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Elkford Figure Skating Annual Ball Drop Fundraiser



On Saturday, February 10th, the Elkford Skating Club held their annual ball drop fundraiser! Each year, the Elkford Skating Club sells 1500 tickets that correspond to a ball number. 1500 balls are lifted up by the fire truck then dropped from the air. The closest three balls to the center of the target represent winning tickets.

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Mayor's Musings

Written by the Mayor of Elkford, Steve Fairbairn

Hello, Elkfordians!

Scholarship Opportunity

First off, sharpen your pencils because the timeline will be short by the time you read this: there is a scholarship opportunity for students who are interested in joining the coal industry after college or university! All the details are here:

<https://www.coal.ca/about-the-cac/student-scholarship-internship-program/>

Does this sound like you? I encourage you to apply!

Highway Maintenance

Winter highway maintenance is a hot topic, and an issue that council has identified as an advocacy priority. I have had one face-to-face meeting with both the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting. Discussions have been had regarding a weather station near Weigert Creek and a sand/brine station in Elkford (along with more sand application on the full width of the road north of Line Creek).

We can all help by reporting our respective winter highway concerns directly to Mainroad. Don't post these on Elkford's Bulletin Board, report them to Mainroad directly either by phone or maybe on their Facebook page to ensure the information is getting directly to the organizations responsible for said maintenance. Highway maintenance standards are developed by MoTI, who is also the branch of

government responsible for ensuring that the contractor (Mainroad) is meeting the terms of their contracts, so this is important for us all to do if we want to see changes made.

Here is who to contact directly:

Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting

Phone: 1-866-353-3136 (24-hour hotline; leave a message!).

Email: eastkootenay@mainroad.ca (This leaves a paper trail!).

MoTI (Rocky Mountain District, based in Cranbrook)

Phone: 1-250-420-6550

Emails: District Manager, Hilary Barnett (Hilary.Barnett@gov.bc.ca)

Acting Operations Manager, Erik Jamik (Erik.Jamik@gov.bc.ca)

On the topic of Highway 43 (and Highway 3), remember that highway users (that's all of us) have a huge role to play in road safety. Slow down, back off and drive defensively—not aggressively. Learn to be a skilled, safe and patient driver. Allowing a few extra seconds between your vehicle and the one in front of you will result in arriving at your destination a few extra seconds later, yes; but it also allows you to save money on vehicle maintenance, be more relaxed and be less likely to be in a collision. You just don't know when the next critter will jump out of the ditch.

Every vehicle you feel the need to pass on the highway shortens your trip by approximately five seconds, plus a bit more because of your higher traveling speed. What's the big rush? A race to beat them to the next traffic light perhaps?

Accessible Housing Info

Accessible housing—what does this term mean? How do you achieve this when the cost to build a box is higher than the market value of the completed box? How do you do that when developers don't want their money tied up? When they aren't interested in an income stream that is decades long?

You may be interested to know that building housing is not a core role of municipal government. Even before the various new rules from the provincial and federal governments, the District of Elkford took progressive steps to make it easier to densify properties, get permits and keep development costs low. Our land is inexpensive to begin with.

The District continues to search out and entertain developers and builders, and we will continue to explore new ways to support the building of homes for families in Elkford. I hope to have new and exciting news to share on this topic going forward!

Elk Valley Lodge—Stay Tuned for the Public Hearing Date!

You may have seen some news about the Elk Valley Lodge (also known as “the camp” or the “work camp”) on social media. Teck Resources Ltd. has applied for a zoning change for the land where the camp is located. The change in zoning is from agricultural to commercial, with the applicant’s intention to make the camp a permanent fixture in its current location.

Want to make your voice heard? The public will have their opportunity to express their opinion on Teck’s proposal by way of a legislated public hearing process. It is at this public hearing that you will be able to voice your support, opposition, concerns or ideas to council. Can’t make it to the public hearing? That’s okay, you will also be able to voice all those things through written submissions. Public input will inform council’s deliberations and decisions regarding the applicant’s proposal.

The date for the public hearing has not yet been set, so keep your eyes open as it will be advertised in the newspaper and on the District of Elkford website.

Cool Updates on Committees

Mark your calendar for April 11, 2024! Elkford is wild at heart—and we are passionate about finding ways to live in harmony with our local wildlife—and a whole committee was created that is dedicated to this mission. The District of Elkford’s Urban Wildlife Committee is hosting a free interactive wildlife education event. This event is going to include a BBQ, games, door prizes and cool activities like firing off some inert bear spray! You’ll also find out more about some exciting news: how Elkford is working toward being designated as a WildSafeBC community!

Being inclusive and finding ways to better accessibility in our community is another important thing on our minds in Elkford. Did you know that the Elk Valley Regional Accessibility Committee is up and running and has begun taking a collaborative approach to meeting and exceeding the provincial regulations on accessibility issues? On this committee, you’ll find municipal government staff representatives and volunteer representatives from each community—Elkford, Sparwood and Fernie—so we’re all working on this together.

Smells Like... Spring?

Finally, with spring springing warm weather upon us and increasing biological activity at the single-cell level, here is an update on the engineering plans for the sewer lagoons! You might think this is a crappy topic to end on (haha), but here’s the scoop:

We have new aeration equipment being built as these musings get to you, and the new aeration equipment will be a floating system. In fact, if you are reading this in late March, the system installation may have already begun! By the way, improved aeration may result in an initial period where odours become more pungent. Don’t panic—this is all part of the process of improving the system, and we are all hoping that it will “pass.”

A sludge survey will also be conducted this spring. We even have a new boat to do it with! ;) Okay, that’s a joke, the proper methods will be used. Yeah, we know what should be in the sludge layer; but do we know the gory details? The survey will help us to determine how much needs to be dredged to optimize cell capacity and ensure the lagoons are operating effectively. In the meantime, we will continue to mitigate any odours as best as we can. Yes, we definitely do give a crap!

Sidebar, but the lift station across the highway from the lagoons is also being studied to determine lifespan and identify any potential future upgrades.

In Closing

Guess what!? It was tempting, but I’m not ending this on the topic of sludge. Your council continues to advocate for improved healthcare services and facilities in Elkford. You’ll be seeing activity in-and-around the healthcare centre building as Interior Health moves toward a more localized model of healthcare services delivery. Be curious as to where this is all leading! Welcome to spring, and thanks for reading all of this!

Until next time,

Mayor Steve

Elkford Urban Wildlife Committee

Hey kids! Ask your parents to cut out and save this from the Focus for you as we have a special event coming up in April that you can use this for. Try and remember whose tracks these are for a fun game we will have coming up!

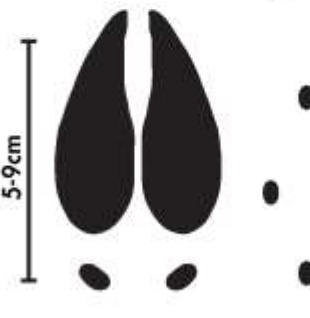
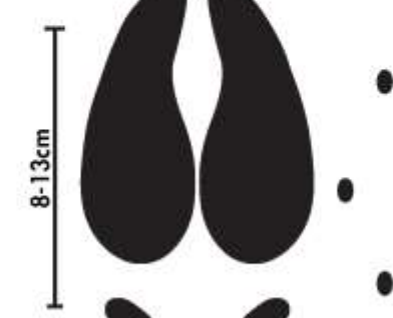
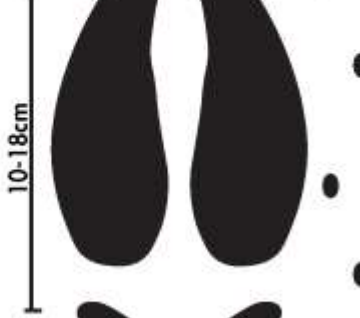
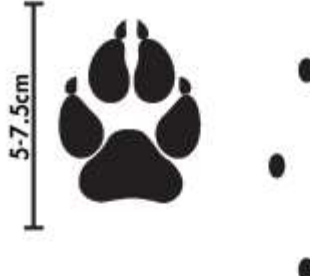
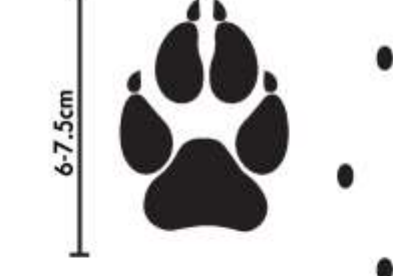

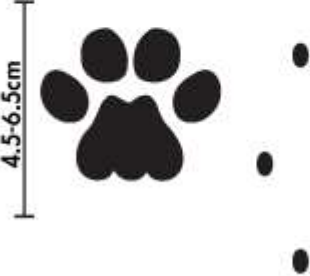

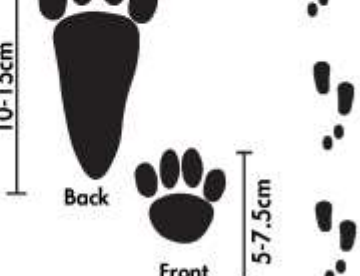


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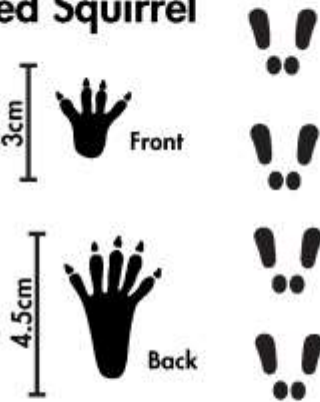
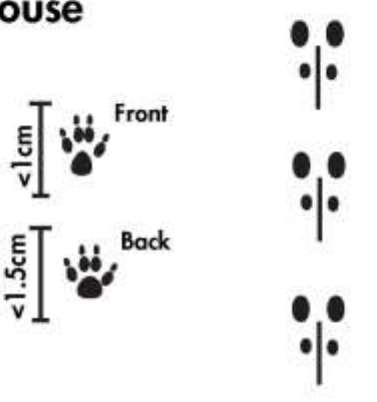
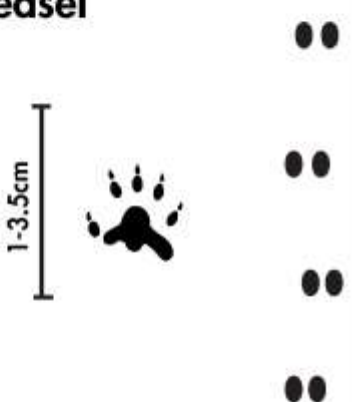
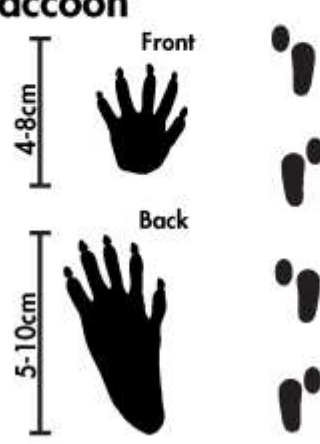
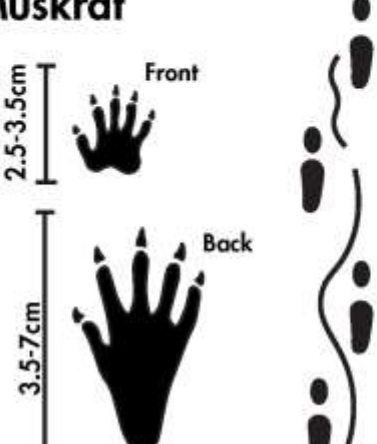
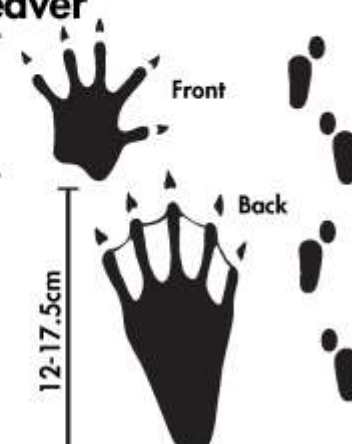

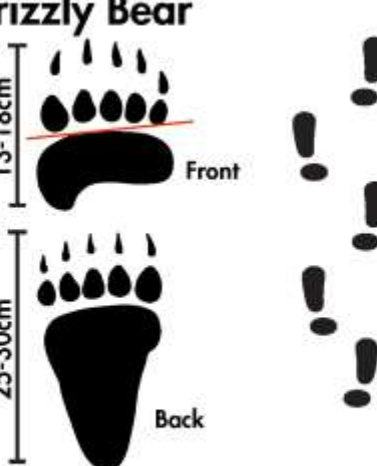

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wildlife tracking identification guide

2 Toes	Deer 	Elk 	Moose 
4 Toes	Red Fox 	Coyote 	Wolf 
4 Toes	Bobcat 	Cougar 	Snowshoe Hare 

*Tracks are not to scale *Lengths given are adult measurements *Tracks can vary a lot! This guide is intended to give you a basic introduction to tracking.

wildlife tracking identification guide

5 Toes	Red Squirrel 	Mouse 	Weasel 
5 Toes	Raccoon 	Muskrat 	Beaver 
5 Toes	Black Bear 	Grizzly Bear 	Human 

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March is writing boot camp month.

Objective

The objective of the writing boot camp is to challenge and motivate you to write as many words as you can for the entire month of March. We have set a target of 28,000 words for the month (7,000 words per week) but if you would like to write more than that, feel free to! You can work on your novel, short stories, children's stories, poems, memoirs, or any genre of writing you like. Are you up for the challenge?

Registration

The Writing Boot Camp is open to adults and secondary school students. You can register at any time before or during the event. This event is free.

To register, call 250-865-2912, email info@elkfordlibrary.org, or stop by the library.

Rules & Instructions

- Your word count starts fresh on March 1st at zero words. If you are working on an existing piece of writing, mark where the month starts so that your word count for the boot camp only includes what was written in March.
- Everything you write in March counts toward your total word count, even if it is not finished or not edited.
- If you are writing on a computer, use your word processor to determine your word count. If you are writing on paper, estimate your total word count per page by counting the number of words on your first line horizontally, counting the first line of words vertically, and multiplying them by each other.
- At the end of each week, e-mail your total word count to info@elkfordlibrary.org. If your total word count meets or exceeds our target for the week, you will be entered into a random draw for a prize that week.
- If you don't make the word count one week, you can catch up the following week and still be eligible for the prize draw in the week(s) that you meet the word count target. E.g., if you write 5,000 words in week one and 9,000 words in week two, you will be eligible for the prize draw in week two.
- AI generated content is not permitted and does not count toward your word count.

Deadlines

Submit your weekly word count no later than 11:59 pm on the Sunday of each week if you would like to enter the draw. Only participants at or above the word count target will be eligible for the draw.

Week	End Date	End Time	Word Count Minimum
1	March 10 th	11:59 pm	7,000
2	March 17 th	11:59 pm	14,000
3	March 24 th	11:59 pm	21,000
4	March 31 st	11:59 pm	28,000

Guidelines

- Not sure what to write about? Pick a writing genre that piques your interest. It may be something you are already working on that you would like to continue or refine, or you may work on something new.
- Find the best time of the day and best session length that works for you. You can choose the morning, afternoon, evening, night, or throughout the day. You may write in one long session or in several short sessions throughout the day or week.
- Writing down your word count after each writing session may be easier than tallying everything at the end of the week. Use our writing boot camp record sheet or your own method of keeping track.
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Writing Club

March 14th, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the library.

Drop-in and join us for a writing prompt night!

THE RETURN OF

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THURSDAY

April 18th, 2024



SHOW STARTS

6:30pm!



2 & Under - Free

Adult - \$8

Child (3-5) - \$4

Family - \$20

Student (6-17) - \$6

Doors open 5:00pm



Elkford Secondary School Gymnasium



To register contact Nancy Buchan at nancy.buchan@sd5.bc.ca

Author Talk: Elisha Rose



Elisha Rose is the author of *I Am Worthy*, a memoir of her experiences loving an addict. Elisha's story is based on her belief that addiction is a disease.



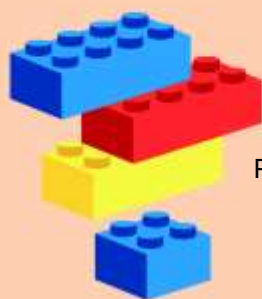
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Elkford Public Library

LEGO Day at the Library



**March 22nd
2 to 4 pm**

Please note that supervision is not provided; adults are responsible for supervising their children.

Book Club

Join us at our next meeting!

Books are available at the library approximately four weeks before the meeting date.



**April 4th
at 6:30 pm**

Three Sisters
by Heather Morris

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for details about events and programs.

create day

WINTER IN THE WILD

Imaginations ran wild with the Elkford Public Library's Winter in the Wild Create Day. It was great to see everyone come out and enjoy this event. With around 90 participants of all ages, there were amazing creations from LEGO dragons to painted flowerpots and everything in between. We had so much fun!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out for the event and to Alyssa Burgoyne and family for their assistance with clean up.





Elkford Figure Skating Annual Ball Drop Fundraiser

This fundraiser brings in \$10,000 annually for our club, and would not be possible without everyone who purchases tickets to win!

We also want to thank the Elkford Fire Department for their continued help over the years, and to the families of our skaters for working so hard to sell these tickets every year!

Congratulations to the following individuals on their big wins:

1st Place \$3000 - Ball No. 189 - Matthew Bobak

2nd Place \$1500 - Ball No. 1431 - Judy Zimmer

3rd Place \$500 - Ball No. 1129 - Andrew Pumphrey

Here's to a successful ball drop for 2024, and to many more successful ball drops in the future!

- Elkford Skating Club

- submitted by Kenzie Karwandy

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February 12 & 26. March 4 & 11 at 6:30 Pm

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Elkford Skating Club Presents:

SPACE SPECTACULAR

Friday, March 8th, 2024

&

Saturday, March 9th, 2024

Elkford Arena

Doors open at 6:30pm

Show begins at 7:00pm

2 & Under - Free

Child (3-5) - 4\$

Student (6-17) - \$6

Adult - \$8

Family - \$20



**Elkford
Skating Club**

Elkford Minor Ball's Annual Sno-Pitch Tournament
Winter in the Wild

2024 Sno-Pitch



Elkford Minor Ball's annual Sno-Pitch tournament was a huge success with 12 teams, our biggest yet!

We would like to thank our amazing sponsors. District of Elkford, Bearspaw, Clarkson Contracting, Kootenay Market, StellerVista Credit Union, Darkhorse Services and Teck. Without your support our tournament would not be so amazing and successful.

Thank you to all the volunteers from setting up to donating chilli and goodies, bbqing to clean up.

Elkford Minor Ball looks forward to 2025.

Many thanks,
Blaine Borys and Terry Vandale

- submitted by Terry Vandale



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Elkford Snowmobile Association Annual Family Day Poker Run



ESA held their annual poker run February 18th, 2024. We had over 75 riders and numerous families out for Family Day festivities at Round Prairie.

Complementary hot dogs were served at Koko Claims warm up cabin and chili and hot dogs at Round Prairie.

With over 40 gift bags and gift cards donated and raffled off to those who purchased tickets, the day was a success.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our local organization and to our sponsors for all their generous donations.

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2024

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Date of birth: _____

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Ladies - Senior (65 & Over)	456.49	46.00	4.00	2.00	25.42	533.91
Ladies - Student (19 & Over)	456.49	46.00	4.00	2.00	25.42	533.91
Ladies - Junior (13-18)	324.52	46.00		2.00	18.63	391.15
Men - Single	683.82	46.00	4.00	2.00	36.79	772.61
Men - Senior (65 & Over)	456.49	46.00	4.00	2.00	25.42	533.91
Men - Student (19 & Over)	456.49	46.00	4.00	2.00	25.42	533.91
Men - Junior (13-18)	324.52	46.00		2.00	18.63	391.15
Couple	1,146.88	92.00	8.00	4.00	62.54	1,313.42
Couple - Senior (both over 65)	752.93	92.00	8.00	4.00	42.85	899.78
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Cart Fees	105.00				5.25	110.25
Shed Maintenance Fees	35.00				1.75	36.75
Clubhouse Dues (New Members)	30.00				1.50	31.50

*** Family dues vary according to family size and composition.

All RCGA/BCGA, BC Zone and Internet fees have to be paid in full.

Split payments will be accepted. The first payment MUST be paid with your application.

Any post dated cheques are to be made payable May 15 & June 15, 2023

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ESS Celtic Athletics



The high school basketball season has officially come to an end at Elkford Secondary School.

This year we had 3 competitive boys teams determined to demonstrate some exceptional basketball skills, showcase their dedication, love of the game, sportsmanship, and Celtic Spirit always.

Our Bantam Boys, Junior Boys, and Senior Boys competed in weekly league games and weekend tournaments during the months of December, January, and February throughout the East and West Kootenays with our Seniors closing out the season with a third-place finish in the Kootenay Zone Championships February 23rd - 24th in Sparwood.

We were thrilled to see many supporters in the stands for our home games and tournaments throughout the school district.

Shout out to all of our school and community volunteers that helped when we hosted visiting teams for league games and tournaments, ASSISTING us in SCORING big always.

Thank You Coaches!

We had a BALL because of you all!

Clayton Theil - Bantam

Declan Cook - Bantam

Craig Boehmer - Junior

Jaedan Jensen - Junior

Mat Collens - Junior

Devan Sanford - Senior

Garrett Hamilton - Senior



Follow us on Facebook at “ESS ATHLETICS” for information and updates.

- submitted by Jennifer Gernon-Cook



Elkford Early Years

Diggin' in for our most precious resource.

Elkford Community Resource Numbers

POLICE 911
AMBULANCE 911
BCNurseLine 1-866-215-4700
POISON CONTROL 911 or
 1-800-461-9911

RMES 250-865-4625
Recreation Centre 250-865-4010
Aquatic Centre 250-865-4012
Public Library 250-865-2912

Playgroups

**All located in the Alliance Church
unless otherwise
specified on calendar.**

Mondays Mondays Out 9:30-11:30

Wednesdays Parents/Tot Fundline
9:30-11:30

Fridays Baby and Me (24 weeks and under)
10:30-12

Saturdays Healthy Start 9:30-11:30

If you would like the Kid's Calendar emailed to you or you have any information you would like included or updated in this calendar please contact:
 Kenzie Karwandy at
 kenzie.bau.21@gmail.com

KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 2024

PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS AGES 0-12

All programs, meetings, and events are subject to change. Please contact the individuals on the back for confirmation of times and details.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School RMES Parent Tot Swim 12-2 Family Swim 2-4 Lego @ The Library 2-4 Public Swim 4:30-7	2 Parent Tot Swim 9:30-12 Public Swim 1-4 Public Skating 6-8
3 Parent Tot Swim 9:11-30 Family Swim 12-2:30 Public Skating 1-3 Public Swim 2:30-4:30	4 Mornings Out 9:30-11:30 Early Years Meeting 11:30 Parent & Tot Skating 12:30-2:30	5 Family Swim 10:30-12:00 Family Swim 12:30-3:30	6 Parent/Tot Times 9:30-11:30 Parent & Tot Skating 10-12 Family Swim 10:30-12 Public Swim 5:30-8	7 Family Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	8 Baby & Me 10:30-12 Family Swim 11:30-1 Public Swim 1:30-3:30 Family Swim 3:30-5 Public Swim 5:30-8 Skating Show 7:00	9 Healthy Start 9:30-11:30 Public Swim 12-4:30 Skating Show 7:00
10 Parent Tot Swim 9:11-30 Family Swim 12-2:30 Public Skating 1-3 Public Swim 2:30-4:30	11 Play In The K @ RMES (please preregister) 9:30-11:15 Parent & Tot Skating 12:30-2:30	12 Family Swim 10:30-12:00 Family Swim 12:30-3:30	13 Parent/Tot Times 9:30-11:30 Parent & Tot Skating 10-12 Family Swim 10:30-12 Public Swim 5:30-8	14 Family Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	15 Baby & Me 10:30-12 Family Swim 11:30-1 Public Swim 1:30-3:30 Family Swim 3:30-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	16 Public Swim 12-4:30
17 Spring Break Begins Mornings Out 9:30-11:30	18 Spring Break Begins Mornings Out 9:30-11:30	19	20 Parent/Tot Times 9:30-11:30	21	22 Baby & Me 10:30-12	23 Healthy Start 9:30-11:30
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30 Easter Egg Hunt & Dance (@Track Hall) 10-12
31						

Sponsors and Partners:



TURN OVER FOR MORE
DETAILED INFOR-
MATION



Elkford Early Years Committee is an assembly of individuals and interested groups working together to address the importance of the first 6 years of a child's life. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00pm at the Elkford Community Conference Centre
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



RMES PAC is a council open to all parents and/or guardians of students of Rocky Mountain Elementary School.
Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm
Contact: RMES PAC Chair ~ rmespac@yahoo.ca
Phone: 250-865-4341



Mornings Out is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents / caregivers.
Located at the Alliance Church
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Baby and Me Group
A weekly program for caregivers and parents to experience and share rhymes, songs, stories and baby topic discussions. For children 2 and under.
Located at the Alliance Church
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Healthy Start is a free drop-in program for parents and children 0-5 yrs. Everyone welcome and parent participation is required!
Located at the Alliance Church
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Leisure Service Department
Contact: recreation@elkford.ca
Phone: 250-865-4010
Visit www.elkford.ca or call for more program information.

To register for programs, please stop by the Elkford Community Conference Centre, Monday - Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm. All programs are on a first come first serve basis. They accept cash, debit, Visa MasterCard and cheque. To avoid disappointment, please register early. Low registrations one week prior to the class start date could result in the class being cancelled.



Elkford Aquatic Centre
Phone: 250-865-4012
Swimming Lessons are created based on interest. Please leave your name, phone number and level you wish to take with the pool. Visit the web site for the complete public swim schedule ~ www.elkford.ca



Elkford Playschool
750 Fording Drive
Contact: Kim Bauer ~ ewtf@telus.net
Phone: 250-433-1863 EWTF: 250-865-2031

RESOURCE NUMBERS:

Elkford Medical Clinic	250-865-2215
Elkford Health Care Centre	250-865-2247
Public Health Nurse Elkford Spar.	1-800-644-6144 or 1-250-425-2064
BCNurseline 24hrs Mental Health	1-866-215-4700 or 1-800-661-0329 or 1-250-425-4564
Addiction Services	1-800-644-6144 or 1-250-423-4423
Ministry of Human Resources	1-866-866-0800
Ministry for Children & Family Development	1-800-667-5623
BCAA Car Seat Information	1-877-247-5551
CCRR	1-800-661-2445
East Kootenay Crisis Line	1-800-667-8407
East Kootenay Friends of Children	1-866-564-2217
Elk Valley Transition House	250-946-6004
Elk Valley Victim Assistance	250-425-0499 or 250-423-7500
Elkford Women's Task Force	250-865-2031
Infant Development Program	1-877-999-2543
Elk Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program	250-430-7026
Family Support Institute	1-800-441-5403
Fernie Counselling	250-423-2608
PEACE	250-433-6353
Sexual Abuse Intervention	250-423-5311
CB Family Resource Society	250-430-1136
Women's Resource Centre	250-423-4687
Child and Youth Mental Health Outreach	250-423-0817

EKkids.ca is a website that was created as a resource for parents and children in the East Kootenays. The links take you to our community pages where you'll find information about the Early Childhood Development (ECD) teams for each community, along with resources, ways to get involved, and a community calendar which tells you what is going on in that community on a given day.

Coming Events

Writing Boot Camp challenge starts March 1st. See page 8.

Sourdough 101 March 4th and 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the library. Registration required.

Millennial & Gen X Board Game Night March 6th and 27th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Drop in for a casual night of tabletop gaming at the library! Please note this program is for adults only.

Mountain Meadows Golf Clubhouse Home Routes Concert
Dates: Thursday, March 7th: Lynne Hanson, Friday, April 5th: Kitty & the Rooster, Saturday, May 11th: Kalyna Rakel & Dan Gurman.

Elkford Figure Skating Ice Show - Space Spectacular March 8th and 9th. Doors open at 6:30 pm and show starts at 7:00 pm. See page 16 for details.

Tech Fridays at the library. Bring your devices and questions on March 8th and 22nd from 1 to 5 pm.

Blind Date with a Book wraps up March 9th. Return your Blind Date with a Book bookmarks to enter our draw.

Writing Club at the library March 14th at 6:30 pm. Drop in for a fun night of writing prompt exercises.

LEGO Day at the Library March 22nd from 2 to 4 pm. Please note we do not provide supervision for this program.

Good Friday March 29th.

Elkford Public Library Board Meeting at the library on April 2nd at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Book Club at the library April 4th at 6:30 pm. See page 12 for details.

Share your pictures of Elkford events in the Focus

We'd love to see photos and news about sports teams, school events, happenings or celebrations on these pages.

Email to
info@elkfordlibrary.org



Did we mention that classified ads are free?
Short descriptive ads,
no more than 50 words.

If you wish to add a picture, then we charge you our regular ad rates (see below).

Advertising Rates per month effective January 1, 2017

	<u>Black & White</u>	<u>Colour</u>
Business Card	\$ 7.00	\$12.00
Quarter Page	\$15.00	\$30.00
Half Page	\$20.00	\$45.00
Full Page	\$25.00	\$80.00

Not Quite Classified Ads

Elkford Trails Alliance

Group snowshoe and fatbike rides throughout the Winter and Spring, follow the Elkford Trails Alliance on FB or IG for dates and times. Snowshoe rental available for members.

Full-day Art Camps for ages 8-12 offered on March 1st, 18th and 20th. Find all the info at www.katherinerussell.ca

Passport and ID photos call Katherine on 250-665-8005.

Elkford Food Bank

If you need assistance from the Food Bank, or you know somebody who does, please call **250-910-7088** and leave a message along with a return number. Your call will be returned at the earliest opportunity.

Elkford Search and Rescue

Practices held first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at 222 Alpine Way. Everyone welcome to attend. Please contact elkfordsearchandrescue@gmail.com for current information.

Elkford Lions Club

Come join us - everyone welcome. Contact us at elkfordlions@gmail.com for current information.

Any Lengths Group AA meetings

For current information contact Betty-Ann S. 250-433-6510

**Thank you for saving resources!
Pass this paper on for
more people to enjoy!**

Elk Valley Hospice
250-423-4453 Ext. 309

Elk Valley Safe Homes
Women's Shelter & Helpline
250-946-6004

Elkford Women's Task Force
250-865-2031

Kids Count Too
Kids Counselling
250-433-6353

Elk Valley Critical Incident Response Team
Critical Incident Emergency Contact
250-423-4226

Deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Elkford Focus is the 20th of each month. Please email your classified ads to info@elkfordlibrary.org and put classified ads in the subject line. If you are sending us a coming event, please put coming event in the subject line.



WINTER PARKING BYLAW

Don't forget the winter parking bylaw! From **November 1 to March 31**, on-street parking is prohibited between the hours of **6 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in order to ensure optimal snow removal.

BLEEDER VALVES: ON

A friendly reminder to all residents to turn **ON** the bleeder valves in your residences from **October 31 to May 1**. This important bylaw is in place to prevent your pipes from freezing and cracking in colder temperatures.

SNOWBANKS AREN'T PLAYGROUNDS

Please ensure that children do not play in snow berms or on snow piles along the roadways. When we get a huge dump of snow, Public Works operators will work to cut back snowbanks and snow piles to widen roadways.

Operators don't have x-ray vision and cannot see tunnels carved in the snow, and they may not always be able to see children who are playing on snowbanks either. Play it safe: remind kids that snowbanks along the roadways are off-limits!

YOUR NEW FAVOURITE WINTER HANGOUT

Kids (and kids at heart) can always safely play in the snow at the toboggan hill that is piled high beside the District Office and running into the soccer field. When darkness falls, the hill is lit up!

The whole family is welcome to come along and enjoy Elkford's Meeting Place, located between the District Office and Community Conference Centre. Bring your own firewood (you'll need a fire permit from the District Office first), hot chocolate and some sleds for the toboggan hill to make the most of a winter evening!

NOMINATE ELKFORD'S 2024 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

Know someone who goes above and beyond to make Elkford a great place to live, work, play and learn? The Citizen of the Year program is your chance to celebrate them! Sponsored by the District of Elkford, the Citizen of the Year is selected by council for their exemplary contributions to our community.

Nominations for Elkford's 2024 Citizen of the Year are accepted until 4:30 p.m. (local time) on **March 15, 2024**. Download the application form and review the policy on our website at www.elkford.ca/2024citizenoftheyear.

Alternately, you can request a form by emailing info@elkford.ca or visiting **744 Fording Drive**.

VISIT OUR VISITOR CENTRE

Elkford's Visitor Centre is located within the modern, spacious Community Conference Centre at 750 Fording Drive, and it provides a wealth of information about attractions, trails, activities and amenities in the Canadian Rockies region.

The Elkford Visitor Centre offers:

- Knowledgeable local staff with insider tips about trails, camping and natural attractions
- A gift shop filled with branded souvenirs and clothing
- Maps, brochures and guidebooks
- Campground reservations for Elkford's Municipal Campground
- Indoor washrooms and water-bottle refilling stations
- Free public Wi-Fi and comfortable furniture

Questions? Call **250.865.4015** or email visitorcentre@elkford.ca.

MARCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **MARCH 11** **6 P.M.**
- **MARCH 25** **6 P.M.**

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive.

For regular council meetings, electronic attendance is welcome. Visit <http://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID: **250 865 4000**, then click join and wait for the host to let you into the meeting.

RECREATION CENTRE ICE REMOVAL DATE: MARCH 16

All good things must come to an end—and **March 16, 2024** will be when the ice is removed from the rink at the Elkford Recreation Centre, marking the official end to the 2023 to 2024 skating season.

We can't wait to see you again in the fall, for the start of the 2024 to 2025 skating season!



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