



Elk Point Elementary School

May 2025

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- 1 Principal Appreciation Day
- 1-6 Gr. 2 Swim Program
- 2 High Heels & Spurs—Gr. 5 & 6 Girls
- 2 Jump Rope for Heart—Gr. 3-6
- 5 Bus Driver Appreciation
- 7 Hats On! - wear a hat & green shirt
- 7 Mental Health Walk @ 10:45 am
- 8 Support Staff Appreciation Day
- 8 & 9 Spring & Kindergarten Grad Photos
- 9 Spring Tea & Showcase
- 15 PLC DAY, no school
- 16 School Closed
- 19 Victoria Day, no school
- 21 School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 23 Scrabble Day
- 23 Student Assembly
- 26-28 Value Village Fun Drive
- 28 Gr. 6 PAT—ELA Part A
- 29 FG Orientation for Gr. 6 (3:30 –6:00)



5 DAY
WEEKEND
THURSDAY,
MAY 15TH
TO
MONDAY,
MAY 19TH

STUDENTS
RETURN
TUESDAY,
MAY 20TH
DAY 2
KB DAY



PRINCIPAL
APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 1ST
Thank you
FOR BEING AN
=Amazing=
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



High Heels & Spurs
Self Esteem Foundation

2025 Spring Tour!

Featuring... *Friday, May 2nd*
CCMA Recording Artist & Entertainer
Tiffany Dowhan



CAKE DECORATORS NEEDED!!

**Interested in sharing
your talent??**

We are looking for volunteers to
bake/decorate cakes for our
Spring Tea Silent Auction
on May 9th



Please contact
Mrs. Earle @
7807243880



Wednesday, May 21

6:30 PM

May 26 -28, 2025

FUNDrive

savers value village

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL
BY DONATING
CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!

DONATION DROP OFF

9:00 AM—8:00 PM

EPE PARKING LOT

Funds raised support various

programs @ EPE



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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.

Contact the school office for more information.



Spring Photos

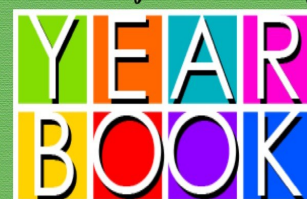
Thursday, May 8th
KA, Grades 1-6
Friday, May 9th
KB



Tiger Tuesday
Every Tuesday

Wear your EPE school gear/orange or black

Don't forget to Buy a



Orders due Friday, May 23



SCRABBLE
DAY Friday May 23



Swimming Lessons



Grade 2A & 2B

Swim Dates

April 30—May 6

Don't forget your towel

& swim suits!!

HOT FOOD

MAY 1

Hot Dogs

MAY 8

Subway

MAY 22

Magic Pizza

MAY 29

Taquitos

There will be **NO HOT FOOD** in June

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED ON MAY 8th & 22nd



HATS ON!



For Mental Health

Wednesday, May 7th

wear a green shirt & your favorite hat

WE OUR SUPPORT STAFF



Thank You

Support Staff Appreciation Day—Thursday, May 8



EPE Kin-Ball Tournament

This year marks the 9th year of our Annual Kin-Ball Tournament for Grades 5 and 6. We had a great turn out with 10 Teams entered into the tournament. Each Team was guaranteed four games and the Top 3 Teams with the most points advanced to the Final Game which was held on Tuesday, April 15th during Period 5 for all to watch. Congratulations to the following Top 4 Teams (we had a tie for 1st place) who advanced to the Final Game:

BOBCAT BOYZ

(6 points)

Lennox St. Arnault –C

Lee Barstad

Zach Zarowny

Sam Franklin

ROTTWEILERS

(6 points)

Jasmine Merkel - C

Gracie Beck

Brantley Nelson

Caleigh Kinch

UNICORN

DEMONS

(5 points)

Casey Bunney –C

Jack Hammond

Kyla LaPointe

Bryan Tetlock

CANADIAN

CHIEFS

(3 points)

Ben Saddleback—C

Jase Malo

Aspyn Kelly

Jay Large

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNICORN DEMONS CHAMPIONS

WHO WON THE 2025 KIN-BALL CUP TOURNAMENT BY 1 POINT OVER THE ROTTWEILERS.

Unicorn Demons	Rottweilers	Canadian Chiefs	Bobcat Boyz
40	39	37	36

Our Top 2 Teams, Unicorn Demons & Rottweilers played against 2 Staff Teams called the Pink Pony Club & Top Tigers on Wednesday, April 16th during Period 5. The Teachers fought hard, and for the first time in Kinball Cup history, the Staff Teams were victorious!!! Great game everyone!

I would also like to congratulate all the teams who participated in the tournament. Great skills and sportsmanship were displayed by all. Can't wait for next year's tournament!



On May 2nd, 2025 our Grades 3-6 students will be jumping and supporting a great cause through fundraising. Money raised by Elk Point Elementary students goes to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation. Prizes are also earned by all participants that collect pledges and our school receives 8% of the total money collected. Thanks for supporting our students when they ask for your sponsorship.

An information letter will be going home with Gr. 3-6 students on how to register online and get started. There will be Prizes for our Top 3 students who raise the most money and if our school raises our goal of \$2000, we will have some staff members get a Messy Surprise up on stage at our next Assembly.

Deadline to collect donations will be Friday, May 12th.



Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 2nd: Jump Rope for Heart –Grades 3-6 in the gym 11:30-2:00pm

Grade 2s Swimming

Friday, June 6th: Wind Runners Road Race in Saddle Lake Gr. 4-6 Run Teams

Tuesday, June 10th: Track & Field Day

MAY IS HERE!!!

OUR 3RD REPORTING PERIOD FOR AR ENDS JUNE 11TH!! STUDENTS HAVE UNTIL THEN TO REACH THEIR AR GOALS!! CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR GOALS! OUR SCHOOL WIDE EVENT WILL BE HAPPENING IN JUNE!!! STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE THEIR AR GOAL MADE IN ORDER TO WATCH AN AMAZING SHOW!!!

LIBRARY JEOPARDY IS JUST ABOUT DONE!!!! WHEW!!!! WATCH NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER TO SEE WHO WINS!

**Have an AWESOME
READING month everyone!!**
- Mrs. Dewan



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!

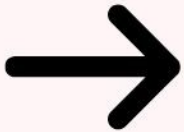


YOU ARE INVITED!

Welcome to FG!

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Grade 6 Orientation



ooo The details:

**THURSDAY,
MAY 29, 3:30-6:00**

JOIN NOW

YES!

FREE MEAL



Clean out your closets and cupboards for Elk Point Elementary!



HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL
BY DONATING
CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



BOX IT ★ BAG IT ★ BRING IT

DONATION DROP-OFF

MAY 26—28, 2025

9:00 am —8:00 pm

EPE PARKING LOT

SOFT GOODS



CLOTHING



SHOES



BEDDING / TOWELS



ACCESSORIES - HATS,
MITTENS, SCARVES, TIES,
SOCKS, HANDBAGS,
WALLETS, BACKPACKS,
BAGS, BELTS, JEWELRY

HARD GOODS



ELECTRICAL ITEMS



TOYS & GAMES



KITCHEN ITEMS



CDS, DVDS



KNICK-KNACKS



SPORTING GOODS -
BALLS, BATS, FRISBEES,
TENNIS RACKETS,
BASEBALL GLOVES

NOT ACCEPTING FURNITURE/APPLIANCES/LARGE ELECTRONICS

Funds raised support various programs @ EPE



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH E-CAN & B & R ECKELS

In honour of Mental Health Week, May 5-11, we are highlighting Move Your Mood healthy lifestyle practices that improve mental and physical well-being and enhance connections to others.



DID YOU KNOW?

EXPAND YOUR Mind

Strengthening your brain involves understanding your emotions, thoughts, and actions. It also means learning skills and ways to help you with difficult times. When you do things that stimulate your brain, it releases feel-good chemicals.

Take a moment to turn up the music and dance, share a good laugh, read a book or get creative!

Fuel YOUR BODY

Fueling your body with a variety of food and water provides the energy your body needs to grow, learn and play. A balanced diet can improve your mood, focus and emotional well-being. Sharing meals with others can strengthen connections as well.

Choose foods that make you feel your best, and aim for a balanced diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits, protein, and whole grains.

Move YOUR BODY

Moving your body every day improves your mental and physical well-being.

Regular movement can lift your mood, energy, and self-esteem. It also helps reduce stress, anxiety and depression. Being active can help you focus and be creative. Plus, it's a great way to connect with others. The key is to make movement fun by finding activities you enjoy.

Get outside, go for a walk, ride your bike or visit a local park.

PRACTICE Mindfulness

Practicing Mindfulness is being present in the moment, without distractions or judgment. Practicing it can help reduce stress and anxiety, improve focus, creativity, and self-esteem. Being mindful helps with decision-making and emotional well-being.

Try practicing by tuning into your surroundings through your 5 senses. Look around you, what do you see, hear, smell, taste, feel?



Interested in more ideas?

Visit:

[CMHA Mental Health Week](#)
[Help in Tough Times](#)
[Move Your Mood Website](#)

Follow us on social media @
Move Your Mood Alberta

Build ASSETS

Developmental Assets are building blocks to help kids grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Just like a superhero has gadgets to solve problems, these assets help kids handle life's challenges and make good choices.

Help kids build assets by showing kindness, helping others, setting goals and connecting to caring adults.

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



Hats on! for Mental Health



Wear a special hat to school to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health.



The Alberta
Teachers' Association



**Canadian Mental
Health Association
Alberta**



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BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



2026–27 Calendar Draft

The Board of Trustees revisited the draft 2026-27 school calendar. Because of where Labour Day falls that year, the proposed schedule includes a start date prior to the long weekend. The draft will be circulated to school leadership teams and school councils to gather additional feedback.

School Fees

The Board approved the 2025–26 school fees as submitted by each school. There are no significant changes from the previous year, with the exception of modest increases to field trip fees, primarily due to rising transportation and attraction costs.

Artificial Intelligence

The Division is in the process of developing guiding principles for the use of artificial intelligence (AI). To support this work, surveys will be shared with students and parents to gather input and perspectives on the responsible and effective use of AI in education.

Council of School Councils

The Board is hosting a Council of School Councils Engagement Meeting on May 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Education Division Office.

Education Week

St. Paul Education is celebrating the incredible learning that happens every day across our schools in recognition of Education Week, taking place from April 7 to 11. From creative classroom projects to hands-on activities, students are engaged in meaningful, memorable experiences that foster growth and success. The Division extends its appreciation to staff, students, families, and community partners for their continued support of student learning.

Transportation Fee Review

The Transportation Department has proposed adjustments to bus pass fees and field trip pricing to support financial sustainability and better reflect current market conditions. The proposal also aims to encourage early registration for current riders to assist with efficient route planning. Further discussion is needed, and updated fees are expected to be shared in May.

Science Fair Sponsorship

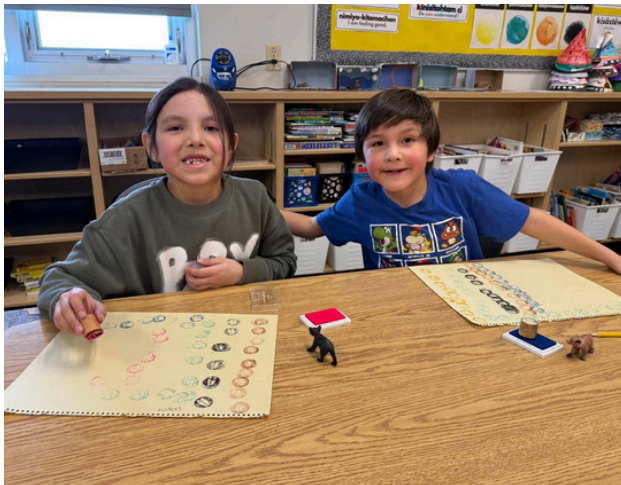
The Board approved a financial contribution to support the Science Fair hosted by the St. Paul and District STEAM Society on April 12, 2025.

Heinsburg School Trip Request

The Board approved a request from Heinsburg School to send a group of students to the Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) annual conference in Regina, Saskatchewan, in October 2025. Thank you to these student leaders for their commitment to promoting informed choices and advocating for safety and well-being within their school and community.

Two Hills School Boiler Replacement

The Board approved proceeding with the boiler replacement project at Two Hills School. This upgrade will support improved energy efficiency and ensure reliable heating for the school community.



Financial Report

The Division has received its Provincial funding profile for the 2025–26 school year, with a projected increase of approximately 2.3%, subject to actual enrolment. The majority of the increase is allocated to transportation and facilities. The Division is still awaiting confirmation regarding Jordan's Principle funding for next year. Budget planning continues with a focus on Board priorities.

UNIFOR Agreement

The Board ratified a new Memorandum of Agreement with UNIFOR bus drivers that will be in effect for the next four years. This collective agreement supports continued collaboration and clarity in working relationships moving forward.



Edwin Parr Nominee

St. Paul Education is pleased to announce that Kylie Neitz, a first-year teacher at Ashmont School, has been selected as the Division's nominee for the Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Award. This prestigious award, presented by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), recognizes outstanding contributions by first-year teachers across the province. Kylie was chosen for her exceptional skill, dedication, and positive impact in her inaugural year of teaching.

May Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Division Office. A livestream will be available on the Division's [YouTube page](#).

**For more information,
contact:**

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2025 May

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

01

Look for
reasons to be
KIND!

02

Mother's Day
Craft
10am - 12pm
DROP IN



05

Youth Group
Mother's Day
Craft
3:30pm - 5:30pm
REGISTER

06

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

07

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

08

CLOSED

09

CLOSED

Run, Skip, Jump
Saturday, May 10
10am-11:30am
See Poster for
more details.
DROP IN



12

CLOSED

13

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

14

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

15

SHOP
9am - 12pm
FREE

16

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



DROP OFF
1pm - 8pm
@ St. Paul Rec Centre

Clothing Exchange

SHOP
1pm - 8pm
FREE

19

CLOSED
VICTORIA DAY

20

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

21

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

22

Moms Matter
Paint Night
6:30pm - 8:00pm
REGISTER

23

Story time
@ the fire station
10am-12pm
DROP IN



26

Youth Group
Mindful Matters
5 Day Friendship
Challenge
3:30pm - 5:30pm
REGISTER

27

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

28

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

29

Offer gentle
words
of support to
someone

30

Story time & Craft
10am-12pm
DROP IN



Lakeland
FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

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



May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy Principal Appreciation Day Day 4 KB Hot dogs	2 JUMPROPE FOR HEART Day 5 KA Grade 2A/2B Swim	3
4	5 THANK YOU! Day 6 KB Grade 2A/2B Swim	6 Day 1 KA 	7 Day 2 KB Wear a Hat & Green Shirt	8 Happy SUPPORT STAFF DAY Day 3 KA Subway	9 Day 4 KB Spring Tea & Showcase	10
11 Happy Mothers Day 	12 Day 5 KA	13 Day 6 KB 	14 Day 1 KA	15 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKDAY	16 No School 	17
18	19 HAPPY VICTORIA DAY 	20 Day 2 KB 	21 Day 3 KA School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	22 Day 4 KB Magic Pizza	23 Student Assembly Day 5 KA SCRABBLE DAY	24
25	26 Day 6 KB VALUE VILLAGE FUNDRIVE	27 Day 1 KA 	28 EXAM Day 2 KB Grade 6 PAT—Language Part A	29 Day 3 KA FG Orientation for Gr. 6S Taquitos	30 Day 4 KB	31