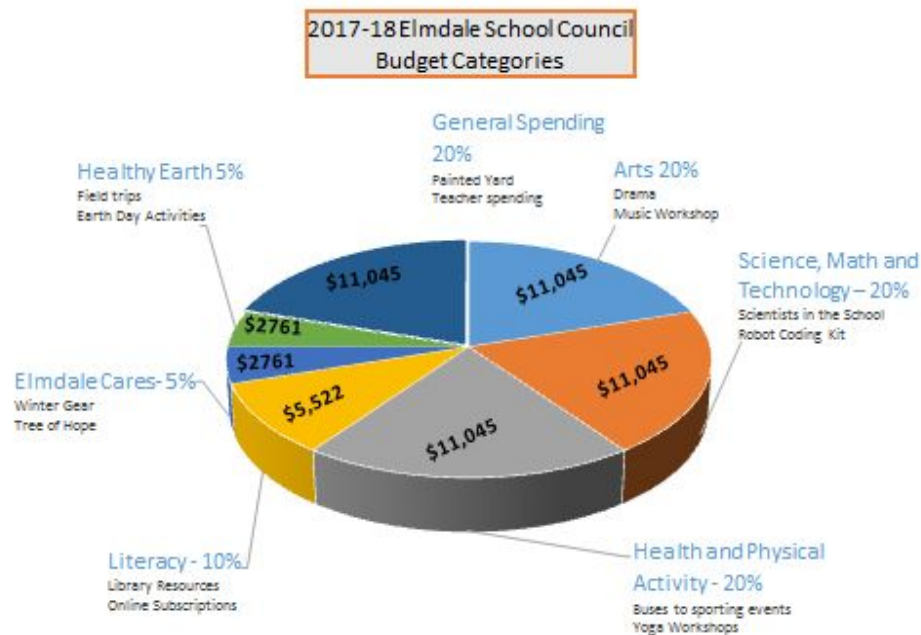


## Literacy Funding at Elmdale



Hoping everyone had a wonderful March break. This month we would like to report on what your funds are supporting under the literacy stream at Elmdale. Ten percent of council funds (\$5,412) are allocated to support this stream.

Over the past several months students have benefited from the Forest of Reading Program in both English and French. The Forest of Reading® is Canada's largest recreational reading program and so many Elmdale students are participating in class and through our librarian. The Forest helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. More than 250,000 readers participate annually. Funding from School Council also supported the purchase of subscriptions to several online literacy tools such as RAZ KIDS to support english reading, info-jeune Webzine to support French, and IXL English activities for our Grade 3-6 students. Lastly, funds supported the annual wish for the Elmdale Library, which is used to purchase new resources for circulation to our Kindergarten to Grade 6 students. New books include fiction, non-fiction and the ever popular graphic novels in French and in English. Funds also supported more borrow-books readers for home practice (French and English) and a Growth mindset book collection to support Elmdale's focus on wellness this year.

### **Bookfest 2018 Raises over \$16,000**

Thank you to Traceylyn and the Bookfest Committee for organizing a wonderful event this year. With close to 35,000 books collected and over 1300 volunteer hours logged Bookfest raised more than \$16,000! New this year the 500 books were given away to Elmdale students and over 150 to Hilson students.

Thank you to our Elmdale families for support this longstanding event and fundraiser.