



## 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

## Ecole Lacombe Upper Elementary School - School Council Meeting Minutes - January, 25, 2023

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our School Council Meeting on January 25th, 2023. Following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

### **Executive Roles & Working Teams:**

Chairperson - Jaqueline Belbin	Vice Chair - Gifty Boakye-Yiadom
Secretary - Vanessa Ouellette/Craig Fullarton	Treasurer - Christina Rice
Staff Representatives - Michele Brousseau	School Council Display Case - Craig Fullarton and All
Hunger Busters Hot Lunch Program - Angela Wymann-Richter	
Administrative Representatives - Craig Fullarton/Vanessa Ouellette	

### **Correspondence and Reports:**

1. Grade 6 Leadership Update: Four grade 6 leadership team students attended our school council meeting to share their important roles and responsibilities in our school. They did a fantastic job presenting to our school council!
2. Hunger Busters: Hot lunches continue to be appreciated by students and staff. January numbers are lower than other months but are typical for January and December as those months are busy and expensive for families. February hot lunches are Subway, KFC, Boston Pizza, and a new option from Tollers, bacon mac and cheese.
3. Trustee Report: Shared the important role of our school resource officer and a proposal was made to have Cst. Wilzer join one of our future meetings, stakeholders engagement coming up on February 28th, and the education service grant and how it has supported 68 of our students with mobility needs.
4. Treasurer's Report: School council has committed to purchasing personal hygiene products and pinnies for our school.
5. Staff Report: Staff were very excited to hear about our grade 6 students joining our school council meeting.

### **Principal's Report: Craig Fullarton**

We are so very grateful for the support we have received from our school council and are extremely excited with the discussion and ideas that have been generated during our time together. It is important to us that members of our school community have the opportunity to share their voice and we are actively looking for ways to provide stakeholders with the chance to engage in school growth and improvement. Several opportunities to provide feedback will be available over the next few weeks and it is crucial that we have a high response rate. As we approach February, excitement in the building is high as we plan and prepare for events such as Wonderful Wednesday and other activities that have been sidelined because of the pandemic. It is hard to believe, but we will soon be talking about and initiating planning for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **New Business:**

1. School Council Self-Directed Modules
2. Parent/Guardian Survey - A survey will be shared with families on January 30th. Names of those who complete the survey will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift certificate to a local business.
3. Parent Representative Virtual Stakeholder Engagement on February 28th
4. AP 132 - Inclement Weather
5. Joint Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 21st
6. Grade six camp - School council is in favor of supporting some of our costs and wondered if fundraising could be an option.

### **Future Meetings:**

1. Staff wellness day
2. Fundraising opportunity - Event for the community
3. Purchasing of school swag to use as additional prizes for students

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

**February No Meeting**, Tuesday, March 21st - Joint School Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 26th, Wednesday, May 31 (If needed). **June No Meeting**

*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 Principal, Craig Fullarton, at 403-782-7410.*

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21st - Joint School Council Meeting**

## Quality Citizenship Recognition - January 2023



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 coupon for an individual pizza and pop coupon from Boston Pizza:

Grayson Stefanic	David Grant	Emery Langmo	Emma Parsons
Ella Gallagher	Brooklyn Sargent	Sophie Dellezay	James Lemke
Caz Gibbons	Abigail Wilton	Hunter Huseby	Alexa Meyer
Nevaeh Russell	Koen Vis	Richie Boakye-Yiadom	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Vaillancourt-Campeau.



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 Mr. Fullarton or Mrs.

Ouellette and will receive a coupon compliments of Subway!

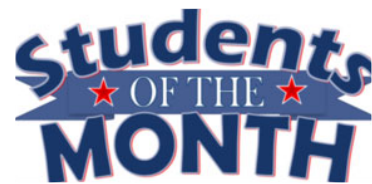
Huge thank you to Boston Pizza for continuing to sponsor our monthly Quality Citizen lunches. Each Quality Citizen receives a certificate for an individual pizza and a pop!

**Wow, what great supporters of our school!**



**Boston  
Pizza®**

## Subway Students of the Month - January 2023



- ◆ 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).

Adrian Ferguson

Emerson Turney

Nicky Jorgensen

Gabe Harden

Sawyer Tee

Trail Harko

Danica Stefanie

Hannah Gray

Maisy Meister-

Thompson

Myles Rose

Jan Bartolome

Paige Johnstone

Ryder Mooney

Ruby Jones

Isla Thompson

Kora Theis

Josh Adriatico

Jayden Green

Drennan Blair

Sawyer Campbell

Adrian Ferguson

Emerson Turney

Nicky Jorgensen

Gabe Harden

Sawyer Tee

Trail Harko

Danica Stefanie

Brooklyn Berry

Jayla Adcock

Holland Loomis

Samuel Radke

Mercedes Anstey

Izaac Snell

Chance Valiquette

Brooke Benedet

Holten Richter

Will Stangeland

Holten Richter

Will Stangeland

Joffrey Bohn

Kashlin Blacklock



# Supporting *ALL* Students

**PINK SHIRT  
DAY**

February 16, 2023



Together...We CAN Make a Difference!  
Show your support on Pink Shirt Day and EVERYDAY.  
Our students show us every day how much they care for one another.

## Bullying Awareness

As a part of our school-wide focus on kindness, Mr. Fullarton and Mrs. Ouelette 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.

**H**umour **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.

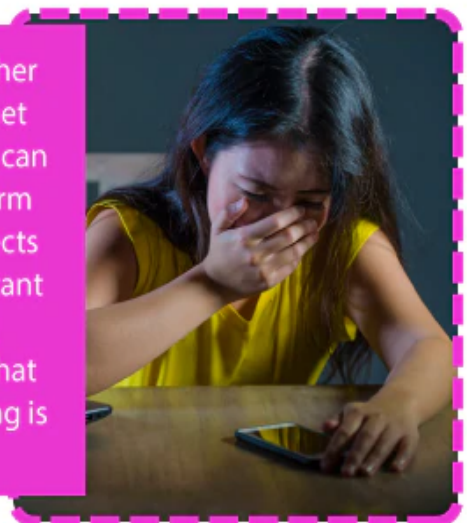


**Bullying** is when someone deliberately tries to hurt someone else they think is weaker than they are. In many cases, bullying is repeated over and over and can cause a lot of pain that lasts a long time. It can even lead to things like depression, anxiety and low self-esteem.

Bullying happens in many ways, but some common forms of bullying are **verbal** (teasing, name-calling), **physical** (hitting, kicking, pushing, breaking someone's toys or favourite things) or **social** (leaving someone out, spreading rumours).

**Cyberbullying** is using social media or other technology like texting to threaten, embarrass or even damage a person's reputation.

**Bullying**, either on the internet or in person, can have long-term negative effects so it's important to let bullies know that what they are doing is wrong!



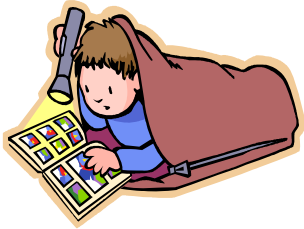
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# Program Highlights

## Student Goal Setting and Growth Conferences

We are looking forward to having parents/guardians and students participate in the upcoming conferences the evenings of March 22 and March 23. Thank you for your participation in these very important conferences!

## 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. Group 1 will attend June 5, 6, 7 and Group 2 will attend June 7, 8, 9. Activities include: horseback riding, wall climbing, orienteering, canoeing, nature studies, animal awareness, initiative tasks plus much more. Camp cost is \$180 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!

## Parent Survey



Your Opinion Counts

Reminder to fill out the parent survey that was emailed to you by February 17th!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1T2QBvGGChI2ArhgcXEvQjt6HtRFWoUjgjfTqTeo8MrzUUA/viewform>

## SCHOOL BUS



## Rider of the Month JANUARY

Millie Bilodeau - Gr 6 Bus L-16



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## AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLUB

After School Basketball will be running during the month of February and March beginning on February 7th. Our focus for this program is on skill development and having some fun playing basketball. After School Basketball is for all interested grade 4, 5 and 6 students. The program runs **3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday**. Students pick one day to come each week.



## SKATING

A number of our classes went skating in January on the Echo Energy ice surfaces at the Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex. The students had a great time. Donations of used skates, helmets, and elbow pads are always welcome to help replenish our supply that our students borrow from. If you have any donations, please feel free to drop off at the office or with Mr. Miller in the gym.

## 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 EJSM, 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 been 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!





## **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.

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change PRIOR to registering for busing.

*Cross Boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application and the cross boundary application. Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.*

Fees are currently under review and will be released by the School Board in late spring 2023.  
(Distances are calculated using a routing software and Alberta Education criteria)

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL  
OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 1, 2023**

***For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services***

E-mail - [transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca)

Phone - 403-785-0726 (Direct) or 403-341-4153 (Red Deer) or 403-782-8726 (Lacombe) ext. 1332

Website - <https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>

## **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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# Circle of Friends Community Supper

## FREE Admission

Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.



At Bethel Christian Reformed Church

5704 51 Ave Lacombe

Please call 403-782-6400 for more information

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# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 KFC Hot Lunch	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 SUBWAY Hot Lunch	10 Staff PD/ Collaboration DAY	11
12	13	14 	15 TOLLERS Hot Lunch	16 WCPS  Wear Pink!	17	18
19	20 FAMILY DAY No School	21 EDO No School	22 Staff PD/ Collaboration DAY No School	23 Teacher's Convention No School		24 25
26	27 BOSTON PIZZA Hot Lunch	28				

# March 2023

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 	18
19	20	21	22 Student Growth Conferences	23	24 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	SPRING BREAK					