

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Spotlight on Elizabeth  
School



# Notes from the Principal



December has arrived!! I hope everyone is spending quality time with loved ones and getting to partake in some winter activities.

The month of December offered many fun and engaging opportunities for our youth. Students enjoyed the many events and activities they were able to participate in including our Winter Games and Christmas Fun Day. Elizabeth School staff and students prepared an enchanting Christmas concert performance to share with the Elizabeth Metis Settlement community. Additionally, students spread Christmas cheer by choosing a Christmas Store gift for a loved one. Check out our Elizabeth School Facebook for details or inquire with your child's teacher every month to see what we have in store!

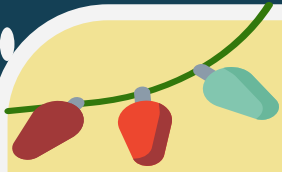
Elizabeth School continues to make strides in literacy and numeracy achievement. Many of our students have increased their reading and comprehension levels, way to go! The Math Minds and JUMP Math resource has expanded several of our students' mathematical abilities and is showing great success. Keep up the hard work Elizabeth School students, it's paying off!

Attendance is key in educational success! Please keep this in mind as we move into the last six months of school. Elizabeth School encourages students to attend as frequently as possible. If we can help, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.

As the festive break is just around the corner, I want to take a moment to thank all parents/guardians and teachers for your support and dedication in giving our students the best educational experience. I wish all of you a very happy and restful holiday season and look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year!

Tegan VachereSse

Principal



# SCHOOL YEAR HOLIDAYS



**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**

## IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

**January 09 - Students First Day Back After Christmas Break**

**January 13 - Attendance Assembly @ 2:15pm**

**January 13 - Spirit Day - Animal from the Woods Theme**

**January 17-20 - Spirit North Skiing - bring warm winter gear!**

**January 20 - Magic Show with Steve Harmer @ 1:30pm**



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**January 30th - No School For Students**

# AROUND ELIZABETH SCHOOL

## Monthly Theme:



### Professional Development No school for Students

January 30  
March 10  
March 20  
May 19

### Wellness Days No school for Students

March 24  
May 05

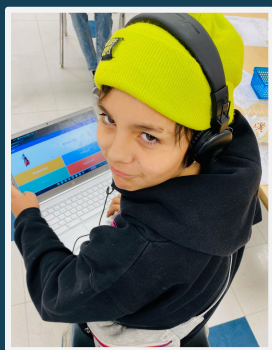
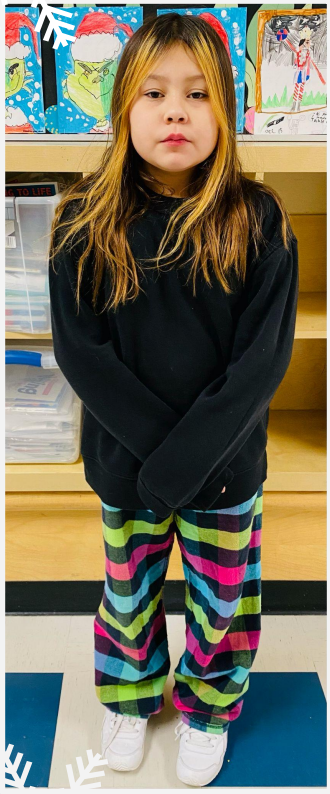
### Intramurals (3:00-3:45)

Monday: K-4  
Wednesdays: 5-8





# SPIRIT DAY – CHRISTMAS CLOTHING



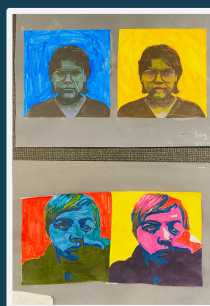
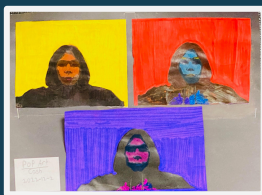
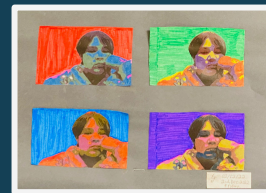
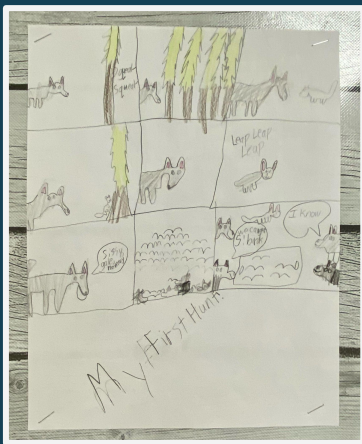
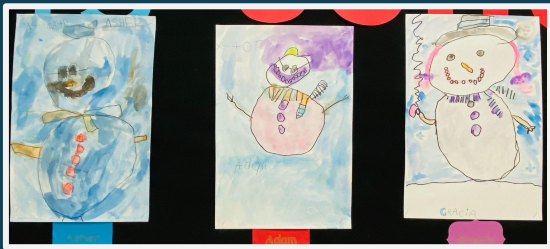


# WINTER GAMES @ ELIZABETH SCHOOL






# AROUND ELIZABETH SCHOOL






# GRADE 3/4 STUDENTS – TRAPPED IN A SNOW GLOBE




*Type Your Title Here*

Dear Mom,  
Can you help me im stuck inside this snowglobe. It's cold and wet in here and im a little nervous, i feel like im being watched. I heard someone call my name so i followed it and ended up inside here. Can you help me get out?  
From tianna




Thursday December 15 10:46  
Hi Zander here is a story, A guy put me in a white van and he shrink me He put me in a snow globe and he put me in my House. I was about to call my Mom but I forgot my phone on the table. when i left to zanders and i waited for my parents but forgot they went to edmonton. I was getting bigger every minute and i waited and i got 4f 6in. By Hunter

snowglobe  
Dec 21 1990  
Dear Dad,  
How is your day going? It's very cold where I am. I got stuck in a snowglobe. It is big and And I really need help to be honest but it's cool in the snowglobe. I am very sad 😞. Dad pls help!



Sincerely, Kiara


December, 13, 1999  
Dear Mom,  
How are you today? I have something really big to tell you. I have been stuck in a snow globe for 1 year. I have no idea how I got in here. It is really chilly here. It got dark so I went to bed. Then it was the next morning and I went outside and I flipped over. It was a snow storm! Have you been stuck in a snowglobe? Is there anything you can do to help me?  
Sincerely,  
priya




May 2, 17000  
Hi mom  
how are you ? i am stuck in a snow globe. I shook the snow globe really hard and I am stuck inside the snow globe. I was wondering if you can help me get out? It is very small in here and really boring.  
sincerely reid




December 26, 1917  
Dear Kytton,  
How was your day? I am writing to you to inform you that iam stuck in a snow globe. I was painting snow globe hairs, when all of a sudden i found myself stuck in one of the snow globes. Can you come help me get out please!  
Sincerely Jax



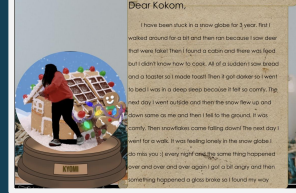
Thursday December 15 2022  
Dear mom,  
How was your christmas day? For me, it was a holiday it was snowing and I was sad because i was on the shelf in the living room. I was trying to kick the glass to get out of the snowglobe because i want to get out. Have u ever been in a snowglobe in a little small snowglobe. Because i have been in a snowglobe that i can't see anything. I have a little house in the snowglobe lol!



To mom December 23 1999  
Hi  
help me! i am stuck in a snow globe! i don't know how i got in here. Do you know how to get me out of here? I have a cabin i am listening to christmas music. How is the weather out there? Santa came here he left a lot of toys. I got a slime kit and a coloring book and new shoes. What did you get for christmas?




Dear Kokom,  
I have been stuck in a snow globe for 3 years. First i walked around for a bit and then ran because i saw deer that were like then i got a cabin and there was food, but then i saw new shoes. All of a sudden i was dead and i started to fade then i got stuck so i went to bed i was in a deep sleep because i felt so comfy. The next day i went outside and then the snow flew up and down some as me and then i fell to the ground. I was crying. There was snow covering almost the whole part so i ran. I was feeling lonely in the snow globe so i ran you i every night i see some things happened over and over and over again i got a bit angry and then something happened a glass broke so i found my way



2009 December 20  
Dear Mom,  
How are you? I'm stuck in a snow globe! I do not know how I got in here. I have one solution, breaking the glass! Get me out of here please. I'm really cold I ran around looking for something to break the glass but there was nothing so please help me.  
Help help help  
Love 11vl



May 1/ 2016  
Hello Markes  
how are you doing what new with you? I have something crazy to tell you I am stuck in a snow globe. I am cold in this snow globe its ok I got a little cabin. If so hard to breathe in this snow globe. Its was about to get dark so I went to bed the next morning I wake up I clean up and then I went outside and there was snow all over the walkway and I seen a shovel. In the snow I pick it up and start shv start to get dark so I went to bed and then I wake up and all my books were all over the place so I had to clean it up again and then I have to shovel the sidewalk and then it was getting dark the next day I had no shovel to do the sidewalk so I had to shovel the sidewalk with my hand and then a wind blow to me and my shovel was in the wind. sincerely .





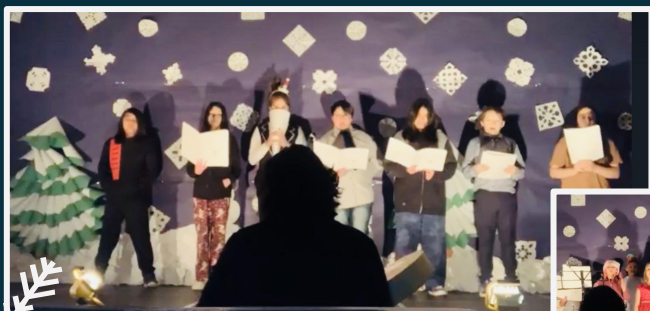
# CHRISTMAS STORE SUCCESS.



Elizabeth School would like to thank all of the families as well as the Elizabeth Metis Council for donating to our Christmas Store!



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT



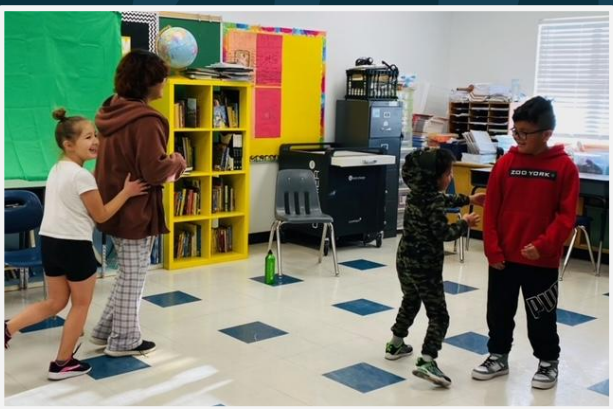
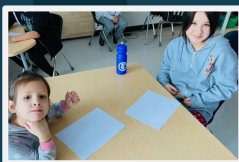
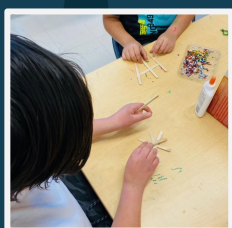


# CHRISTMAS FUN DAY – DECEMBER 22ND



Christmas  
FUN DAY

- 1 December 22
- 2 Pajama Day
- 3 Fun Games/Activites
- 4 Afternoon Movies

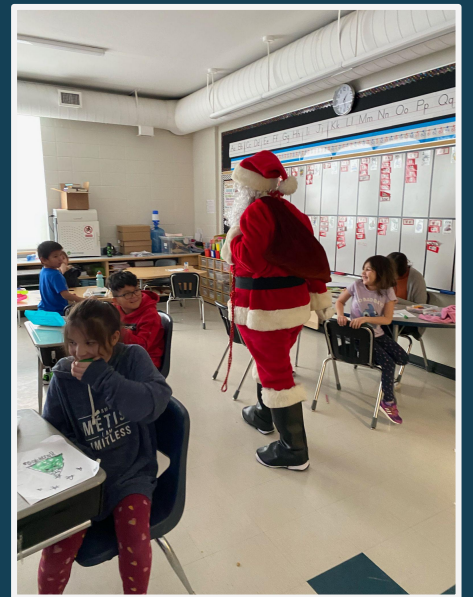




# SANTA VISIT

Thank you to Mr. De La Salle for being Santa's helper in delivering some yummy Christmas Candy to Elizabeth School students!









# 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!



# NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE WINNERS

85%+

95%+



Perfect Attendance 85%+

Excellence in Attendance 95%+

Lily Jackknife

Starla  
Cardinal-Janvier

# CELEBRATING YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

PERFECT ATTENDERS 85%+

EXCELLENCE IN ATTENDANCE 95%+

Grade 1/2

Kora Desjarlais

Grade 3/4

Kasha Desjarlais

Grade 5

Jodin Tremblay

Grade 7

Leonidas Cardinal

Grade 8

Luca Jacknife



ECS

Darian Desjarlais-Boucher

Grade 1/2

Rod Jimmy

Grade 3/4

Kyston Tremblay

Everly Soloway

Grade 5

Zander Collins-LaPratt

Grade 6

Starla Cardinal-Janvier

Mordecai Cardinal-Shirt

Grade 7

Ashton Martial

Johnathan Macdonald

Grade 8

Joy Shirt

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.





# ECS



**Hello!! Every Wednesday we are invited to participate in a team challenge activity that strengthens our team building, cooperation, taking turns, and memory. Mrs. Rhonda, our school wellness coordinator, sets up a challenge and each team takes turns looking at the model and trying to rebuild exactly what it looks like in their group. The students love this activity and look forward to new challenges each week. Have a wonderful holiday ECS!**

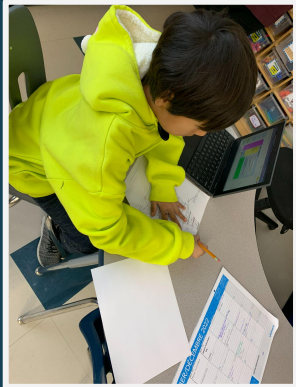


## GRADE 1/2

**Happy December! December has been such a busy and fun month in grade 1/2! Students have participated in a variety of winter and Christmas themed activities this month. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful Christmas Break with your families! See you all in January!**



# GRADE 3/4

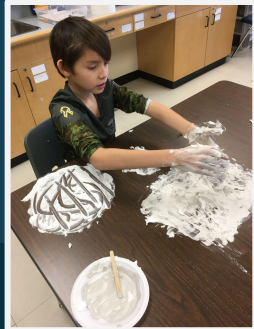


**Happy Holidays!**  
This month in math grade 3 students have been working on addition and subtraction. The grade 4 students have finished multiplication and are now starting division! In English, students are working on friendly letters and narrative writing. In science, students are building a tower that can hopefully hold an egg! Students have been working hard on their Christmas concert performances and are excited to perform them. Have a Merry Christmas and we will see you in the new year!



# GRADE 5

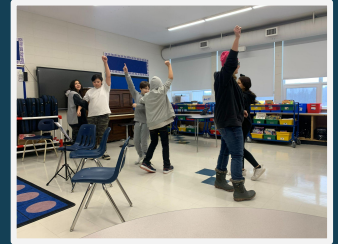
The grade 5 class has been working hard in math learning, long division putting their times tables to good use. They enjoy the games and songs to practice times tables. They are finishing up the weather unit in science studying clouds, the water cycle and they enjoyed making shaving cream clouds. We have been having fun practicing for the Christmas concert on December 21. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





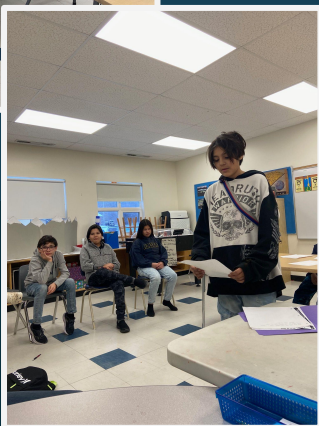
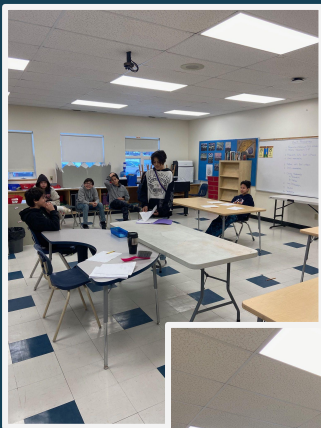
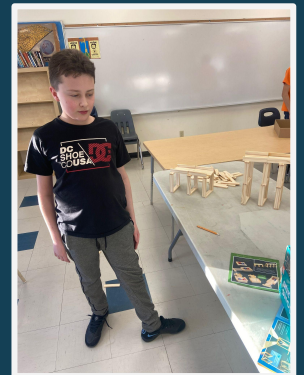
# GRADE 6

The Grade 6's have had a wonderful December! We are anxiously awaiting our Christmas Concert performance and have been diligently practicing for our Grinch play! Some of the students have reading parts in the play and others have been creating our costumes and props. We started reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. It's a wonderful story about a rabbit who learns the meaning of life after he is lost from his owner. In social, we finished learning about democracy in action and look forward to starting our Ancient Athens unit in January. I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break.

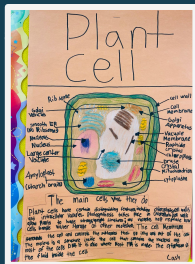
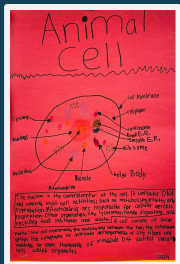
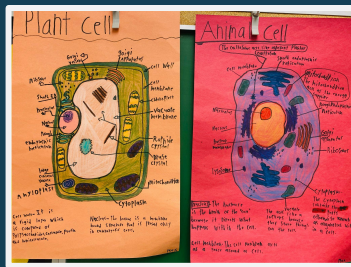


# GRADE 7

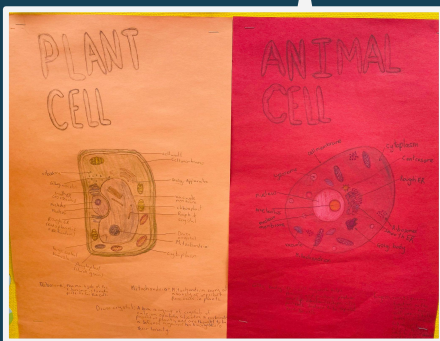
The grade 7s this month read a story in which a group of boys playing army games had an accidental death. Who was responsible? The students developed arguments and prepared a defense and prosecution. Then they conducted a trial and had a lot of fun. They did a very good job. On days when the students were stuck indoors, they spent some time building a model V8 engine and an aqueduct out of blocks.



# GRADE 8



**This month the students have been working hard on ratios and learning about circumference and the area of circles. In Cells and Systems, we learned about the similarities between plant and animal cells. We have also been practicing for the upcoming Christmas concert. No spoilers, but the kids have been working hard on their part of the performance. From the grade 8s, have a happy holiday and a fantastic new year.**



# NATIVE LANGUAGE



This month in Cree we have done some captivating projects. We started the month with legends; now that snow has fallen, tradition dictates that it is acceptable to share legends. The students heard some stories about the adventures of Wesakecahk and started to write their own legends. I would like to get a few of the students' legends translated into neheyawewin and submit them to the Cree Literacy Network for publication. This initiative is still in the creative process stage. I can't wait to read the final drafts of our students' legends.

The older students have been working on fish scale art and have created some very beautiful pieces. The younger children have been working on simple beaded necklaces for Christmas presents to their moms or kokohms. Last week, the Grade 7/8 students made bannock in class. It was delicious! Good job guys! The Grades 3/4 and Grade 6 classes have been working hard, practicing Christmas carols in Cree for our annual Christmas concert. I know they are going to do a fantastic job. I am looking forward to the New Year to focus more on language, the Cree sound system and constructing sentences.

As always, I encourage parent and family participation and knowledge sharing with our students. Should you have any ideas or have a traditional skill that you would like to share with our students or just have a desire to spend some time with our kids, please let me know and we can work together.

kahkiyaw niwâhkômâkanitik, miyo manito kisikansik ekwa mitho-ocîmi-kîsikanisik! 🌲

ELIZABETH SCHOOL WISHES ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES A VERY FESTIVE HOLIDAY BREAK – SEE YOU ALL IN 2023!



DECEMBER 26, 2022 - JANUARY 06, 2023

*Christmas  
Holiday Break*

FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL – JANUARY 9TH, 2023