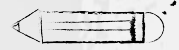


# September



Tansi, Edlanat'e, Hello!

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone back for the 2022-2023 school year. I hope you enjoyed your summer break and were able to spend time with loved ones. Elizabeth School is committed to supporting students to be strong in identity, health, and education. Our priorities aim at increasing student success in literacy and numeracy, FNMI culture as well as student attendance. I am especially motivated to sustain a positive school community of kindness and caring within our building.

This is a year of great opportunity for our students at Elizabeth School. Our teachers will be able to support the youth with new, creative, engaging ways of instruction and curriculum delivery. Elizabeth School staff have all focused on making this school year as successful as possible. Our staff have planned many land based learning and cultural opportunities for students to engage in this year!

Growing student achievement happens when our teachers and Elizabeth School families work together. By embracing Elizabeth School values of safety and education, we can create the most beneficial learning experience for our students. In the new role of Principal, I would like to establish strong relationships with all stakeholders within the Elizabeth Metis Settlement as well as encourage positive collaboration and solution based approaches to ensure our students are provided optimal pathways to success!

Tegan Vacheresse  
Principal



Message from  
Tegan Vacheresse,  
Principal

# A Message From the Minister of Education



*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Red Deer-North*

While some students participate in year-round schooling and have been in the classroom for a few weeks – the first day of school for many students and teachers is quickly approaching. I am pleased to welcome back all the students and teachers who are returning and give a warm welcome to those who will be joining us for the first time. I hope you had the chance to rest, relax and recharge over the summer and are ready for an exciting and productive school year.

I am truly thankful for everyone's collaborative efforts in providing a safe and healthy learning environment particularly over the last two years and look forward to a smooth return to in-person instruction. We remain committed to ensuring the health and safety of staff, and students. As we head into the school year, I encourage all students and staff to continue exercising regular personal hygiene and staying home when not feeling well. As I have said in the past it is important that individual family choices continue to be respected related to masking and vaccination. No student or staff member should be stigmatized for their choices.

While the last couple of years has taught us resilience and perseverance, we understand the impacts Covid-19 has had on our young learners' education and mental well-being. We are committed to ensuring our students feel connected and supported in their academic and mental-health needs. Alberta's Government is pleased to commit \$110 million over three years to improve mental health services, provide specialized assessments from qualified therapists and psychologists, and help students get their learning back on track after the pandemic. This is in addition to the over \$1.4 billion in Learning Supports Funding provided directly to school authorities each year. This funding envelope includes the Specialized Learning Supports (SLS) grant, the Nutrition grant, and Program Unit Funding (PUF), which support student mental health, specialized assessments and allow school authorities to provide supports to students and staff.

I sincerely appreciate all the teachers, support staff, school boards, administrators and parents who work tirelessly throughout the school year to prepare students for success and ensure they have the proper supports. Your efforts are both noticed and appreciated.

The school year ahead holds tremendous potential and opportunities for students and educators alike. I am proud of what we have accomplished, and what we continue to work towards – improving education and supporting young Albertans. I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and successful 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely,  
Adriana LaGrange

Minister of Education

# A Message from the Superintendent!



Tansi, Edlánat'e, Hello students, parents, guardians, staff, and community members.

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. To our new families and staff, welcome to Northland School Division. As you know, the last two and a half years have been challenging due to COVID-19. While things have returned to some level of normalcy, Northland School Division will continue to have important health and safety strategies in place for students, staff, and visitors. Strategies include:

- Promoting the importance of proper hygiene. For example, washing hands and using hand sanitizer provided by Northland School Division.
- Intensive cleaning protocols in all schools and facilities.
- Visitors sign in upon arrival and sign out before leaving.

**Choice in Learning** One of the things we will continue to do is offer families a choice between in-school learning and an online school. For families interested in online education, parents and guardians can register their students to attend Northland Online School. We believe the more flexibility and choice we can provide for NSD students, the better chance they'll achieve success and achieve their goals and dreams. The online school has been a tremendous success. 69 Kindergarten to Grade 9 students enrolled with Northland Online School in 2021-2022. Grade 10 students are now able to attend Northland Online School this year! Visit the school's website to learn more [www.northlandonlineschool.ca](http://www.northlandonlineschool.ca).

**Literacy and Numeracy** Literacy is an important learning foundation for student learning. Northland is continuing to focus on the division-wide learning approach that focuses on language comprehension and word recognition. Schools have developed goals and plans for how they will work with families to support these literacy focus areas.

For numeracy, Northland is involved in a partnership with the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education. As a result of this partnership, Northland educators have been learning well researched practices to help students in grades 1-8 better understand math, using the program Jump Math and the teaching practices covered in Math Minds. The professional learning of staff is delivered by one of the top Mathematicians in Western Canada! We are very lucky to have this level of expertise working with our teachers.

**More opportunities for High School students** I am excited to share that Northland has developed a common high school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. This will allow students in any Northland school to take courses offered in other schools by attending the class virtually. To support a high school student's path toward post-secondary education, they are able to take dual credit courses. In 2021, Northland and MacEwan University signed a five-year agreement that gives students access to dual credit courses. Once again this year, students will be able to take the following courses:

- PSSC 112 - Policing in Canada
- PSSC 121 - Law and the Administration of Justice
- TAST 101 - Child and Adolescent Development
- Indigenous Studies 100/ Aboriginal Studies 30

Last year, students who took the dual credit courses earned 60 university credits and 86 high school credits! Northland is working towards developing even more exciting courses for high school students. We will provide updates when the course offerings are finalized.

Another exciting partnership NSD has is with the TELUS World of Science - Edmonton. Since the beginning of our relationship with TELUS World of Science, NSD teachers have been able to learn innovative ways to deliver science-related topics into the classroom environment. In addition, the Science in Motion team organizes science-themed events exclusively for NSD. Last year, 1547 students participated in 13 TELUS World of Science - Edmonton events! These events have enhanced the science experience and improved student engagement.

**NSD launched a new brand identity** As mentioned by Board Chair Robin Guild, Northland officially unveiled a new look on September 1, 2022. This is an exciting time for the school division. As Northland has engaged in new programs, partnerships, and opportunities for both students and staff, it was felt that we needed to update our logo. I was excited to see the level of enthusiasm from the communities in designing the new logo. It was only fitting that the new logo was designed by a former Northland grad, Regan Auger!

We will be launching a new online store very soon. Students, parents, and community members will be able to order clothing with the new Northland logo.

Welcome back, everyone! Thank you for your continued support. Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras

Superintendent of Schools/CEO



# Important Dates

## 2022-2023 School Year Holidays

September 5, 2022	Labour Day
September 30, 2022	Truth & Reconciliation Day
October 10, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
November 1, 2022	Metis Settlement Proclamation Day
November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
Dec 26, 2022 - Jan 06, 2023	Christmas Break
February 13 - 17, 2023	Reading Week
Apr 3- Apr 10, 2023	Spring Break
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
June 21, 2021	Indigenous Peoples Day



October 03 - School Photos  
October 5- Intramurals start  
October 07 - Attendance Assembly  
October 07 - Superhero Day  
October 21- PD Day- No School for Students  
October 31- Halloween Celebration

February 20, 2023 Family Day

March 24, 2023 Wellness Day

May 19, 2023 Wellness Day



Professional Development - No school for students

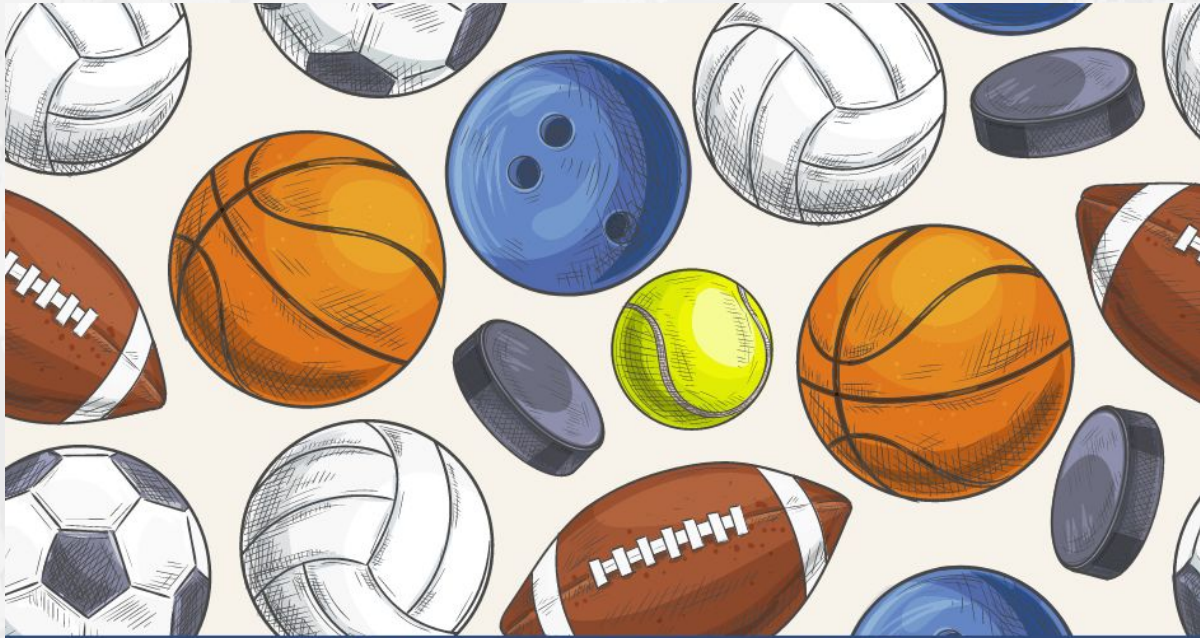
October 21  
November 14  
December 09

January 30  
March 10  
March 20  
May 19

Keep up to date with other school events on the Elizabeth Schools Facebook Page!



# 📌 Extra Curricular



## **INTRUMURALS**

**3:00-3:45PM**

Kindergarten - Grade 4 **MONDAYS**

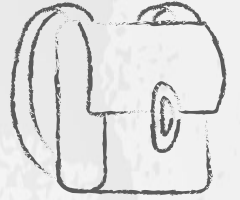
Grade 5 - Grade 8 **WEDNESAYS**

**Intramurals** will be starting  
after school **October 5.**

# Important Reminders

**Morning Drop Off:**

**School BEGINS at 8:30am**



**Dismissal Schedule:  
First Bus leaves the  
school at 3:00**

**All students  
dismissed at 2:50**

Please contact busing  
for information on pick  
up locations, times,  
and bus cancellations

OR

Check our Facebook  
page for important  
messages!



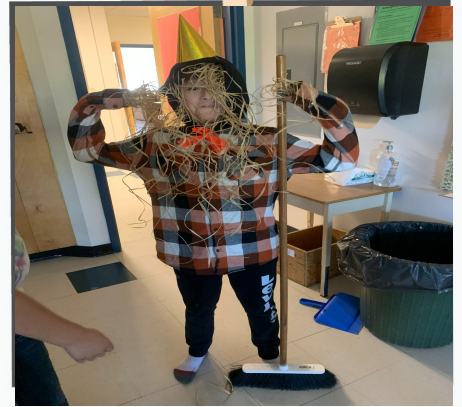


# Around Elizabeth School





# Fall Carnival



Students had a blast finding a variety of Fall themed items around Elizabeth School for our first Fall Carnival! We saw a tremendous amount of teamwork displayed by all students in every grade!

Way to go!!!





# Terry Fox Run



Elizabeth School did a great job fundraising for the Terry Fox Run! In total the school raised \$362.15!

Job Well Done!!!





# Orange Shirt Day!

Thanks to all the students and staff at Elizabeth School for wearing orange to honour and come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope, because every child matters. ❤️





# Attendance Counts



## ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Receive an Attendance Certificate & have your name entered to win a prize!!

**50\$ PRIZE!**

← Perfect Attendance 85%+

Excellence In Attendance 95%+

**100\$ PRIZE!**

1 Draw per month



Occurs every month!

# Congratulations on FANTASTIC Attendance!!

## Perfect Attendance 85%+

### ECS

Bryan Collins  
Lincoln Courtepatte  
Levi Desjarlais  
Lynden Cunningham

### GRADE 1/2

Asher Lepine  
Nazareth Collins-Jackinfe  
Rod Jimmy

### GRADE 3/4

Lily Jackinfe  
Kiara Blyan  
Jax Morrissette  
Reid Morrissette  
Zoey Chief-Bouvier  
Sierrah Piche  
Merissa Swan  
Kyston Tremblay

### GRADE 5

Blake Froese

### GRADE 6

Starla Cardinal-Janvier  
Memphis Desjarlais

### GRADE 7

Leonidas Cardinal  
Ciara Desjarlais  
Leland Moore

### GRADE 8

Olive Jackknife

## Excellence in Attendance 95%+

### ECS

Quinn Whiskeyjack  
Claire Speers  
Callie Janvier

### GRADE 1/2

Madison Gladue  
Gabriel Speers  
Cameron Jacknife

### GRADE 3/4

Priya Sagan  
Everly Soloway  
Kyomi Waskewitch

### GRADE 5

Alessandra Bergmann  
Tiara Black Kettle  
Zander Collins-LaPratt  
Carter Gadwa-Janvier  
Jodin Trembly  
Leland Larocque

### GRADE 6

Mordecai Cardinal-Shirt  
Uriah Sagan

### GRADE 7

Pheonix Chief-Martial  
Alexis Dorocher  
Johnathan McDonald  
Ashton Martial  
Legion Marchuk

### GRADE 8

Eli Black Kettle  
Luke Desjarlais  
Makayla Desjarlais  
Maximus Sagan  
Joy Shirt

Congratulations - Attendance-

CONGRATS

ELIZABETH  
SCHOOL



# EAGLE AWARD

Mordecai Daniel Cardinal-Shirt

95% or better attendance for the 2021-2022 school year



# MEET OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS AT ELIZABETH SCHOOL

## ELS

Hi I am Dawn Milne. I have worked at Elizabeth School for 13 years. I love teaching kindergarten and being a part of the school. This will be my 7th year in kindergarten and I'm looking forward to all the exciting adventures this school year brings.



## GRADE 1/2



Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Elizabeth School! My name is Mrs. Jenn McRae and I am teaching grade 1/2 this year. This year is my 16th year teaching and my 9th year at Elizabeth School. I am looking forward to connecting with families at all of the school events this year. Here's to another amazing year at Elizabeth School!

# GRADE 3/4



Tansi,

My name is Ms. MacDonald and I am excited to be your child's grade 3/4 teacher for the next few weeks. I am Dene/Cree/Settler ancestry from Fort McKay First Nation in Northern Alberta. I have a son named Sebastian who is 3 years old. Also, I am currently working on my Masters of Indigenous Education specializing in Land Based Learning. I am excited to have the opportunity to work here in Elizabeth Métis Settlement.

Mashi Cho!

# GRADE 5



Hello!

I am Danielle O'Connor  
I am the Grade 5 Homeroom teacher, and I will be teaching Math and Science to the grade five and six students this year. I enjoy teaching hands-on math and science to the students. Looking forward to a great year ahead with the five and sixes.



## GRADE 6

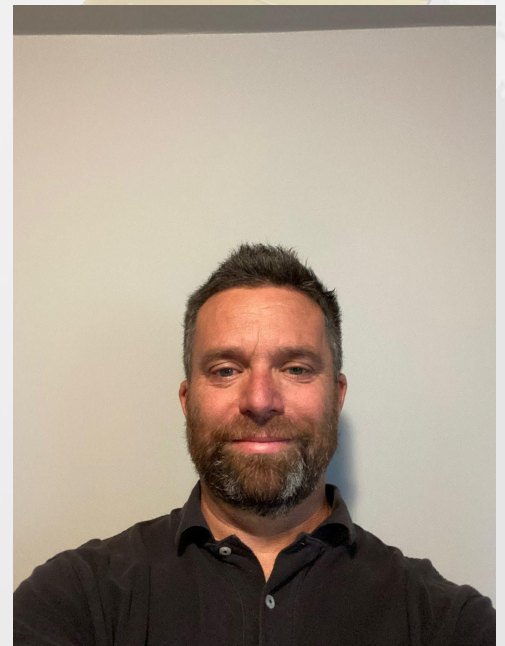


Hello Everyone! My name is Rayel Cardinal and I have the pleasure of being the Grade 6 Homeroom Teacher this school year. I will be teaching them Language Arts, Social Studies, Gym, Art, and Health. I will also be teaching the Grade 5 students Language Arts and Social. Outside of the classroom, you will find me hanging out with my family. We love playing ball and enjoying the outdoors camping, swimming, or fishing! I have 3 amazing kids and a cute American Bully named Kobe! I am really looking forward to the school year ahead!



Hi! My name is Mario Fafard and I have been a teacher at Elizabeth School since 2014. I have taught all subjects but I currently teach ELA and Social Studies to grades 7 and 8. I enjoy the students at Elizabeth School and especially look forward to our outdoor activities. I am anticipating a great school year with my home room grade 7s!

## GRADE 7





# GRADE 8

Hi everyone!

For those of you who don't know me, I am Lee Winik and I am the grade 8 homeroom teacher here at Elizabeth School. This year my assignment is teaching grade 7 and 8 math and science as well as the rest of the subjects for grade 8. As many of you know I have a passion for using technology in the classroom. I have been at our school for over a decade and will continue to encourage our students to be the best that they can be. I'm pretty blessed to have a great group of students to work with this year! Take care and I hope to meet you soon.

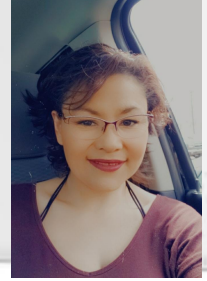


## Learning Support Teacher

Hi Everyone,  
I am the Learning Support Teacher for Elizabeth School. I work with Elizabeth students and teachers to help the students be successful in school. I love working with students and enjoy the stories and hard work they bring to Elizabeth. I think I am super lucky as I get to work with **all** the kids from ECS to Grade 8 in the school. I enjoy my cats at home, and my husband and I enjoy hunting, fishing, and smoking game meat. I will bring some goose jerky to the school soon. I am honored to work at this school, as I find the community, parents and guardians so supportive of the kids here. Please stop by and see me if you want to know more of my role.



# Cree



Tanisi Lisa Swan nitsiykason. I was born and raised here so most of you know me already. My background is in Social Work and I started in Education with Headstart 8 years ago. I began to work at our school 6 years ago, working as an Educational Assistant. This will be my fifth year teaching Language and Culture at Elizabeth School. My goal is to become a student at Blue Quills University to get my Bachelor of Arts in Neheyawewin.

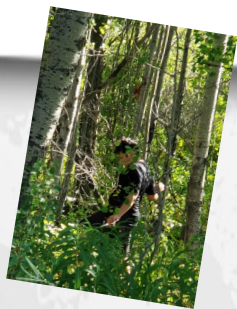
This year with no COVID restrictions, I am looking forward to inviting more of our local knowledge keepers into the school to teach our students about our cultural ways not only as Metis people but as Cree people as well. We have had a few people come to the school already and I am excited to bring in more people to share their knowledge with our kids. If you or anyone you know is interested in spending time with our students and to share your area of specialty, please feel free to contact me at the school.

This year started off with a focus on Takwakin (fall). We have done nature walks and collected items from nature to create picture frames. These picture frames were made in recognition of Grandparents day and had a personalized picture inside of it. All of our kids did a fantastic job and are very creative. I hope the frames were enjoyed by our students' grandparents.

Last week, a few of the grades were learning about games the children of villages used to play kayas. One game is called Sling Ball where a child would hold a ball tied to string made out of animal hide between his/her feet and sling it backwards as far as they could. We turned it into a race and had such a great time learning about this game.

I like to incorporate learning with fun in our program to keep the interest of the kids, so we play lots of games that teach the kids different aspects of our language and culture. The job I have been blessed with is challenging as there is a lot of planning and such a difference in ages from ECS to grade 8, but I wouldn't have it any other way!

If there are any suggestions or new ideas that you would like to see come to fruition with regard to our language and culture program, have skills or knowledge that you would like to pass on to our children, or even just to volunteer some time in class, give us a call. We would be happy to hear from you. I can be reached at the school at (780) 594-2017, through email at [lisa.swan@nsd61.ca](mailto:lisa.swan@nsd61.ca) or on my cell phone at (587) 907-8107. Ay hiy.





# EA - Mrs. Jackknife



Greetings from Elizabeth School. Most everyone knows me I have worked with most of your kiddo's throughout the 18 years of my work here at Elizabeth School.

It is a joy to see the children each day and watch them grow and mature as the year progresses.

I have traveled to Europe, Montreal, Toronto , Quebec and British Columbia and have lived in Fort McMurray, Fort Mckay and Grand Cache Alberta. I returned home in 2007 and began work back in the school.

My roles are EA in Kindergarden assist Mrs. Milne , help with Speech, and do Apple school and a whole lot more.

# EA - Ms. MacDonald

Hey,

Hey Everyone! My name is Madison Macdonald. I grew up in Elk Point, Alberta but currently live in Bonnyville. I have been working with the Northlands School division for seven years as an Educational Assistant, six years with J.F Dion school and this is my first year working at Elizabeth school. I am also working on my Bachelor of Education degree. This school year I will be working in the grade ½ classroom and bit with the grade 6's. I am really looking forward to this school year. Let's have a great year!!

Madison MacDonald



## EA Ms. Desjarlais



Hello my name is Tammy Desjarlais I've been an EA with Elizabeth School since 2017. I absolutely love my job and all the amazing students I get to work with. I am currently working in the 3/4 class this year and I am looking forward to another great year here at Elizabeth!

## EA - Ms. Cardinal

Hi

I am Stacy Cardinal and I am in Grade 5 classroom working with Ms. O'Connor and also be working in Mrs. Cardinal room also.

Looking forward to another exciting year!





## EA - Ms. Bethany



My name is Ms. Bethany and this school year I will be working in the grade 7 classroom with Mr. Fafard. I will be helping around the classroom and working with students one on one. I am very excited for this school year.

## EA - Ms. L

Hello Everyone!

My name is Val Lagimodiere and I love my job at ELizabeth School! I work with a variety of students doing one on one pull outs and small group work. I also support students in classrooms. I am very excited to begin another fantastic year at Elizabeth School and can not wait to see all the students enjoy the great things we have planned for the year!



# Family Wellness



I am Rhonda LaBoucane and have worked for Northland School Division since 1997 in a variety of roles. This is my fifth year as the Family Wellness Worker at Elizabeth School. My home community is Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, where I have created my home. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. My two chihuahua's Coco and Pixie were able to visit Elizabeth school a couple of times in the past. Perhaps they can make a visit again this school year.

Miss Rhonda



## Hours Available

Monday

Wednesday

Friday Morning

## Secretary



Hello!

I am Evelyn Larocque and I have been at Elizabeth School in a variety of roles since 2004.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends!

I am looking forward to a great year with students during the 2022-2023 school year!





## Busing Ladies

Corrine Desjarlais  
(AKA Bibs)  
é  
Cheryl Walker

## Kitchen Ladies



Gladys Desjarlais  
é  
Jamie De La Salle

# Literacy Plan at Elizabeth School



**Literacy Goal** By June 2023,  
Elizabeth School students will  
improve their overall literacy  
score by 15%

1. Decode what they read;
2. Make connections between what they read and what they already know;
3. Think deeply about what they have read;
4. Improve vocabulary



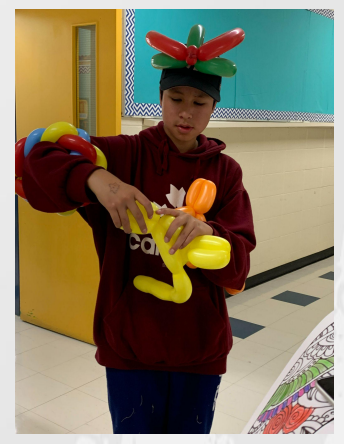
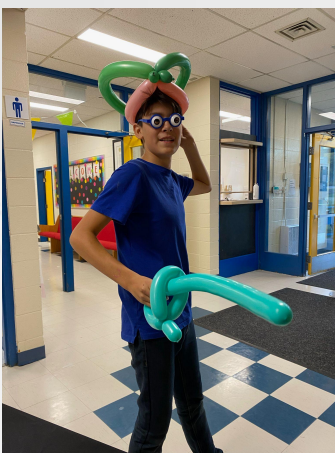
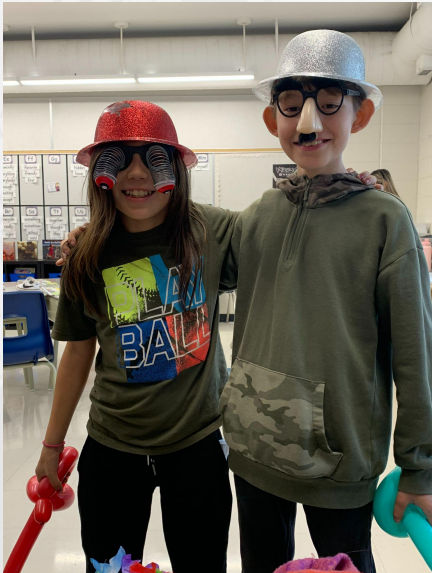
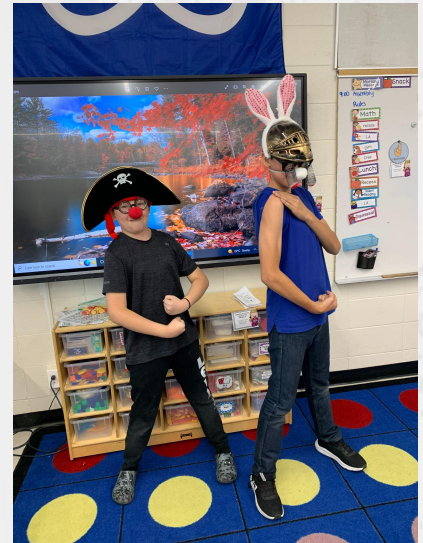


# Parent Carnival

Elizabeth School would like to thank the following people for volunteering their time:



Kathy Desjarlais  
Richard Desjarlais  
Tracy Lagimodiere  
Bob Gamache  
Evelyn Gamache  
Denis Gamache





BIG DONATIONS COMING IN!

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