



ELKFORD SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Parents: Please be aware that course selection will be taking place March 9 to 12, this is the week before March break. It is important that you have conversations with your son/daughter on what their future goals/plans are. All students will be sent home with a course selection sheet to have signed by parents.

Many other considerations must go into course selection:

- Creativity is a key trait for success in the 21st century. Art, Band/Guitar are key subjects for fostering creativity
- It has been proven that music/band increases students success in math
- Digital Literacy/Computers: all students need these skills
- What helps reduce stress/anxiety: PE, Foods, Art, Music, History, etc.?
- The importance of physical fitness
- Building positive life-long passions
- Building resumes for university and/or scholarships
- Learning time management - high school is the time for it, not in post-secondary
- Students can discover new passions they didn't know they had
- Engaged youth - take advantage of opportunities provided, student engagement at ESS makes it a better school, keep kids busy with positive engagement
- Less down time with nothing to do (4 courses + extra-curriculars = less worry about what to do)
- The more electives taken, the greater variety of courses that can be taken
- It is good for students, good for parents, good for teachers, good for ESS, good for Elkford - so why not!

The teenage years are meant for learning - please take advantage of every opportunity available!



Upcoming Important Dates at ESS

FEBRUARY		
	28	Regional Skills BC Competition, COTR
MARCH		
	2	Grad Meeting, 6pm, RM129
	4	COTR Careers Fair (Ab Ed Trip)
	4-7	Curling - Provincials, Winfield
	9-12	2020/2021 Course Selection
	11	PAC Meeting, Library, 6pm
	11	Spring Band Concert, 7pm, Dr Hugh Twa Gymnasium
	13-27	Spring Break
	31	ReachOut Psychosis Assembly, 8:45-9:50 am
APRIL		
	3	Block Rotation - Mon #1
	3	Rock A Rama - entry deadline
	6	Ab Ed Storyteller Play
	6	Grad Meeting, 6pm, RM129
	8	Rock A Rama - music due for entries
	8	PAC Meeting, Library, 6pm
	10	NI Day - Stat
	13	NI Day - Stat
	15	Numeracy 10 Assessment, 9am, Computer Lab
	15	Rock A Rama - Dress Rehearsal, 5pm, Dr Hugh Twa Gymnasium
	16	Literacy 10 Assessment, 9am, Computer Lab
	16	Rock A Rama, 6:30pm, Dr Hugh Twa Gymnasium
	17	Quarter #3 Ends
	17	Block Rotation - Mon #2
	20	NI Day - Green
	21	Quarter #4 Begins
	23-25	Student Voice
	24	Block Rotation - Wed #1
	30	Report Card Go Home

Elkford Secondary School 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 Wednesday, March 11th.

Music

- Purdy's Easter orders need to be in by Monday, March 9, 2020
- Spring Concert Wednesday, March 11, 2020 @ 7 PM Dr. Hugh Twa Gymnasium
- University of Lethbridge Band Trip Friday, May 8, 2020
- Year-End Concert Wednesday, June 10, 2020 @ 7 PM Dr. Hugh Twa Gymnasium



In-School Writing Contest

Ms. R is hosting an In-School Writing Contest! Show off your writing skills and creativity! The contest will start March 1st and the final due date is May 1st. The theme is 'sense of place'.



Each student may enter into each category a maximum of one time per category.

The categories are:

1. Poetry (25 lines to 5 pages)
2. Prose/Non Fiction (1 to 5 pages)
3. Short Story/Short Fiction (1 to 5 pages)

Each submission will be judged anonymously. Grade 7 & 8, 9 & 10, and 11 & 12 will be categorized together. There will be meetings at lunch to discuss this contest for all who are interested!

I would also like to congratulate two writers who have recently received recognition for their short story writing at Cranbrook's Celebratory Event for Creative Writing in January. Both Sierra Culver and Brooklynn Rowe submitted strong stories. Great job ladies!



Dr Hugh Twa Gymnasium Sound System

We are excited to announce that a new sound system for our gym has been purchased and installed at ESS! We would like to thank our Elkford Secondary School PAC and the Elkford Project Society for donating funds to pay for this new system.

Art

Mrs. Wenda's Art 10 Class has been working on their Altered Book Projects. This requires the students to turn discarded books into a three-dimensional sculpture, use mixed media to develop and decorate the artwork. The sculptures will be on display in our school's hallway, please come and take a look at those wonderful creations!

Here a few pictures from our PE-Art department collaboration when we created posters for the basketball tournament and a "welcome" sign. This was a fun, one-day project that brought us together as artists and athletes. Way to go ESS students!



Foods

A few snapshots from Foods 10, 11, 12 class kitchen lab – making bread! Yummm ☺



Fernie Ski Trips

On February 6th and 25th Elkford Secondary School went to Fernie Alpine Resort for a couple sunny days on the slopes. The days both started with lessons and then a fabulous day on the hill. We had several students who had never skied/snowboarded before who got to give it a go, and many others who were happy for a lesson and refresher on their skills. Everyone had a blast! Thank you to our volunteers Waylon Klix, Phil Hooper, Cam Martin, and Darryl Fiset.



Basketball – Junior Boys

This year the Junior Basketball team had a great year of wins and losses. The team had some hardships and played some great basketball.



Elkford Celtics Senior Girls Find Success, Defend Home Court & Host Kootenay Zones

After many years of hard work and commitment, the Senior Girls Celtics have found their rhythm and the results are paying off. After placing 2nd place in tournaments in Fernie and Kimberly, Elkford set their sights on defending home court. For the first time in many years, the Senior Girls hosted a Round Robin tournament over the Jan 31st/1st weekend. The Celtics took advantage of home court by beating the Sparwood Spartans 55-38, DTSS Laker's 52-42, and Selkirk's Storm 45-23 taking home 1st place!

The Senior Girls Celtics also qualified to host Zone Championships this season. The team fought hard and put up a tremendous fight against provincially ranked Fernie, ultimately losing 69-59. The Celtics finished the weekend winning 3rd place after defeating the Golden Eagles 63-21. Isabelle Klapp and Kayla Ogilvie took home Co-MVP awards. The Senior girls would like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers that helped at the scorer's table and concession stand. There were many comments from visitors on how organized and professional the tournament was, and it could not have been done without school and community support.

Congratulations to our Senior Girls for our most successful season yet! And a farewell to our graduates, who have put many years of commitment towards the team, as they close out their Celtic basketball careers.

Sincerely,
Ian Jarrell, Head Coach

ESS Art Club

Wednesdays at lunch time in room 150

Come and join the creative minds of our school!



Curling

Congratulations to Elkford Secondary School Boys & Girls Curling teams on a great effort in the BC High School Kootenay Playdowns against Grand Forks Secondary School on January 24 & 25 at the Elkford Curling Centre.

Team Smith, the ESS Girls team (coached by Dustin Smith), played 2 good games but conceded to Grand Forks.

Team Murray, the ESS Boys team (coached by Bob Rice), won the best of 3 games in a nail biting extra end!

They will represent ESS at the BC High School Provincials in Winfield on March 4, 5, 6 & 7th. Good luck boys.

A huge thank you to our great coaches and team manager, Christine Smith. We'd also like to thank all of the fans who showed up to support our curlers and helped with lunch, Official Terry Vandale and assistant officials Don Vandale and Nicole Schaaf, and Mayor McKerracher and Senior Youth Council Rep Erin Mills for handing out the medals.

Great job curlers!



Cystic Fibrosis

On May 29th there will be a walk at Elkford Secondary School to raise awareness for Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Mr. Percy is looking for volunteers and anyone wanting to help with the event. Please email

william.percy@sd5.bc.ca for any additional details. This event is to have the students take ownership in a cause and to show them that if everyone helps out a large goal can be conquered.



Cystic Fibrosis Canada is a national charitable not-for-profit corporation that is committed to finding a cure for cystic fibrosis (CF).

Will Percy

Fording River Field Trip 2020

This term Elkford Secondary School was fortunate to experience mining at one of our local coal mines. Mr. Percy and his shop 10-12 went for a very comprehensive mine tour of Fording River Operations. The tour explored varying aspects of industrial mining and provided an up close view of trades in the coal mining industry. A special thank you to Teck Resources, Tammy Ogden, Chad LaHue, Courtney Robinson, Juliet Bernard, Erick Canlas, Amanda Ham, Kayleigh Sherman, Jose Mendes, Scott Nicol, and everyone else who helped us with our journey.





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ROCK-A-RAMA!

AN ESS & RMES FUNDRAISER



LIVE, LIP SYNC, DANCE AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES!



THURS APRIL 16 @ 6:30PM
ESS GYM

\$5 KIDS <12

\$7 ADULT

\$20 FAMILY