

ELM CREEK SCHOOL HOME OF THE COBRAS



OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Canteen Menu

Mon. October 7 – Chicken Quesadillas \$3.50
Tues. October 8 – Grilled Cheese \$3.00
Wed. October 9 – Croissant \$3.00
Thurs. October 10 – Taco in a Bag \$4.25
Fri. October 11 – Pizza Buns (2) \$4.00
Tues. October 15 – Pancakes 1/\$1.50
Wed. October 16 – Croissant \$3.00
Thurs. October 17 – Chicken Burger \$4.00
Fri. October 18 – Spaghetti & Meat Sauce \$ 4.50
Mon. October 21 – Cheese Burger \$4.00
Tues. October 22 – Croissant \$3.00
Wed. October 23 – Mac & Cheese \$3.75
Thurs. October 24 – Pizza Rollup (2) \$4.00
Mon. October 28 – (2) Chicken Fingers & Veggies \$4.00
Tues. October 29 – Croissant - \$3.00
Wed. October 30 – Hot Dog \$1.75
Thurs. October 31 – Mexican Lasagna \$4.00



EARLY DISMISSAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

DISMISSAL TIME: 12:00PM



Our Elm Creek School (ECS) Kindergarten to Grade 8 teaching team appreciated the cooperation and assistance from the parents and guardians of our K-8 students during our recent **Strong Beginnings** student assessment conferences this past September 26th and 27th! Our teachers believe that Strong Beginnings provides them with important data and insights into how the students in their respective classrooms learn. This information will help teachers to make more informed decisions on student programming and resources as the school year progresses.

Our annual **Terry Fox Walk/Run**, held on September 24th, raised a considerable amount of money in support of cancer research. Thank you to all of our students, their families, school staff, and community members for their support and for continuing Terry's dream to one day eradicate cancer. Please see the dedicated write up on the Terry Fox Walk/Run further into this newsletter. Thanks to the following school staff for organizing this year's Terry Fox event: **Mrs. Leslie Howard, Mrs. Erin Pethybridge, and Mrs. Lisa Salazar.**

With October being the "season of thanksgiving", some of our Elm Creek School community members may wish to contribute towards our school's **Helping Hand Fund**. This fund, available through the generous

monetary donations made by members of our school community, and various local businesses and organizations, is available to our ECS students and their families who may need financial support to help cover particular costs associated with school sports team registrations, school outings and school supplies. Anyone requiring the support of our Helping Hand Fund is asked to contact the school office to make their request. All requests will be kept in strict confidence. Any families, businesses or organizations interested in making a monetary donation towards our Helping Hand Fund is encouraged to do so by contacting Elm Creek School. Donations of \$25.00 or more towards the fund are eligible for a tax receipt. A grateful thank you goes out to one of our school families for their recent generous donation of \$200 towards this fund!

A reminder to our students and their families that our annual **Open House** takes place on **Tuesday, October 8th, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm!** Please see the Open House



notice further into this newsletter outlining the activities taking place. We hope to see many of our students, along with their parents/guardians and family members at this event!

In school sports news, the **volleyball season** is well underway. Best wishes to all of our **student athletes** who are participating and representing the **Elm Creek School Cobras!** Thank you to the following coaches for all of their time and efforts in guiding and mentoring these student athletes:

- **Mrs. Jackie de Vries - Grade 7 & 8 Boys**
- **Mr. Noel Hudson & Mrs. Kaija Schroeder - Grade 7 & 8 Girls**
- **Mrs. Val Esau - Junior Varsity Boys**
- **Mrs. Gloria Froese - Senior Girls**



Best wishes to everyone in our school community during this season of thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Day on Monday, October 14th!

Yours in being thankful,

Bill Yaworsky

“Be thankful for what you have. You’ll end up having more.” - Oprah Winfrey

Terry Fox Walk/Run 2019



On September 24, Elm Creek School once again came together to honour Terry Fox and support the Terry Fox Foundation.

The forecast was calling for rain all day, but despite this, Mother Nature smiled down on us and gave us warm, sunny weather. Many walked and some ran, but everyone had someone touched by cancer on their mind and in their heart. Our school has a long history of supporting the Terry Fox Foundation; finding a cure is our mission as well.

In total, Elm Creek School raised \$3563.50 for cancer research. We exceeded our goal of \$2500, so later this month, the staff will have a lip sync battle where the students can be the

judges! Our top fundraiser was Alexander Hartman, who raised \$360 on his own, and our top class was the Grade 5 class who raised \$936!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Terry Fox Walk/Run. Know that when a cure is found, that you all helped make it happen!

Leslie Howard, Erin Pethybridge & Lisa Salazar (Organizers)

Take Our Kids to Work Day

On Wednesday, November 6th, 2019, Grade 9 will spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host. It is an opportunity for students to explore career options and navigate their interests in a fun and engaging way.

Val Esau,
Career Counsellor

Grades 4 to 9 MYRCA Book Club

The Manitoba Young Readers Choice Awards (MYRCA) Committee asked the ECS book MYRCA club to host the the 2019 awards on Monday,



September 30 at the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre. In attendance were 500 teachers and students from across Manitoba. The students not only hosted, but were able to meet one of the award winners, Mr Allan Stratton. The kids did an excellent job and had a lot of fun!

Lisa Carlson,
MYRCA leader

Recycle Used

Automotive Batteries



Elm Creek GRAD COMMITTEE needs your help!

If you have any old: car, lawn mower, tractor, or any automotive batteries in your garage or shed, please contact any Grade 12 student at Elm Creek School for a pick-up. It's a great way for everyone to support a great environmental cause, and will in turn, assist us in hosting a Safe Grad Evening for everyone!

Wellness Day for High School Students



“Health is a state of body. Wellness is a state of being” (J. Stanford). On October 30, the grades 7 to 12 students will be participating in a Wellness Day. The first two classes of the day will run as usual, with the committee offering a variety of options for students to choose from in the afternoon. These options include speakers on: mental health, safety, physical fitness, and precautionary advice about vaping. Our keynote speaker for the day is Winnipeg author, David Robertson. He is an author of many young adult books and graphic novels. He will be sharing with the K to 12 students about Truth and Reconciliation.

Lisa Carlson

Lord's Prayer Opt-in

The division office has given Elm Creek School the green light to proceed with giving students the option to say the Lord's Prayer at 8:47, prior to the school day official start at 8:53. If you wish for your child to be a part of reciting the Lord's Prayer, and had not signed the petition, please send a note to your child's teacher to indicate your wishes. Thank you!

Extra-Curricular Committees

Just a reminder to check out displays put on by our UNESCO, Student Council and Yearbook committees. They will be highlighting recent initiatives as well as selling various items, such as reusable straws and cleaning brushes, SPC savings cards and yearbooks. You can also drop food items off for Drive Away Hunger - a partner project between 4-H and UNESCO. We thank you for your support!

Helping Hand Fund

Elm Creek School would like to remind everyone about the ***Helping Hand Fund!*** The fund, made possible through generous monetary donations by various community families and organizations, is available to ECS students and their families that require some added financial assistance to offset the cost of school outings, sports team registrations, school supplies and the like.

If you are in this situation and would like to request financial assistance, please contact the school to make your request.

Please be assured that all requests will remain confidential.

Any families or organizations interested in making a monetary donation towards the ***Helping Hand Fund*** is encouraged to do so by



Our Elm Creek Cobras sports teams, grade seven to twelve, now have their schedules, scores and other information on their own website. Check it out!

The link is

<https://www.hometeamsonline.com/ELMCREEKSCHOOL>. It can also be found by going onto the Elm Creek School's website (www.elmcreekschool.ca) and under Extra Curricular/Sports.

contacting ECS directly. Any donations of \$25.00 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.

Student Council News

In student council we are currently planning for an open house, spirit weeks of October and ideas for the Christmas banquet in



December. The student council is also selling SPC cards and yearbooks and are planning to hand out phone books around town.

Remembrance Day Service

Thursday, Nov 7 at 10:30 am in the gym. All are welcome.



REC HOCKEY IN CARMAN

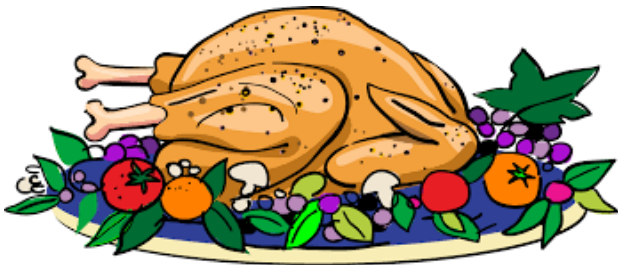
Looking for grades K-10 students interested in playing rec hockey on Saturday Mornings in Carman.

Open to those not registered in Minor Hockey; we welcome all skill levels.

Email us to receive registration papers

carmanrechokey@gmail.com

More information will follow once registration is received



Elm Creek Fall Supper

October 26th

4:30pm – 6:30pm

At the Elm Creek Community Hall

ELM CREEK SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE TUES., OCTOBER 8TH

5:00- 7:00 PM

- ♣ Volleyball Game – Sr. Girls Team
 - ♣ Gr. 7&8 Band Instrument Selection Time
 - ♣ Gr. 1 Reading Presentation
 - ♣ Yearbooks for sale!
 - ♣ UNESCO Display – How can we reduce our waste?
 - ♣ STRIVE & Volleyball Academy displays
 - ♣ Free Hot dogs & drinks available! (Donations accepted towards our new band program.)
- &
So much more!!

We look forward to seeing you here!

Yearbook News

We still have quite a few yearbooks for sale for anyone who missed out on ordering last year. We will be selling books at Open House on Tuesday, and throughout the year. The cost is \$45 payable in cash or by cheque to "Elm Creek School Student Council".



We haven't started a yearbook committee yet because this isn't an official "Yearbook year", but we may start something up in the second semester, for students interested in photography and scrapbooking. Look for announcements about this later in the year.

Mrs. Godard
Yearbook Advisor

UNESCO - Waste Reduction

Elm Creek School is trying to reduce waste, and this is how you could help. Instead of using plastic straws, you could use the metal straws the school will be selling for \$1.50 each. We will also be selling cleaning brushes for 50 cents. Instead of using plastic bags all the time you could help by using more reusable containers. You could also start recycling to help the earth. We are trying to slowly limit the waste coming from the canteen. The kind of waste we are trying to limit is plastic straws, plastic wrap and plastic cutlery. So if you could join us in saving our earth and the wildlife from all the waste, that would be so helpful.

Larysa Scharien

UNESCO Committee