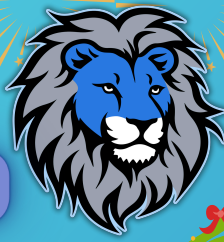


ÉLES LIONS LOOK AHEAD JANUARY 5-9



Follow US!

This week:

Mon, Jan 5

- 3:15 - Girls Basketball

2026

Tue, Jan 6

- 8 am - Boys Basketball Practice
- Band Club at lunch recess
- 4 pm - Girls Basketball Home Game

Wed, Jan 7

- 4 pm - Girls Basketball Home Game
- 6:30 pm - School Council Meeting
- 7:30 pm - Fundraising Society Meeting

Thu, Jan 8

- 8 am - Boys Basketball Practice
- Band Club at Lunch Recess
- Hot Lunch - Subway

Fri, Jan 9

- 12:51 - Assembly - Parents Welcome
- Parent PowerSchool Gradebook access limited as teachers work on Report Cards

Upcoming Events

- Jan 5 - Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Jan 13 - Popcorn Day
- Jan 15 - Hot Lunch - McDonald's
- Jan 16-17 - Boys Basketball Tournament
- Jan 20 - 5E Bake Sale
- Jan 22 - Hot Lunch - Panago
- Jan 23-24 - Girls Basketball tournament

We are pleased to announce that Out of School Care, including Kindercare, will be available at ÉLES starting in the 2026-2027 school year!

More information on how to register and secure a spot will be shared with families in January.

Coming Soon!

What's New

Happy Holidays

Holiday Cheer at Our School! What an incredible final week! The halls were buzzing with festive spirit days, performances, and community gatherings—the perfect way to head into winter break.

Our students and staff truly outdid themselves this week! Here is a look back at the fun:

- **Christmas Sweater Day:** We kicked things off with a sea of red, green, and sparkles. From "ugly" sweaters to handmade masterpieces, the creativity was unmatched!
- **Cozy Socks Day:** There is nothing better than being comfortable while learning. The students showed off their fuzziest, brightest holiday socks.
- **Hot Chocolate Day:** A huge hit! There's something magical about a warm cup of cocoa to make the school day feel extra special.
- **Holiday Tech Day with Mr. Maltais:** Our students had a blast during Holiday Tech Day! Mr. Maltais led fantastic activities that blended festive cheer with innovative learning.
- **Christmas PJ and Movie Day:** We wrapped up our festivities in the most relaxing way possible. Everyone looked adorable in their holiday pajamas as we enjoyed some classic seasonal films together.

Music and Community - Our choir was the heart of our week, delivering an excellent performance on Tuesday and spreading joy to local seniors on Friday. We are so proud of their hard work and beautiful music!

Our Family Holiday Event was another standout moment. It was wonderful to see so many families gathered together. The highlight, of course, was a special visit from Santa, who brought smiles to faces young and old alike.

Check out the following pages for info on the **Home Alone and Babysitting courses** offered in February!

Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair! - Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised over \$1,700 for new books for our library and classrooms.

As we wrap up 2025, we wish our families a holiday season filled with laughter and cheer. Enjoy this special time with loved ones, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026!

SAVE THE DATE | January 5, 2026
2026-2027 Kindergarten registration begins!



COUNSELLORS CORNERS



FIXED AND GROWTH MINDSET

What is growth mindset?

We once operated under the assumption that intelligence was a fixed trait—that we were either innately smart or we weren't. However, scientific evidence now refutes this belief.

Researchers have demonstrated that the brain behaves much like a muscle: the more we engage and challenge it, the stronger and smarter it becomes.

This distinction is crucial when comparing mindsets. An individual with a fixed mindset tends to avoid challenges, gives up easily, and disregards constructive feedback. In contrast, someone with a growth mindset embraces difficulty, gives their maximum effort, and fundamentally believes their intelligence can be developed through hard work.

How to help develop growth mindset

1. Engage in Reflective Conversation

Spark meaningful dialogue about your child's day using guiding questions that focus on process and learning. "What did you do that was difficult today?" "Did you make a mistake today that taught you something new?"

2. Prioritize Effort and Persistence

Shift the focus of your praise from innate ability to the process of learning.

3. Cultivate Resilience and Risk-Taking


Actively encourage your child to embrace challenges, take risks, and view mistakes as essential learning opportunities.

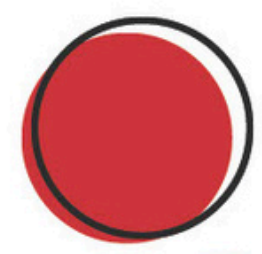
4. Model and Reframe Self-Talk

Help your child transform negative self-talk into a positive, growth-oriented inner dialogue by modeling positive language. "You can't do this yet, but with practice, you will be able to do it!"

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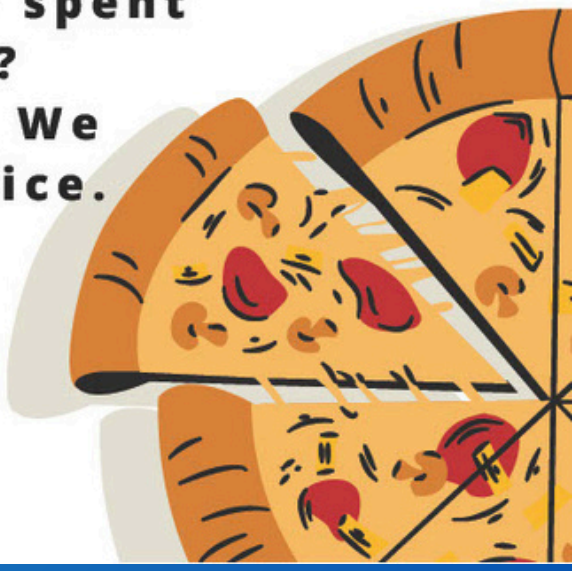
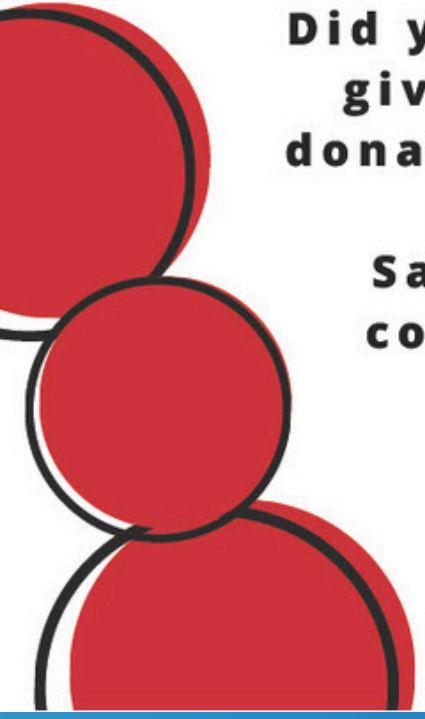


BOSTON PIZZA

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!

Did you know that Boston Pizza gives ÉLES Fundraising a 5% donation for every dollar spent at their restaurants?

Save your BP receipts. We collect them in the office.





Babysitter Training

(For Grades 6/7/8)

Friday, February 6, 2026
from 9 am to 4 pm in Unit #14
of the Leduc City Centre Mall

ONLY \$65 PLUS GST!



To register for the Babysitter Workshop happening on Friday February 6, 2026 please scan HERE:



Home Alone Safety for Kids

(For Grades 4/5/6)

Thursday, February 5, 2026
from 9 am to 4 pm in Unit #14
of the Leduc City Centre Mall

ONLY \$65 PLUS GST!



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