$25 for his Teacher Mrs. Schell!!!! We also did some draws for posters!!



Library Jeopardy is still going strong!! . Our final competition will happen this month! Keep an eye out for the results!!

Our 3rd Reporting Period for AR has started!!!

HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!!

MRS. DEWAN



THANK YOU

TO FGM HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY FOR DONATING A TON OF BOOKS TO OUR LEARNING COMMONS!!! WE ARE KEEPING BUSY GETTING THEM OUT TO OUR READERS!!!



A Great Day to Hit the Slopes!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Grade 5 & 6

**Kinball
Tournament
April 8-16**

GRADE 3—6



**JUMP ROPE
EVENT
MAY 2ND**

**Grade 4 & 4/5
Swimming Program
April 22—29**

**Grade 2A & 2B
Swimming Program
April 30—May 6**



Class Color Day

April 29



Kindergarten Registration OPENS APRIL 1, 2025

Children who will be 5 years old as of December 31, 2025 are eligible to attend the Kindergarten Program in the 2025-2026 school year.

Please contact the school office to register your child.

Farm Safety Presentations

Thursday,
April 3



HAPPY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!

April 28 — May 2, 2025

Thank you to each and every one of our volunteers. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

We appreciate you today and every day.



After SCHOOL Athletics

Wednesday, April 2, 9, 23 & 30

THERE WILL BE NO
AFTER SCHOOL
ATHLETICS ON
APRIL 16TH



School Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 23
6:30 pm



Elk Point Elementary School

SPRING SHOWCASE & Tea

12:30 PM ON MAY 9, 2025



CALLING ALL BAKERS

email: earlstep@sperd.ca
call: (780) 724-3880

The Spring Showcase & Tea will also feature a cake auction. Please let the office or Mrs. Earle know if you would like to make a donation!



BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



2025–26 Mennonite and Colony School Calendar

The regular calendar was approved on February 13, 2025. Superintendent Barron has developed an alternative calendar for the Two Hills Mennonite and Colony schools, which was approved by the Board of Trustees with an amendment to highlight dates that differ from the regular calendar. The 2025-26 calendar for these schools is now available on our [website](#).

2026–27 Calendar Draft

The Board of Trustees reviewed a draft of the 2026-27 school calendar. Due to the timing of the Labour Day weekend, the proposed calendar requires school to start before the long weekend. The draft will be shared with school leaders and school councils for further feedback.

Alberta Education Assurance Surveys

The Alberta Education Assurance Survey is underway and will remain open until March 21. This survey gathers valuable feedback from students, parents, and staff on key areas such as student achievement, learning supports, and school climate. The results will help shape Division priorities and guide continuous improvement efforts. New this year, schools will provide random access codes to parents to encourage broader participation. More information is available [here](#).

Snow Plow Naming Contest

Schools across the Division were invited to participate in the County of St. Paul's Snow Plow Naming Contest. We are pleased to share that several winning names were submitted by both individual students and class entries. To celebrate, the County of St. Paul brought a grader to each of the classes that participated in the final vote, providing students with the opportunity to see their named equipment up close. To view the list of winning entries from the Division, click [here](#).

Scholarship Booklet

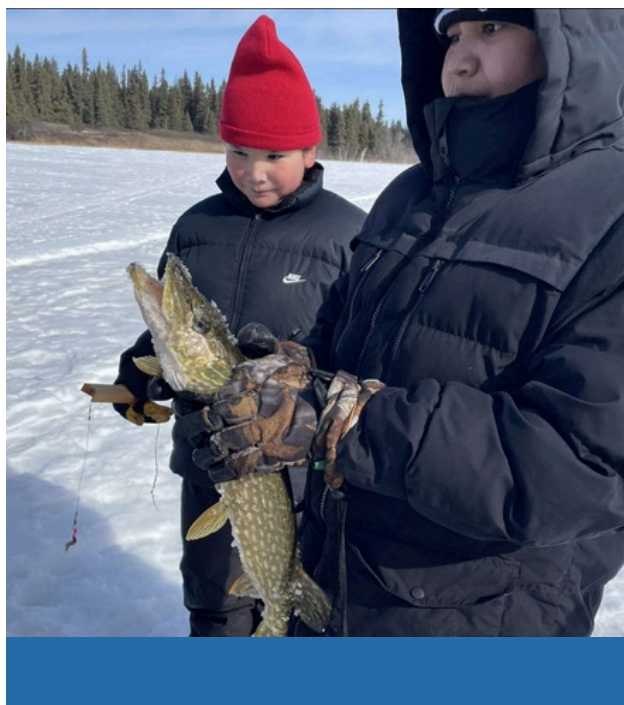
The Division's [2025 Scholarship Booklet](#) is now available. Graduating students can explore a variety of scholarships, awards, and bursaries to support their future education. Thank you to our generous sponsors for making these opportunities possible!

2025–26 Bus Transportation

The Division is considering implementing an earlier bus registration deadline, potentially by the end of June, to improve route planning. Since parents pre-register for school in the spring, a similar approach for transportation is being explored to enhance efficiency.

Information Technology Report

Cody Machney, Division Technology Department Lead, presented an overview of recent technology investments, including upgraded Wi-Fi and network security, enhanced backup systems, and improved support processes. Many classrooms now feature new larger screens, touchscreen Chromebooks, and in-class audio systems to enhance student learning. A proactive approach to technology planning ensures schools remain equipped with emerging tools while maintaining security and efficiency.



Provincial Budget and Financial Report

The provincial budget, released on February 27, includes a shift in the Weighted Moving Average (WMA) funding model from a three-year to a two-year average, which will benefit divisions experiencing growth but may disadvantage St. Paul Education due to declining enrolment. A new technology grant has been introduced, and most supporting grants will see a minimal increase, though this may not fully offset rising costs. The Division is awaiting its funding profile to assess the local impact. Additionally, potential federal changes to Jordan's Principle funding could have significant financial implications if provincial school boards are no longer eligible to access it.

The Division remains on track with the 2024-25 budget.



Capital Plan Approval

The Board approved the 2025-26 capital priorities for submission to Alberta Education. While most schools are in good condition, several older buildings require modernization or replacement to meet current standards. With enrollment growth not expected, the focus is on optimizing facilities to improve efficiency and reduce costs. The Division's priority ranking includes replacement of Ecole Mallaig School and modernization of the Elk Point Elementary, New Myrnam and Heinsburg Schools. These improvements are subject to provincial funding approval, and construction cost estimates will be based on Alberta Infrastructure projections.

April Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Division Office. A livestream will be available on the Division's [YouTube page](#).

**For more information,
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Building strong relationships with neighbours benefits children:

Safety & Supervision – A close-knit neighbourhood offers extra eyes to watch over kids, enhancing safety.

Social Skills Development – Kids interact with different age groups, improving communication and empathy.

More Play Opportunities – Living near friends encourages outdoor play, reducing screen time and promoting physical activity.

Positive Role Models & Support System – Neighbours provide guidance and support, helping in emergencies when parents are unavailable.

Neighbouring has many benefits for youth:

Sense of Belonging – Strong neighbourhood connections reduce feelings of isolation and increase self-esteem.

Mentorship & Guidance – Trusted adults can offer advice on school, career paths, and life choices.

Opportunities for Engagement – events, sports, and volunteering build leadership skills.

Safer Environment – A well-connected neighbourhood discourages negative influences and risky behaviour.

Emotional Support – Knowing others care can reduce stress, anxiety, and improve mental well-being.

Neighbouring benefits families by:

Shared Responsibilities – help with childcare, school pickups, or looking after pets.

Stronger Support Network – In times of need, neighbours can provide emotional or practical help.

Improved Well-being – Socializing reduces stress and fosters belonging.

Community Events & Celebrations – Gathering for events like holidays and barbecues strengthens relationships.

Safer & More Stable Environment – Strong neighbourhood ties reduce crime and foster mutual respect.

Overall, neighbouring builds a resilient, caring community where everyone benefits.

Simple ways you can foster community:

Say Hello – Greet neighbours and introduce your family.

Play Outside – Encourage outdoor activities like biking, sports, or sidewalk chalk and invite kids to play, share toys, and build friendships. Youth could organize fun play for younger kids.

Join/start a community project - a community garden, spring cleanup, block garage sale, or book exchange.

Host Gatherings – Organize block parties, potlucks, or game nights to bring neighbours together.

Be Helpful – Babysit, lend tools, or assist with small projects.

MORE RESOURCES

For more great ideas, visit:

<https://activateyourneighbourhood.ca/>

<https://www.lifeschoolhouse.com/>

Elk Point Theatre Project

PRESENTS



SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

April 26, 27 and May 3, 4

Saturday Shows
Dinner at 5:30 pm
Show at 7:00 pm

Sunday Shows
Brunch at 11:30 am
Show at 1:00 pm

Tickets

Digital tickets available online

Option to pay in person at Elk Point Realty

\$40 w/buffet

\$20 under 12 w/buffet

\$20 show only



www.elkpointalliedartscentre.ca/performances

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Help the Elk Point hospital design
an image honouring Indigenous
People's day on June 21, 2025.

Winner receives gift + image
displayed on all t-shirts

CONTACT US :

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2025 April

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

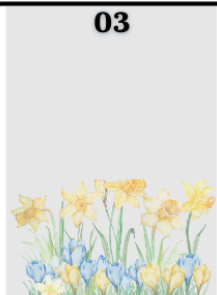
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FRI



01
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

02
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

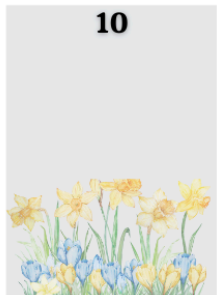


04
Story & Craft
10am - 12pm
DROP IN

07
Youth Group
Beaded Keychain
Ages 12+
3:30pm - 5:30pm
REGISTER

08
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

09
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm



11
Easter Activities
10am - 12pm
DROP IN

Run, Skip, Jump
Saturday, Apr 12
10am-11:30am

14
Youth Group
Easter Activities
3:30pm - 5:30pm
REGISTER

15
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

16
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OPEN
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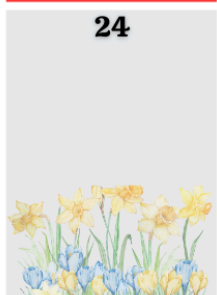
17
PD Day
Youth Program
9am - 3:30pm
REGISTER

18
CLOSED
GOOD FRIDAY

21
CLOSED
EASTER MONDAY

22
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

23
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm



25
Icky, Sticky, Messy
Play
10am-12pm
DROP IN

28
Youth Group
Mindful Matters
Family Connection
3:30pm - 5:30pm
REGISTER
Gym Night
7:15pm-8:30pm
AGES 13-18
DROP IN

29
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

30
Office
OPEN
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 4:30pm

*Happy
Easter*



Lakeland
FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

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Text: 780-614-1941

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St. Paul Regional
FCSS & Family
Resource Network

April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 DAY 3 KA	2 DAY 4 KB  Wear Blue For Autism Awareness	3 DAY 5 KA Farm Safety Presentations Chicken Nuggets	4 DAY 6 KB	5
6	7 DAY 1 KA	8 DAY 2 KB 	9 DAY 3 KA	10 DAY 4 KB Perogies & Sausage	11 DAY 5 KA	12
13	14 DAY 6 KB	15 DAY 1 KA 	16 DAY 2 KB Family Activity 	17 PLC Day	18 Good Friday	19
20	21 	22 May Milk & Hot Food Order Deadline 	23 DAY 3 KA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:30 Grade 4 & 4/5 Swim	24 DAY 5 KA Cheeseburger	25 DAY 6 KB	26
27	28 DAY 1 KA Grade 4 & 4/5 Swim	29 DAY 2 KB Class Color Day Assembly  	30 DAY 3 KA Grade 2A & 2B Swim			