

# The Ravin' Raven

Elsie Fabian School Monthly Newsletter



## June



### Principal's Message

#### Tansi! Edlanet'e! Hello!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Members of the Community,

As we bring the 2024–2025 school year to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together as a school community. This has been a year filled with growth, challenge, resilience, and deep learning—both academic and cultural—and I am proud of the strength, spirit, and dedication shown by our students, staff, and families.

At Elsie Fabian School, we continue to prioritize an education that reflects the identity and values of our Nation. Our students were engaged in a rich blend of academic learning and cultural knowledge throughout the year. They developed strong foundational skills in literacy and numeracy, explored big ideas through inquiry-based learning, and gained confidence in their own unique strengths and abilities. With the support of dedicated staff, students also deepened their understanding of Cree and Dene language and culture—learning kinship terms, days of the week, traditional phrases, and vocabulary through songs, games, and classroom routines. These lessons not only supported language revitalization but also reinforced our students' sense of identity and belonging.

This year also marked significant progress in our land-based learning program. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 9 took part in seasonal outdoor education activities that included hunting, trapping, skinning, and traditional harvesting practices. These experiences provided not just hands-on skill development, but also meaningful connections to our Elders, the land, and traditional teachings that continue to shape our way of life. Our community's commitment to supporting this work has been deeply appreciated, and we look forward to expanding these opportunities in the years ahead.

Staff collaboration and professional development remained a key focus. Our educators engaged in learning centered on trauma-informed practice, inclusive education, and culturally responsive teaching. We worked together to close academic gaps, review and refine school policies, and ensure our supports align with the needs of our students while honoring the culture and history of our community.

In the area of school climate and well-being, our efforts to support the whole child continued. Students learned about emotional regulation, conflict resolution, and kindness through classroom discussions, school-wide initiatives, and presentations such as the RCMP-led WITS program. We are proud of the respectful, caring environment that has been fostered at Elsie Fabian, and will continue to build on these foundations in the coming year.

Looking ahead, our priorities will include strengthening student support services, enhancing Indigenous language instruction, increasing family engagement, and continuing to create space for both academic excellence and traditional knowledge. While many of our operations will remain the same, we've also been working behind the scenes to update and align our school policies to better reflect both our educational goals and our cultural values. More information about these updates will be shared in the fall.

As your principal, it has been an honour to witness the determination of our students, the compassion of our staff, and the unwavering support of our families and community. Thank you for walking alongside us in this work. I wish you all a restful and joyful summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall.

Mashi Cho, Hiy Hiy  
Dr. Sarah Hiscock  
Principal  
Elsie Fabian School

### Our Values

The foundation of the Elsie Fabian School is engagement in teaching and learning, parents and community, culture and traditions, and a school environment based on the principles of love, responsibility, respect, listening, nurturing, relationships, humility and learning.

## THIS month

### Junes Issue: What's Inside

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# YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY



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## CHIEF DOROTHY MCDONALD-HYDE LEADERSHIP AWARD

**GRACIE DYSON**



### CITIZEN AWARD

K5- COLTON YOUNG  
GR.1 -JUNIOR SPENCER  
GR.2- NICO L'HOMMECOURT  
GR.3 -PHOENIX LALIBERTE  
GR.4- LAYLA SERAFINCHAN  
GR.5- ELIZA HOWE  
GR.6-AVA TUCCARO  
GR.7- KALILEA FAICHNEY  
GR.8 - HARLEY GLADUE  
GR.9- KEANNA WANDERINGSPIRIT

### ACADEMIC AWARD

K5- RYLAN L'HOMMECOURT  
GR.1 -MILA FITZPATRICK  
GR.2- LEVON GRANDJAMBE  
GR.3 -RYETT LAURENT  
GR.4-SAHAIYA JANVIER  
GR.5- PERLA LANGDON  
GR.6-AMIRA ASADI  
GR.7-GRACIE DYSON  
GR.8 -KYE FOLKERSEN  
GR.9- HARLEY DROVER

### MOST IMPROVED AWARD

K5- FARREN CARDINAL  
GR.1 -CARSON BEAR SPENCER  
GR.2- SAMUEL HOWE  
GR.3 -MEREDITH RAYMOND  
GR.4-SAMUEL QUINN  
GR.5- MADDOX DONOFRIO  
GR.6- ALEX GULLICKSON  
GR.7-SAMARA DONOFRIO  
GR.8 -KODY SPENCER  
GR.9- PATIENCE GRANDJAMBE

### ATTENDANCE (YEAR)AWARD

K5- KAYLEY SOUCIE  
GR.1 -MONTAEVYN FAICHNEY  
GR.2- MADDIX MCCLURE  
GR.3 -STELLA DYSON  
GR.4-MONTREY FAICHNEY  
GR.5- JAYJAY MERCREDI-ORR  
GR.6- AMIRA ASADI  
GR.7-MATAYAH GRANDJAMBE  
GR.8 -HARLEY GLADUE  
GR.9- SADI GLADUE

### CULTURAL (TIPI, FEATHER) LAND BASED AWARDS (YEAR)AWARD

K5- RYLEIGH FAICHNEY  
GR.1 -MILA FITZPATRICK  
GR.2- JAXSON HERMAN  
GR.3 -VANCE CARDINAL  
GR.4-FELIX FAICHNEY JR.  
GR.5- LIAM THOMPSON  
GR.6- ALEX GULLICKSON  
GR.7- MAVERICK MCDONALD  
GR.8 -PATRICK HAMELIN  
GR.9- ABIGAIL MCCLURE- RICHARDS

### ELSIE FABIAN "KINDNESS" AWARD

K5- AVAH WANDERINGSPIRIT  
GR.1 -KAILYNN L'HOMMECOURT  
GR.2- THERON BOUCHER  
GR.3 -MAKENNA GRANDJAMBE  
GR.4-ALEIGHCIA POWDER  
GR.5- AURORA BOUCHER  
GR.6- VICTORIA BLOCK  
GR.7- SHANIA GRANDJAMBE  
GR.8 -PATRICK HAMELIN  
GR.9- JOELY GRANDJAMBE







# FM GIANTS GAME



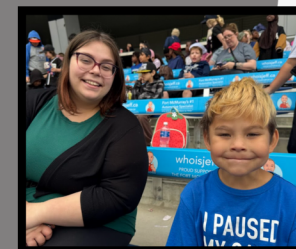
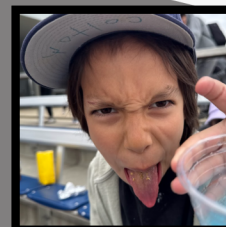
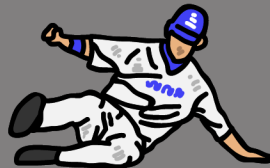




# FM GIANTS GAME



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On Wednesday, June 11th, all students and staff from Elsie Fabian School had the opportunity to attend the Anti-Bullying Day Gathering hosted by the Fort McMurray Giants. We joined students from Fort McMurray Public and Fort McMurray Catholic Schools for a fun-filled day focused on promoting kindness and standing up against bullying.

The event was a big hit! Students enjoyed the baseball game, made great memories, and left feeling inspired to continue building a safe and supportive school community.

Thank you to the Fort McMurray Giants for hosting such a meaningful and exciting day!





# EFS OILERS PRIDE



At Elsie Fabian School, we proudly showed off our Oilers Pride with a spirited celebration that brought the whole school together! Each student came dressed in their best Oilers-themed outfits, filling the hallways with a sea of orange and blue as we paraded around the school cheering loud and proud. The energy was electric, and to top off the fun, we held a contest to crown our ultimate Oilers Super Fan. Congratulations to all of our student and staff SUPFANS who wowed everyone with their full Oilers spirit – with blue and orange everything! We loved seeing every student join in the fun, cheering as loud as they could and showing just how strong our Oilers pride runs! Special thanks to Leon who came and started the parade in a god way with his drum and our contest judges - Sophie Powder, Councillor Crystal McDonald & Katelyn Willier - Thank you so much for joining us!





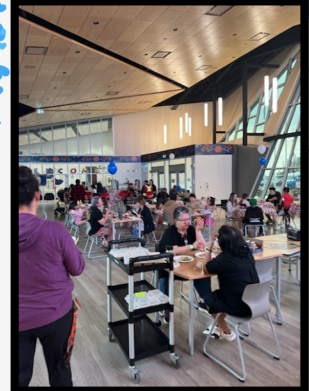
# EFS OILERS PRIDE



LET'S  
GO  
OILERS



# FATHERS DAY AT EFS



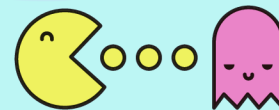
**WE HAD THE ABSOLUTE PLEASURE OF HOSTING A SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY BBQ AT ELSSIE FABIAN SCHOOL TO HONOUR ALL THE INCREDIBLE FATHER FIGURES IN OUR STUDENTS' LIVES. IT WAS A HEARTWARMING AFTERNOON FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND SHARED STORIES. FAMILIES CAME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY IN A RELAXED AND JOYFUL ATMOSPHERE. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US AND HELPED MAKE THE DAY SO MEMORABLE!**



# EFS AT THE ALLEY AND AWESOME KHAOS



**THE STUDENTS FROM DIVISIONS 1 AND 2 HAD AN EXCITING DAY FILLED WITH FUN AND LAUGHTER AT ALLY BOWLING AND AWESOME KHAOS! THEY SHOWED OFF THEIR SKILLS ON THE LANES AND HAD A BLAST JUMPING ON THE TRAMPOLINES. THE ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT FROM THE STUDENTS MADE THE DAY UNFORGETTABLE, CREATING JOYFUL MEMORIES AS WE NEAR THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

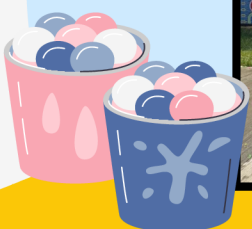




# FUN DAY AT EFS



**AT ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL, WE WRAPPED UP THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON UNDER BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY SKIES. THE SOUNDS OF LAUGHTER AND JOY ECHOED FROM BEHIND THE SCHOOL AS STUDENTS ENJOYED WATER FIGHTS, SPLASHED AROUND THE DUNK TANK, AND WATCHED MANY ENTHUSIASTIC STAFF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER TO TAKE THE PLUNGE. IT WAS A HEARTWARMING WAY TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE YEAR, WITH SMILES ALL AROUND AND MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST WELL INTO SUMMER.**

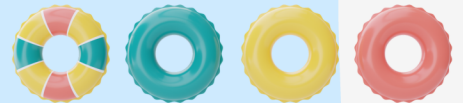




# FUN DAY AT EFS



SLAM DUNK

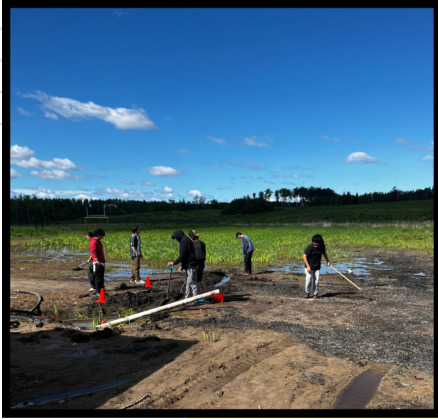


# SUN & FUN

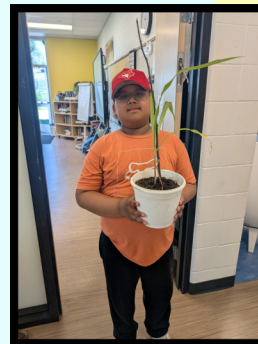




# EFS Students and Staff Being Awesome



Grade 3 spelling Bee  
Phoenix Laliberte



create  
your own  
Sunshine



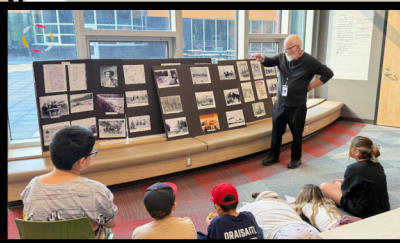


# EFS Students and Staff Being Awesome



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# EFS BEING ACTIVE AND AWSOME

## GIRLS THAT BAT



## HANDBALL AT EFS



OUR RAVENS HAD THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HANDBALL FROM PROFESSIONALS! EFS WAS PROUD TO WELCOME TYRELL JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALBERTA TEAM HANDBALL FEDERATION (ATHF), AND A FORMER MEMBER OF BOTH TEAM CANADA AND TEAM ALBERTA, ALONG WITH ASHLYN FROM THE WOOD BUFFALO SPORT CONNECTION.

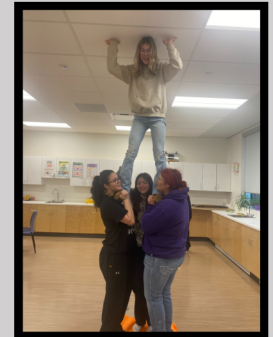
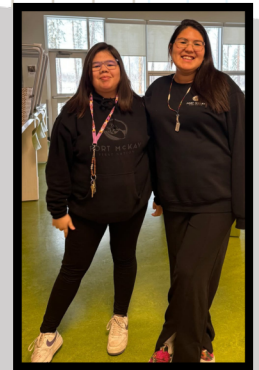
STUDENTS WERE INTRODUCED TO THE BASIC SKILLS AND RULES OF HANDBALL, PARTICIPATED IN DRILLS, AND THEN PUT THEIR NEW KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST BY PLAYING GAMES IN TEAMS.

THANK YOU, TYRELL AND ASHLYN, FOR SPENDING THE DAY WITH OUR STUDENTS AND INSPIRING THEM WITH YOUR PASSION FOR SPORT!



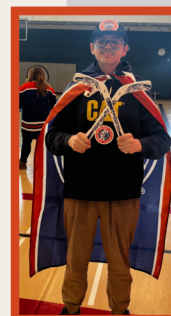


# EFS is Wishing You Success in Grade 10!



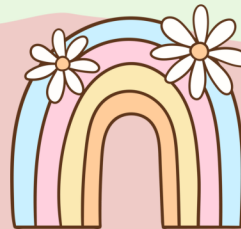
**AS THE SCHOOL YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE, WE TAKE A MOMENT TO LOOK BACK ON ALL THE MEMORIES, MILESTONES, AND MOMENTS THAT MADE THIS YEAR SPECIAL. FROM CLASSROOM LAUGHS TO FIELD TRIPS AND FRIENDSHIPS, GRADE 9 HAS BEEN A JOURNEY FULL OF GROWTH AND ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

**NOW, AS YOU HEAD OFF TO GRADE 10 AND NEW ADVENTURES IN TOWN, KNOW THAT YOUR PRESENCE HERE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. WE ARE PROUD OF ALL YOU'VE ACHIEVED AND EXCITED FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD. KEEP AIMING HIGH – YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!**





# EFS Students and Staff Highlights



GOOD  
TIMES





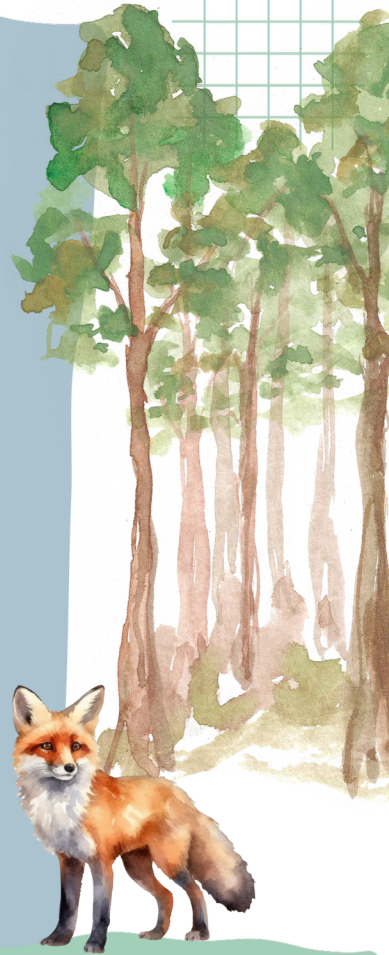
# LEARNING OUR CREE & DENE LANGUAGE TOGETHER!

## **Tansi! Edlanet'e!**

### **May**

**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.**



### **THIS MONTH'S WORDS:**

#### **CREE**

**CANOE -CÎMÂN**

**BLACK BEAR - KASKITÊWI-MASKWA**

**TREATY DAY - SÔNIYÂW-KÎSIKÂW**

#### **DENE**

**FOX - NAGÍDHE**

**JUNE - BENIGÉS ZÁ**

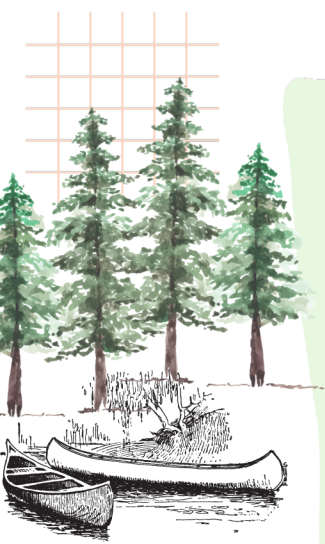
**TREATY DAY - TSÂBA NÁLYÉ DZINÉ**



# LAND BASED LEARNING AT EFS

## DIVISION 2 CANOE TRIP TO GREGOIRE LAKE!

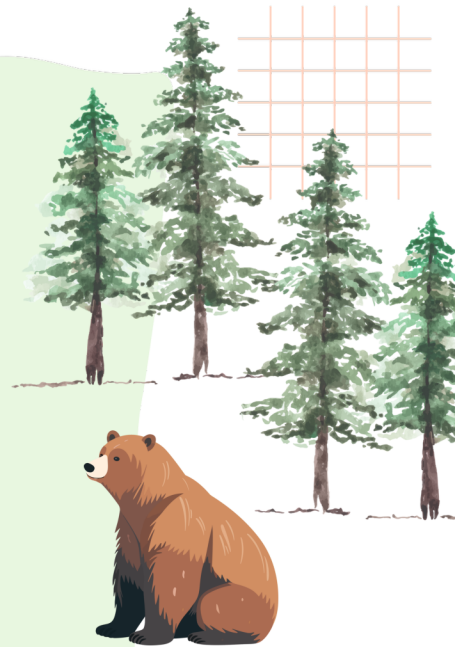
THIS MONTH IN LAND-BASED LEARNING, STUDEANTS ENGAGED IN MEANINGFUL AND IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES FOCUSED ON UNDERSTANDING HOW TO CARE FOR AND SUPPORT THE NATURAL WORLD. THROUGH A VARIETY OF HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AND OUTDOOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, THEY DEVELOPED A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THEIR ROLE IN PROTECTING IT. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH WAS A FIELD TRIP TO GREGOIRE LAKE, WHERE STUDENTS SPENT THE DAY SURROUNDED BY NATURE, OBSERVING THE LAND, WATER, AND WILDLIFE FIRSTHAND. THIS VISIT PROVIDED A UNIQUE CHANCE TO APPLY THEIR CLASSROOM LEARNING IN A REAL-WORLD SETTING. GRADE 5 AND 6 STUDENTS HAD THE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO GO CANOEING ON THE LAKE, ALLOWING THEM TO EXPERIENCE THE LANDSCAPE FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE. AS THEY PADDLED THROUGH THE WATER, THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN WATER, AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE NATURAL HABITATS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE TRIP NOT ONLY ENHANCED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL ECOLOGY BUT ALSO STRENGTHENED THEIR CONNECTION TO THE LAND AND ENCOURAGED A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS CARE.





# LAND BASE LEARNING AT EFS

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO BAILEY FROM FISH AND WILDLIFE FOR VISITING OUR SCHOOL AND DELIVERING AN INFORMATIVE AND ENGAGING PRESENTATION ON BEAR SAFETY. HIS VISIT PROVIDED STUDENTS WITH VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE AND A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WILDLIFE AWARENESS IN OUR REGION. AS PART OF A SPECIAL CLASS PRESENTATION, HE SET UP A BEAR TRAP BY THE LAND-BASED LEARNING BUILDING. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN EXCITED TO EXPLORE THE BEAR CAGE UP CLOSE, WITH MANY ENJOYING THE CHANCE TO SAFELY CLIMB INSIDE AND LEARN HOW IT WORKS. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR ONGOING OUTDOOR LEARNING, STUDENTS ALSO WENT OUT INTO NATURE TO FIND PLANTS AND NATURAL ITEMS TO STAMP ON PAPER, USING LEAVES, FLOWERS, AND OTHER MATERIALS THEY COLLECTED TO CREATE UNIQUE PRINTS AND PATTERNS.





# THANK YOU FROM EFS!



## THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL!

AS WE WRAP UP ANOTHER AMAZING SCHOOL YEAR AT ELSIE FABIAN SCHOOL, WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY, PARENTS, ELDERS, VOLUNTEERS AND LEADERSHIP. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND INVOLVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE 2024–2025 SCHOOL YEAR HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO US AND HAS MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE LEARNING JOURNEYS OF OUR STUDENTS. FROM CHEERING AT EVENTS, HELPING WITH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, TO SIMPLY SHOWING UP — YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTNERSHIP HAVE HELPED MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE AND MEANINGFUL YEAR. FROM ALL OF US AT EFS — THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR SCHOOL FAMILY. WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND JOYFUL SUMMER BREAK, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

WITH GRATITUDE,  
EFS STAFF 💙💛



# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER







# Summer



## FUN ACTIVITIES

Make a  
STEM  
project

Paint a  
master-  
piece

Draw  
with Art  
Hub

Sidewalk  
chalk  
time

Try out  
some  
Mad Libs

Play some  
beach ball  
volleyball

Choose a  
LEGO  
STEM  
challenge

Make a  
new  
recipe

Make a  
slip and  
slide

Write a fun  
story with a  
friend or  
group

Learn a  
new dice  
or card  
game

Redesign  
an old tee  
shirt

Race  
paper  
airplanes

Conduct a  
science  
experiment

Play a  
game of  
balloon  
tennis

Put  
together a  
puzzle

Make  
some  
playdough

Create  
some  
fingerprint  
art

Write a  
card or  
send a  
letter

Design  
your own  
obstacle  
course

Paint some  
rocks and  
decorate  
outside

LEGO  
challenge  
day

Make a  
marble run  
out of pool  
noodles

Try some  
melted  
crayon art

Dig out an  
old board  
game to  
play

Use simple  
ingredients  
to make  
slime

Make a  
fort  
outside

Fashion  
some bubble  
wands and  
try them out

Take a  
virtual field  
trip or two

Record a  
"how to"  
video



# 2025/26 School Calendar

## Elsie Fabian School 2025-2026 Calendar

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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

### 2025-2026 Important Dates:

Sept - 2	First Day for Students
Dec 22 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
Feb 23 - Feb 25	Non-op Day No school
Apr 3 - Apr 10	Easter
June 24	Last Day for Students
Nov 10/May 15	Day in Lieu PTI



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