



Peace begins
with me

Monthly Report

Upcoming Book Fair

We have a book fair coming up this month. It may be a great time to pick up a few gifts for Christmas. The dates are:

Wednesday, November 29th student viewing only

Thursday, November 30th 8:30-11:30am; 5:00-7:00pm

Friday, December 1st: 8:00am-10:00am

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**We are a peanut/ nut
& scent sensitive
facility.**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Again this winter season, CCRSB schools and offices will be participating in an early dismissal practice. Days when the forecast predicts developing winter weather conditions (blowing snow, icy roads, freezing rain, etc.) late in the day, CCRSB may consider announcing an early dismissal for schools. Just like morning cancelations, the early dismissal will be based on predicted weather conditions for certain geographical areas (Pictou, Colchester, Cumberland and East Hants). Individual schools will not be dismissed early, only groups of schools, by geographical area. The early dismissal pilot has two goals:

1) To reduce the number of instructional (learning) days lost to a full day cancelation due to the weather, while keeping the health and safety of students and staff our top priority. 2) To assist parents and guardians in their planning for days when the forecasted weather is poor. How will it work? • Early dismissal will be one or two hours before the usual school day end. The end of the day simply rolls back an hour or two depending on the early dismissal decision. • How will students, parents and guardians know about the early dismissal? • The early dismissal decision will be announced on the school board website (ccrsb.ca), Twitter and Facebook by 6:30 am. • The "All Schools OPEN" button on the CCRSB website will turn orange, and will read "Early Dismissal". Click on the button to get information about the early dismissal decision, including where it will be happening. • The early dismissal decision will be sent to all local media, to be carried on the radio

and on news websites. • Schools will announce the early dismissal on their own websites, and via their social media channels. • Some schools may also choose to send an "Alert" email or text message to parents and guardians, announcing the early dismissal.

2) **Specific Dismissal Time for Elmsdale on Early Dismissal Days are:** *If our school is dismissed one hour early, students will leave at 1:00 pm. On the one hour early dismissal days, **our students will have their lunch.***

However, on a two hour early dismissal day, our students will leave at 12:00 noon and no lunch will be served.

During inclement weather, when buses travel on paved roads only, this applies to morning and afternoon, even if conditions improve; once called that is the decision for the day. Those students (living on dirt roads) transported to school by private conveyance (parents) must be picked up by private conveyance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 28-Reports go home

Nov. 30-Parent-Teacher 5-7:30pm

Dec. 1-Parent-Teacher (8-10:00am) & Inservice (No School for Students)

Dec. 5-Grandparent Concert @9:00am & Evening Concert @ 6:30pm (STORM DATE on 6th)

Dec. 8-2nd Spirit Day (Crazy Hat/Hair Day) & Foodbank Donation

Dec. 13-Christmas Dinner

Dec. 15-3rd Spirit Day (PJ Day) & Foodbank Donation

Dec. 19-Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 21-Last Day of School Before the Holidays

Jan. 3-Students Return

Jan. 15-Drop in Primary Registration

Jan. 16-Early French Immersion Information Night

Jan. 19-Tentative Winter Carnival

Feb. 16-Tentative Grade 5 Cross Country Skiing

Feb. 19-Heritage Day-NO SCHOOL

Mar. 9-Skating Day

Mar. 12-16-March Break

Mar. 23-Assessment & Evaluation Day-NO SCHOOL for Students

Mar. 28-Read-a-Thon Pledge Sheets go Home

Mar. 30-Good Friday-NO SCHOOL

Apr. 2-Easter Monday-NO SCHOOL

Primary Registration for 2018-2019

Drop in primary registration for the next school year is scheduled for **January 15th here at our school. (9:00am-6:00pm)**. If you know of anyone with a child who will be 5 on or before December 31, 2018, please encourage them to call the school or come and register on this day. Parents/guardians must have proof of residency (a document or bill with your name and address on it) as well as a valid birth certificate for your child when registering. If you don't have a birth certificate for your child, you can apply in person at Access Nova Scotia or you can apply on-line at: <https://novascotia.ca/sns/access/vitalstats/birth-registration.asp>

If this is a storm day, it will be held the following Monday, January 22nd from 9:00am-6:00pm.

Early French Immersion Information Evening

If you are thinking about enrolling your primary aged child in Elmsdale District's Early French Immersion program for the 2018-2019 school year, this information session is for you. Come out and find out what it is all about and have your questions answered. It begins at **6:00pm on Tuesday, January 16th** in the music room. If the 16th is a storm day, it is rescheduled for the next day, Wednesday, January 17th.

I AM LOST & NOT YET FOUND

Please check out the **Lost & Found**. Any clothing not claimed before the holidays is donated to charity. Any clothing item turned in that has a student's name is delivered to the owner. Please put your child's name on their clothing; a ball point pen on a label lasts for many, many washes.

Your Helpfulness is Needed in Uninterrupted Instructional Time

Uninterrupted instructional time has a positive impact on academic learning. As a school we work at creating as much uninterrupted time as possible. As a family there are opportunities for you to help us be successful in this endeavor. The greatest thing you can do to assist with uninterrupted learning time is to have your child arrive on time and to arrive prepared for the school day (materials with them and homework completed). When a student arrives after instruction has started, it is disruptive for the class and puts the late student at a disadvantage. **Students should arrive no later than 7:55am in order to get settled in classrooms and begin on time. School begins at 8:00 am.**

What's Happening

Elmsdale District has a team of students involved in creating an online newspaper called **The Scoop**. They have published their first volume; please check it out:

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/thescoopvol1/home>

Elmsdale District has opened up a **Zones Room**. It supports self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relational skills, and responsible decision making. The **MindUp** curriculum is one teaching tool used in this room.

The **Battle of the Books** try-outs for students in grades 3-5 are happening at Elmsdale District once again! A team will be chosen in December.

ABSENTEEISM CALLS AND LETTERS! Heads up Alert: Elmsdale has begun tracking lates and absenteeism as per provincial policy. Please expect communication if your child has a pattern of being late and/ or absent.

Lest We Forget

We thank our school choir and grade 5 students for doing a beautiful job at our school based Remembrance Day assembly. We also honour them for the amazing job they did with East Hants Community Chorale in their performance as guests during a concert of remembrance, Lest we Forget.

We also thank the Elmsdale Legion for providing our students with the opportunity to participate in the Legion Poster and Literary Competition.

Congratulations to our Award Winners!

Primary Category (Grades P-3)

<u>Colour Poster</u>	First	Lucas S.	<u>Poetry</u>	
	Second	Abigail H.	First	Evan I.
	Third	Brooke S.	Second	Dawson N.
<u>Black & White Poster</u>	First	Anna J.	Third	Lily G.
	Second	Lily M.	<u>Essay</u>	
	Third	Abby F.	First	Kelsey B.
			Second	Mia S.

Junior Category (Grades 4-6)

<u>Colour Poster</u>	First	Gillian F.
	Second	Victoria M.
	Third	Joanne L.
<u>Black & White Poster</u>	First	Kayley B.
	Second	Zoe A.
	Third	Jessy P.