



What's New at Elizabeth Ballantyne School

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Important Dates to Remember

October 2nd
Photo Day

October 5
Milk program begins

October 5th to the 9th
Terry Fox Run during regular Phys Ed classes

October 7
Peace Day at EBS

October 12
Holiday Thanksgiving

October 15
Progress Reports online

October 16
PED Day..no school

October 19
PED DAY...no school

October 27
Governing Board Meeting
6:30pm (held virtually)

Please consult the school calendar on our website regularly for any changes or updates

<https://elizabethballantyne.emsb.qc.ca/elizabethballantyne>



Monthly Mantra

It's only for a season. Next season is just around the corner. Stay Strong.

Happy Days!

Fall is officially here! Students are excited to be reunited. Bright red, orange and yellow will soon adorn our community as cooler temperatures warrant warmer clothing, but that won't slow down our community of learners as we continue our journey for knowledge, empathy and citizenship. Here is a look at events taking place at Elizabeth Ballantyne School...



Safety is our Priority

We are proud of our students, especially from Grades 5 and 6 who are wearing their masks consistently in common areas of the school. It is also wonderful to see many students from K-4, although optional, helping to keep us all safe by wearing masks as well. We would like to remind parents who are waiting with their children at the bus stops to wear their masks.

Progress Reports

All parents/guardians will have online access, via Mozaïk, to their children's Progress Report on **October 15th**. The administration kindly reminds parents/guardians that they may contact teachers by writing a note or an e-mail, or by calling the school, if they wish to discuss their child's progress at any point during the year.

Mozaïk Portail Parents for New Parents

Mozaïk Parent Portal is the tool used for online Progress Reports and Report Cards. Note that these documents are no longer printed or sent home, as they are accessible online. All new parents are strongly encouraged to create a Mozaïk account by going to the website <https://portailparents.ca/accueil/en/>

Most importantly when creating your new account, remember that you must use your email address that you provided to the school.

EBS Virtual Curriculum Night

EBS' first virtual Curriculum Night was held on September 9th and was a huge success. Despite the change in format, parents were able to ask questions, and receive general information regarding the curriculum.

Terry Fox Run at EBS

This is the 35th year that EBS has been participating in the Terry Fox Run. Covid will not stop us from continuing Terry's dream. This year the run will take place during Phys Ed classes. As in previous years, the students will be running laps on the field in memory of someone. If you would like contribute to a great cause, please send your donations to:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ElizabethBallantyneSchool>

Thank you for your generosity.

EBS' Honey Harvest

The school was buzzing on September 23rd when Emily McBean, a beekeeper for Alvéole, came in to harvest EBS' honey. Students from Room 10 were excited to take part in this workshop and were eager to ask questions. Two virtual workshops will be offered in the month of October that will show the students how honey is extracted from the honeycombs.



Governing Board General Assembly

This year's Annual Governing Board Assembly was held on September 17th. EBS would like to thank and welcome Melissa Robertson, Nina Hébert and Lori Press for offering to serve on the Governing Board this year. As there were no other candidates, they were appointed by consensus. We look forward to working with them.

Peace Day

Our school's culture is based on our Core Values, one of which is Kindness/Compassion. Compassion comes from within – we need to connect, comprehend and have compassion for ourselves before we can begin to understand others. Compassionate Diversity is about inclusion, and the acceptance of cultures and traditions of all types. We will be celebrating and modeling Compassionate Diversity through art and play. Our students will be given a chance to experience activities from various cultures around the world. Our goal is to help them expand their sense of compassion for others, and to appreciate and celebrate diversity in all its forms. Students will be celebrating and participating in Peace Day on October 7th.

Learn Quebec Online Tutorials

Learn Quebec offers FREE online tutoring for elementary school students in grades 2-6 who are in an English School in Quebec. Tutoring is offered by certified teachers through the internet and in the comfort of your own home. To benefit from this, all you need is a computer with internet access. Earphones or speakers are also highly recommended. Many students use this service on a weekly basis. The program is opening for registrations on Monday, September 21st. Evening tutoring sessions begin Monday, October 5th. Visit their website for more information <https://www.learnquebec.ca/what-is-online-tutoring->
www.learnquebec.ca/tutoring



News from the Leadership Crew

The leadership club will be up and running again soon in a more limited capacity, but still full of changemaking energy! One of our main focuses this year will be on the environment. We will be tackling the issues surrounding disposable masks, as well as recycling in our school. Stay tuned for more news and initiatives from our leadership students!

Mental Health Task Force

Stress and anxiety are normal responses when dealing with the effects of this pandemic. Students and staff may be struggling to cope with the situation. As a school, Elizabeth Ballantyne has put together a Mental Health Task Force. We will be working with our school psychologist to support our community.



A tree with strong roots laughs at storms.
Mayan Proverbs

Science at Home

Hello EBS Science Superstars!

This year we have been continuing our important work learning about the Water Cycle!!

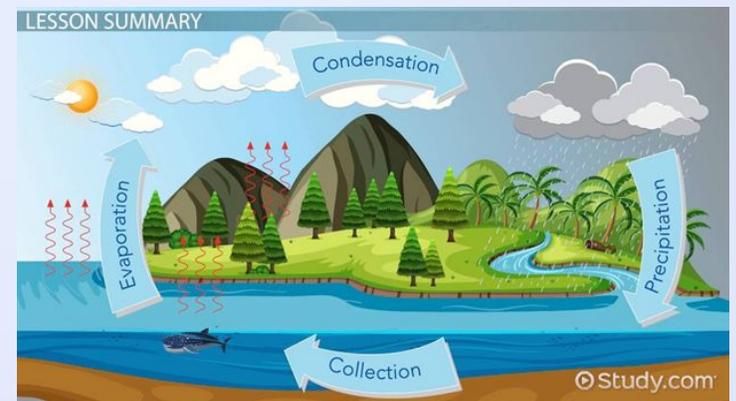
Here is a fun experiment that we have done in class that you can try at home.

Materials

A glass or metal cooking pot; a freezer or ice pack; a kettle (preferably an electric one). Maybe a towel if you don't like puddles of water inside your house.

Procedure:

There are 4 main parts of the Water Cycle (quiz your parents/child to see if they know them!). This experiment will demonstrate all 4. Put your pot in the freezer for about 30 minutes. If you are in a hurry, you can put an ice pack or anything else frozen into the pot. Turn on your kettle and wait for it to heat up. Hey! What's that stuff coming out of the pot? Did the liquid water just change states? Yes it did! Carefully take your now cold pot and hold it to the steam coming out of the kettle, being careful not to expose your hand to the hot steam. The steam from the kettle will soon return to its original state of matter and you will have made it rain inside. For an added challenge, identify all 4 parts of the water cycle that you have recreated!!!! For a bonus, identify the force that is making it rain.



September 30, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year we will continue our tradition of community service by sponsoring a Terry Fox Run, which is now in its FORTIETH year! At EBS, we have been participating and raising funds for cancer for THIRY-FIVE years. Last year, we raised \$2,914.90 and received special recognition from the Terry Fox Foundation for raising such a significant amount of money for an elementary school in Quebec.

This year, the Run will be different than in previous years. It will take place the week of October 5, during regularly scheduled Phys Ed classes. Students will be asked to walk or run for a certain amount of time, depending on their age group.

K & Cycle-15 minutes Cycle 2-30 minutes Cycle 3-45 minutes

Parents and families who wish to donate are welcome to do so. It is not necessary for a child to go beyond his/her immediate family for sponsors. This year, donations must be sent directly to the Terry Fox Foundation at the following link:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ElizabethBallantyneSchool>

Please be sure to watch the video that is being included in this email. M. Fortin or Mr. Nurse will contact you by Class Dojo the day before in order to remind you that your child will be participating in the event.

Be sure to watch the following video [LINK](#)

**M. Stéphane Fortin
Phys Ed Teacher**

**Mr.Saverio Servello
Principal**

LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION THIS YEAR!