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A big shout out to all who helped us celebrate last night at our 25th year celebration feast! So many Thank U's to go out to so many people that helped to pull everything together.

A message from our Chunday K'anat'a Dancers... *The feast was amazing; the dancers gifted out medicinal tea to our guests whom witnessed our house screen raising. Ms. Pye and Tadiira had harvested Hudson Bay tea all week with their classes, and two of our Senior dancers, were particularly helpful in preparing the tea bags. The Blanket dance we did for Ms. Breton's daughter raised a lot of money too! \$1300 was raised for Leahanna's special wheelchair.*



Gunatchish to our Elders and Fire Keeper for guiding us. Thank you to Mr. Newnham for hanging the 12ft x 16ft painting for us too! We look forward to bringing it out at every feast possible

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

On behalf of the staff at Elijah Smith Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! Our staff were so pleased to host our community at the Open House and Feast last night. The staff are very excited this year to endeavour into the new curriculum and honour our 25th year of operation as Elijah Smith Elementary!

I am proud to say our school is off to an amazing start. The students have been working through our Elijah Smith Eagles "boot camp" and learning all the expectations of behaviour in the school. The staff have been supporting the students learning through our PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies) and Circle of Courage. It has been great to see all our students give their Elijah Smith Eagles best effort!

I would like to thank the parents for supporting us and being so helpful with the pick-up and drop-off before and after school. A reminder that if you are dropping off students in the pick-up/drop-off lane to please not park. This helps to keep the traffic flowing and not back up onto Hamilton Blvd. Also that when students exit the vehicle they exit on the sidewalk side, not into traffic and that they walk to the crosswalk and don't cross out into moving traffic. I appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our school a safe place.

With a great beginning to the school year and things in place for a strong start with the new curriculum, it is with a mixed heart that I will be leaving ESES for the year as I have accepted a secondment to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation. I am confident with the current staff team in place our Elijah Smith school will continue to demonstrate success for our students. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the Elijah Smith Elementary community and I am extremely grateful for all the shared learning over the past six years.

Nän tënë in (I will see you again).

Mähsi cho,

Melanie Bennett
Principal



"Together today for our children tomorrow." Elijah Smith

PERKS BINGO NUMBERS for the week of Sept 18-22

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Chunday K'anat'a Dancers Practice time have changed. Sr Dancers will practice on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:00 and Jr Dancers will practice on Wednesdays from 12:00-12:25. Both practice times will take place in the MPR unless otherwise announced. *Our next performance is scheduled for Saturday September 30th. Please meet at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Center at 9:30am*

It's only the end of September, but before we know it, it will be time for our First Nations Christmas Craft Fair!

Our annual craft fair is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. This year the craft fair will be on Saturday December 9. The official ad will be going out in October, but you can book your table now. To book, call Holly at the office 667-5992 or email her at holly.legge@gov.yk.ca. Tables are by cash donation.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Upcoming Next Week:

On Thursday Sept 28 we have our *Toonies for Terry Fox Walk/Run* at 1:30pm. All are welcome to join us!

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help others.
Terry Fox



ORANGE SHIRT DAY The Department of Education will honor the children who attended Indian residential schools by recognizing **Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 29, 2017**. Orange Shirt Day grew out of a story told by a former Indian residential school student at the St. Joseph Mission residential

school commemoration event in Williams Lake, BC, in 2013. As a 6 year old child, on her first day of school at the Mission, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad had all of her clothes taken away, including her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her granny. She didn't understand, and she never saw her shirt again. [Phyllis' story](#). **Orange Shirt Day** has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year when children were taken from their homes to residential schools. **Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.** Actions of reconciliation may be small, everyday acts that average Canadians can undertake, but others are more provocative that encourage people to think about Indigenous-settler relationships in new ways. *150 Acts of Reconciliation* was created for the last 150 days of 2017. We encourage you to challenge yourself and others to consider and act upon 3 or more of these acts. To download a printable .pdf version of this list of actions and activities, [click here](#). You can use #150Acts to share your engagement with each item on the list. **Please help us commemorate this day by wearing an orange shirt on Friday Sept 29th and commit to do your part towards building understanding, relationships and hope for now and into the future**



Keep Selling those Veggies! Order Forms were sent home with your child on Monday Sept. 11th. If you need an additional form, just drop by the school.

Remember to hand out one of the attached sheets to each customer and remind them that their order is to be picked up at Elijah Smith School on Wednesday, Oct. 25th between 3:00-6:00pm. There is also a Selfie Contest and details on the back of the attached sheets. **Order forms are due back by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd.**

Calendar

Thurs Sept 28
School Terry Fox
Walk / Run @ 1:30pm

Friday Sept 29
Orange Shirt Day

Monday Oct 2
PERKS October Bingo
Cards go Home

Tuesday Oct 3
School Photo's
K-3

Tuesday Oct 3
FTGU Order Forms due
Back to School

Wednesday Oct 4
School Photo's
4-7

Thursday Oct 5
World Teachers' Day
SWAG Thank a Teacher
Day

Friday Oct 6
PD DAY
No school for Students

Tuesday Oct 10
1st Day of Open School

Friday Oct 13
Hot Lunch Day

Monday Oct 16
Vball Game #1

Tuesday Oct 17
Magician Visit @ 1pm

Check our website <http://eseschool.weebly.com>