



Mark your calendar!

Important Dates

- Feb 2: No School
- Feb 9: Report Cards Published
- Feb: 16: No School
- Feb 19: No School (Family Day)
- Feb 21: Last day to withdraw from classes
- Feb 29: Newsletter
- Feb 29: Last day to order school clothing

THE RETURN OF

ROCKARAMA

Calling all shining stars!!
Come support our 2024 grads and ESS student council! There will be a concession, silent auction, and 50/50.

THURSDAY
April 18th, 2024

SHOW STARTS
6:30pm!
Doors open 5:00pm

\$	2 & Under - Free	Adult - \$8
	Child (3-5) - \$4	Family - \$20
	Student (6-17) - \$6	

Elkford Secondary School Gymnasium

To register contact Nancy Buchan at nancy.buchan@sd5.bc.ca



No student should be absent from the school unless the parent has notified the school of this absence. This includes leaving at lunch. If a student is not going to return after lunch, parents should notify the school of this absence.

You can call the school at **250-865-4674**, use the **SchoolMessenger** app, or email the school at ess.mailing@sd5.bc.ca to report any absence.

Staff Spotlight

Hello Everyone!

My name is Katie Keast and I have been the School Counsellor at ESS and RMES for the past 5 years. I was born in Ottawa and went to University in Peterborough and Kingston Ontario. I have had many different jobs including teaching English in France, leading kids on canoe trips and working as a Forest Fire Fighter in Timmins Ontario. I moved to Fernie 8 years ago and did my Masters in Counselling Psychology. When I'm not at school I love skiing in the winter and hiking and camping in the summer. I truly love working in Elkford. Your kids are amazing. I hope to meet you all in person one day!



Hey ESS community!

Mr Roszell here! I've been teaching at ESS for 6 years ranging from social studies, IT, Math, and Sciences. I love teaching in Elkford and getting to know the wonderful students we have here.

I grew up in Ontario and started my teaching career at outdoor education centers. Then spent two years teaching science in Sweden before making my way to the Elk Valley.

When I'm not at school I like skiing in the winter and biking, camping, and hiking in the summer.

I'm grateful for another year at ESS and am excited to see the learning and growth in our students this semester!



ESS Celtics Senior Boys Volleyball Provincials 2023



The Elkford Secondary Senior Boys Volleyball Team represented the Kootenays in North Vancouver at the BC School Sports Provincial Volleyball Championship Nov 30th to Dec 2nd, 2023.

The team had an amazing showing kicking off the tournament placing second in pool play. Unfortunately, they lost the crossover game against the #3 ranked Credo Christian School from Langley sending them to the consolation side of the bracket. They continued to prove they deserved to be there with 2 more wins against 10th ranked Duncan Christian and 7th ranked Huston Christian before losing to 11th ranked Bulkley Valley Christian in a phenomenal 2 set 28-26, 29-27 battle having them finish the tournament with a 10th place overall placing and a most sportsman like team tournament nomination.

The team would like to once again thank all their supporters that helped get them to Provincials to represent the Kootenays and experience big city living for a few days.

CraneMax

Elkford Lions Club

E360s Environmental

Up the Valley Construction

Elkford Chevron

The District of Elkford

High Altitude Sports Apparel

Mountain View Massage

And THE COMMUNITY OF ELKFORD



With extreme gratitude the 2023 ESS Senior Boys Volleyball Team, Coach Darrin Cook, Nicholas Gagnon, Brendan Arthur, Brayden Smith, Declan Cook, Ayden Wells, Eddie Chamberlain, Nathan Newlove, Thorsten Haviland, and Ronan Cook

Follow us on Facebook at "ESS Athletics" for live streams, information and updates.

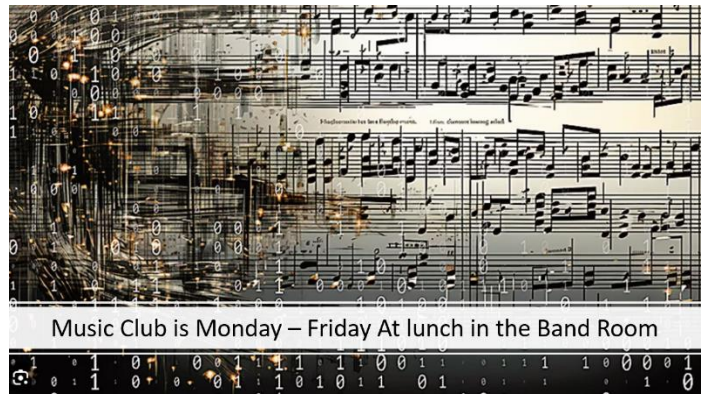


Basketball Practice

Monday and Wednesdays
 Bantam/Junior Girls 3:05-4:35
 Senior Boys 7:00-8:20

Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Junior Boys 3:05-4:35
 Bantam Boys 4:35-6:05

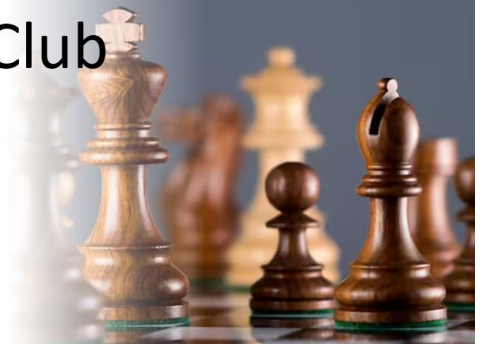
Thursdays at Lunch
 Senior Boys 11:40-12:20



Music Club is Monday – Friday At lunch in the Band Room

Chess Club

Thursdays at lunch in the Woods Shop




Magic: The Gathering Club Mondays @ lunch in rm. 116



RISE TO THE SUMMIT

'Celtic Character Award' celebrates the culture of ESS, while supporting students in developing the character it takes to be successful and happy individuals at school and in the world.

RESPECT - ha-í-kaxuma-tí-tí

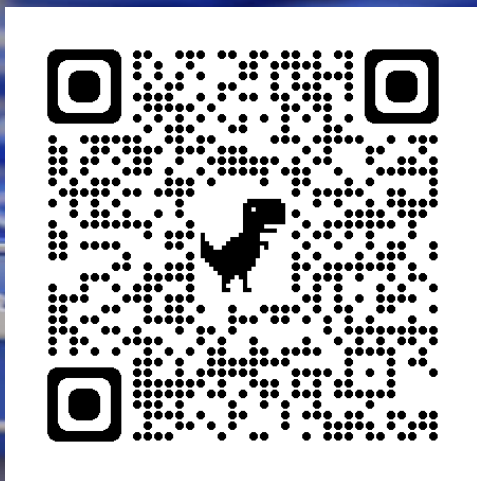
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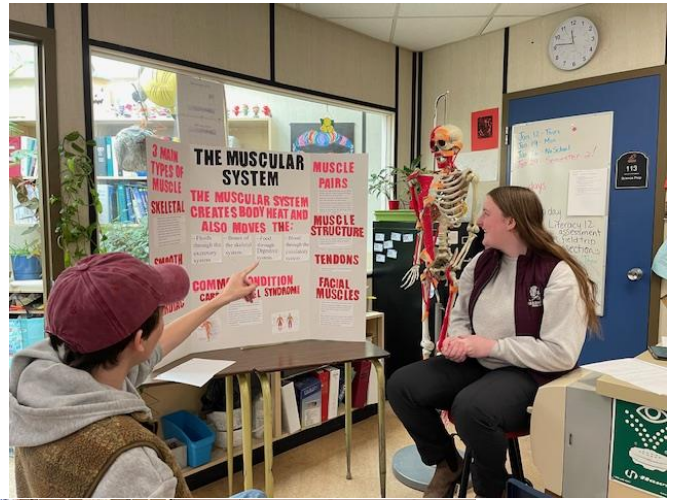
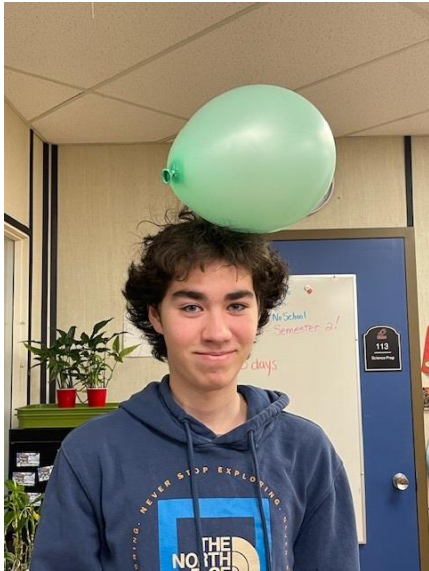
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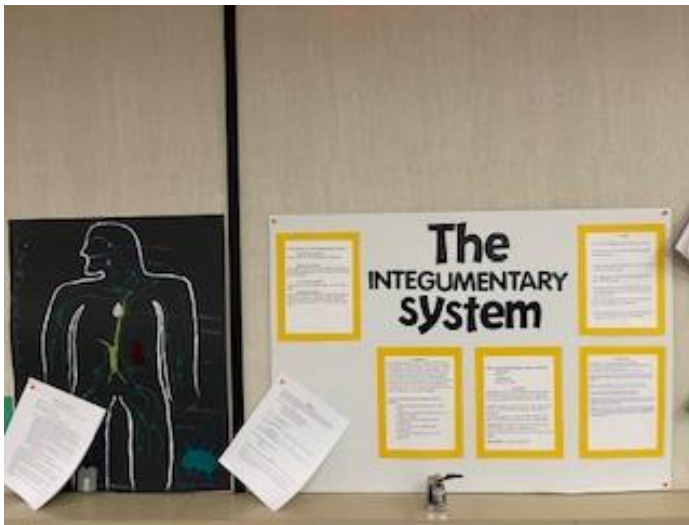


Check out our new Facebook page.

Science is cool and fun!

Grade nine students spent time checking out static electricity while grade twelve students taught about human body systems. Fetal pig dissections were the culminating highlight of the Anatomy class.





Senior French

A fun final week with an awesome group of students! We started the week by doing "tire sur la neige" a traditional Quebec treat which involves boiling maple syrup and putting it on snow.

For our final project we wrote children's books and then read them to Ms. Porter grade 5/6 students at the elementary school.

Then on the last day of the semester, we travelled to Calgary to experience an authentic French restaurant. The students ordered in French at Purlieu bistro, and all enjoyed some delicious French cuisine!



Winter in PE at Elkford Secondary School

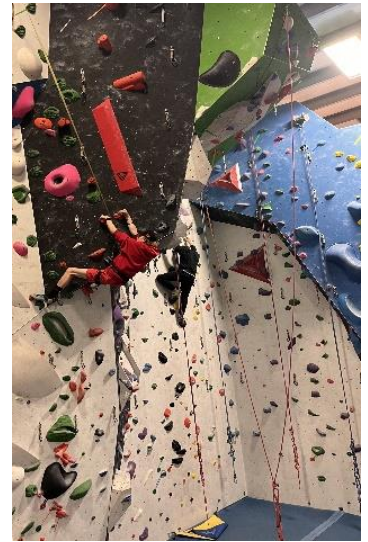
Rock-Climbing, World-Class Ski Resort, Cross-Country Skiing, Deadlifts, Boxing, Skating, Curling and Avalanche Training...LET'S GO!!

Place based learning is at the heart of the Physical Education program at Elkford Secondary School. This enriched program works to support the interests of students as well as exploring and introducing students to new local active living activity opportunities within their community's landscape. The goal is to not just have students be active within the "classroom" (gymnasium), but also to learn how to be active within their community.

With these varied activities, adventures and experiences, students are able to test their grit, resilience, decision making and courage; as well as develop their physical strength and knowledge of local healthy living activities. Students are creating confidence in themselves, knowledge, and an ability to try new and difficult things. This focus of place-based learning, moving outside the classroom and supporting the development of active healthy future citizens would not be possible without the gracious support of the Elkford community. This winter has seen an upswing of individuals hearing the call for support and stepping in. Kelsey Hills and Tony Heather saw that PE student were interested in boxing, they immediately purchased a whole new boxing set up, so students could learn about and experience the fitness of boxing. The PE 8 class was short a chaperone for an epic cross country ski adventure, and two wonderful humans (Colleen and Frank Trosso) heard the call and volunteered immediately to break trail and support the students in the back of the pack (these two went far and beyond expectations). Financial support from The United Steel Workers, Lions Club, Sparwood Elk Valley Thrift Shop, Bears Paw Contracting, ESS PAC have all graciously helped the program grow and allow PE students these opportunities to be as inclusive and low cost/no cost as possible. Stepping outside of the immediate community, Fernie Alpine Resort, and Arq Climbing gym (Cranbrook) have both wildly reduced costs so students can try these lifelong recreational pursuits. Avalanche Canada even sent an instructor out to Elkford and introduced avalanche safety in the back country, for all PE students at no cost. This diverse support that students are receiving from this amazing community, is allowing this PE program to grow and support students in an array of ways.

It has been an absolute pleasure to see students grow in strength and confidence as well as try activities they would not have otherwise consider until they had tried them. It has been heart warming to see and feel the support from the Elkford community in the enrichment of learning and experiences for their local students and future healthy Canadian citizens.

Great hustle everyone and thank you, Mr. Gulyas.



School Clothing Orders

Available through school cash online. Orders due Feb 29, 2024



Next Level 3600 T-Shirt
HEAVY METAL
Screen Print Full Front
*Adult XS- XXXL



Next Level 3600 T-Shirt
BLACK
Screen Print Full Front
*Adult XS- XXXL



Next Level 3600 T-Shirt
RED
Screen Print Full Front
*Adult XS- XXXL



ATC S350LS Long Sleeve Tee
BLACK
Screen Print Full Front
*Adult XS- XXXL



IND S54500
BLACK
Screen Print Full Front
*Adult S- XXXL



ATC F2005
CHARCOAL HEATHER
Screen Print Full Front
*Adult XS- XL



ATC 2800 Sweatpants
BLACK
Screen Print 3 Colour
*Adult S-2XL



ATC S355 Shorts
BLACK
Screen Print 3 Colour
*Adult S-2XL



Dad Cap 6245CM
BLACK
Direct to Film
*Adult Adjustable



Retro Trucker 6606
BLACK
With Patch
*Adult Adjustable



SP12
HEATHER GREY
With Patch
*One Size Fits Most

MyEd Family Portal

Report cards are coming soon. Now is a good time to familiarize yourself with the MyEd Family Portal. Since last year our school has done report cards electronically. Thus, cutting our paper waste and reducing the number of students that lose them on the way home. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact us at the office 250-865-4674.

Click here for [Family Portal Information](#). Also check out the quick notes below.

Initial Log In



We recommend to use a **Laptop** or **Desktop Computer** to initialize your account.

Pop Ups should be **enabled** for some features of the site to work properly.

Login to MYEDBC: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>

Family Portal Login ID: **sd5-firstinitiallastname** (all lower case)

1. Enter your **Login ID**
2. Enter your **Password** (Case Sensitive)
3. Click **Log On**

Password Requirements

- Minimum length is 8
- At least one number
- At least one capital and lowercase letter
- At least one symbol that isn't a letter or number
- Can't contain 'password', login name, first name, last name, date of birth, personal id, letters or numbers

1. **Current Password** – enter the temporary password
2. **New Password** – enter the new user created password
3. **Confirm New Password** – enter the new user created password a second time

Passwords are good for 90 days to protect your child's data and you will be prompted to change your password.

Passwords must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Minimum length is 8
- ✓ At least one **number**
- ✓ At least one **capital letter**
- ✓ At least one **lowercase letter**
- ✓ At least one **symbol** that isn't a letter or number
- ✓ Cannot contain login name, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id, or only sequential letters or numbers.

Security Preferences Update

To enable self serve password recovery, please provide the following information

1. Enter your **Primary Email address**. This email address will be used to receive a new password if you forget your password.
2. Choose a **Security Question**
3. Enter your **Security Answer** then confirm your security answer. (Case Sensitive)
4. Click **Submit**

This will allow you to use the '**I forgot my password**' function on the logon page, should you need to reset your password.

Payments

Making payments to the school has never been easier with SchoolCashOnline. Of course, you can still pay the old fashion way at the office with Check or Cash. Please see the directions below, to pay any outstanding school fees.



The banner features a blue and white geometric pattern in the background. At the top, the text 'Welcome to SchoolCashOnline' is centered, with 'SchoolCashOnline' in a larger, bold font. Below this, the tagline 'Fast. Safe. Convenient.' is displayed. On the left, a smartphone graphic shows a blue screen with a white shield icon containing a checkmark. Text on the phone screen reads: 'School Cash Online is designed with financial security at its core. Parents can rest assured knowing that their payments are securely processed.' To the right of the phone, the section 'What is School Cash Online?' is followed by a paragraph and a bulleted list of four benefits. Below that, the 'How to Register' section provides a paragraph of instructions and a three-step numbered list. At the bottom left, the 'Accepted Payment Methods' section lists VISA, MasterCard, and eCheck with their respective logos.

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What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online allows parents to easily make online payments for the school fees available to their children.

- ✓ Pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever.
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more
- ✓ Say hello to smart online forms, and goodbye to cumbersome paper based forms for data submissions

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 Create Your Profile:**
Go to <https://sd5.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Register".
- 2 Confirm Your Email:**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Accepted Payment Methods

VISA MasterCard eCheck

SchoolMessenger / SafeArrival

How to Report an Absence

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival

To report an absence to the school you may choose any of the following methods:

- call 1-833 566-1225
- Access the website
<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
- download App from Apple or Google Play

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. **Don't forget to wait for confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.**

How to sign up for SMS

School Messenger SMS

Our district utilizes the School Messenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can join by sending a text message of "Yes" or "Y" to **978338**.

Please make sure you are utilizing the cellular number that the school has on record. The cellular phone number for SMS must match the contact information on file.

For more information and detailed instructions visit our support page on the School District Website

<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/studentparent/SchoolMessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

