

ÉLES LIONS LOOK AHEAD

DECEMBER 1-5



This week:

Mon, Dec 1

- PJ Day Day for all students – student of the week winners also get hot chocolate
- Christmas Choir Practice at lunch recess

Tue, Dec 2

- ECS PLC day – no school for Kindergarten
- 8 am – Boy Basketball Practice
- Band Club at lunch recess
- 3:15 – Girls Basketball Practice

Wed, Dec 3

- Photo Retakes
- 3:30–6:30 – Student Led Conferences

Thu, Dec 4

- **12 Days of Holiday Cheer - Holiday Accessories!**
- 8 am – Boy Basketball Practice
- Band Club at Lunch Recess
- Hot Lunch – KFC

Fri, Dec 5

- **12 Days of Holiday Cheer - Class Wreath & Card Making**
- 12:51 – Assembly (Parents Welcome)

Upcoming Events

- Dec 8 – Last day to order school photos to get them before Christmas
- Dec 4 – 19 – ELES 12 Days of Holiday Cheer
- Dec 9 – 6E Bake Sale
- Dec 10 – Grade 4-6 Ski Day @ Rabbit Hill
- Dec 11 – Hot Lunch – Panda Hut
- **Dec 15-19 – Book Fair**
- Dec 16 – Popcorn Day
- Dec 16 – Family Christmas Event
- Dec 20 – Jan 4 – Winter Break

What's New

Thank You for Supporting the Grade 6 Fundraiser!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser! Your generosity was outstanding. We are thrilled to announce that we raised an incredible \$1,501.63! This money will go directly towards making the Grade 6 year-end trip a wonderful and memorable experience for our students. We appreciate your support!

🎁 Get Ready for the 12 Days of Holiday Cheer!

We are excited to kick off our annual 12 Days of Holiday Cheer on Monday, December 4th! Be sure to check the "This Week" section of the newsletter or the poster on the following page for the daily themes and activities we have planned to celebrate the festive season.

❗ School-Wide PJ Day on Monday!

Our Student of the Week winners spun the wheel and won the whole school a PJ Day! Everyone is invited to wear pajamas on Monday. Winners will also receive hot chocolate.

📸 Photo Retakes & Student-Led Conferences

Both Photo Retakes and evening Student-Led Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th. A sign-up link for conferences has been sent by your child's teacher. Please contact them with any scheduling inquiries.

❄️ A Reminder: Dress for the Weather!

With the snow now on the ground, winter weather has officially arrived! *Please ensure your child comes to school each day prepared for outdoor play with warm coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens/gloves.* We want all our students to be comfortable and safe while enjoying the outdoors.



GRADE 4-6 SKI DAY Wed, December 10th!

Permission forms are available NOW on your powerschool parent portal. Questions? Please contact Mrs. O at the office.



ÉLES 12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY CHEER



DECEMBER

ANYTHING BUT A
LUNCH KIT -
CHRISTMAS
STYLE!

8



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DAY OF GIVING
BRING IN A
FOOD BANK
DONATION



WINTERY
WEDNESDAY
WHITE, BLUE AND
SPARKLY TOO



HOLIDAY
ACCESSORIES!
WEAR HATS,
ANTLERS, BOWS,
EARRINGS, ETC



11



COOKIES &
MILK DAY -
ENJOY SOME
MILK &
COOKIES

5

DECORATE
YOUR CLASS
WREATH &
MAKE A CARD



15



CHRISTMAS
SWEATER
DAY

16

COZY OR
CHRISTMASY
SOCKS



17



HOT
CHOCOLATE
DAY



HOLIDAY
TECH DAY

18



19

CHRISTMAS
PJ & MOVIE
DAY

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Leadership

It truly makes a difference when parents actively encourage leadership qualities in their children, as these essential skills lay the foundation for a fulfilling life. By focusing on traits like taking responsibility, critical thinking, and clear communication, we give our kids the tools they need to navigate tricky situations and build wonderful friendships from a young age. Interestingly, studies suggest that children who are involved in activities that build leadership often experience a real boost in their school performance and tend to be happier socially. When we gently guide and model these positive behaviors, we help them develop the inner confidence and resilience to become strong self-advocates and collaborative friends, setting them up beautifully for all the exciting things life has in store.

Ways to foster leadership

- **Assign Age-Appropriate "Family Jobs":** Give your child real, necessary responsibilities around the house, like sorting laundry, setting the table, or being in charge of feeding the pet.
- **Encourage Collaborative Problem-Solving:** When a small conflict arises (e.g., they can't agree on a game, or they lose a toy), ask, "How can we solve this together?" or "What are two different ways we could try to fix this?"

• **Model and Encourage "Thinking Out Loud" Decisions:** Involve them in simple family decisions, like choosing a dinner menu for the week or planning a weekend outing. Ask open-ended questions like, "We have an hour of free time; what activity should we do and why?"

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