

East St. Margaret's Elementary

Monthly Newsletter

November 2026

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

How is it November already?! Time is flying, and we are excited for all the learning and growing ahead. This month, we are beginning our school-wide focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Our first word is PERSEVERANCE! We will be learning about what it means to keep trying, work through challenges, and never give up. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home!

As the days get colder, please ensure students come to school dressed for outdoor play, including warm coats, hats, mittens, and appropriate footwear. We go outside for recess and lunch whenever possible, and want everyone to stay warm and comfortable!

In our classrooms, students continue to work hard, build new skills, take on challenges, and celebrate their successes. Thank you to our dedicated staff for the care and commitment they bring each day, and to our families for your ongoing support and partnership. Strong home-school connections play an important role in student success.

Erica Fukala

THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER 4
Picture Retake Day

NOVEMBER 8
Indigenous Veterans Day

NOVEMBER 9
Remembrance Day Ceremony
10:30 AM in ESM Gym

NOVEMBER 11
Remembrance Day
NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 20
Assessment & Evaluation Day
NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 24
Home & School General Meeting
VIRTUAL @ 6:00 PM - JOIN HERE

NOVEMBER 27
Grade Primary-6 Field Trip to
Bay View High School's *Frozen*

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Each year on November 11, people across Canada pause at the 11th hour to remember. The poppy we wear, the silence we observe, and the stories we share are ways of keeping the memory of those who served, those who never returned home, and the lasting impact of war alive for future generations.

In our schools, Remembrance Day offers students an opportunity to explore the meaning behind these traditions and consider what remembrance looks like today. As we honour the past, we also reflect on the importance of peace, kindness, and understanding in our own communities.

Please join us for our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at ESM on Monday, November 9 at 10:30 AM.



ESM SPIRIT WEAR

Did you know? You can order ESM branded clothing any time you want! Visit our [online clothing store](), choose your favourite product, add a variety of designs and graphics, place your order, and wait for delivery! And the best part? ESM will earn 10% on every order. Christmas is right around the corner, and what better gift for your ESM student or family member? Place your order today!



INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 8

On November 8, we recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and honour the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces. Indigenous veterans have made significant contributions to Canada's military history, serving with courage and dedication while often facing discrimination and barriers to recognition when they returned home.

This day is an opportunity to learn about their stories, recognize their sacrifices, and reflect on the importance of ensuring their contributions are remembered and honoured.

We encourage families to take a moment to learn about Indigenous veterans and share their stories with the next generation. Learn more **here.**

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PLANNING FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER



Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to operations **as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.**

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement will be made.**

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On the **HRCE website**
- On **Instagram**

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

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