# November

Spotlight on Elizabeth School



#### **Message from Principal**

Winter is officially here - time to get outdoors and build those snowmen, go sledding and drink an abundance of hot chocolate!

The month of November held many important dates. Teachers prepared an Open House Remembrance Day presentation, which allowed everyone to recognize the many men and women that served our country. The school also held a Metis Proclamation Day Celebration which honored Metis Peoples history, culture, traditions, and overall greatness! Additionally, in recognition of National Native American Heritage Month, Elizabeth School staff and students enjoyed 'Rocking Their Mocs'. Look at our Elizabeth School Facebook for monthly details or inquire with your child's teacher to see what is around the corner!

Attendance and punctuality continues to improve at Elizabeth School. Please note that letters will be sent to parents for accumulated lates and absences. It is critical that students are in class on time and attend school regularly, with the exception of illness. Please keep in close contact with your child's teacher to ensure your child has a successful academic year!

Elizabeth School pupils completed OUR School Surveys this month. Students and staff continue to make strides with literacy and numeracy –gaining momentum in new learning and working on gaps in learning from previous years.

Elizabeth School staff look forward to the Christmas season and some engaging events for the month of December. My door is always open; please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to chat!

Tegan Vacheresse Principal





#### **School Year Holidays**

Dec 24, 2022 - Jan 08, 2023 Christmas Break

February 13 - 17, 2023 Reading Week

Apr 3- Apr 10, 2023 Spring Break

May 22, 2023 Victoria Day

June 21, 2021 Indigenous Peoples Day





#### **Important Dates in December**

December 02 - Attendance Assembly @ 2:15pm ZOOM

December 09 - Professional Development Day - No School

December 22 - Christmas Pajamas and Christmas Activity Day

December 23 - Spirit Day - Red & Green/Christmas Clothing

#### **Christmas Break**

December 24th - January 08th

# Around Elizabeth School

# Monthly Theme: Wolf / Humility



The Wolf represents humility because of its giving nature and devotion to protecting and working for the good of the Wolf family and the welfare of the pack. Wolves mate for life and are generous and loving parents, setting and example of what our communities and family systems should be.





# Christmas Dates

**December 16** - Christmas Store Opens

**December 21** - Christmas Concert @ 6:00pm

December 23 -Christmas Dinner @ 12:00 & Early Dismissal @ 1:00pm Professional
Development
No School For
Students

December 09 January 30 March 10 March 20 May 19

#### **Volleyball Club**

Occurs every Tuesday for grades 5, 6, 7, 8!.

#### Fiddle Lessons

Occur every Wednesday for all grades.
Thank you to the Elizabeth Metis
Council for funding this great cultural
opportunity



Intramurals (3:00-3:45)

Monday: K-4

Wednesdays: 5-8

### Metis Settlement Proclamation Celebration

On Wednesday, November 02 students took part in many different activities for our annual Metis Proclamation Day Celebration! What a fun day everyone had!!



















# Remembrance Day Assembly





























### Metis Week @ Elizabeth School

























# Louis Riel Day









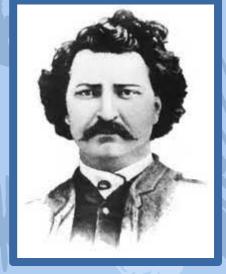




















# Rock Your Mocs



Elizabeth School Rocked Their Moccasins s on November 18th November is National Native American Heritage Month











# Winter Day Camp Grade 1/2



















# Winter Day Camp Grade 3/4

























# Winter Day Camp Grade 5/6

































# Winter Day Camp Grade 7/8























#### Thank You

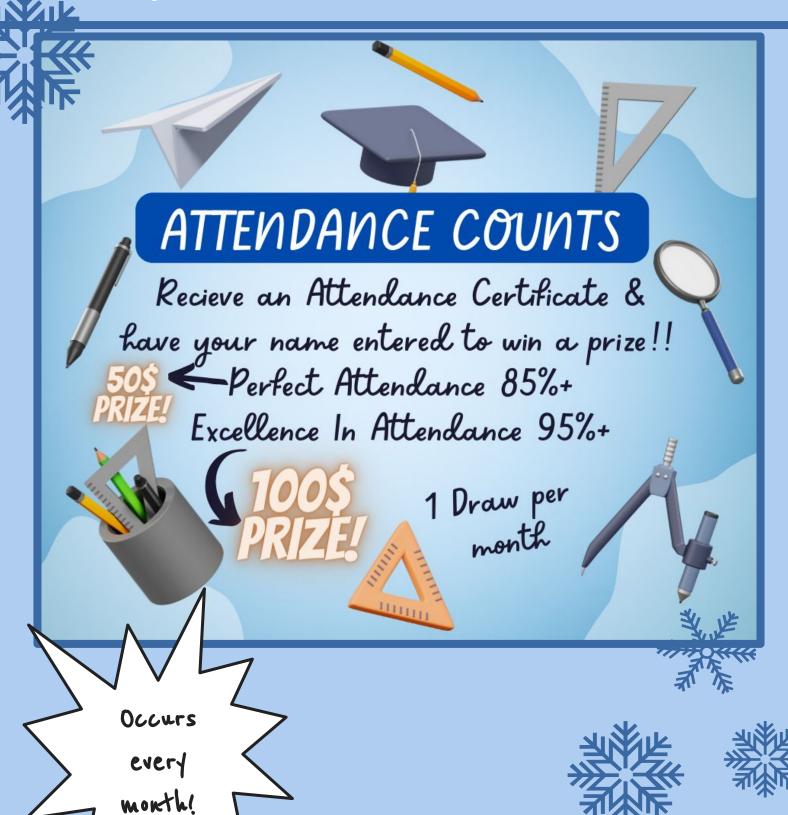
Elizabeth School would like to send a BIG thank you to the following people who made this camp possible!

**Travis Cardinal** Val Lagimodiere Shannon Soloway **Brittany MacDonald** Tammy Desjarlais **Evelyn Gamache** Denis Gamache **Allan Wells** Leona Marquis **Anne Turbide** 

Elizabeth School would like to thank CNRL for their generous donation towards our Land Based Learning program!



# Attendance Counts



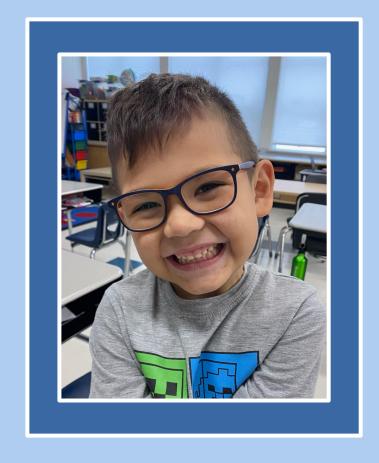
# october Attendance

85%+

# Winners

95%+





Perfect Attendance 85%+



Excellence in Attendance 95%+



# congratulations

Perfect Attendance = 85%

Grade 7
Leonidas Cardinal-Janvier

**Legion Marchuk** 

Grade 8
Joy Shirt
Max Sagan

Grade 1/2
Nazareth Collins-Jacknife

Grade 3/4
Lily Jacknife
Tasha BlackKettle

Excellent Attendance = 95%





**ECS**Lincoln Courtepatte

Grade 3/4
Priya Sagan
Kyomi Waskewitch

Grade 5
Zander Collins -LaPratt

**Grade 6** Starla Cardinal-Janvier Lawrence Desjarlais Wyomi Nolan

Grade 7
Johnathan McDonald



# Around Elizabeth School

#### **Fiddle Lessons**

A big thank you to Deanna Dolstra for teaching fiddle to the students at Elizabeth School for the entire year!

And another big thank you to the Elizabeth Metis Council for funding this learning opportunity!!!



















#### ECS

The ECS/Kindergarten opened our classroom to a special student-teacher Mrs. Rhianon. She taught us lots of new things, made a few different alphabet letter crafts, and learned alongside her. Thank you for all the help and support you were able to provide to our classroom this last month and a half. Continue to practice letter recognition and

sounds for <u>L, F, P, H, E, M, T, X, S,</u> R, O, A



# Grade 1/2



The students had fun participating in a 5 senses activity. They had to guess what was in the cup just by the smell.

November was a great month in grade 1/2! The class continues to participate in a variety of rich literacy experiences to improve their literacy skills. In science, we are busy learning about the 5 senses. So far, students have explored our sense of smell and hearing and how our senses help us interpret the world around us. The students enjoyed participating in a blind smell test. Some of the smells were pleasant and some were not! We enjoyed another fun outdoor learning experience in November. Students had a fun afternoon of snowshoeing, s'mores and hot chocolate! The students began fiddle lessons in November and look forward to attending each week. Looking forward to a great December!

# Grade 3/4







Happy Winter!



This month in math grade 3 students continued learning about place value, and have begun addition and subtraction. The grade 4 students have dived into multiplication! In English, students are working on "The First Hunt Story" where they are writing from the point of view of a wolf catching his prey. Students have enjoyed the outdoors on the kick sleds, exploring in the Makerspace room and playing soccer games in the gym. I can't wait to see where December takes us!

## Grade 5

In Grade 5 we have been working on rounding and using different strategies to multiply in Math. In Science we have been studying the wind and precipitation. The students loved making Borax snowflakes. In Health we have been working on perseverance and how to make a budget. In gym class we are learning the skills of volleyball.





# Grade 6



November has been another busy and exciting month in Grade 6! We started the month reading two storybooks about War. We read A Bear in War and The Road to Afghanistan. We did lots of discussing and comparing about what life was like during WWI and how the different war was back then compared to now. We have enjoyed playing floor hockey in PE and creating beautiful mixed media Poppy Art. This month in social we have been comparing Representative Democracy with Direct Democracy and next month we start learning about where democracy originated: Ancient Athens!







# Grade 7





In the month of November, the grade 7s have been working on understanding plot elements for understanding stories and for developing creative writing. In social studies, they have been studying about colonization and imperialism in Canada. The students have been piecing together historical clues to create history and learning to recognize bias. Students have also created some beautiful art pieces over the last month.

# Grade 8



#### Hello!

This month the students in grade 8 have been working on a number of projects. They have built an Archimedes Screw used for transporting substances from one level to another. In keeping with our theme of the wolf, the grade 8 class created some vector portraits of wolves. I think they turned out great! Big kudos to the students who worked hard on their portraits!













# Native Language



Tansi Elizabeth School. This month has been a busy one for the Cree Program. We started iyikopiwi-pîsim (Frost Moon, or November) around the firepit celebrating Metis Settlements Proclamation Day. I invited Anne Turbide to come and have some fun with the kids. Although it was the first snowfall and it was super cold, the kids had a great time.

Our next adventure was preparing for kisisiwin kisikaw (Remembrance Day). Between our community and CLFN, we have 21 plus veterans or active men and women who stand with Canada's military. We paid homage to these individuals by creating a monument of falling poppies and placed their names around the monument. A few classes contributed to creating a wreath specifically for the Metis soldiers, the First Nations soldiers and one for all enlisted men and women. Thank you to all students! This remembrance of our heritage was a great success.

Lastly, Metis week was a blast! Metis week recognizes and celebrates the individuality and accomplishments of Metis people over history and gives recognition to Louis Riel and his execution for the rights and freedoms of our people. We had a few guests come in and talk to the kids about traditions of our past and ended the week with a dance party for each class. kininansomintin to Allan Wells for showing the kids the traditional uses of the Metis sash and how to make their own paper horse and rider. Also to Jeanette Jacknife and Kimberlyn Gawda for teaching the kids how to jig and bringing a snack of fried bannock and crushed chokecherries.

If you have any skills or cultural traditions that you would like to pass along to our young ones, please feel free to let me know. Having our community involved in our traditional teachings makes learning so much more engaging to our kids. Ekosi!!!









