



# ELKFORD SECONDARY SCHOOL

## December 2019 NEWSLETTER

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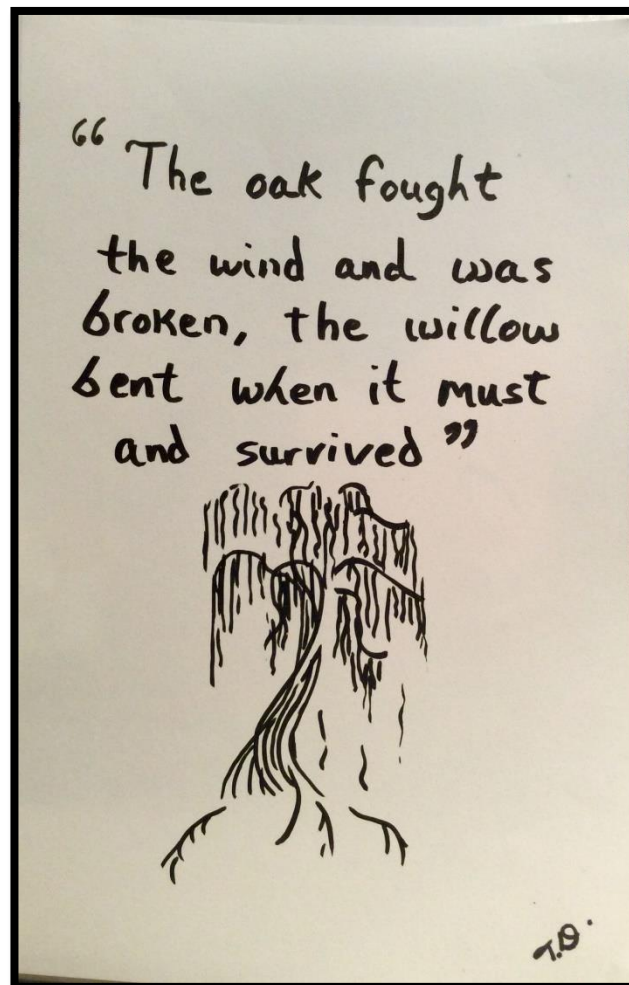
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### Principal's Message

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It is the time of year when people make New Year's Resolutions. My message is simple and direct. As Principal at Elkford Secondary School, my resolution for 2020 is I will work towards improving student's **resilience**.

"The oak fought the wind and was broken, the willow bent when it must and survived." - Robert Jordan



## Upcoming Important Dates at ESS

JANUARY		
	1-3	Winter Break
	6	Grad Meeting, Rm 129
	8	PAC Meeting, Library, 6pm
	9	Bball - Bantam Boys & Jr - Boys - go to Sparwood
	9	Bball - Bantam Girls - host Sparwood
	10	Block Rotation - Thur #2
	10 & 11	Bball - Bantam Girls - Fernie
	10 & 11	Bball - Bantam Boys - Jaffray
	10 & 11	Bball - Sr Girls - Kimberley
	11	Grad Bottle Drive
	13 - 15	Grad Photos, ESS Conference Room
	15	Bball - Bantam Boys & Jr - Boys - host Sparwood
	15	Bball - Bantam Girls - go to Sparwood
	16	FAR Ski Trip
	17	Block Rotation - Thur #1
	17 & 18	Bball - Jr Boys - Sparwood
	17 & 18	Curling - East Kootenay Playdowns, Fernie
	20	Numeracy 10 Assessment
	22	Literacy 10 Assessment
	23	Bball - Bantam Boys & Jr - Boys - host Fernie
	23	Bball - Bantam & Senior Girls - go to Fernie
	24	Block Rotation - Tue #2
	24	Semester 1/Quarter 2 Ends
	24 & 25	Bball - Jr Boys - Fernie
	24 & 25	Curling - Kootenay Playdowns, TBD
	27	Semester 2/Quarter 3 Begins
	27	Bball - Bantam & Jr - Boys - host Jaffray
	27	Bball - Bantam - Girls - go to Jaffray
	31 - Feb 1	Bball - Sr Girls - Elkford
	31 - Feb 1	Bball - Bantam Boys - Eks - Kimberley
	31 - Feb 1	Bball - Bantam Girls - Eks - Creston
	31 - Feb 1	Bball - Jr Boys - Jaffray (waitlist)
	31	NI Day - Green

### **New Sound System for the Gym**

We are happy to announce that a new sound system will be installed in the gym at ESS. A huge thank you to the Elkford Secondary School PAC and the Elkford Project Society for funding this project.

## Elkford Secondary PAC

Every parent and guardian that has a student at ESS is automatically a member of our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). Each year the ESS PAC distributes funds for extracurricular materials and activities for our students. This ranges from presentations at our school and help with field trips to maintaining equipment that has previously been purchased by PAC. We also provide new equipment to our sports teams and support for any other club in the school as well as any extracurricular supplies needed. Without volunteers this support would not be possible.

Please consider attending monthly PAC meetings which are always held at the ESS Library at 6pm. The next meeting is Wed, Jan 8.

## Student Council News

Student council has had a busy start to the holiday season. In efforts to raise money for the local food bank, they organized a coin collection, hosted a homemade soup and a bun lunch and sold candycane grams. A total of \$500 was donated to our local Elkford Food Bank. Way to go!



## Christmas Band Concert

On Wednesday, December 11 the Grade 8/9 band and the Grade 7 band had their annual Christmas Concert at 7 PM in the Dr. Hugh Twa Memorial Gym.

The bands played the following songs:

- The Polar Express
- Santa Baby
- Sleigh Bell Jangling
- I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas
- Jingle Bells
- Jolly Old St. Nicolas
- Good King Wenceslas



Thank you to everyone that attended and we will see you March 11 for our Spring Concert.



### Environmental Science 11

Environmental Science 11 went outside to take 360 degree pictures of different stages of ecological succession and created a virtual reality walk through of the all the stages.



### PE 8 & 7

PE students got outside this week to learn about avalanche safety!



### Fernie Ski Trips

Elkford Secondary School will be hitting the slopes at Fernie Ski Resort on Jan 16 and Feb 25. The Jan 16<sup>th</sup> ski day is now full. Students not going on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> can now sign up for the Feb 25<sup>th</sup> day by bringing forms and fees into the Office.



### Foods 8/9

Students enjoyed welcoming Ms.Sullivan’s kindergarten class to take part in making holiday cookies. The time was filled with laughter, excitement, and creative cookie shapes. The following day the students delivered the cookies to the excited kindergarten class.



### Holiday Train Field Trip

On December 11<sup>th</sup> members of the Elkford Secondary School student council and RMES leadership group visited Lilac Terrace, the Elk Valley Thrift Shop and the CP Holiday Train in Sparwood. We spent the afternoon crafting and making puzzles with the residents of Lilac Terrace. Spending time with the residents brought us unimaginable joy, warming our hearts. A few students also attempted a seven hundred and fifty piece puzzle with two unforgettable seniors, the puzzle unfortunately wasn't a success but it was definitely memory of a lifetime. It was amazing seeing all their beautiful smiles and the joy they expressed when participating in activities with the students. The group that visited the Thrift Shop had an eventful afternoon sorting donated items and a few even found a few things to take home. The afternoon winded down with a quick stop at the CP Holiday Train, which was a first for many students and our last stop at Crumbs Bakery where we enjoyed a nice cup of hot chocolate and a cupcake.



~ Submitted by Phillisa Tracey





**Art at ESS,**

Mrs. Wenda is delighted to announce that the poster submitted by Tasha-Lee Sedrovic has been chosen as one of the honourable mentions of the National Forest Week Artwork and Photography Contest. Tasha will be provided with a cheque for \$50.00 for the honourable mention prize. The winning posters and honourable mentions will also be posted on the FORED BC Society website shortly. Way to go, Tasha!



I would also like to take a moment and share with you a picture of our Royal Canadian Legion Youth Remembrance Day Poster winners. These students have created wonderful artworks and proudly represented Elkford Secondary School. I am very proud of them!



Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Art Program – Mrs. Wenda!



Lastly, below are two photo collages from Art 7 classes. These young artists have been experimenting with a variety of watercolour painting techniques and learning about composition to be able to successfully complete their monthly art projects.





### Careers 9

Erin Mills was invited to one of our Careers 9 classes as a guest speaker. She did a very professional presentation about building a resume. It was a great experience for the younger learners to see their 12-grade peer's skills, work and volunteer experience, which she accumulated over the high school years. This lesson helped us understand that being involved in a variety of school and community initiatives may serve us well as potential employees in the future.

### Pep Rally

Talk about school spirit! On November 27th students took part in an awesome pep rally that was organized by PAC. Members of the volleyball and basketball teams were introduced. Staff members rose to the challenge of playing the teams, showcasing their hidden skills. The event ended with a delicious lunch provided by PAC. Thank you to Taylor Hooper for MCing, Brayden Sorensen for reffing and to our scorekeepers. Thank you to the foods class who helped with lunch prep and to our PAC for organizing and providing lunch to all of our students.



### Curling

For the first time in many years Elkford Secondary School has both a girls and a boys curling team! These two teams will be representing ESS at the East Kootenay Playdowns on Jan 17-18. The winning team will then advance to Kootenay Playdowns on Jan 30-Feb 1. The winner of Kootenays will represent our region at Provincials on March 4-7.

Girls Team: Taylor Smith, Annaka Rodd, Jorja Hamilton, Abigail Talbot

Boys Team: Riley Murray, Levi Rice, Brayden Smith, Hunter Bourgeois



## Basketball Program

As the winter season arrives, basketball season begins. Elkford Secondary is fielding four teams this year with goals of strong competition, development and enjoyment of the game in mind. Please take a look at each team's schedules and come out and show your support. League games have already begun and the Bantam boys and Senior girls have already participated in competitive tournaments at Jaffray and SAIT respectively. Good luck players!

### Bantam Girls

#	PLAYER'S NAME	GRADE
9	Larkin Dunn	7
7	Liberty Pelly	7
10	Madelain Cliff	7
15	Scout Langenhan	7
13	Shaelynn Bryant	7
14	Chloe Stadynek	8
11	Abigail Talbot	8
6	Emily Joy	8



### Bantam Boys

#	PLAYER'S NAME	GRADE
10	Brayden Smith	7
21	Brendon Arthur	7
25	Conner Mayea	7
22	Jasper Crawford	7
20	Jotham Klix	7
8	Nicholas Gagnon	7
6	Tyson Zwolak	7
11	Ayden Wells	8
15	Carson Haggart	8
9	Chase Wright	8
14	Declan Cook	8
12	Reginald Smith	8





### Junior Boys

#	PLAYER'S NAME	GRADE
14	Ashton Sedrovic	9
30	Jordan Baird	9
24	Kemper Kenny	9
22	Riley Murray	9
6	Andrew Ramsay	9
	Lucas Sorensen	9
34	James Wright	9
32	Darious Basil	10
8	Curtis Taphorn	10
33	Garet MacDonald	10
31	Nicholas Bachmier	10
4	Quinn Whitlow	10
23	Nike Joy	10



### Senior Girls

#	PLAYER'S NAME	GRADE
7	Phillisa Tracey	11
55	Isabelle Klapp	12
1	Erin Mills	12
10	Kayla Ogilvie	12
14	Makayla Tracey	12
4	Alex Klassen	9
5	Chloe Reed	9
21	Vanessa Shinnars	9
6	Cora McCrimmon	9
24	Elizabeth Zimmer	10
48	Emily Ramsay	10
50	Taylor Smith	10



## Christmas Door Decorating at ESS

On December 2nd the hallways were full of Christmas spirit and competition as students decorated the doors of their homeroom. Cookies were delivered and music filled the air. What a great start to the festive season! Congratulations to Ms Moore's grade 7s and to Mr Inskip's grade 10s for the best doors.





### Home Economics 7

The grade 7 Home Economics class has been busy making bracelets and what a wonderful job they did. The bracelets are all unique and made with care. The students then wrapped them up and are giving them away as gifts. Well done Grade 7s!

### Senior Foods

Senior Home Ec students busy at work; baking pies, making Christmas cookies and sewing lounge pants!

### French 8

Grade 8 finished their Christmas cards. They are handcrafted and written in French. A very creative bunch!





# Grad 2020

## "Bottle Drive"



**Saturday, January 11th 2020**

Please place items on your driveway for collection between **9 am** and **11 am**.



**Thank you!**



## **New Student Registration**

**Beginning on the first school day of February, in any given year, registration and enrolment application forms shall only be accepted by the catchment area school commencing on the first school day in February. Each application will be date and time stamped. All such applications will be dealt with on a first-come, first serve basis at each of the priority levels as stated below. The Board may establish enrolment dates for different grades, educational programs, or categories of applicants.** A birth certificate or other legally acceptable document, along with proof of B.C. residency (i.e. mortgage statement, rental agreement, utility bill) must be provided at the time of registration. The child will not be registered until such documentation is made available.

### **Determination of Available Space and Facilities**

Section 74.1 of the *School Act* establishes priorities for enrolment to apply if the Board determines space and facilities are available in a school.

*Space and facilities are available in a school for the purposes of Section 74.1(6) and (7) of the School Act if there is excess capacity, taking into account both physical and instructional resources, after reasonable enrolment projections have been made to allow for accommodation of students returning from prior years, students enrolling in the District programs, students incoming from designated feeder schools, and children enrolling in kindergarten who live in the catchment area for the school.*

The Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her Designate, the decision-making power as to whether space and facilities are available in individual schools and educational programs in the School District for the purposes of Section 74.1(6) and (7) of the *School Act*.

### **Priorities**

If it is determined that space and facilities are available in a school, a person whose application was received by the Board by the date established under these Regulations, is entitled to enrol in that educational program in the following descending order of priority:

1. A catchment area student who, in the previous school year, attended the school at which the educational program is made available;
2. A catchment area student whose sibling attends the school;
3. A catchment area student;

### **If Catchment Area School does not have available Space and Facilities**

If the catchment area school does not have space for a student, the catchment school will assist the family in finding the appropriate space at a neighbouring school within the community. The family will be considered out of catchment at that neighbouring school and will be on a waitlist for placement at the catchment school ahead of other outside catchment students. If a family in this circumstance prefers to stay at the neighbouring school, their written request to the Board Office by the last school day in February, will be considered a first priority.

Date: September 20, 2019

Title: Graduation Assessment Requirements Table

If I'm currently in Grade 9...	
• In 2019/20 (Grade 9)	No provincial assessment
• In 2020/21 (Grade 10)	✓ Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment ✓ Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
• In 2021/22 (Grade 11)	No provincial assessment
• In 2022/23 (Grade 12)	✓ Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
If I'm currently in Grade 10...	
• In 2019/20 (Grade 10)	✓ Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment ✓ Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
• In 2020/21 (Grade 11)	No provincial assessment
• In 2021/22 (Grade 12)	✓ Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
If I'm currently in Grade 11...	
• In 2019/20 (Grade 11)	No requirement to complete the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment ✓ Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment is required (if not already written). <sup>1</sup>
• In 2020/21 (Grade 12)	✓ Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
If I'm currently in Grade 12...	
• In 2019/20 (Grade 12)	No requirement to complete the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment No Grade 12 Language Arts provincial exam <sup>2</sup> No Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment ✓ Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment is required (if not already written). <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> When a student does not complete a provincial assessment in the expected grade (e.g., the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment is not completed in Grade 10), that student is still required to complete the assessment for graduation.

<sup>2</sup> Language Arts 12 exams listed on the [2019/20 assessment schedule](#) are *only* for students re-writing an exam or completing exam requirements attached to the old curriculum. See *Important Notes* on the first page of the [schedule](#).

You can find the table above on page 10 of the [B.C. Graduation Program Implementation Guide](#).

If you have questions about graduation assessment requirements, please contact [Geoffrey.Wiggins@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Geoffrey.Wiggins@gov.bc.ca).



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**PROVINCIAL  
ASSESSMENTS**

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**BRITISH  
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**GRADE 10'S**

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**JAN. 20: NUMERACY**

**JAN. 22: LITERACY**

Childcare BC invites parents to complete an anonymous survey about child care programs and services offered throughout the province.

Complete the survey: <https://feedback.engage.gov.bc.ca/678234?lang=en>

Learn more about Childcare BC: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children>