

ELGIN IN THE NEWS

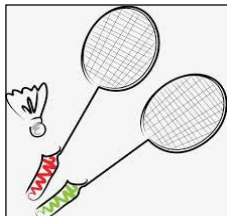


Important Dates

- May 3**-Elgin Day
May 6-Gr. 1 & ½ trip to Hospital
May 7-Unlearn Day #2
May 9-Wellness Fair Open House
 5-6:30pm
May 10-Int. Badminton Tournament
 -Favourite Animal Day
May 14-Gr. 5/6 & Trip to Backus
May 15-Gr. 7/8 Parent Meeting
 Re: Trip-6pm
May 16-Track & Field-Delhi H.S.
 Jr./Int. Students
May 17-T&F Rain Date
 -Elgin-Blue/White Day
May 20-Victoria Day-NO SCHOOL
May 21-Parent Group-6pm
May 22-24-EQAO-Gr. 3 & 6
May 24-Neon Day
May 27-29-Gr. 7/8 Trip



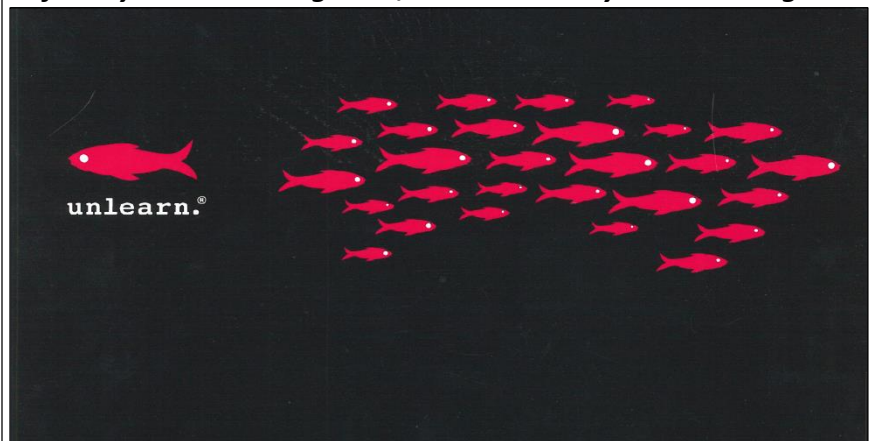
Badminton is now in full swing (LOL) at Elgin. The intermediates have been honing their badminton skills on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Auld. There are 16 players and 3 alternates on the team. The tournament will be held on May 10, 2019 at S.C.S. Good-luck to all those heading to the tournament!



UNLEARN Day #1

On April 10, the entire school participated in our first "Unlearn" experience. Each class spent time pondering and discussing the poster below. Some of their insights have been included here:

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking"



JK/SK: I would want to be on the side with the big fish because he is lonely.

JK/SK: They might both be going the wrong way because they could go up or down.

Grade 1: It reminds me of school because a group of fish is called a school.

Grade 1/2: I have never felt different because everyone is different.

Grade 2/3: I think It means choosing the right friends and changing your ways.

Grade 3/4: The big fish's mouth is open, and most of the little fish's mouths are closed. He is speaking about what he believes in.

Grade 4/5: Be adventurous, don't let others change who you are just be yourself.

Grade 5/6: At the bottom of the school there is a space where the big fish used to be.

Grade 7/8: Don't follow the crowd. Your ideas matter. Be yourself.

Grade 7/8: The other fish are ignoring the big fish because he is big and overweight.

Enrichment: Think outside the box.

French: aventureux, ma famille, isole, gauche



Summer School is a continuing education program offered to current students in Grades 6-12

Summer School 2019 provides students with opportunities to earn full or half credits, change to different streams, improve marks or recover courses. Courses are offered both in-class and online through eLearning. Experiential learning is also available to students through co-op placement.

Classroom:
July 2-26, 2019

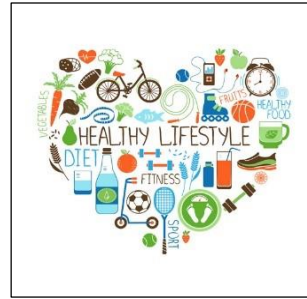
Locations:

- Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School
- Hagersville Secondary School

Online:
Large variety and flexible options

- Earn your credit in just 19 days
- Reach Ahead credits available for Grade 7 & 8 students
- Non-credit literacy/numeracy classes for Grades 6 & 7
- Small class sizes
- Unique learning with intense supports

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SUCCESS for Every Student



What: Health & Wellness Night

Where: Elgin Avenue School

When: Thursday May 9th @ 5:00-6:30pm

Please join us for a fun, relaxing and interactive evening of health and wellness activities and resources! Find ways to relax, re-charge and focus on developing healthy habits by participating in yoga, zendoodling, graffiti walls, listening to music, reading, exercising, preparing healthy snacks to eat and more!! Learn about the new Canada Food Guide from our Public Health nurse and how to establish healthy habits at home. The Norfolk Fire Department will also be there with safety information to share. At Elgin, our staff and students have been exploring important social issues by participating in Unlearn activities. Come see what Unlearn is all about!

Elgin Students Have CHARACTER!

Congratulations to these students, who have shown **INTEGRITY** during the month of April (doing the right thing, in a reliable way-even, or especially, when no-one is looking).



The Character trait focus for the month of May will be **HUMILITY** (a modest or low view of one's own importance.) Teachers will be watching for students who try their best in class and on the playground without expectation of recognition or reward.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

We understand that parking is limited for picking up your children after school; but please note that we do have some parking restrictions that need to be respected. Elgin has a number of buses that arrive at different times during the last part of the day. In recent weeks, these buses have had difficulty gaining access to our school along Elgin Ave. **It is very important that the posted parking signs be respected** so that the school buses have a clear path to their designated area along the sidewalk in front of the school. **This helps to ensure that the safety of our students** is maintained as they prepare to board these buses and head home at the end of the day. Also, the **handicap spaces and lawn area** by the hospital nursing home at the south end of our property should **not** be used for parking after school. This is hospital property and those **handicap spaces must be left open** for those who hold the **permits** to use them, while they are visiting at the nursing home.

Thank you for your care and co-operation in this matter.



Last fall, the Government of Ontario passed the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis as well as all vaping in public areas, including schools.

The new law specifically states that a person can not smoke or vape in or around a school. This includes all indoor spaces and all outdoor areas like playgrounds and sports fields. It also prohibits smoking and vaping in public areas within 20 metres of the property line of a school or School Board facility. For reference, 20 metres equals 65 feet, or the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

A person caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area may be charged with an offence and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first offence, if convicted.

To assist Grand Erie with this change, the local Health Unit will be providing new signage for all schools and Board facility sites. Through our Public Health Nurses, education information will be available for those looking to quit smoking or vaping. The Board will also be removing all traditional smoking and vaping areas.

Understandably, this is a significant change that will require everyone's cooperation. We don't want to see anyone charged. Therefore, we're asking for your support and assistance in ensuring everyone meets the requirements of this new law.

For more information on the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, visit: <https://bit.ly/2FGV4y5>.