

# ELM CREEK SCHOOL HOME OF THE COBRAS



## APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

### Canteen Menu



Every Monday will be Soup & Sandwich Day unless otherwise stated below.

- Tues. Apr. 9 – Mac & Cheese \$3.50
- Wed. Apr. 10 – French Toast \$1.50
- Thurs. Apr. 11 – Croissant \$3.00
- Fri. Apr. 12 – Taco Salad (K & Gr. 1 ) \$3.00  
Taco in a Bag \$4.00
- Tues. Apr. 16 – Croissant \$3.00
- Wed. Apr. 17 – Pizza Buns \$3.50
- Thurs. Apr. 18 – Hot Dogs \$1.50
- Tues. Apr. 23 – Pulled Pork on a Bun \$4.00
- Wed. Apr. 24- (2)Chicken Fingers & Veggies \$4.00
- Thurs. Apr. 25 – Croissant \$3.00
- Fri. Apr. 26 – Cheese Burger \$4.00
- Tues. Apr. 30 – Chicken Quesadillas \$3.00

### Principal's Message

**Welcome back** from spring break to all of our students, staff and families! All the very best of the final three months of the 2018-19 school year!



Thanks go out to all of the parents and guardians of our students who were able to attend the **Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences this past March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks as well to our **classroom teaching staff** for all of their efforts in working with our students in planning, teaching, assessing and evaluating them all! A conscientious team of **educational assistants** and **resource teacher team** all support our dedicated classroom teachers! We thank them for all of their work as well!

Our teaching team did not have to concern themselves with supper arrangements the evening of the March 14<sup>th</sup> conferences **thanks** to the generosity of the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** who provided them with a delicious supper! Kudos to our PAC for doing this yet again!

Our **annual book fair** was successful once again! **Thank you** to our librarian, **Mrs. Christine Wolf**, for all of her efforts in organizing and managing this event that promotes literacy! The support by our students and their families in purchasing books and related items was awesome. Mrs. Wolf outlined the positive results of this book fair for our library and literacy programming further in this newsletter. **Thanks again for everyone's support!**

Our Grade 9-12 students, in preparation for their upcoming **STRIVE (Self-Taught Real-world Independent Valuable Experience) Exhibition Day on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**, will be visiting the **Seven Oaks Met School** in Winnipeg with their teachers on **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. The Met School is a unique learning environment for high school students in the Seven Oaks School Division. As the mission statement on their website highlights:

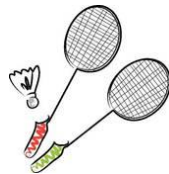
**“Our approach of authentic learning is based on meaningful relationships, where relevant and rigorous work is accomplished through internships and project-based learning. We believe this approach engages students to better recognize their own needs, as well as the needs of their global community and their environment. By preparing students for a world that is constantly changing and focusing on the essential**

**skills and critical thinking, we aspire to create transformative citizens.”**

The Seven Oaks Met School is one of approximately 300 Met Schools worldwide, with only two in Canada, both of which are located within the Seven Oaks School Division!

Our high school students and their teachers will be spending the day at the Met School. They will be engaging Met students and their teachers advisors as they prepare for their own project exhibits themselves. Visiting the Met School will be a meaningful opportunity for our students to gain insights, ideas and tips on developing and presenting their own STRIVE projects on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Elm Creek School!

The **badminton season** has started for students in **middle and senior years**. Thank you to the following teaching staff members who are volunteering their time and efforts in coaching and mentoring our student athletes:



- **Grade 7 and 8 students - Mrs. Nicky Spencer and Mrs. Tara Janzen**
- **Grade 9-12 students – Mr. Mark Findlay**

Mrs. Kerry Fiks has returned from a medical operation leave to her Resource Teacher position on a half time basis for the month of April. Mr. Don Featherstone will continue as a half time Resource Teacher as well at this same time. **Welcome back, Mrs. Fiks!!**

Yours in the arrival of spring and the Easter season,  
Bill Yaworsky

*“Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life.”*  
- S.D. Gordon

## UNESCO UPDATE



The UNESCO team at the Elm Creek School had Steve Lee from the 3% project speak to the Gr. 7-12 students. The 3% project’s goal is to mobilize 1 000 000 youth in Canada to practice sustainable practices in Canada and the world.

The UNESCO group has been looking at waste reduction in the school. Recently three of our members have had the opportunity to go to a workshop based on waste reduction. At the workshop they brainstormed ideas on how to reduce waste in our school. As a result of the workshop we have been given \$200 to put toward waste reduction. The UNESCO committee has decided to have a waste free lunch the last Friday of every month. The waste free lunch will be for all of the K-8 classes. Whoever has a complete litter-free lunch will receive an entry in a draw to win a reusable lunch container. We strongly encourage using reusable containers over plastic bags!

Submitted by Harleigh C. & Olivia H.  
UNESCO members

### LUD of HAYWOOD

is looking for a summer student employee  
age 16-24

Start date: approx. JUNE 15, 2019  
part time till school is out then 35 hours a week  
Duties include: mowing grass, trimming grass,  
and general town maintenance

Wage is currently minimum provincial wage .  
For more information, please contact John  
Unruh cell # 204 595 8214 or email

[john75unruh@gmail.com](mailto:john75unruh@gmail.com)

### *Classroom of the Month at Golden West Radio Station!*



The Grade 4's have had an exciting month!

Mrs. Spencer's grade 4 class was awarded the opportunity to tour Eagle Radio Station as a result of entering the "Classroom of the Month" contest. The grade 4 class had such a great experience at the radio station! They made a commercial and some of them were even interviewed on the radio! They also had McDonald's for lunch and had a presentation from Aspire Dental! It was such a great day! Thank you to Ronny at Eagle 93.5, Mr. Findlay and to PAC for providing us with a bus!

The grade 4 class was selected because of the outstanding work that the students have done creating two children's books. The students developed the books because they were frustrated with people who just "stand by" when someone is being bullied. We published two children's books about how to stop bullying by becoming an

Upstander instead of a Bystander. They are available to order on Amazon for about \$8 each. The official titles are "Becoming an Upstander" on a small town hockey team and "Becoming an Upstander" in your own school.

Congratulations grade fours on this accomplishment!

Nicky Spencer, Grade 4 classroom teacher  
Mark Findlay, Guidance Counsellor



- **Welcome to Kindergarten Evening**  
Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:15
- **STRIVE Exhibit Night**  
Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm
- **Fine Arts Evening**  
Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
ECS gym  
Silver Collection  
Selections from:  
Aladdin, Momma Mia and Grease

### *From the Library*

Our Book Fair was another success even with the bad weather. We again reached our goal to get a 50% commission.

Therefore, the library got over 120 books for its shelves. Thank you to everyone for your support.

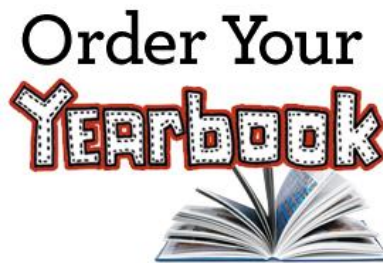
Christine Wolf  
Librarian



**Welcome**  
**Spring**

**Yearbook News**

Yearbook order forms were sent home with each family. Yearbooks may be ordered online or through Mrs. Godard. Cost of yearbooks is \$40 if ordered before June 21st, and cheques may be made payable to Elm Creek School Student Council.



Yearbook committee members will be canvassing the community in the next few weeks to sell advertising space in our yearbook. If you are interested in advertising your business, and haven't been contacted, please contact Mrs. Godard at 436-2354, or [sgodard@prsdmb.ca](mailto:sgodard@prsdmb.ca). We thank you for your support!

**What is the Day of Pink?**

**April 10, 2019** marks the International Day of Pink. It is a day where communities across the country, and across the world, can unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia, transmisogyny, and all forms of bullying.

The International Day of Pink was started in Nova Scotia when 2 straight high school students saw a gay student wearing a pink shirt being bullied. The 2 students intervened, but wanted to do more to prevent homophobic & transphobic bullying. They decided to purchase pink shirts, and a few days later got everyone at school to arrive wearing pink, standing in solidarity. The result was that an entire school took a stand and began working together to prevent homophobic & transphobic bullying.

**The message was clear: anyone can bully, anyone can be victimized by bullying, but together we can stop it.**



On April 10<sup>th</sup> it will be the International Day of Pink. Our school has been working very hard on trying to plan an awareness day to educate students about what it is and why we need to eliminate bullying. On this day all students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink shirt to support those who were bullied. Actions have impacts – Be someone's hero and speak up when you see bullying happening. Participate in Pink Day on April 10<sup>th</sup>!

Submitted by Ty Janzen, UNESCO team member

**MYRCA Book Club**

Mrs Carlson and Mrs Wolf would like to thank all the Grade 4-7 MYRCA kids in our book club this year. You were a blast to hang out with. We will let you know who there winners are once they are announced!

# Junior Gardener Club



Join us as we explore the wonderful world of Gardening!

\$5 to Register.

You provide the imagination, enthusiasm and the space:

big or small, in the ground or in buckets.

Club provides all the plants required for your level, 3 meetings and your very own Coach to assist you to enter

your results in the Carman Garden Show in August.

Meetings include:

- \*a hands on activity
- \* a demonstration on a Garden related topic
- \*a snack

## LOADS of DIRT AND PILES of SMILES

**This year's theme is BEES**



Tentative Dates: 6PM-7PM

May 9: Plant Pick Up and DIY Greenhouse

June 11: Bee Demonstration and Build a Bee House

July 16: Garden Show Prep & Garden Tour

Aug 8: Flower Show

Registration cost \$5. Ages 5-12 Welcome

Sign up at the Carman CO-OP

3:30-5pm April 10

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER April 16**

OR contact Charlene Veenendaal

norm\_char@hotmail.ca

Join us as we explore the wonderful world of gardening!



# Elm Creek After School Art Program

Instruction By: Brenda Martin



Elm Creek School Art Room

Thursdays @ 4 – 5:15

Ages 8-13

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cost: \$45

Contact the Golden Prairie Arts Council  
To register for the program

[gpaccarman@gmail.com](mailto:gpaccarman@gmail.com)

204-745-6568

\*All supplies are included

