### School Calendar

#### November
- 3: H1N1 Vaccinations
- 3: Elm Street Remembrance Day Service (1:15)
- 5: Parent Teacher Interviews (No classes)
- 6: Professional Development Day (No classes)
- 11: Remembrance Day (No classes)
- 18: Home & School Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 24: HPV Vaccine (Grade 6 girls)
- 26: Report Cards

#### 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)
- 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
- 26: Last Instructional Day for Students (full day)

#### H1N1 Vaccine
- Public Health will be at Elm Street on Tuesday, November 3rd. No permission slip - student will not receive vaccine.

### Terry Fox Walk
- The Terry Fox Walk was held on Friday, September 25. The students gathered in the Gym first to learn some facts about Terry Fox. Even though it was raining the students put smiles on their faces and off they went to the trail. There is a photo display located outside the Main office for everyone to see.
- Many thanks to the Elm Street Home & School for providing a drink and a snack for everyone when they returned.
- The school raised $655.27 for the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope.
- Well done, everyone!

### Grade 6 Math Help
- Grade 6 students will have the opportunity to receive EXTRA help in math (for homework, tests, items not well understood, practice, etc.) every week, on Day 6. Madame Marie, a Resource Teacher, will be available for extra help on day 6 from 12:05 - 12:35 p.m. Please, encourage your son/daughter to participate, especially if she/he is struggling in math. It’s an important year before S.I.S., and we want everyone to be ready in Math.

### Computer News
- The internet is a great source of information for students working on research projects or who are just wanting to learn about a specific topic. The Department of Education has two safe sites that are available free of charge. These sites have been previewed by educators for their content and reading level. I would highly recommend using these sites. If you are interested in using them, contact Mrs. Howatt or your child’s homeroom teacher for the access codes.
- The first site is: [www.nettrekker.com](http://www.nettrekker.com)
- The second one is: [www.search.ebscohost.com](http://www.search.ebscohost.com)

- Another site is a kids version of google. It is:
KidRex is a kid safe search engine which makes use of Google’s search but puts an extra safety and appealing layer on top of it. This site would need to be monitored just like Google for content.

Knitting Club
Starting in November, Mrs. Studer, will be running a beginner’s knitting club for grade 4, 5 & 6. We hope to all produce a homemade scarf for the winter months. If anyone would have any yarn or knitting needles they would like to donate, please drop them off in the Office labeled for the Knitting Club or Mrs. Studer. Thanks and happy knitting!

Library News
The new Elm Street Library is up and running. Many thanks to everyone for waiting so patiently. Special thanks to Mrs. Linkletter for helping Mrs. Howatt unpack the many boxes.

Each day, except Day 6, two students from each class are invited to come to the Library to participate in Recess Reading. This is a time for students to read quietly or catch up on any work they have to complete. It is a nice quiet time and is enjoyed by many students and staff.

There will be a used book sale on Thursday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the school Library. All money raised will go to the IWK Children’s Hospital. If you have anything you would like to donate, please drop it off at the Office on November 2nd, 3rd, or 4th.

World Book Online
If you interested in purchasing an educational resource for your home computer then here is a great suggestion for you. World Book is now online and can be purchased for home or school use. All material has been previewed and selected for students. Some of the great features are: colourful, pictures you can print, videos, it will read the text to the student, can be translated to French, has links to websites, maps, student activities, a dictionary, and much, much more.

You can preview this site with these codes: Site address - www.worldbookonline.com
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French Book Fair
A French Book Fair will be held November 27th and 28th at the Centre Expot Festival located in Abrams Village. In total, there will be 80 tables filled with books of all types and for all levels. These books are provided by La Grande Ourse located in New Brunswick. The schedule is as follows: November 27th - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and November 28th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is a great opportunity to stock up on French reading material for your children and do some early Christmas shopping. Any questions, please see Mrs. Howatt.

Breakfast Club
The Breakfast Club will be starting up again this year on Tuesday, November 10th. The Breakfast Club depends on volunteers to keep it running. Volunteers are still needed to help run the Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Donations of Cheese Whiz and jam are also needed. Your support is appreciated.

Volunteers Needed
Elm Street Elementary School is looking for volunteers to help students practice their reading in French or English. If anyone is interested in knowing more about the project, please come to the orientation meeting at the school on Tuesday, November 10th at 3:30 p.m. For further information, please call Mary Burke at PEI Volunteers for Literacy, toll free 1-800-348-7323.

Early Morning Drop Off
This is a friendly reminder that outdoor supervision does not start until 8:25 am each morning. Students who come on the early buses must enter the school upon drop off and will go outside with the duty teacher at bell time.

Hand Washing / H1N1
Due to the rising concern about H1N1 in our province, we would like to ask all parents to review proper hand washing with your child. Teachers will be doing
the same at the school level but children must be aware that it is important that they practise this technique in and out of school. We also wish to thank all families who call in to report that their child is sick and what the symptoms are. Working together will help us get through this stressful time.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES**
Children are allowed to wear their costumes on Friday. We have informed them that they will not be permitted to wear a mask during class time or recess and have cautioned them against the risk of damaged / lost costume pieces.

**PEANUT FREE SCHOOL**
This is a friendly reminder that Elm Street is a PEANUT FREE school. We ask all parents to be cautious of any items you send in that contain traces of nuts.

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**
Wow! It is the end of October already.....The colder weather is setting in and so are the classes. A lot has happened here at Elm Street over the course of a couple of months. We worked hard on learning and sharing responsibilities in September and have focused on the importance of honesty in October. These traits fall into our monthly themes and we are very proud of the students and all the efforts they are making to prove that our character matters. It is always so heart warming to see the amount of compassion shown by these little people. November will bring about a focus on respect.

Oct. 2nd marked the official opening of the new Elm Street renovations. We were very pleased to see parents come to celebrate with us and we’re proud of how respectful the students listened during the ceremony. Bravo boys and girls!

Another wonderful thing that happened in Oct. was that we had a Home and School meeting where 25 people were in attendance. We love having parents in the school and believe that the best opportunities for your child/children are those that have the school and home working together. I hope to see as many there during the next meeting... they serve snacks! :)

Finally, I would like to share with you that the School Study Group has met to start the discussions around space issues with the arrival of the kindergarten students. This involves Parkside, Elm Street, and Greenfield schools. You will be kept up to date on this through a memo from the Western School Board and if you have any questions don’t hesitate to call.

Tracy Beaulieu

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**Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!**