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Wrapping Up 2021

Our staff would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all of our students and families for doing your part to help keep our school safe and healthy during these past months. We are so very proud of everyone for keeping a positive mindset and always looking for ways to continue to keep ÉLUES a fun and welcoming place for everyone regardless of what obstacles may stand in our way. Over the past three months our staff have found creative solutions in order for students to still experience such things as Student Leadership, Peer Support, Pep Rally, Okotoberfest, Remembrance Day, and Healthy Living Fair.



We are looking forward 2021 and all the exciting adventures waiting for us!

Happy Holidays!



Quality Citizenship Recognition -

November 2021



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 have been treated to a coupon from Boston Pizza:

Bella Willing	Jordana Cochrane	Joey Roberts-Mckee	Diane Kruger
Daniel Whitbread	Holland Loomis	Creed Huston	Jake Carlson
Sarah Thompson	Mohsin Tahir	Jane Lamoureux	Jake de Vrij
Ryder Halliday	Rylee Wager	Reed Zobell	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Ehr, Mrs. Freitag and Mrs. Broderson.



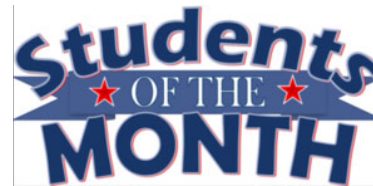
We would like to extend our appreciation to Marty Curtis of Subway for sponsoring our Student of the Month Program this year! Once a month each teacher will choose two or three Students of the Month and these students will meet with Mrs. Dykslag or Mrs. Rawlinson

and will receive a coupon compliments of Subway!

Huge thank you to Boston Pizza for continuing to sponsor our monthly Quality Citizen lunches. Due to Covid, Boston Pizza has generously changed up their program and are giving each Quality Citizen a certificate for an individual pizza and a pop! **Wow, what great supporters of our school!**



Subway Students of the Month – November 2021



- ◆ Commencing the fourth week of September and ending the last week of June, each homeroom teacher will select three or four students once a month for this student recognition program.
- ◆ Students for this program will demonstrate academic excellence and/or excellent academic effort.
- ◆ Students who are chosen for this program will be called to the office by the administration and bring with them the work for which they have been selected. The student will share/discuss the work with the administration.
- ◆ A copy of the student's work and the student's picture will be displayed on the Student of the Month boards outside the general office for the following month. The student's name will also be announced.
- ◆ Students will receive a certificate highlighting their accomplishment and they will receive a gift coupon from the Student of the Month Sponsor, Subway.
- ◆ The administration will make a Happy Call to each student's parents/guardian congratulating the student on his/her accomplishment (s).

Abby Wilton	Quinn Pobuda	Makena Dirk
Thomas White	Rosalie Neumann	Livy Richter
Darius Okymow	Chase Gray	Devon Bussiere
Emersyn Pike	Holten Richter	Milan Midian
Mya Pugh	Emma Chestney	Kaylee Wasylcia
Sean Fletcher	Mason Millar	Chloe Smith
Jake Meagher	Madden Kehn	Mason Peigan
Fiona Rice	Thidarat Laitha	Lowen Steinko
Jaxen Melnyk	Emma Bullert	Marley Shipton
Reagan Walker	Nevah Russell	Kenzie Sharpe
Anna Hebert	Kara Adamson	Hayden Hancock
Max Anderson	Kayleigh MacMitchell	Julia Switzer

Healthy Living Fair a HUGE success!

We had another spectacular Healthy Living Fair on Wednesday, November 24! Without a doubt this was a new experience with making our special day a safe blend of virtual and in-person activities.

The day was a fabulous success. The goal of this event is to inspire students to live healthy lifestyles. All students participated in a variety of sessions throughout the day.

This year the HLF featured a whole school virtual assembly with X Movement where students learned more about the power of having a positive mindset and GRIT and having the courage to "Try Everything"!

Another exciting feature of our HLF was a special presentation with Jo(e) Social Media. Students learned how to make safe and appropriate choices online and how to talk with safe adults about using social media.

Our students and staff enjoyed a full day together learning, playing, moving and focusing on all aspects of health and wellness. Everyone finished the day with a better understanding of how to make healthy choices and why our choices are so important.



12 Days of Christmas 2021

1st (December 1st) - Food Bank Drive Begins

*2nd (December 2nd) - Long Winter's Nap Christmas PJ Day /
Dress Red and Green*

3rd (December 3rd) - Class Wreath Decorating Begins

4th (December 6th) - Acts of Kindness/Appreciation Day

5th (December 7th) - Christmas Bingo

*6th (December 8th) - The Who's of Whoville Crazy Hair Day or
Christmas Toque/Scarf Day*

7th (December 9th) - Dress Fancy Day

8th (December 13th) - Grade 4 Reindeer Games

9th (December 14th) - Grade 5 Reindeer Games

10th (December 15th) - Grade 6 Reindeer Games

*11th (December 16th) - Christmas Carol Virtual Assembly and
Christmas Sweater Day*

12th (December 17th) - Christmas Carol Virtual Assembly



After School Volleyball Club

Approximately 120 enthusiastic grade 5 and 6 students have been improving their volleyball skills by attending our extra curricular After School Volleyball Club.

The athletes spent time working on improving their serving, setting, passing, and even attempting the odd spike. A special thank you to our coaches for putting in the extra hours! Grade 4 After School Volleyball will be starting up November 29th and running for three weeks. Our next after school sport will be Basketball starting up in February. More details to come.

2021 Alberta Education Accountability Survey for École Lacombe Upper Elementary School

Each year Alberta Education completes a survey with our parents, students and staff. In the spring of 2021 the Alberta Government moved to an Assurance Model to reflect how schools were doing in 4 domain areas. The domain areas and their sub categories are below:

Domain Area 1 : Student Growth and Achievement

Student Learning Engagement

Citizenship

Provincial Achievement Test Acceptable Level

Provincial Achievement Test Excellence Level

Domain Area 2: Teaching and Learning

Education Quality

Domain Area 3: Learning Supports

Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment

Access to Supports and Services

Domain Area 4: Governance

Parental Involvement

Below are some highlights for our school from the 2021 report. A copy of the complete report is at the school and can be made available upon request. Due to Covid 19 Provincial Achievement Tests were suspended for the year so those results are unavailable.

Below are some Highlights and Details of the Sections Above:

Domain Area 1 - Student Growth and Achievement:

Student Learning Engagement: 87% of staff, parents, and students rated the school as doing well in this area.

Citizenship: 88.8% of staff, parents and students rated the school as doing well in this area.

PAT Acceptable: Data Not Available due to PATs being suspended in 2021

PAT Excellence: Data Not Available due to PATs being suspended in 2021

Domain Area 2: Teaching and Learning

Quality Education: 96.3% of staff, parents and students rated the school as doing well in this area.

Domain Area 3: Learning Supports

Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment: 91.6% of our staff, students and parents rated the school as doing well in this area.

Access to Supports and Services: 87.4% of our staff, students and parents rated the school as doing well in this area.

Domain Area 4: Governance

Parental Involvement: 75.9% of our staff, students and parents rated the school as doing well in this area.

Some Highlights from the Survey are:

At school, are you encouraged to try your best? %age of students that agree: (2017– 93%), (2018—98%), (2019—94%), (2020—92%) and (2021—95%)

At school, do most students respect each other? %age of students that agree: (2017– 80%), (2018—8-%), (2019—83%), (2020—71%) and (2021—82%)

The literacy skills your child is learning at school are useful. %age of parents that agreed in 2021 was 92%.

Your child is learning what they need to know. %age of parents that agree (2017– 94%), (2018—92%), (2019—85%), (2020—94%) and (2021—85%)

Your child finds the school work interesting. %age of parents that agree (2017– 94%), (2018—88%), (2019—93%), (2020—89%) and (2021—92%)

How satisfied are you with the quality of education your child is receiving at school? %age of parents that were satisfied or very satisfied: (2017– 100%), (2018—91%), (2019—96%), (2020—89%) and (2021—100%)

Your child is treated fairly by the adults in the school. 100% of parents agreed in 2021.

Your child's school is a welcoming place to be. 100% of parents agreed in 2021.

At school, there are appropriate supports and services available to help your child with their learning. 100% of parents agreed in 2021.

When you need it, are teachers at your school available to help you? 90% of students agreed with this statement in 2021.

How satisfied are you that your input into decisions at your child's school is considered? %age of parents satisfied

(2017– 87%), (2018—67%), (2019—80%), (2020—61%) and (2021—64%)

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the variety of subjects available to your child at school? %age of parents satisfied (2017– 100%), (2018—96%), (2019—96%), (2020—100%) and (2021—100%)

Teachers care about your child. %age of parents satisfied (2017– 93%), (2018—98%), (2019—94%), (2020—92%) and (2021—95%)

In your opinion, has the quality of education at your school improved, stayed the same or declined in the past three years? %age of parents that felt it had improved or stayed the same was (2017– 78%), (2018—86%), (2019—100%), (2020—100%) and (2021—100%)

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for Rainbow volunteers!

Do you have some spare time?

Do you enjoy working with students?

Do you love helping others?

We are looking for loving, compassionate RAINBOWS volunteers to help guide children through the experience of grieving caused by death, divorce, separation or other painful transitions in their family or community.

The RAINBOWS program allows a safe place for children to deal with BIG feelings and begin to learn healthy strategies ALONG with their peers.



Volunteer Opportunity: We are looking for individuals who are available during DAY-TIME hours (school day). **Volunteers** need to commit at least 13 weeks to this program (max. one hour each week), and complete a volunteer screening that includes a vulnerable records check.

Volunteers will facilitate weekly support groups using RAINBOWS age-directed curricula. Each volunteer will be trained FREE of cost by a RAINBOW Director and will be supported throughout the 12 weeks by the RAINBOW coordinator.

For more information on this meaningful program call 403-782-6637.



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1st day of Xmas Food Bank Drive Report Cards Go Home	2 2nd day of Xmas Red/Green PJ Day Broomtree hot lunch	3 3rd day of Xmas Classroom Wreaths	4
5	6 4th day of Xmas Appreciation Day	7 5th day of Xmas Christmas Bingo Subway hot lunch	8 6th day of Xmas Crazy Hair/ Christmas Toque/ Scarf Day	9 7th day of Xmas Dress Fancy Day	10 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	11
12	13 8th day of Xmas Grade 4 Reindeer Games	14 9th day of Xmas Grade 5 Reindeer Games Christmas Raffle and Candy Cane Sale	15 10th day of Xmas Grade 6 Reindeer Games	16 11th day of Xmas Christmas Carols and Christmas Sweater	17 12th day of Xmas Christmas Carols Boston Pizza Hot Lunch	18
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January 2022

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2	3 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	4 Welcome Back Students!!	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	15
16	17	18	19 School Council Virtual Meeting 7:45 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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