



## Elmsdale District School

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# November News & Information

## *Report Cards & Virtual Parent-Teacher*

Report cards will be sent electronically on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 24th. Please ensure your email address on file at the school is correct. Term 1 Parent-Teacher interviews will be virtual/by phone, and teachers will be offering evening appointments on a day of their choice, between Nov. 24th and 30th. Interviews will also be offered on the morning of November 26th, from 8:00 - 10:00 am. Teachers will be reaching out to families this week to arrange their appointments.

## *School Advisory Council*

Our next School Advisory Council meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, December 1st, at 5:30pm. If you are interested in learning more about the EDS SAC, please contact the Chair, Rachael McBay, at [rachaelmcbay@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelmcbay@gmail.com).

## *Building Cultural Competence*

One of the songs we listen to at school when we start our day is the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing". If you are interested in listening to the version we play here at school, please click on the link below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DS60luWpBe0>

## *Masks*

We will continue to wear masks in school, as per the direction of Public Health. We continue to follow the direction from Public Health in regards to Covid procedures. Please note that buffs are not approved masks according to the NS Public Health.

## *Hands-on Behaviours*

Recently, we are noticing a rise in hands-on behaviours at school. We are asking you to please speak with your child/ren at home about keeping their hands and feet to themselves at school, and this includes not taking other people's belongings. We thank you in advance for your support.

## *Drop-off Loop*

In the morning, please have your child exit your car independently on the curbside. If your child is unable to exit the car independently, please park in the parking lot, and walk them to the sidewalk. We are pleased to have three marked parking spots to help facilitate this. Thank you for helping the drop-off loop work efficiently, and for keeping our students safe! Please, do not back up in the drop-off loop, as this poses a threat to the safety of our students and staff.

## *Lost and Found*

We do our best to return found clothes to our students. **Having your child's name on their clothing makes it much easier to return items, when found.** At the end of each month, we will donate lost items, so please encourage your child to keep track of their items on a daily basis.

## *Guests in the Building & Early Pick-up*

We continue to limit guests in the building, as this has enabled us to have a safe, secure, and peaceful space for our students. When picking up your child, you can continue to call the office and park in the drop off loop, and we will bring your child to you. At times, parents or guardians communicate both with the teacher, and the office. This is certainly helpful, but we will only call your child up to the office when you let us know you are on your way or here. As you can imagine, teachers and students are very busy throughout the day, and it can be difficult to remember to send students to the office at a particular time. We appreciate your understanding.

On occasion, guests need to enter the building, and they must wear a mask and sign in when they do so. To meet with a teacher or administrator, please schedule an appointment in advance.

## *Lunch Orders*

When possible, please place orders monthly, and please ensure your child knows when they've ordered or when a lunch has been packed. If placing daily orders, please write down your child's order, with name and classroom, and place it and the money in a baggie. Menus and order forms can be found on our school website and Facebook page.

## *Water Bottles*

It is important that children bring water bottles with them each day, as we no longer have regular drinking water fountains. We do have fill stations that children can use to refill their bottles.

## *Allergy Alert*

We are a peanut smart school, and do our best to be nut free. We have students and staff with severe nut allergies. Please keep this in mind when packing your child's lunch, so we can keep our students and staff safe.

# *Important Dates*

## **November 2021**

26th - Professional Day/ Parent-Teacher - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

## **December 2021**

22nd - First Day of Holiday Break

## **January 2022**

4th - Professional Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

5th - First Day back for students after Holiday Break

## **February 2022**

21st - Heritage Day - NO SCHOOL

## **March 2022**

14th - 18th - MARCH BREAK - NO SCHOOL

25th - Assessment & Evaluation Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

## **April 2022**

8th - Professional Day/Parent-Teacher - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

15th - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

18th - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

## **May 2022**

23rd - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL

## **June 2022**

29th - Assessment & Evaluation Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

30th - Last Day of School