

# The Ravin' Raven

Elsie Fabian School Monthly Newsletter



## Principal's Message Tansi! Edlanet'e! Hello!

October has been a wonderful and exciting month at Elsie Fabian filled with Land-Based Learning trips to Gregoire Lake, Secret Path Week, Volleyball games, and Halloween, our students have been excited and engaged in their learning and the school community. As a new staff member at Elsie Fabian School, I have enjoyed the transition from high school to elementary. The students bring such joy to the school, and I am getting to know their unique and special personalities! Parent's and community members have been warm, welcoming and helpful. We are looking forward to starting Elsie Fabian's first ever Parent Council this month, and all parents are invited to attend. November will be a busy month, and we invite you all to join us for our Remembrance Day Ceremony and November Assembly.

Merci Cho, Hiy Hiy, Thank you,  
Sarah Hiscock

October

## MISSION

To promote and preserve our languages, history and culture. To continue to provide opportunities by advancing our education, economy and health of our people.

THIS  
month

## October Issue: What's Inside

Student Assembly  
Junior C&C Election  
Junior High Girls Volleyball  
Welcome New Staff  
Land Based - Gregoire Trip  
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# October STUDENT SUCCESS ASSEMBLY

## FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The purpose of our Student Success Assemblies is to foster a feeling of community within our school. Each month will focus on one of the seven Grandfather teachings. Assemblies will be student led by a different class each month.

### Grandfather Teacher Theme for the Month: Courage and Reflection

This month, our Grandfather Teacher theme centers on Courage and the history of Residential Schools. Through activities and discussions, students will learn about courage in overcoming challenges, the resilience of Indigenous Peoples, and the importance of understanding history. We're also launching our monthly class awards!

Each month, the following recognitions will be awarded:

- **Sneaky Slipper Award** for the quietest, most diligent class.
- **Golden Garbage Can Award** for the cleanest classroom, presented by our hardworking custodial staff.
- **Wellness Basket Award** for the class practicing healthy life choices.





# STUDENT SUCCESS AWARDS BY CLASS

	Student of the Month	Perfect Attendance	Most Improved
K5 Ms. Gem	William Courteoreille	Emberly Kayley Avah Rylan	Avah
Grade 1 Ms. Bev	Junior Spencer	Kailynn Montaevyn Junior	
Grade 2 Mrs. Beardy	Theron	Samuel Nico Eden	Kylie
Grade 3 Mrs. Grey	Hunter Stanley		
Grade 4 Ms. H	Creedon Gladue	Montrey Faichney Honor L'Hommecourt Eulalie Yellowknee Samuel Quinn	Be proud of your self
Grade 5 Ms. McDonald	Perla Langdon	Aurora Boucher Kassadee Gladue Eliza Howe Liam Thompson	Jay Jay Mercredi-Orr
Grade 6 Ms. Giroux	Victoria Block		Rico McDonald
Grade 7 Mr. B	Kalilea Faichney	Callum Caribou Gracie Dyson Kalilea Faichney Hayden Faichney Matayah Grandjambe Scarlett McClure Maverick McDonald	Callum Caribou
Grade 8 Ms. Thompson	Summer Boucher		

## ATTENDANCE





# STUDENT SUCESS AWARDS BY CLASS

Grade 9 Ms. Lafferty	Keanna Wanderingspirit	Abigail McLure	Sadi Gladue
Cree	Div 1: Riel Quintal Div 2: Liam Thompson Div 3: Harley Gladue Div 1: Ryett		
Dene	Laurent Div 2: Dominic McIsaac Div 3: Abigail McLure		



GREAT JOB!



ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL

PRESENTS...

# JUNIOR CHIEF & COUNCIL ELECTIONS

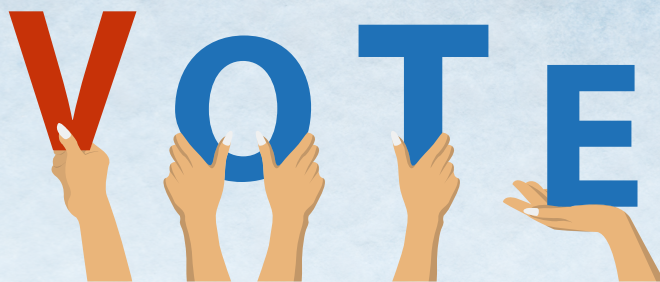
OCTOBER 1, 2024

## Exciting Start for Our Junior C&C!

We are thrilled to announce the results of the Junior Chief and Council (C&C) election that took place on October 1st! Our students demonstrated outstanding leadership as they campaigned for the positions of Chief, Vice Chief, and 6 Councilor positions. We couldn't be prouder of all who ran in this important election.

The newly elected Junior C&C will meet every Monday to share their ideas and plans, bringing fresh perspectives and fun initiatives to our school community. The FMFN Chief and Council also showed their support, sending an official congratulatory letter and inviting our young leaders to a special lunch at the band office.

Congratulations to our Junior C&C—we look forward to an exciting year ahead!





INTRODUCING  
ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL'S ELECTED  
**JUNIOR CHIEF & COUNCIL**

**CHIEF**



*Gracie Dyson*

**VICE CHIEF**



*Harley Gladue*

**COUNCILLORS**



*Layla Serafinchan*



*Creedon Gladue*



*Ayria Boucher*



*Perla Langdon*



*Liam Thompson*

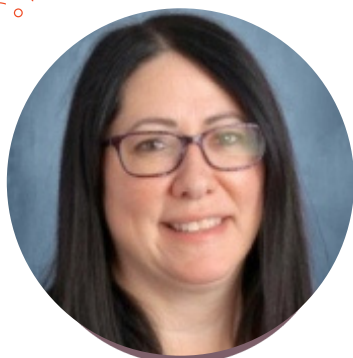


*Kenna Serafinchan*



# WHO'S NEW AT OUR SCHOOL

## WELCOME NEW EFS STAFF



Tina Reid  
Teaching Assistant Supervisor



Susan Laliberte  
Cree Language Teacher



Samuel Asio  
Cook Assistant

### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS



Naia Santos



Susan Wallace



Novelyn Masegman



Cassandra Marcel



# LAND BASED CLASS GOES TO GREGOIRE LAKE!

## EFS Students enjoy a week on the land at Gregoire Lake!

From October 8-10th, all divisions of Elsie Fabian School took part in a memorable week on the land at Gregoire Lake, led by our land-based instructors, Brittany and Ashton. Students engaged in hands-on activities, including birch bark and chaga harvesting, fishing, and outdoor cooking. Each day was filled with learning and connecting with traditional practices, making it a meaningful experience for everyone involved. Thank you to Brittany and Ashton for sharing your knowledge and guiding us in these important cultural traditions! And a big thank you to our Teachers, E.A's and parent volunteers for helping throughout the week.

Land-Based learning is now being delivered daily to all students at Elsie Fabian School. The land based program is giving students the opportunity to learn how to live off the land such as survival skills and traditional ways of knowing.

Land-based learning also creates opportunities for students to build effective relationships with each other and the community as well as learn and practice our culture and Cree & Dene language.





# LEARNING OUR CREE & DENE LANGUAGE TOGETHER!

## Tansi! Edlanet'e! Dene & Cree Words of the Month OCTOBER

At Elsie Fabian School, we're dedicated to fostering a learning environment where students connect deeply with both Dene and Cree language. Each month, we introduce new words in Dene and Cree to help students build a strong foundation in these languages, and we encourage you to practice these words together at home as a family.

Take a few moments to practice these words with your children. It's a wonderful way to honor our traditions and foster respect for language and culture, both inside and outside of school.



### HERE ARE THIS MONTH'S WORDS:



'IT IS COLD OUTSIDE'

DENE: EDZA

CREE: TAH-KA-YAW

BEAVER

DENE: TSÁ

CREE: AMISK



HALLOWEEN

CREE: CIPAYIKISIKAW (CHE PI KE SI COW)

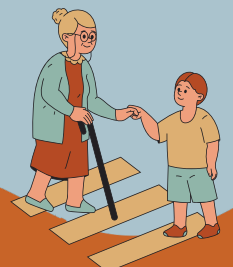
DENE: EYUNÉ DZINÉ



RESPECT

DENE: BEK'ÉSOREDLI

CREE: MANĀTISIWIN



# EFS JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

## The EFS Girls Volleyball Exhibition Game Highlights!

On October 10th, the Grade 6 and 7 girls' junior high volleyball team showcased their skills in an exciting exhibition match against teams from E'cole McTavish and Holy Trinity! Our players demonstrated teamwork, determination, and school spirit.

## Join Us on November 23rd for the First Annual Girls Volleyball Tournament in Fort McKay!

We are thrilled to invite you to our first annual girls volleyball tournament on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at EFS where we will welcome teams for a day of spirited competition and community.

Let's cheer on our EFS Girls team as they continue to grow and shine on and off the court!

### Go, Elsie Fabian Ravens!



*EFS Volleyball Team - Go Ravens!*





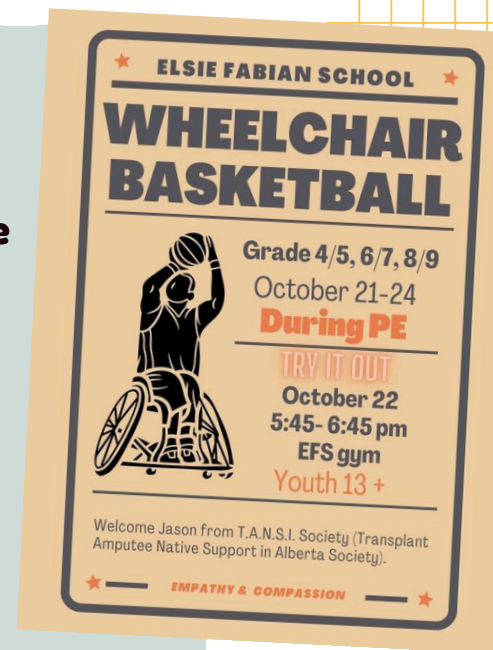
# WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL WITH JASON FROM T.A.N.S.I



## Wheelchair Basketball Fun with TANSI!

During the week of October 21st, Elsie Fabian School welcomed Jason from Transplant Amputee Native Sport in Alberta Society ('TANSI') for a special PE experience. Division 2 and 3 students had a blast learning and playing wheelchair basketball, discovering new skills and gaining a unique perspective on adaptive sports. The sessions were both challenging and fun, leaving students inspired and eager for more! Even our staff and Principal took part the fun!

Thank you, Jason, for an unforgettable week!





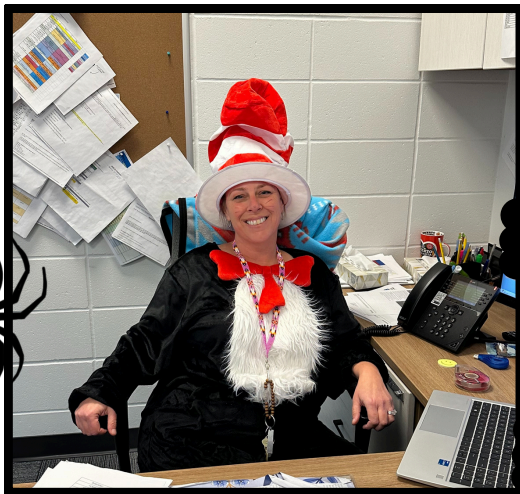
# HALLOWEEN FUN AT EFS!



We hope this message doesn't "scare" you too much; we promise it's all treats and no tricks! We had a cauldron full of spellbinding activities to make Halloween week un-boo-lievably fun for all our students & staff!



Halloween at Elsie Fabian School was an absolute blast! From creative costumes and lively class parties to spooky door decorations, the day was filled with laughter and fun. A big congratulations to the winners of our door decorating contest! Special thanks to the Grade 4 class and Ms. Humphrey for putting together an amazing haunted house experience for the school, parents, and community. It was a Halloween to remember—thank you to everyone who made it so special!

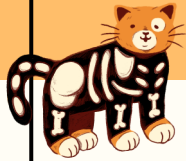


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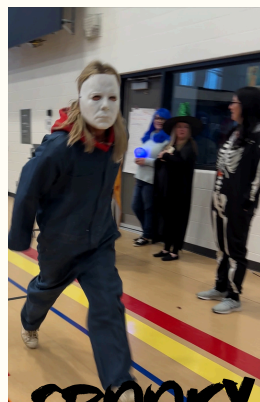
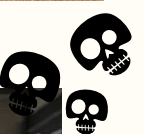
# HALLOWEEN FUN AT EFS!



TRICK  
or TREAT



HALLOWEEN



SPOOKY





# ★ HALLOWEEN FUN AT EFS! ★



HAPPY HALLOWEEN





# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT EFS

## Daily in-school & Extracurricular Activities

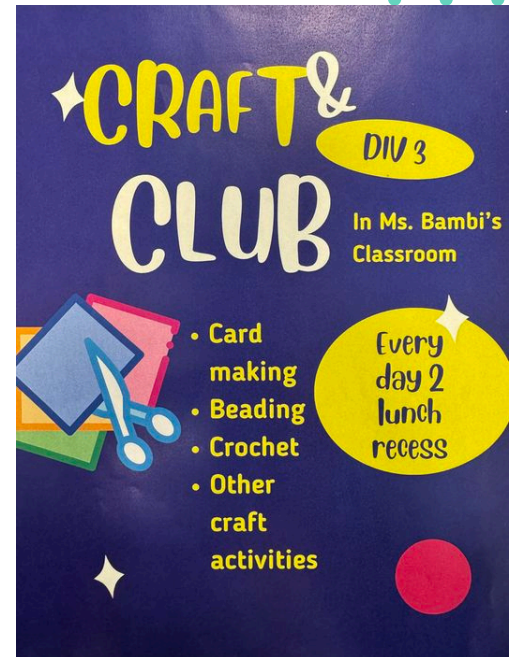
### Volleyball Club





### Craft Club



### Hockey Academy



**Elsie Fabian School welcomes:  
Emily from Alberta Ballet**

October 29- day 2  
November 5- day 1  
November 19- day 1  
November 26- day 1  
December 3- day 2  
December 10- day 2

Emily will be teaching the  
K5/Grade 1, Grade 2/3  
and Grade 4/5 classes.

**Dance showcase- featuring choreographed dances by  
K5/G1, G2/3, G4/5 and student dance pieces.  
Everyone welcome: December 10, 1:30- 2:00 pm**

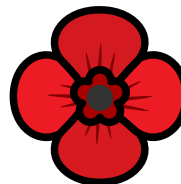


Emily has dedicated her career to teaching adult ballet since 2010. Emily is a graduate of the professional programs at School of Toronto Dance Theatre and CODARTS, Rotterdams Dansacademie. After an 8 year international career in modern dance, Emily transitioned to teaching. She has her Certificate in Ballet Teaching Studies through the Royal Academy of Dance and supplemental training with NBS's Teacher Training Program. Emily is the Director of Canada's only Adult RAD Ballet Examination Program.



## Upcoming School Activities in November...

- Alberta Ballet in PE Class
- Rock your Moccs & Metis Week
- Oral Health Initiative
- Parent Council
- Remembrance Day
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Matt Cardinal w/Prairie States Music Class
- SPIRIT WEEK!
- Report Cards



**Check out the November Calendar for details on upcoming school activities..**







# EPS MONTHLY CALENDAR

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Hockey Academy Advanced - Day 1 Novice - Day 2					1 <span>Day 1</span> Assembly @1:30pm	2
3 <span>★</span> Oral Health Initiative Nov 4-7	4 <span>★</span> <span>Day 2</span> Junior Chief & Council meeting	5 <span>★</span> <span>Day 1</span> Alberta Ballet K5-Gr 5	6 <span>★</span> <span>Day 2</span>	7 <span>★</span> <span>Day 1</span> Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:20am	8 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	9
10 Rock your Moccs/ Metis Week	11 <b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	12 <span>Day 2</span> Parent Teacher Interviews @ 3:30- 6:00pm	13 <span>Day 1</span>	14 <span>Day 2</span>	15 <span>Day 1</span>	16
17	18 <span>Day 2</span> Junior Chief & Council meeting  Grant MacEwan presentation 6-7pm	19 <span>Day 1</span> Alberta Ballet K5-Gr 5	20 <span>Day 2</span> Health presentation Gr8/9	21 <span>Day 1</span>	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> PD DAY	23 <i>School Spirit</i>
24 Matt Cardinal w/Prairie States Music Class Spirit Week	25 <span>Day 2</span> Jersey Day Junior Chief & Council meeting	26 <span>Day 1</span> Dress like a Teacher day Alberta Ballet K5-Gr 5	27 <span>Day 2</span> Twin Day	28 <span>Day 1</span> Dress like 2000's or your Favorite Rapper Girls Inc- Gr 2/3 @ 9:19am	29 <span>Day 2</span> PJ & Crazy hair day Assembly @ 9:19am Report Cards go home	30



## LUNCH MENU



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Fried Eggs,bacon & potato patty  Pizza Bagels, chicken wings & veggie stix	2
	4 Smoothies, cereal & watermelon Chicken Burgers, fries/poutine & mix veggies	5 Pancakes & bacon Goulash & grilled cheese	6 Muffins, fresh fruit & yogurt tubes Pasta w/ meatballs & meatsauce, garlic toast	7 Sausage & eggers & hashbrowns BBQ chicken,roasted potato Broccoli salad	8 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	9
	11 <b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	12 Cereal, fruit & yogurt tubes Meatballs in gravy, mash potato & corn	13 Scramble eggs, bacon & potato patty Chicken Alfredo, garlic toas veggie stix	14 Yogurt berry cups & muffins Ham, scalloped potatoes & carrots	15 Pancakes & sausage BBQ ribs, rice & egg rolls	16
	18 Muffins, yogurt & fresh fruit Hot dogs, mac n'cheese & mixed veggies	19 Pancakes, bacon & fresh fruit Chicken fajita & mexi fries	20 Smoothies, cereal & fruit Spaghetti, salad & garlic toast	21 Bacon n' egger, potato patty & fresh fruit Hamburger soup & grill cheese	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> PD DAY	23
	25 Cereal, nutri-grain bars & fresh fruit Hamburgers, fries/poutine	26 Scramble eggs, potato patty bacon & toast Shake n' bake chicken mash potatoes & corn	27 Muffins, fresh fruit & yogurt tubes Pizza pockets, veggie stix & fries	28 Fried/boiled eggs, bacon & hashbrowns Beef Stirfry, rice & egg rolls	29 Pancakes & sausage Lasagna & garlic toast	30 <i>What's cookin'?</i>



# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT EFS

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Rock your Mocs  
November 11-15th



Spirit Week Nov 25-29th  
Presented By Junior C&C...



Metis Week  
Jigging Contest November 15th







# PARENT REMINDERS

## SCHOOL CLOUD

Parents should have received a link to create a School Cloud account during the first week of school. Once you create an account, you will be able to view your child's academic progress, lates or absences. Please check your Spam folder if you have not received the link. For more information on School Cloud please visit the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/fortmckayededucation.ca/schoolcloud/home>

## REMIND/CLASS DOJO

Parents may receive a link from their child's teacher to opt in to the Remind text messaging program or Class Dojo program. This allows your child's teacher to communicate with you. These great communication tools can keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your classroom, and at school. For more information, see the links below:

<https://www.remind.com/>

<https://www.classdojo.com/>



**LEARNING  
EVERYDAY**

## ABSENCES, LATES OR LEAVING EARLY

Please call the front office if your child will be late, absent or has to leave early to excuse them. If your child is absent and not excused, staff will begin making phone calls at 9:00 am to inquire about their whereabouts.

If you need to pick up your child early from school, or drop off something to them, please go to the front office to sign in and wait for your child. While we want parents to visit the school, it must be during appropriate times. We must ensure that visitors do not disrupt the learning environment. If you need to see your child during the school day, the front office will call their classrooms and they will come down to meet you and be released.

### ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL BELL TIMES

**8:15 AM** Students begin to arrive  
**8:30 AM** Classes begin  
**10:08 AM to 10:18 AM** Body break  
**10:18 AM** Classes begin  
**11:56 AM to 12:16 PM** Lunch  
**12:16 PM to 12:38 PM** Body break  
**12:38 PM** Classes begin  
**2:16 PM to 2:26 PM** Body break  
**2:26 PM** Classes begin  
**3:15 PM** Classes end - Home time



# FMFN COMMUNITY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Fort McKay Golf Simulator Tournament



**November 7th to 10th | Start times staggered**  
**Open to all community members | Fort McKay Arena**

Format will be a singles stroke play tournament, and each player must play with a golf handicap. All players participating in this tournament must be able to make their tee times. Entry fee is \$20 and cash prizes will be determined once everyone is registered.

**Registration deadline is November 5th, 2024**

Rules will be provided to the players that participate in this event.  
Top 3 players will receive cash awards.

To register contact James Black at **780-838-5739**.



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FIRST NATION

### Influenza and Covid-19 vaccines



**Every Monday and Wednesday | Health Centre**

Influenza and Covid-19 vaccine will be available at the Health Centre Mondays and Wednesdays.

To book, please call the Health Centre at **780-828-4229**.

For any vaccine related questions, please call or text the Public Health Nurse at **780-713-6408**.



FORT MCKAY  
FIRST NATION

### Drop-In Workouts



**Every Monday & Wednesday | Time: 4:30 pm - 9 pm**  
**Ages: 12-18 yrs | Location: Youth Centre**

Come hit a workout with the youth centre staff!  
No experience required. Participants will be taught proper form and technique in order to build happier, healthier, and stronger bodies.

For more information contact Katara White at  
780-972-9810 or email [kwhite@fortmckay.com](mailto:kwhite@fortmckay.com).

**SO  
COOL**



NEXT DOOR THRIFT STORE

### GUESS WHO'S FOUND A HOME

ENTER THROUGH BACK DOOR OF OLD  
SCHOOL AND FOLLOW SIGN

**Now Open**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**6 P.M. to 9 P.M.**  
**Saturdays**  
**10 A.M. – 4 P.M.**

Hope to see everyone there for an enjoyable shopping experience.

For more information or to drop off donations contact:

**Val McDonald: 780-690-6074**

*Did You Know?*



FORT MCKAY  
FIRST NATION

### Elders Exercise Program



**When: Every Wednesday | Time: 1pm - 2pm**  
**Location: Elders Centre | Ages: Elders 60+**

All Elders aged 60+ are encouraged to join in the light exercise program and learn to Rest, Stretch and Relax.

To request transportation or more information call Trinda at 780-742-4927 or email [tnelson@fortmckay.com](mailto:tnelson@fortmckay.com).



# 2024/25 School Calendar

## Elsie Fabian School 2024-2025 Calendar

August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024
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First and Last Day for Staff
First and Last Day for Students
Stats/School Breaks - No School
Professional Learning Fridays No School
Non-Operational Day - No School
ATA Convention-No School

### 2024-2025 Important Dates:

Sept. 3	First Day for Students
Dec. 23 - Jan. 5	Christmas Break
Feb 24 - Feb 26	Non-op Day No school
Apr. 15 - Apr. 21	Easter
June 25	Last Day for Students



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