

ELMDALE SCHOOL

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School Calendar

Sep. 16	Parent Advisory Council—7:00 pm (new members are welcome)
Sep. 18,21	Strong Connections (students attend one of 2 days)
Oct. 7	School Photos
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
Oct. 23	In-service Day (no classes)

Pizza

Niakwa pizza will be sold every Thursday for \$2.00 a slice **beginning Sept. 17th**. This is a fundraising project of the Parent Advisory Council. Thank you for your support.



Student Agenda Books

Please read the family handbook included in the agenda. The agenda book must be signed by a parent each day and returned to school.

Principal Message

Please see the second page of our newsletter for a message from our principal Mr. Colin Campbell.

Also, on the reverse of the second page is a school parking lot map showing the parent drop-off and pick-up location in our school parking lot. An adult must escort the child across the parking lot to the playground at ALL TIMES.



Stars of the Future

Children born between Jan. 1 and Jun. 30, 2012 together with their parents are invited to a free **Stars of the Future** clinic on Sep. 16, 17, Oct. 7, 8. You and your child will spend time with a public health nurse, a speech language pathologist, an occupational therapist and a physiotherapist. Your one hour appointment may be booked by calling 204-346-6136 and leaving a message. For more information go to www.healthychildcoalition.ca.



Religious Exercises & Instruction

Only children of parents who have signed or joined the petition may participate in these programs. **Students who were registered for this program last year will continue unless the school office is otherwise advised.** Parents may join the petitions by forwarding a signed note to the school indicating the name and grade of the students they are registering. Please indicate for which petition you are registering. **Daily religious exercises** will include the Lord's Prayer and a Bible reading from 9:00-9:05 a.m. **Weekly religious instruction** will start in October and will involve community volunteers teaching the Discovery Time program. Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed and are available on the web site at www.hsd.ca

Strong Connections—Sept. 18 & 21

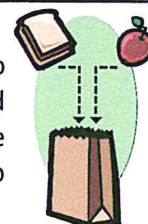
Strong Connections, a Hanover School Division initiative, will be two days of assessment and relationship building with **half of the students attending on Sept. 18 and the other half attending on Sept. 21**. More information will be coming soon regarding scheduling.

Free Preschool Programming

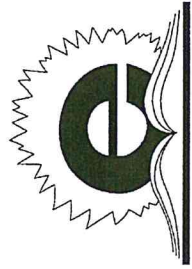
Elmdale parents and their preschool children are invited to the free preschool program provided by Hanover School Division to promote development of school readiness skills. The program runs Wednesdays 1:30-3:30 pm starting Sep. 23 at Elmdale School. Parents will participate in activities with their children. Upon arrival at the school, please sign in at the school office.

"Soup's On" School Lunches

"Soup's On" provides daily school lunches to families in need. It can be started and stopped as needed. Contact the school office or your child's teacher via agenda book to register your child.



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September 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 Labour Day (no classes)	8 Admin Day (no classes), Meet the Teacher and bring school supplies (come & go) 5:00-6:30 pm, new family orientation 6:00 pm	9 First Day of School for Grades 1-4 Kindergarten orientation interviews	10 Kindergarten orientation interviews	11 Kindergarten staggered entry (half classes)	12
13	14 Kindergarten staggered entry (half classes)	15 All Kindergarten stu- dents attend (half days)	16 Parent Advisory Coun- cil—7:00 pm	17 Pepperoni Pizza	18 Strong Connections Day One (students attend one of two days)	19
20	21 Strong Connections Day Two (students attend one of two days)	22	23 Preschool Program— 1:30-3:30 pm	24 Cheese Pizza	25 Terry Fox Run	26
27	28	29	30 Preschool Program— 1:30-3:30 pm	October 1 Pepperoni Pizza	October 2	

Hello Elmdale Families!

I hope that everyone had a safe and restful summer. I want to first introduce myself.



My name is Colin Campbell; I am looking forward to serving as the Principal at Elmdale School.

I have spent the past 4 years serving as the Vice Principal at Woodlawn School in Steinbach. Educating the whole child is foundational to me. I want to make sure that all the students we serve feel safe, included, and engaged.

I look forward to meeting the Elmdale families throughout the school year. If you have any questions or want to introduce yourself via email, please do not hesitate to do so, my email is ccampbell@hsd.ca or you can follow me on twitter @ccampbell7980.

There are a couple new items for parents to be aware of for this school year.

1. We have installed Wi-Fi throughout the school to enhance the teaching and learning at Elmdale.

2. You will notice our new website. This will be excellent site to keep up to date and involved in your child's education. Please also follow Elmdale on Twitter @ElmdaleHSD. We will tweet out various pictures and messages of the daily life of our Elmdale Children.

3. We have recently added another Grade 2 class because of large class size. This has meant reshuffling class placements for our Grade 2/3 multi age classroom and now we have three grade 2 and three grade 3 classrooms.

4. The last major change is our school parking lot. There will no longer be student drop off on Main street parking lot. This is due to Hanover School Division no longer owning the parking lot land. We have created a parent and pick up parking lot in our school parking lot. Please see attached map. You will notice that we have limited spots available so it is important that some flexibility is needed.

- If you are picking up your child, you must park and then walk your child to the playing field
- If you are picking up your child early, please park in the parent lot and come and sign your child out at the office.
- **It is imperative that an adult escort the child across the parking lot to the playground at ALL TIMES.**

Thank you and have a wonderful school year!

Mr. Colin Campbell

