

#### About Us

- Established in 1954.
- Kindergarten to Grade 4.
- 264 students, 17 teaching staff, and 15 support staff.
- At Elmdale we believe that students, staff and our community must work in partnership for the success of all learners.
- Students are central to the teaching and learning process. They learn best when their physical, social and emotional needs are met.
- Staff must start by building relationships with students and families. Once relationships are built and trust is established, students can be more successful.
- Community members are a crucial part of the team. It is within a supportive community that students have a greater ability to develop their skills and reach their goals.

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# Elmdale School

# Year-End Community Report for 2024-2025

Our mission is to provide a safe and caring learning environment, fostering positive relationships serving students, families, and community.

## Planning Priority #1 – Belonging

That all students will feel safe and welcome at Elmdale. Strategies and Success Indicators

• Regular school-wide assemblies bring our school community together for learning, celebration, and the singing of the Elmdale school song.

• Student bus captains and lunch monitors showed success in caring for younger students.

• Inter grade buddy reading resulted in connections.

• Among grade 3 & 4 students, belonging, climate, and teacher-student relationships are up 7%, 8%, and 7% respectively, according to the Panorama Survey data.

• Family partnerships were strengthened through the Meet the Teacher and Celebration of Learning events.

• A PBIS based positive behavior support system facilitated green slips, princi-pal, and bucket filling affirmation of prosocial behaviours.

• Partnerships were built with broader community members including the Pistons and Artist in the School. Planning Priority #2 – Literacy

That all students get rich classroom literacy instruction. Strategies and Success Indicators

• Deployment of UFLI resources to help students experience success in reading and teacher capacity to effectively teach literacy.

• A multisensory technique by using the Handwriting Without Tears for clarity and confidence.

• Home reading programs to build fluency and comprehension skills.

• I Love to Read month events and activities to affirm the importance of literacy in life.

• Reading clubs built cognitive skills within groups. Planning Priority #3 – Numeracy

That all students grow in their ability to understand and work with numbers.

### **Strategies and Success Indicators**

- Learning through games and hands-on activities.
- Effective use of math manipulatives for concrete exploration of numbers and building number sense.
- The Splash Learn iPad app built confidence, enjoyment, and love of math related learning.
  - Guided math groups that targeted specific gaps.