School Calendar

November
30 PD Day (No classes)

December
11 Christmas Concert
(10:00am Family Names beginning with A-M; 1:00pm N-Z)
22 Last Day of Classes, 2009 (full day)

January
4 First Instructional day, 2010

February
1 School Development Day (no classes)
2 French Immersion Parent Information Meeting (Elm Street School at 6:30pm)
10 Grade 1 Registration for 2009-2010
15 Islander Day (No classes)

March
2 Report Cards
5 Parent Teacher Interviews (No classes)
15-19 March Break
24 HPV Vaccine (Grade 6 girls)

April
2 Good Friday
5 Easter Monday
21 Parent Information Night for new Grade 1 Parents 2009-10 (6:30pm)

May
7 Area Association P.D. Day/CUPE 3260 Convention (No classes)
10 Grade 1 Screening (current grade 1’s stay home)
12-13 Grade 6 Literacy Assessment
19-20 Grade 6 & Grade 3 Literacy Assessment
26 & 27 Grade 3 Literacy Assessment
24 Victoria Day (No classes)
25 Grade 3 French Immersion visit from Greenfield.

June
4 New Grade One Students for 2010-2011 to visit Elm Street. (Present Gr. 1 students will stay home)
24 Grade Six Closing Ceremony 1:15 p.m.
25 Final Report Card
25 Last Instructional Day for Students (full day)
30 Last School Day for staff

Preventive Dental Program
The Dental Health Team will be working at Elm Street to provide preventive dental services. The objective of this clinic will provide oral health education and preventive dental services to help reduce or prevent dental decay.

Further information available at www.gov.pe.ca/sss

Information will be sent home from school as soon as we have the start date.

3A Extreme! News
Our class recently published and illustrated a non-fiction book, BATS! Strange and Wonderful Creatures. This book highlights many facts about these very unique and interesting mammals.

3A Extreme is proud to share their “Congratulations” to Drew Drummond! Her beautiful colouring won the Staples Back To School Colouring Contest in October. She was awarded a $20 gift card. Then in November, Drew won the Consolidated Credit Union colouring contest! She received a free Wii for her prize. Way to go, Drew!

Parents and family members were invited to 3A Extreme’s Halloween Open House. This was a celebration sharing our learning and classroom activities. Costumes were optional and treats were served. 3A Extreme Artists shared their Halloween Silhouettes were created with only black construction paper, scissors and glue to create imaginative Halloween landscapes on orange construction paper. As well, Halloween Riddles were published and illustrated on haunted mansions for those who like to solve riddles.

Welcome to Tasha MacKinnon! She is a TOSH coop student working with our class and Mrs. Studer’s grade four for a couple of hours every morning until January. We hope you enjoy your time at Elm Street!

Special welcome to Miss Jennifer Thomas! Miss Thomas is an Education student from UPEI who will be learning, sharing and working with our class until Dec. 10th. We hope you enjoy your time at Elm Street!

How excited our class was when we learned that Marcus LeGrow’s grandfather is a published author! While visiting Marcus’ family this week, Mr. Roy Dwyer shared with us his experiences as a writer who now has two self-published books, A Strange Twilight and Old Harbours: A Fisherman’s Tale. Mr. Dwyer is from a small village named Tilting on Fogo Island in Newfoundland where he was a highschool teacher and is now a fisherman. He explained why he likes to write, how he got some of his ideas and read a section from
his book before showing us some pictures of his part of Newfoundland where he gets his inspiration to write about how life used to be.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

This year's Zone Cross Country was held at Cabot Park on Wednesday, October 14th - it was a rather "wild" weather day this year for our zone meet. The Elm Street Eagles did an awesome job running and representing their school. Elm Street had 55 students represented at the Zone meet. We then had 30 runners move on to compete at the Provincial level on Saturday October 24th in Mill River. The students qualified for Provincials by: a) finish in the top 20 as an individual runner and/or b) the top 7 runners per category can represent their school (the team total is calculated by adding up the top 5 runners on that race day) Kim McNeill would like to thank all of the parents/helpers who helped make these running days possible and a positive experience for our students. Merci - M.Christine for all of your help at the Provincial meet. Also, a huge congratulations to all of our Elm Street runners - you boys are girls were awesome!!!

Zone Meet - October 14th Cabot Park Results:

Pre-Novice Girls: Team finished 1st.

Pre-Novice Boys: Team finished 1st.

Novice Girls: Team finished 2nd.

Novice Boys: Team Finished 1st.

Bantam Boy: Regan Smith = 3rd.

The following students represented Elm Street school at the PEISAA Cross Country Provincial competition on Saturday October 24th in Mill River: Pre-Novice Girls: Team finished 4th.

Pre-Novice Boys: Team finished 2nd.

Novice Girls: Team finished 7th.

Novice Boys: Team finished 1st.

Bantam Boy: Regan Smith = 20th.

MOOOO MILK WINNERS

Elm Street is happy to announce that we have had to MoOOOo Milk winners. Holly Winchester in Mme Enman's HR1B and Damieon Cormier in Mrs. Campbell/Mrs. Pomeroy's HR1C both had winning milk cartons. Both students will be receiving prizes in the near future. Way to go Holly and Damieon!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - NEWS FROM THE EAGLES NEST!!!

Congratulations to all of the Fly Like and Eagle participants. It was so exciting to witness the great accomplishments of our students. The students will receive their certificates later this week with the total number of km's they reached. Way to go Eagle participants!!!

Benchball Intramurals

Students in grade 4 had an opportunity to sign up for Benchball. This is a modified soccer type game we play during noon-hours in the gym. We have four teams of grade 4 students presently playing. A great opportunity for students to be active and meet new students from other classes.

Mini-Volleyball Intramurals

Students in grade 5 and 6 had an opportunity to sign up for mini-volleyball intramurals. We run this during noon-hours for the teams. We play 4 on 4 and have over 20 teams. It is great to have the students participating in the gym during noon-hours for intramural activities and meet new students from other classes :)

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CLASS 5D - Mme. Lacey

The students in Mme. Lacey’s grade 5 French Immersion class were recently awarded red Olympic mittens for submitting an “Olympic Spirit” project to the National Olympic Committee. It was very exciting for both the students and the school. Also, Mme. Lacey’s class continues to collect pennies to purchase malaria nets for families in Africa at Christmas time. As a follow up to what was shown in the Journal Pioneer, the students (whose initial goal was 5 nets) have now raised enough money to purchase 40 nets.

ELM STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOTHING

Anyone wishing to purchase school clothing can now do so. Orders will be taken from November 23rd to December 4th. Samples and sizes are located in the school library. What is available? Hoodies, t-shirts and shorts. Colors - Black, grey, white, red, pink and navy. Cost - All three for $48.00 or Hoody $30.00, t-shirts $10.00, Shorts $20.00. Delivery date: December 21st. Great Christmas gift ideas!

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has been a very busy place for the last two months. All the grade 5 French Immersion classes have been working on animal research projects to complement their English Language Arts theme of Feathers, Furs, Scales and Skins. Students worked in groups after picking their animal to research. The animals researched were: owls, eagles, bears, wolves, alligator, frogs, sharks and dolphins. Students used text features to assist them in their research. Some great projects were created.

Md Jennifer’s grade 6 class are just completing a study of poetry. Local poet Alan Graham was here on Friday November 13th and spent 2 hours with the class teaching various styles of poetry writing. His biggest message to the students was that poetry does not have to rhyme. The students are now working on their own anthology of poetry. They were very creative writers.

In the month of December classes 3A, 3B, 4B, 4D and 5C will be coming to work on Christmas centers.

Mrs. Howatt would like all library books returned, for the Christmas holidays, by Friday December 18th. Students can get new books in January.

USED BOOK SALE

The used book sale that was originally scheduled for November 5th will be held on Thursday evening December 3rd and Friday December 4th. No book will exceed $1.00 in prize. Parents and students are invited to drop down to the library and check out the large selection of gently loved books during parent-teacher interviews. All proceeds will go to the IWK Children’s Hospital.