



What's New at Elizabeth Ballantyne School

Issue #5 - February 2021

Important Dates to Remember

March 1st to March 5th
March Break

March 9th-March 23rd
Ensemble Anti-Bullying
Workshops Grades 5 & 6.

March 9th
SPVM
Grades 3 and 4

March 10th
High School Transition
Parent Workshop @6:30

March 17th
Mindfulness Practice
Parent Workshop

March 19th
Earth Rangers Virtual Workshop

March 19th
Subway Lunch Fundraiser

March 24th
Storytelling Celebration

March 24th
Life Long Learning Skills
Parent Workshop

March 25th
Pizza Lunch Fundraiser

March 26th
PED Day-No School

March 30th
La Diperie Fundraiser

March 31st
Mindfulness practice
Parent Workshop

March 31st
House Assembly

Please consult the school calendar on our website regularly for any changes or updates.
<https://elizabethballantyne.emsb.qc.ca/elizabethballantyne>

February has come and gone...

The days are longer, the snowfalls are lighter,, and spring is around the corner! February was a short month, but students and staff members took part in many wonderful and memorable activities. March Break is around the corner and enjoy this well deserved break!



Grade 3 students enjoying the outdoors.

Black History Month

In honour of Black History Month and in appreciation of African heritage, this month was dedicated to the recognition of inspirational Black individuals who made a difference in the world. Students from kindergarten to grade 6 took part in a variety of activities in their classes.Ms. Gladys, our spiritual animator, hosted virtual lessons, stories were read and the hallways were filled with amazing art and projects.



A Visit from the SPVM

Two officers from the SPVM visited the grade 4 classes to talk to the students about bullying. Students were engaged and felt comfortable asking questions.



Dare to Care

Members of 'Dare to Care', an anti bullying organization, presented a virtual workshop to students from Kindergarten to Grade 4. This program offers tools for our students to help them maintain healthy relationships and experience a warm and safe school culture. Students are encouraged to be more assertive, show more empathy and have open discussions about bullying.

House Assembly on Respect

Our second virtual house assembly took place in February. The core value of respect was celebrated. A video highlighting the importance of this virtue was created by Ms. Adina and students. The students listened to a story, and participated in a house challenge. Each House created posters to remind us of the importance of being respectful. The hallways were decorated with the student's efforts. Click on this link to watch the video,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0eMWuI8MSo>

Stained Glass Workshop

Students in Grade 6 took part in a stained glass workshop presented by local artist Anouk Looten. The 2 day workshop taught the students all about stained glass and the works of Joan Miro and Sonia Delauney. The students were inspired by the works of these artists to create beautiful pieces of stained class that will be displayed on the windows of the Cycle 3 hallway. This workshop was made possible by a grant from ArtistsInspire.



Therapy Dog at EBS

Maia, a Zootherapy Quebec therapy dog, visited some Grade 1 students. Having pets in schools has been shown to reduce stress, promote self-esteem and lifts the moods of students.

Students in grade one look forward to Maia's next visit!



Pop Up Art Festival

Students from kindergarten to grade 6 enjoyed learning about paper engineering. Local artist, Kate Battle, presented a virtual workshop to explain all about pop up art and the basic techniques of creating their own pop ups. The students were engaged and had a great time. This workshop was made possible by a grant from Culture in the schools (MEES)



Grade 6 Ring Pop Fundraiser

The grade 6 ring pop fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you to all who sent in money for the ring pops. It was nice to see the student's blue and purple tongues, and the smiles on their faces because they were allowed to eat candy in school. All proceeds will go towards the grade 6 graduation.



Happy 100th Day

Students in Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day in school! Students made necklaces with 100 fruit loops, decorated their bubblegum machine with 100 gumballs and made portraits of themselves at 100 years old. It was a great day filled with 100 of everything.



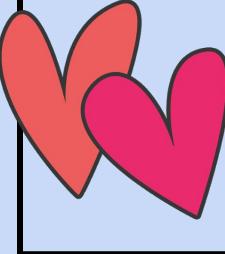
The Giving Trees

We received a generous donation of knitted hats, scarves, mittens and headbands from a group called Centennial Sisters. They volunteer to knit these items for students who need them. The knitted items were placed on and under our giving trees. These trees were made by Ms. Carmy and two stagiaires from Vanier College. Students who are in need of warm accessories will be allowed to take any knitted items from these trees.



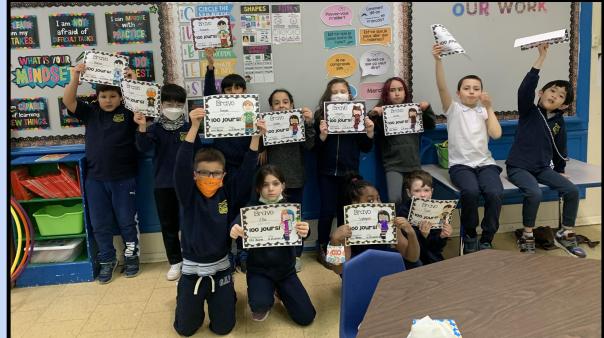
Teacher Appreciation Day

During Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (Feb 1-5), teachers at Elizabeth Ballantyne were surprised daily with a token of gratitude. This week provides an opportunity to recognize our teachers, and their commitment and dedication to education. Lunch, sweets and coffee were provided on some days by the Home & School Association, hot chocolate was delivered by our Principal, Mr. Servello and students surprised teachers with beautiful carnations. The staff room was decorated with hearts and 'Wanted' posters, created by the students.



News from Grade 2

Grade 2 has spent the month of February working on the themes of Love and Acceptance. The theme of acceptance was explored through lessons about Ruby Bridges, Viola Desmond and Martin Luther King Jr, and reading many books on the topic. We learned all about superheroes and the importance of helping and looking out for others. We learned that there are superheroes everywhere, especially in our classrooms! We delved into these topics by learning to love and accept ourselves. The students chose a body part they love about themselves, wrote about their choices, and created a sensory poem. We also celebrated the various special events in February, such as Black History Month, Chinese New Years', Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day and the 100th day of school.



Pink Shirt Day

February 24th is a day where students wear pink to symbolize a stand against bullying. Students wore their pink shirts with pride and took a stand to say that bullying will no longer be tolerated and has to stop!



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PARENT WORKSHOPS

MARCH 17TH: MINDFULNESS PRACTICE
MARCH 24TH: LIFE-LONG LEARNING SKILLS
MARCH 31ST: MINDFULNESS PRACTICES -
PARENTING IN TIMES OF COVID-19

Each session will take place at 6:30 PM.
They will be 30 minutes followed by a 15
minute Q&A

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EMSB PARENTS NIGHT

IN COLLABORATION WITH
CIUSSS CENTRE-OUEST



ENSURING A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

This workshop will include important topics such as, adolescent development (what's going on in the teenage years?), key moments to prepare your child for high school (it's a 16 month process!) and looking at the family as a crucial influence in supporting your child's transition (you know your child best!).



Target Audience:

Parents of grade 5 & 6 students



Location:

Presented virtually

Link will be emailed once registered



Date:

10 Wednesday, March 10, 2021



Time:

6:30-8:00 pm



Presenters:

Victoria Della Cioppa (Consultant, EMSB)

Kathy Roach (Agent Pivot, CIUSSS Centre-Ouest)

Ruth Weber (School Social Worker)

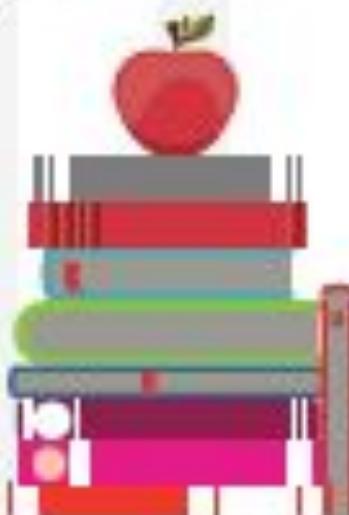
Ruth Scanlan (School Nurse)

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Québec





EBS Pizza Night Fundraiser

WITH DOMINO'S

7155 Côte Saint Luc Rd,
Côte Saint-Luc, Quebec
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Tuesday March 2, 2021

Elizabeth Ballantyne School is excited to announce our next fundraising initiative Family Pizza Night. All money raised will go towards the grade 6 graduation.

Domino's will contribute \$5.00 to EBS for each order placed only on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 at the Côte Saint Luc location, using one of the promotional codes below. Use one of the following codes when ordering by phone or online at dominos.ca

1 12-INCH (3 TOPPINGS) MEDIUM PIZZA + CHEEZY BREAD FOR \$14.99

USE COUPON CODE: SD1

1 14-INCH LARGE PIZZA (3 TOPPINGS) + CHEEZY BREAD + 2L DRINK FOR \$19.99

USE COUPON CODE: SD2 2

2 12-INCH MEDIUM PIZZA (3 TOPPINGS) + CHEEZY + BREAD + CINNAMON STICKS FOR \$24.99

USE COUPON CODE: SD3

**Thank you for
supporting the grade
6 graduation!**

