



ELGIN IN THE NEWS

June 2018

Math Open House at Elgin

On Thursday, May 10th, many families visited Elgin to take part in Education Week Activities. Family math activities were set up in rooms on the main floor. Activities had families finding ways to make the number 68 (the number of years Elgin has been a school), mapping and finding ways to travel from Elgin to Lynndale, and making paper airplanes and measuring the distance they flew for the “Elgie Takes Flight” activity. Families were given a passport which could be filled in at each activity they visited. A completed passport was turned in for a free Elgin bag with math materials and ideas for math at home! In the gym, families could dine on pizza, and enjoy a sundae bar supplied by our Elgin Parent Group. It was a great time to celebrate Elgin and enjoy some fun math work! Afterwards, families could travel to Lynndale for their Open House too!



Students use their mapping and math skills to find a route from Elgin to Lynndale.

Spirit Days in June:

June 15th - Career Day

June 22nd - Canada Day

June 28th - Elgin Day

Elgin's Track and Field Day



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On Friday, May 18, grade 4 to 8 students travelled to Sprucedale for our annual Track and Field Meet. It was a cool and windy day, but everyone showed spirit and effort. Students competed in races, long jump, triple jump and shot put. On Tuesday, May 22, high-jump competition took place at Elgin, completing the event. Some of our results include:

First Place Juniors:

Ethan Whitehead

Jade Whitehead

First Place Intermediates:

Faith Wheeler

Elijah Bertrand

First Place Seniors:

Caley Roake and Faith Guthro

Kevaughn Briscoe

Thirty-eight students will be representing Elgin at the County Track and Field Meet on June 6. A big congratulations to all who competed and best of luck to those going to County. Special thanks to Mrs. Auld for organizing this event and to the many parents who helped out that day!



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This was the first Track and Field meet for our grade 4's. Here are some of their thoughts after competing.

"My favourite activity was the 800m race because I got 2nd and I tried very hard. I went really fast at the end of the 800m race. I love Track and Field" Kayeigh

"My goal for next year's Track and Field Day is going to Sprucedale and winning ribbons in my events and going home to show my family my ribbons!" Alexis

"My favourite activity was the 800m because I like long races and I like to run a lot." Seth

"My goals for next year are to sign up for more events and get more ribbons. Plus, I want to make it onto the paper where they write the overall winners of each event!" Haley

SMOOTHIES FOR STAYING!!



We are having a contest to create delicious and healthy smoothie recipes! Each class at Elgin is being asked to submit a smoothie recipe. Three recipes will be chosen and made by our Healthy Snack Program volunteers in the month of June. Students will then get to sample the yummy recipes! What is your favourite smoothie?



April and May were busy months for Elgin's ME to WE Club as they were running two school initiatives. The Club sold 20 Rafikis, which will provide 20 families with clean drinking water in developing countries. The second initiative was collecting pop cans for the local Shriners' Club. Elgin's collection will contribute to the Club's hospitals whose focus is on assisting children with medical issues. The ME to WE Club thanks Elgin for their support.



Elgin's Coding Team

On Saturday, May 24, four intermediate Elgin students travelled to North Park Collegiate in Brantford as part of Grand Erie District School Board's first ever Coding Fair. Activities for the day included working with simple robotics and engaging in challenges designed to teach basic computational thinking skills. Using a form of early coding literacy referred to as block coding, the students created sets of directions to get the devices to navigate simple mazes, or to carry out a set of commands to display a certain shape on an LED screen. For their efforts, the group was rewarded with a third place finish from the ten teams that took part from all over Grand Erie. It was a close finish too, given that Elgin's team was only one point away from a tie for second place! Way to go Carley, Carson, Bella and Imogen! Thanks to Mrs. Backus-Kelly for leading this work!

Mrs. Richardson Named "Teacher of the Year!"

At a special ceremony on May 29, Elgin's Mrs. Allie Richardson, was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Council for Exceptional Children. Mrs. Richardson received a plaque and lots of good wishes as she was celebrated by the Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk Branch of the Council. She was nominated by the Educational Assistants who work with her in the Autism class at Elgin. Congratulations on this well-deserved award!

In the photo from left to right, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Banfield, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Minarik and Mrs. Gallo (former Elgin EA) celebrate the award!

