



# Elk Point Elementary School

## September 2025

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# SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labour Day Holiday, no school
- 2 First Day for Grade 1—6 Students
- 3 First Day for Kindergarten (KA)
- 11 Back to School BBQ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 17 Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 19 PLC DAY, no school
- 22 October Hot Food & Milk Orders Due
- 25 School Picture Day (Gr. 1-6)
- 26 School Picture Day (KA)
- 26 Terry Fox Run/Walk Day
- 30 Orange Shirt Day
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



Please ensure your child's lunch has the required cutlery as the office will no longer be providing forks or spoons.



Will your child be absent from school?

We are encouraging parents to use

Safe Arrival

3 ways to report your child's absences.



Download the

SMHome App



Online—go to

[home.schoolmessenger.ca](http://home.schoolmessenger.ca)



Phone

1-844-502-5088

You can also call or text the school office!!



# Remind

We're excited to use Remind to keep you updated with what's happening in your child's homeroom! Each class has its own unique code. Please sign up using your child's specific class code if you haven't already done so.

## A Few Important Reminders:

**\* Office Hours:** Our office hours are from 8 am to 4 pm. Messages sent outside these hours will be addressed on the next school day.

**\* Classroom Focus:** Our teachers are dedicated to their students and classroom instruction, so responses might not be immediate. For urgent matters, please contact the office directly.

**\* Message Guidelines:** Remind is best for quick updates or brief messages. For more in-depth discussions, please ask for a phone call from your child's teacher.

**\* After School Plans:** After school plans should be communicated through your child's agenda. We know that sometimes plans change midday and any changes to your child's after-school arrangements should be communicated through the office.

*Thank you for helping us to stay connected  
and ensure smooth communication!*

## TIGER TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday we encourage students and staff to show their school pride by wearing either school attire or the color orange.

School gear can be purchased online at [entripyshops.com](http://entripyshops.com)

You can find the link on our school website:  
[www.elkpointelementaryschool.ca](http://www.elkpointelementaryschool.ca)



# LEARNING COMMONS CORNER

## *Welcome back to our Learning Commons!!*

I am excited to get all the new books I purchased this Summer on the shelves for our students to enjoy!

We also received a LOT of donated books that will replace our 'well used' books! THANK YOU!

So, along with AR, and our contests and Library Jeopardy that will be starting next month, our Library Learning Commons will be a BUSY place!!!!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

I hope you will enjoy the library this school term.

**Welcome Back!**

Mrs. Dewan





Elk Point Elementary School  
Bell Schedule  
2025—2026

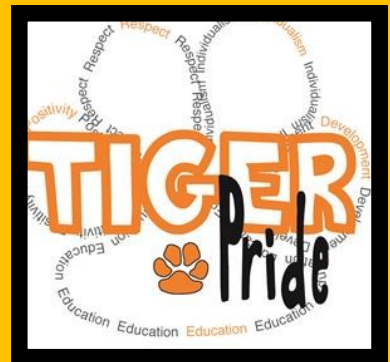
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9:19 am—9:55 am	Period 2
9:55 am-10:08 am	Recess
10:08 am-10:44 am	Period 3
10:44 am—11:20 am	Period 4
11:20 am—11:50 am	Success Time
11:50am —12:05 pm	Recess
12:05 pm—12:35 pm	Lunch
12:35 pm—12:38 pm	PM Registration
12:38 pm —1:14 pm	Period 5
1:14 pm—1:50 pm	Period 6
1:50 pm—2:03 pm	Recess
2:03 pm—2:39 pm	Period 7
2:39 pm —3:17 pm	Period 8



# Meet Our Staff 2024-2025

Principal  
Vice Principal  
Kindergarten  
COSS  
Grade 1A  
Grade 1B  
Grade 2A  
Grade 3A  
Grade 3B  
Grade 4  
Grade 5  
Grade 5/6  
Grade 6  
Performing Arts  
Phys. Ed  
Head Secretary  
Clerical Assistant  
Learning Commons Facilitator  
FSLW/FNMI  
Educational Assistant  
Educational Assistant  
Educational Assistant  
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Educational Assistant  
Head of Maintenance  
Head Custodian  
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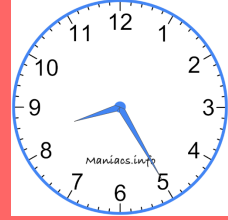
Mr. Finlay  
Mrs. Mudryk  
Miss Chornopyski  
Mrs. Mudryk  
Mrs. Krankowsky  
Mrs. MacKinnon  
Mrs. Allen  
Mrs. Lefebvre  
Mrs. Schell  
Mrs. Stuparyk  
Mrs. Roche  
Mrs. Earle  
Mr. Ng  
Mrs. Earle  
Mrs. Roche  
Mrs. Chenard  
Mrs. Verenka  
Mrs. Dewan  
Ms. Ziomek  
Mrs. Brock  
Miss Kotowich  
Mrs. Kadutski  
Mrs. MacDonald  
Mrs. Rybchinsky  
Mrs. Sibal  
Mrs. Urquhart  
Mr. Robinson  
Mrs. Porcina  
Mrs. Baguinon  
Ms. McBroom  
Mrs. Manuba  
Mrs. Apigo







Our school entrances will be unlocked at 8:25 am. We ask that students not arrive before this time.



### PARENTS

For those of you who pick up your children at the end of the day..... Please wait quietly at the entrances until students are dismissed.

Honouring  
NATIONAL DAY  
for **Truth** and  
**Reconciliation**

*September 30, 2025*



# Leaving Early ???

PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP AT THE OFFICE AND SIGN OUT YOUR CHILD IF THEY ARE BEING PICKED UP EARLY.



## Student Cell Phones

While we realize that some parents may want their child to have a cell phone for safety going to or from school, cell phone use on school property or during the school day is not allowed.

*Start each day  
WITH A GRATEFUL HEART*



# School Lunch



Starting in October we will resume our Hot Food Program which is offered every Thursday.

Parent volunteers are needed to run this program. Please let the office know if you can assist.

All orders will be placed through schoolcashonline.

October order deadline is midnight  
Monday, September 22

## October Menu

Oct. 2 Burger Bar Hamburger

Oct. 9 Magic Pizza

Oct. 16 Arena Chicken Nuggets

Oct. 23 Subway

Oct. 30 Hot Dog



- ⇒ Monthly Pre-orders placed through schoolcashonline
  - ⇒ October orders are due by Monday, Sept. 22
  - ⇒ Receive a 250 mL carton of milk each school day
  - ⇒ Your choice of chocolate or white milk
- \*\*\* if your child is absent their milk will be given to another student



## I SCHOOL BREAKFAST

We will be offering a variety of breakfast items to all of our students every day!



Register now! Pay online for your child's fees, including registration fees, hot food, milk, yearbook order, fieldtrips, etc.  
<https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com>  
New items will be added to the catalog as they become available throughout the year.



# Individual Student Pictures

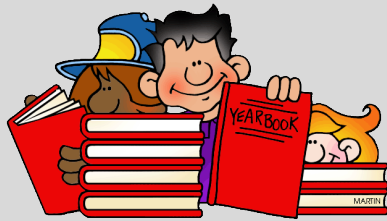
Thursday, Sept. 25th—Grades 1-6  
Friday, Sept. 26th—KA

Retakes: Thursday, October 23

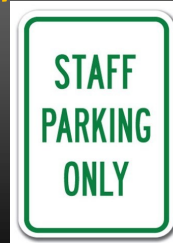


## 2024-2025 Yearbooks have arrived!

Watch for your copy!!  
Extra copies are available!  
Let the office know if you  
would like one.



Our parking lot is....



Enter at south end exit at the north

At the end of the day please  
DO NOT leave your vehicle  
parked unattended in the  
driving lane of the parking lot



**We are BUCKETFILLERS**



### Bucket Filler's Pledge

I promise to do my best  
every day to be a bucket  
filler,  
not to dip,  
and to use my lid  
for myself and others  
at home,  
at school,  
and everywhere I go.

*We are ready to have a great year!*



## Elk Point Elementary Sperd





If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt for you or your child to wear during our Terry Fox School Run Day on Friday, September 26th, 2025, please visit <https://shop.terryfox.org/> and place your order before

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th** to ensure it arrives on time.

### 2025 Terry Fox T-Shirt



Hello. It's Ms. Ziomek. Hopefully everyone has settled back into the new school year. The Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) program and the First Nations Métis Inuit (FNMI) program are combined at EPE. I am available at the school from 8:15 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. daily.

As the FSLW and FNMI worker, my role is to enhance the development of all students' educational, social and emotional experiences. I am available to provide one to one support for students, as well as link students and their families to a variety of community agencies and resources.

My focus will continue to be on nurturing students' positive mental wellness and well-being. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 780-724-3880 or email me anytime at [ziomelai@sperd.ca](mailto:ziomelai@sperd.ca).





# Parent Council Meeting

*Come Join Us!*

**Wednesday, September 17**  
**6:30 pm**



## BUS STATUS

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### Bus Status has a new app!

**Download Bus Status 4 and choose your preferences to stay updated.**

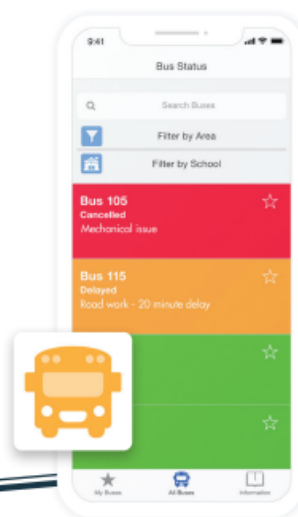
*The old app will be retired on September 29.*



iOS



Android





# SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, St. Paul Education School Division would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

**NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen.**

## Step 1: Register


- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com>
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps  
\*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.

Paying for school items just got easier!  
Sign up to get started today.

**What is School Cash Online?**

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

[Learn more](#)



Register

Sign In

Hello Parent,

Please click the link below to confirm your email address.

<http://district.schoolcash.net/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/5e4ba72-2852-4e87-b502-b3e48645ace9>

If the link doesn't work, copy the link and paste it into your web browser.

Contact support at 1.866.961.1803 or email [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).

Thank you,

Your School Cash Online Support Team

## Step 2: Confirmation Email


A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

## Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your child to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name.
- Enter the School Name.
- Ensure **"I do not have the student number"** box is selected
- Enter Your Child's Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select **Continue**.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**.
- Your child has been added to your account.

3. Enter student information

Student Number	<input type="text"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I don't have the student number.	
First Name	<input type="text"/>	*
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	*

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** and repeat the step 3 above. Up to 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.



# SafeArrival *by SchoolMessenger*

## *Absence Reporting System*

SafeArrival is our absence reporting system. Families can report an absence in the way that's most convenient - by phone, app, or online - using SafeArrival. For complete details, visit [stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival](http://stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival).



### SchoolMessenger App (Free)

Using your mobile device, download and install the "SM Home" app (NOT 'SchoolMessenger' app) from the Apple or Google Play Stores: [home.schoolmessenger.ca/](http://home.schoolmessenger.ca/). Sign in to create an account using your email address we have on file at your child's school. Select attendance, followed by "Report an Absence."



### Online

Go to [home.schoolmessenger.ca](http://home.schoolmessenger.ca). Sign in or create an account using your email address that we have on file at your child's school and report your absence. Select attendance, followed by "Report an Absence." Contact your school if you need to update your email address.



### By Phone

Call the toll-free number 1-844-502-5088 to report an absence using the automated phone system and follow the prompts.

*If your child is marked absent and the absence hasn't been explained in advance, the SafeArrival system will rapidly contact you by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to ensure your child's safety.*

## Stay Connected with SchoolMessenger Texts

*In addition to reporting attendance through SafeArrival, SchoolMessenger is also used to share safety alerts, school closures, and important school news. Please make sure you are signed up to receive SchoolMessenger text messages.*

- Confirm your cell phone number is correct in PowerSchool.
- Text Y (or "Yes") to 978338 to opt in.

Visit [stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival](http://stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival) or scan the QR code.



**St. Paul Education**



St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2025-2026

<b>August 2025</b> M T W T F 1 4 5 6 7 8 11 12 13 14 15 18 19 20 21 22 25 26 27 28 29	<b>September 2025</b> M T W T F 1 2 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 29 30	<b>October 2025</b> M T W T F 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 10 13 14 15 16 17 20 21 22 23 24 27 28 29 30 31	<b>November 2025</b> M T W T F 3 4 5 6 7 10 11 12 13 14 17 18 19 20 21 24 25 26 27 28
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<b>April 2026</b> M T W T F 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 10 13 14 15 16 17 20 21 22 23 24 27 28 29 30	<b>May 2026</b> M T W T F 1 4 5 6 7 8 11 12 13 14 15 18 19 20 21 22 25 26 27 28 29	<b>June 2026</b> M T W T F 1 2 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 29 30	<b>LEGEND</b> First/last day of classes Instructional Day PLC Day Schools Closed Early Dismissal (2 pm) Catholic Formation

	<b>Approved School Holidays</b> Labour Day Sept 1 Thanksgiving Day Oct 13 Remembrance Day Nov 11 Christmas Vacation Dec 22-Jan 2 Family Day Feb 16 Spring Break Mar 30-Apr 2 Good Friday April 3 Easter Monday April 6 Victoria Day May 18
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St. Paul Education

Calendar Approved: February 12, 2025

<b>Important Dates</b>	
August 27-29	PLC Days
<b>September 1</b>	<b>Labour Day</b>
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
<b>January 29</b>	<b>First day of second semester</b>
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
<b>June 23</b>	<b>Last day of classes</b>
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
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>8</b>
January	2	0	2	0
February	17	2	17	2
March	19	1	19	1
April	17	1	17	1
May	18	1	18	1
June	16	2	16	2
<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>7</b>
	Public Schools		Catholic Schools	
<b>Total Instructional Days</b>	178		177	
<b>Total Non-Instructional Day</b>	14		15	
<b>Total Operational Days</b>	192		192	
<b>First Day of Classes: September 2</b>				
<b>First Day of Second Semester: January 29</b>				
<b>Last Day of Classes: June 23</b>				
<b>Instructional Hours - Public Schools</b>				
	Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
Elem./Jr High	178	320	950	
High School	178	337	1000	
<b>Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig)</b>				
	Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
Elem./Jr High	177	322	950	
High School	177	339	1000	

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

## Monitor Screen Time

Screen time includes use of computers, TVs, video games, smartphones, and tablets. Help kids build healthy habits by limiting screen time and teaching safe, smart media use.

Keep devices in a shared space, like the kitchen, and create screen-free zones during meals, bedtime, and family time.

### Canadian Pediatric Society Guidelines:

- **Under 2 years:** No screen time
- **Ages 2–4:** Less than 1 hour per day
- **Older children:** Less than 2 hours per day

## Balance Screen Time with Other Activities

### Ideas:

- **Indoor:** Reading, arts and crafts, board games, puzzles, cooking, imaginative play
- **Outdoor:** Biking, sports, nature walks, playground time, sidewalk chalk
- **Family:** Game nights, dance parties, DIY projects, visiting the library or local events

## Why Limit Screen Time?

- Too much screen time—whether TV, tablets, phones, or games—can affect kids' sleep, schoolwork, and relationships.
- It can lead to more frequently choosing highly processed foods and fewer nutritious choices.
- It may reduce physical activity.
- Try to balance screen use with habits like outdoor play, reading, and family time.

## Use Screen Time to Learn

Help your child learn by viewing and talking about TV and other media together.

### Choose TV shows that:

- Repeat ideas to help kids learn
- Pause and ask kids to join in
- Teach only one message at a time
- Model good media use to teach children to use screen time mindfully

## MORE RESOURCES, visit:

[Media Smarts.ca](https://www.media-smarts.ca)

- **Search: Screen Time**

[myhealth.alberta.ca](https://myhealth.alberta.ca)



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








2025

Elk Point LOCATION

September

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
<b>01</b> <b>NO PROGRAM</b> <b>STAT HOLIDAY</b> 	<b>02</b> Office <b>OPEN</b> 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	<b>03</b> Office <b>OPEN</b> 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-2:30pm <b>Community Awareness Night</b> <b>5:00-8:00pm</b> <b>@ Allied Arts</b> <b>FREE</b>	<b>04</b> Triple P Parenting Baby 10am-11am <b>REGISTER</b>	<b>05</b> Story & Craft 10am-12pm <b>DROP IN</b>
<b>08</b> Home Alone Ages 10+ 3:30pm-5:30pm <b>REGISTER</b>	<b>09</b> Office <b>OPEN</b> 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	<b>10</b> Office <b>OPEN</b> 8:30am-11:30am <b>CLOSED</b> 11:30am-4:30pm	<b>11</b> Triple P Parenting Baby 10am-11am <b>REGISTER</b>	<b>12</b> Making Music 10am-12pm <b>DROP IN</b>  Baby Bunch 1:30pm-2:30pm <b>REGISTER</b>
<b>15</b> Clay Creations 3:30pm-5:30pm <b>REGISTER</b>	<b>16</b> Office <b>OPEN</b> 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	<b>17</b> Office <b>OPEN</b> 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	<b>18</b> Triple P Parenting Baby 10am-11am <b>REGISTER</b>   Homeschool Hangout 2pm-3:30pm <b>REGISTER</b>	<b>19</b> <b>PD DAY</b> 9am-3:30pm <b>REGISTER</b>
<b>22</b> Mindful Matters Self Love 3:30pm-5:30pm <b>REGISTER</b>  Moms Matter Wooden Pumpkin 6:30pm-8pm <b>REGISTER</b>	<b>23</b> Office <b>OPEN</b> 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	<b>24</b> Office <b>OPEN</b> 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	<b>25</b> Triple P Tipsheet Healthy Screentime Habits 10am-11am <b>REGISTER</b>	<b>26</b> <b>NO PROGRAM</b> <b>STAFF TRAINING</b>  
<b>29</b> Paint Night Youth 7+ 3:30pm-5:30pm <b>REGISTER</b>  Paint Night Youth 14+ 6:30pm-8:00pm <b>REGISTER</b>	<b>30</b> <b>NO PROGRAM</b> National Truth & Reconciliation Staff Development  			



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

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 DAY 1 	3 DAY 2 KA 	4 DAY 3	5 DAY 4 KA	6
7	8 DAY 5	9 DAY 6 KA 	10 DAY 1	11 DAY 2 KA <b>BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ</b> GET "FIRED UP" FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 4:30 pm — 6:30 pm South Playground	12 DAY 3	13
14	15 DAY 4 KA	16 DAY 5 	17 DAY 6 KA <b>Parent Council Meeting</b> 6:30 pm	18 DAY 1	19 <b>PLC DAY</b> <b>no school</b>	20
21	22 DAY 2 KA October Milk/ Hot Food Orders Due	23 DAY 3 	24 DAY 4 KA	25 DAY 5  Grades 1-6	26 DAY 6 KA  KA Picture Day	27
28	29 DAY 1	30 DAY 2 KA 				