

ELIM VILLAGE VOICE

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Seniors and Students – Mixing & Matching the Generations

No one can put a price on watching aged hands teach young students how to slip yarn over needles and knit them into stitches. No one can fully describe the scene as 21 grade three students bounded into the Oasis to meet their Elim pen pals. These two exchanges with the neighbouring schools last month highlight that the sense of community at Elim goes well beyond village borders.

Very quietly for the second winter in a row, three residents have been going to Woodland Park Elementary School twice a week to teach a group of students how to knit. Stuck inside because of inclement winter weather, about 12 students spend their lunch breaks learning a new craft...and who better to teach them than their neighbours.

A grade three class from Surrey Christian School exchanged letters and pictures with 15 residents from Elim. At the end of the project they all met each other in the Oasis. The pen pals helped students turn the letters and pictures into scrapbooks – mementos for students to take home.

These exchanges have been an absolute blessing to everyone involved. As a community, we have only begun to tap into the huge potential to reaching out and interacting with our younger neighbours. When opportunities present themselves, especially with the local schools, consider participating. After all, the joy of watching the generations mingle is priceless. □



After corresponding, the seniors and students enjoyed meeting their writing buddies.



Amid the chatter, students and Elim penpals at this table are thoroughly engrossed in their scrapbook projects.

Speaking of needing Elim's help...

Surrey Christian School is looking for seniors to help students improve their chess strategies. Please consider joining the chess club. It meets the last Tuesday of the month from 12:35 – 1:20 p.m. Call the primary campus 604-581-2474 if you would like to come.



“Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees, so they camped there by the waters.” Exodus 15:27 (New King James Version)