



Promoting Citizenship at ÉLUES

What is a good citizen? A good citizen is someone who:

- cares about the feelings and rights of others
- shows concern for the safety and well-being of others
- stays informed about issues and voices their opinion
- conserves resources and follows the 3 R's - reduce, reuse and recycle
- uses their skills to make a better community and a better world

What are we doing at ÉLUES to promote citizenship?

- Students are aware of concepts such as democracy, justice and equality
- Grade six leadership program supported by regular meetings focusing on the traits of a good leader.
- Student's voices, ideas and opinions are heard in the classroom through class discussions and class meetings
- Students can express themselves without fear of embarrassment or failure
- We aim to create an environment where every student is treated equally
- Students are encouraged and expected to treat each other with dignity and respect
- Peer Support and Conflict Mediation Skills are taught and reinforced by the school's Peer Support Team
- Students are aware of themselves as members of the global community and are encouraged to be proactive-- like organizing bake sales to raise money for children in another country, or recycling and saving energy
- Students are recognized and praised for demonstrating positive citizenship skills
- Classroom lessons focus on understanding the concepts of poverty, freedom, equality and justice.
- Every class focuses on a service learning project throughout the year benefiting people less fortunate than ourselves
- Participating and raising funds for the Better World Organization who aim to bring care to third world students
- AND MUCH MORE!!

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School Council Happenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our regular council meeting on January 23rd, 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Treasurer's Report— Veronica Whitbread made motion to nominate Karri-Ann Flater to take over as Treasurer for École Lacombe Upper Elementary School Council. Seconded by Michelle Barefoot. Motion passed.

Hunger Busters Team— All hot lunches are going very well. Thank you very much to Veronica Whitbread for all her time in organizing. If parents have suggestions, please let us know.

Trustee's Report—Brent Buchanan updated on the WCPS International Education Program, things are moving forward, preparing for new students and staff to arrive. Information was also shared on the Alberta School Board Association and Public Education's Campaign, "Together for Students".- creating one school board for Alberta. Go to the following link for more information.

www.togetherforstudents.ca

Old Business

1. Tower Gardens: We received the Fortis Grant of \$1000 & Rotary Club donation of \$500 in support. We will be growing fresh greens soon!

New Business

1. Family Literacy Project— Getting to set to kick-off on February 8 @ 11:00. We thank our sponsors-

Lacombe Ford, ÉLUES School Council, Kinsmen Club, Lacombe FCSS, City of Lacombe and Royal Canadian Legion.

2. Joint School Council Meeting—March 27 at Lacombe Composite High School @ 7:00. We are excited to welcome "Jo(e) Social Media Inc." to talk with parents about the impacts of social media on our youth.
3. 2019-2020 School Calendar: Discussion & consultation on EDO (staff Earned Days Off).
4. Outdoor School Keeping costs down—Motion: Veronica Whitbread made motion for council to support up to \$3000.00 to help cover costs of bussing and a portion of student / parents fees for outdoor school. Seconded by Michelle Barefoot. Motion passed.
5. Promoting Healthy Communities Bingo— Council would like to promote community connections by having a school-wide family challenge to promote community kindness and interaction. Students will bring home a challenge card for their families to work on completing. Those that complete a set number of tasks will have their family name put in a draw for some great prizes. Look forward to this fun event in April!! Michelle Barefoot made motion for council to support up to \$300.00 for

prizes. Seconded by Karri-Ann Flater. Motion passed.

6. Wilson Ball Pits: Tim DeVries, council chair, will take the lead on this project. Looking for any parents/ community members who are willing to donate time, equipment of funds to support this project. Todd Meyer offered to supply equipment.

Topic for Future Meetings:

-ÉLUES collaborating with EJSB to look at how we successfully transition students to grade 4. Main focus on literacy and jointly looking at data both schools have regarding student literacy skills.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns regarding the above School Council Happenings or if you have any items you would like included on future agendas, please contact the Principal, Sonja Dykslag, at 782-7410.

Next Meeting:

March 27 -Joint Council meeting @ Lacombe Composite High school

Wednesday, March 27th

No Meeting in April

Wednesday, May 22nd

No Meeting in June

Joint School Council

Meeting March 27, 2019
@ 7:00 pm

All schools in Lacombe will gather at École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School. We welcome Jo(e) Social Media Inc. who will speak with parents about the impacts of social media and what parents need to know.

Quality Citizenship Recognition - January 2019



École Lacombe Upper Elementary School recognizes the value, necessity and significance of positive, contributing citizens within our school, community and society. It is our goal as a school, in conjunction with the home, to develop and enhance citizenship qualities and characteristics within individuals. This will provide an opportunity for every student in École Lacombe Upper Elementary School to work towards realizing his/her own personal aspirations while making a positive contribution to society as a whole. Students who demonstrate behaviors as delineated in the following criteria shall be eligible for the Quality Citizenship Recognition Award.

- Demonstrate positive interpersonal relationships with peers and adults.
- Demonstrate a consistent high level of responsibility, dependability and cooperation.
- Demonstrate a high level of consideration for the personal feelings and property of others.
- Demonstrate a positive role model in terms of leadership and participation in both school and classroom activities.

This month, the following students are being recognized as outstanding citizens and will be treated to a complimentary lunch from Boston Pizza on Wednesday, January 30th:

Iyla Shaw	Presley Wyse	Cam McKinley	Hayley Reid
Logan Callihoo	Ava-Jean Godberson	Ava Debogorski	Brinley Bos
Emerson Winslow	Josiah DeVries	Jetaime Thibeau	Giorgia Ross
Sydney Wilzer	Emmanuelle Roy	Jessica Nicolas	Deon Toews
Koby Cross	Olivia Thompson		

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Kabatoff, Mrs. LaFrance, Mme Forman.

Grade Six Outdoor School Dates



As a complement to the Phys. Ed program at ÉLUE, all grade six students have the opportunity to take part in our grade six Outdoor School experience. For two nights and three days, students will enjoy outdoor activities at Camp Evergreen located near Sundre, Alberta. Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins, Mrs. Pfeifle and Mr. Rankin's classes will attend May 27, 28, 29 and Mme Forman, M. Durocher and Mr. Richter/Ms. Marshall's classes will attend May 29, 30, 31. Activities include: horseback riding, wall climbing, orienteering, canoeing, nature studies, animal awareness, initiative tasks plus much more. Camp cost is \$150 per student. Students are encouraged to earn some of the money needed to attend camp by assisting their family with extra chores. More information will be sent out in April. Watch for it!

Drop In Family Badminton

On the first Sunday of the each month, continuing on Sunday, February 3rd, from 3:00 - 5:00pm, there is drop in family badminton in the École Lacombe Upper Elementary School gym. Our intention is to give kids in our community, along with their parents, an opportunity to play some badminton. Participants should be accompanied by an adult. All are welcome to participate. A huge thank you to Rotary Club of Lacombe Daybreak for purchasing racquets for the program and to Reds Sports for supplying shuttles to support the program. Thanks to their assistance, kids and parents do not need to bring any equipment (however you are more than welcome to use your own racquets).

Participants enter the school through the north community use doors. Please bring indoor court shoes or running shoes to wear in the gym.

Here are the dates up to June.:

February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Bruce Miller at [403-782-7410](tel:403-782-7410) or Greg Pallister at [403-396-0357](tel:403-396-0357).

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLUB



Thanks to our coaches who will be running the ÉLUES After School Basketball for all interested grade 4, 5 and 6 students. The program runs **3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday** and will go **From the beginning of February to the middle of March**. Students pick one day to come each week. The “season” culminates with a Grade Six 4 on 4 tournament later in March against other Wolf Creek schools. More details to come.



CURLING - Indoor & On the Ice

During January and February, students have the opportunity to enjoy the indoor curling program called Rocks & Rings. Indoor curling equipment was purchased by ÉJSM, Terrace Ridge and ÉLUES. The sets are being shared between the schools. In addition to the indoor program, our grade six classes have been on the real ice sheets and have started throwing, sweeping, and calling shots at the rink. A big thank you to the Lacombe Curling Club for their support on and off the ice!



Supporting *ALL* Students



2019 FOCUS: CYBERBULLYING

On Wednesday, February 27th, schools from across Canada will wear pink to support the movement against Bullying.

This year's Pink Shirt Day theme is "BE KIND", as a way to support bullying prevention programs in schools and our community.



The dawn of social media brought with it a whole new way to interact, communicate, and even bully. But in this digital world where filtered photos and crafted messages can be posted in an instant, it often takes more time and effort to say something mean than it does to say something nice. Kindness requires no manipulation, no focusing on the negatives, and no filtering of yourself. It's simply, truly nice. For social media users, we want them to **THINK** before the post. We want them to ask themselves if it is: **T** rue, **H** elpful, **I** nspiring, **N** ecessary and **K** IND.

Bullying Awareness

As a part of our school-wide focus on kindness, Mrs. Dykslag and Mrs. Rawlinson will visit all Grade 5 classrooms to discuss the topic of bullying in February. In a series of lessons, the students learn to make responsible choices by:

- * Changing their attitude towards the effects of bullying
- * Changing their attitude towards children with differences
- * Focusing on using a problem-solving approach that uses conflict resolution strategies
- * Understanding the role of the bystander when bullying occurs

In class, we discuss how to avoid being a target for bullies. We will also review the HA, HA, SO strategies that were taught to classes in September.

Humour **A**void **H**elp **A**ssert Yourself **S**elf Talk **O**wn It
As a class, we concentrate on the role of the bystander or witness in bullying. We all need to speak up and care for each other. When we do, we make our world a better place for everyone.

Small Groups

Ms. Kramer, Mrs. Rawlinson and Mrs. Dykslag are enjoying spending valuable time with students throughout the week. During our P.A.S.S. time, staff are working with small groups too and having great conversations. We continue to offer the Rainbows Program to ELUE students. The program runs for approximately 10-12 weeks. Rainbows is a peer support program for children who are experiencing grief through divorce/separation or the loss of a loved one. The group is facilitated by a trained volunteer from FCSS.

Supporting *ALL* Students

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PINK SHIRT DAY

PRESENTED BY  **coastcapital.**
SAVINGS

CYBER SAFETY STRATEGIES FOR ONLINE & MOBILE SAFETY

-  Use an online nickname that doesn't provide clues to your real identity.
-  Don't open emails from strangers.
-  Don't accept friend invites from strangers.
-  Don't share your personal information (name, family members' names, school, friends' names, age, address, phone number, etc.) with anyone you don't know.
-  Change your passwords regularly, especially if you think someone else might have them. Don't share your passwords, even with friends.
-  Remember to log out of social networking sites like Facebook when you leave a computer.
-  If someone you meet online asks to meet you in person, tell a parent, teacher, or other trusted adult.
-  Never post or forward naked photos of yourself or anyone else.
-  Always use the privacy features of social media sites.
-  Don't share cell phone numbers or email addresses with people you do not know.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS BEING BULLIED ONLINE:

- When you see someone being bullied online, stand up for them.
- Write down or save what you see and when you see it.
- Help the person being bullied understand that they don't deserve to be bullied. You could do this by phoning them, sending them a private message, email or text, or by speaking with them at school.
- Don't encourage bullying behaviour by participating in a bullying conversation thread or, "liking" or forwarding a hurtful comment.

IF YOU ARE **BEING BULLIED**

- Don't try to reason or communicate with the person who is bullying you.
- Use the "block" feature to prevent the person from contacting you again.
- Tell a trusted adult or contact the Kids Help Phone web site.
- Save any messages you receive as evidence.



Information provided by
redcross.ca/respectededucation
Preventing Bullying



Jo(e) Social Media Inc.

Joe Whitbread and Jo Phillips

Starting a Social Media Conversation.



Presented by:

Lacombe
School
Councils

Date:

MARCH 27, 2019

Time:

7:00PM

Location:

LACOMBE COMPOSITE
HIGH SCHOOL



- Social Media Safety
- Digital History
- Promoting Positive Change
- Permissions & Consequences
- Personal Branding
- Protecting your Mental Health

Program Highlights

Student Goal Setting and Growth Conferences

We are looking forward to having parents/guardians and students participate in the upcoming conferences the evenings of February 13 and 14th. The November conference schedule will be used for the February conferences. A note confirming your date and time will be sent home. Thank you for your participation in these very important conferences!

School authority representatives who were involved in the development of the Accountability Pillar surveys recommended that we provide messages principals can use in their communications to parents.

Principals are encouraged to include the following message, or a similar one, in their communications to inform parents of the survey process. Please note that there are two situations in which the surveying is expanded to include all students in grades 4 and above and their parents:

1. the school has fewer than 120 students in grades 4 and above,
the school is a private or charter school.

In other schools, the survey continues to be focused on parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10.

Information for parents:

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 (*change to grades 4-12 if applicable*) will receive a survey from Alberta Education.

In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 (*change to grades 4-12 if applicable*) and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Program Highlights

Cribbage Club

Crib Club started in January. Everyone, from grades 4-6, interested in joining can meet in Room B105 on Tuesdays during the lunch recess. Students can learn how to play and practice their skills. It's a great game that encourages mathematical thinking.

All interested parents or adult volunteers are most welcome to come and join us as well.

The Cribbage Coaches this year are Mme Domier and Mrs. Nelson.



Homework Hot Spot!

Homework Hot Spot is a great success and a real asset to many students. Students who attend are from a variety of grade levels and work on a wide range of subjects. In addition, we have students who need computer access. Hot Spot is held on Monday's, Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's from 3:25 to 3:55 in Learning Commons (Room A108)



News from the Library

*** Enter to win***

Every time you finish reading a fiction, chapter book at your reading level, enter your name to win a free book and prize!

Every grade will have at least one winner each month!!

DRAW BALLOTS ARE IN THE LIBRARY

See Mrs. Kabatoff for details

Congratulations to the winners of the December draws:

Payton McKellar, Chloe Collins, Grace Clark

**Family Literacy Project – brought to you by Lacombe Ford (title sponsor),
Lacombe FCSS, Lacombe Kinsmen, City of Lacombe, Lacombe Legion and
École Lacombe Upper Elementary School**



10 Minutes of Reading Time per Day Dramatically Impacts Literacy Levels

A growing body of evidence has revealed that just an extra 10 minutes of reading per day has a dramatic impact on a child's vocabulary, spelling, verbal fluency, general knowledge and reading comprehension. Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding (1988) found that time spent reading books was the best predictor of a student's reading proficiency. Studies have found that adding just ten minutes of daily book reading outside the school hours significantly increases a student's exposure to print. For example, a student who adds 10 minutes of reading per day to their schedule will increase their exposure to words by 500,000 words, resulting in dramatic improvements in reading comprehension and fluency.

So this is where we need your support. We need to get kids reading at home! Curling up with a good book with your child not only improves reading, it reduces stress, it provides a bond between the parent and the child and it models the importance of reading to your child which encourages them to have a life-long passion for literature.

École Lacombe Upper Elementary School wants to promote reading into the family routine. For the month of February and March, we will be promoting *Family Literacy*. Each student will be receiving a copy of a great new book that is top secret!! This book will be the basis of our *Family Literacy Project*. The project is a community supported program with Lacombe Ford (title sponsor), Lacombe Kinsmen, Lacombe FCSS, City of Lacombe and Lacombe Legion supporting the costs of the novels, the kickoff party and the celebration at the conclusion of the novel. With each novel a calendar will be sent home. This calendar will outline the nightly reading goals we would like you to achieve with your family. This book is not to be read by the child alone. This is to be a family book. By participating we aim to build a community of readers. Students, parents, and staff will be participating. We would like it to be a time where the child can curl up with a family member to read aloud. Share this special time with your child and at the same time support their literacy development. The date for the kickoff party is February 8th at 11:00 a.m. and everyone is welcome. At the kickoff party your family will receive their copy of the book, along with the reading schedule that includes some questions that will guide your conversations around the book.

In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions and participate in activities connected to the novel. You will want to make sure your family keeps pace with the schedule so your child can take an active part in those activities. Everyone will be talking about the book!! We are very thankful that Lacombe Ford, Lacombe Kinsmen, Lacombe FCSS, City of Lacombe and Lacombe Legion have joined in to make this project happen. Their support for home reading and literacy development is commendable!!

We look forward to working together to create a community of readers! Enjoy Reading!!

TOWN (URBAN) BUS STUDENTS

Students living in Lacombe

MUST re-register for busing each spring for the fall!



User Pay fees are applied to students who live less than 2.4 km from school.

User Pay students are accepted on a first come first served basis and only if there is space available on a bus.

User Pay students will be put on a waiting list if their registrations are received late and/or the bus in that area is full.

There is no charge for students living 2.4 km or more, from the school.
(Distances are calculated using a routing software and Alberta Education criteria.)

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/services/transportation>

Registration Opens April 1, 2019 - deadline for registering is June 15, 2020

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca

Phone - 403-785-0726 (Direct) or 403-341-4153 (Red Deer) or 403-782-8726 (Lacombe) ext. 1355



COUNTRY (RURAL) BUS STUDENTS

Lacombe students who live in the country and are new to busing (i.e. kindergarten students or students changing schools) OR have moved to a new rural location are required to register for transportation.

To register your full legal land description AND complete blue sign (911 address) are required on the application.

**Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us with your legal land description.*

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LACOMBE Soccer Club

**2019 Outdoor Soccer Registration
& AGM**

**Wednesday, February 13
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**For registration forms:
www.lacombeminorsoccer.weebly.com
Facebook**



Lacombe Minor Baseball

Lacombe Minor Baseball Annual General Meeting

**Save \$25.00 on your registration fee at all levels for
attending the AGM.**

Date: February 13th, 2019. Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Lacombe Memorial Center – County Room

Registration Opens on February 19th, 2019

Register Online at: lacombeminorbaseball.ca

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Staff Wellness Day No School	2
3 Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Extreme Pita Hot Lunch	8 Family Literacy kick off party 11:00 a.m. Beach Bash	9
10	11	12	13 Student Growth Conferences	14	15 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	16
17	18 FAMILY DAY No School	19	20	21	22 Cilantro & Chive Hot Lunch	23
24	25	26	27 QC BP's Luncheon Pink Shirt Day	28		

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	4	5	6 MOCK ROCK 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	9
10	11 Wrap up Party for Family Literacy Project 11:00 a.m.	12 Pfeifle/Forman Field Trip to Edmonton	13 Cornerstone Play Gr. 5 English	14 Teacher's Convention No School	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
	SPRING BREAK					
24	25	26	27 QC BP's Luncheon Jo(e) Social Media Inc. Joint School Council 7:00 p.m. Lacombe Comp	28	29 Locker/Desk Clean Out Panda Press goes home	30
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