

# Panda Press

DECEMBER  
2023

École Lacombe Upper Elementary (<http://www.elue.wolfcreek.ab.ca>)

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ÉLUES Students  
Perform!

Rotary Carol Festival

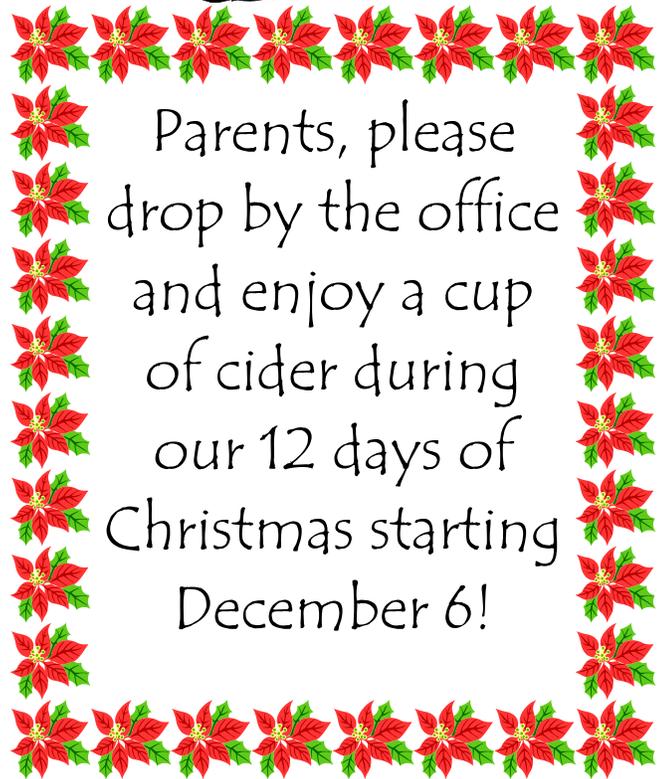
7:00 p.m. at the LMC

Tuesday, December 12!

Grade 4 & 5 ÉLUES students and the Music Club perform in the program and should arrive at the LMC no later than 6:50 p.m. Students will sit with their parents until they are called up.

\*Wear bright colors if you can;  
wear your Christmas best!

Most importantly, we want YOU there!



Parents, please  
drop by the office  
and enjoy a cup  
of cider during  
our 12 days of  
Christmas starting  
December 6!

## Wrapping Up 2023

With the end of 2023 quickly approaching, the staff of ÉLUES would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our students, parents, and community partners for their incredible support throughout the new school year. Your commitment to the success and well-being of our students is truly appreciated, and it plays a crucial role in making École Lacombe Upper Elementary School a thriving community of learners.

As we bid farewell to 2023, let's take a moment to cherish the memories we've created together and embrace the new opportunities that await us in 2024. The first half of the year has been filled with exciting events and celebrations that have brought our school community together. From engaging growth conferences to memorable assemblies and school-wide events, these moments have strengthened our sense of unity and pride in being part of the ÉLUES family. We've witnessed impressive progress in reading, mathematics, and other academic areas, and we are excited to see the continued growth in the months ahead. It is important that we take time to celebrate these achievements and use them as inspiration for the new year ahead. We look forward to building on these successes and creating even more memorable moments together.

The holiday season is approaching and we want to take a moment to wish each and every one of our ÉLUES families a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! May this festive season be filled with joy, laughter, and precious moments with loved ones. We hope you find time to relax, recharge, and create lasting memories that will warm your hearts throughout the new year.



## Quality Citizenship Recognition -

November 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 Ecole 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:

**Kiren Roberts**

**Landon Werner**

**Demitrus Rain-Roughfoot Bennett Winslow**

**Brogan Lowe**

**Lynet Laquieze**

**Elizabeth McLaren Saanvi Kotian**

**Haley Newman**

**Brenna Waddell**

**Victoria Loepky Troy Adamson**

**Logan O'Donnell**

**Joel Tancock**

**Sophie Dellezay**

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Ouellette, Mrs. Wojtaczka, Mrs. Norris.



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 gets to enjoy a pizza party at the school!!

Wow, what great supporters of our school!





# School Council Happenings

## École Lacombe Upper Elementary School - School Council Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2023

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our School Council Meeting on November 29th, 2023. Following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

### **Correspondence and Reports:**

1. **Hunger Busters (Angela Richter):** For the rest of the year, hot lunches are scheduled for once a week, if possible. We have been asked by a parent if we could increase the frequency of lunches. Currently, we are not prepared to offer more. When we started offering Hot Lunches, they were scheduled for once a month. In the last few years we have increased them to once a week. Hot Lunches are a disruption for our teachers (calling parents if a child thought they ordered and didn't, dealing with upset students if their parent has not ordered) so adding more to their plate is not ideal. All of the paperwork (creating labels, creating the class lists, tracking payments, submitting the bill) is all extra work for our Admin Assistant, Natalie Broderon. She is not given more time for this, she works it into her already busy schedule. We feel the amount of lunches we offer is enough for our school.
2. **Trustee Report (Kelly Lowry):** Not in attendance.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Christina Rice):** The funds collected have supported the Cross Country Running Team pinnies, ÉLUES Swag for monthly assemblies and parent council is supporting the purchase of C-Pens.
4. **Staff Report (Michele Brousseau):** Requesting for support for 2 C-Pen Reader. Motion made by (J. Graham) for the School Council to cover the cost for 2 C-Pens (\$360 x 2). Second by (C. Rice). All in favor. The C-Pens will support many students with reading difficulties.

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

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the Christmas season already and the year has flown by up until this point! Events like Healthy Living Fair, monthly assemblies, and Halloween Carnival are just a number of the many events that have happened recently that create long-lasting memories for our students, families, and staff

We are so grateful for the impact that our student teachers have had while at our school. Post-secondary students from the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, Burman University, and Red Deer Polytechnic have spent time completing a variety of different practicums and have made a huge impact in our building. We thank them for all of their contributions to our school and the year we have had so far and wish them all the very best as they head into the final stretch of their studies.

One of the school's long time Educational Assistants, Vicky Cornish, has announced her retirement at the end of this calendar year. We wish Vicky all of the very best in her retirement and cannot thank her enough for her many, many years of service and the number of students she has positively impacted. She will be sorely missed. The school will be posting an ad for an Educational Assistant to begin in the new year.

### **New Business**

1. **Joint Council Idea-** The focus will be on Artificial Intelligence led by Greg Esteves in March. This will more than likely be held at Lacombe Composite High School.
2. **School Council Grant- \$500-** Ideas on how to use this were discussed. One parent suggested reaching out to a speaker about anxiety and disconnect from the real world. This speaker recently presented at ÉJSM but is in Europe until February at least. School will attempt to connect with her.
3. **Funding Ed Tech (Chromebooks, C-Pens, etc.)-** Ideas? Grants? Staff discussed the need for technology to be renewed and replaced in the upcoming years. The school has no more extra Chromebooks to lend out to students who do not have one. Different grants were discussed. It was suggested that the school reach out to a group in Red Deer (CityServe) who donates returned Chromebooks from Amazon. Craig let the group know that the school will be participating in the Cilantro and Chive Ice Cream Sandwich fundraiser with money going towards supporting the purchase of new Chromebooks and educational technology.
4. **Spring Event Feedback-** Ideas were brainstormed for a spring event to bring families and community groups into the school while also serving as a fundraiser for grade 6 camp.
5. **ÉLUES ACE Plan-** Can be found on the website (attendees were shown how and where to access the document). Craig did an overview of the document as well as the purpose and intent of an ACE Plan. Several areas of celebration were shared as well as the school and division focus on differentiated learning and student/parent engagement.
6. **Budget Update/Considerations-** Highlights from November's administrator meeting were shared including the need for the division to purchase new school buses to meet government regulations on student transportation. More details about technology replacement and maintenance over the next several years were shared.

### **Future Meetings:**

Review of Wolf Creek and ÉLUES Education Plans. What other interests do our parents have?

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** No Meeting in December, Wednesday, January 31st, Wednesday, February 28, March - Joint School Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 24th, Wednesday, May 29 (If needed), No Meeting in June

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 782-7410.

## Subway Students of the Month - November 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).

**Cameron Drysdale**

**Colter Phillips**

**Audrey Young**

**Jenna Mathieu**

**Lennon Saxton**

**Benjamin Ferguson**

**Dawson McNolty**

**Griffin Landry  
Dayday**

**Summer Carlson**

**Presley Wright**

**Lincoln Smith**

**Ellie Darnell**

**Charlotte Patterson**

**Gavin Forman**

**Lucas Elliott**

**Benjamin Coma**

**Beckett Hampton**

**Matthew Woelke**

**Cayden Best**

**Dante Jarvis**

**Briana Murillo**

**Hannah Gray**

**Savannah Culp**

**Hunter Vasseur**

**Gavin Barnwell**

**Maisy**

**Meister-Thompson**

**Kayne Pobuda**

**Anna Hebert**

**William Matthie**

**Lucien Henderson**

**Hadley Flynn**

**Darius Okeymow**

**Mya Pugh**

**Dylan Hancock**

**Genevieve Parent**

**Ellie Myers**

**Eva Lachner**

**James Lemke**

## Healthy Living Fair a HUGE success!

We had another spectacular Healthy Living Fair on Thursday, November 23!

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 wide range of activities such as 3 different food sessions, Shadow Boxing, curling, swimming, and skating.

We had new sessions such as SOLEful Bliss with Balanced Health + Wellness where students learned about the benefits of massage therapy and learned how to give a foot massage. Students also participated in Yoga Circus Toys, learned about Holistic Mental Health and Wellness and engaged in self expression and building self confidence through the arts with Art n Soul.

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 2023

*1st (December 6th) - Food Bank Drive Begins*

*2nd (December 7th) - Deck the Halls*

*3rd (December 11th) - Acts of Kindness/Appreciation Day*

*4th (December 12th) - Christmas Special in the Gym*

*5th (December 13th) - Christmas Trivia*

*6th (December 14th) - PJs and Hot Chocolate*

*7th (December 15th) - Grinch Game Grade 6*

*8th (December 18th) - Grinch Game Grade 4*

*9th (December 19th) - Grinch Game Grade 5*

*10th (December 20th) - Dress Fancy Jingle Bell Dance*

*11th (December 21st) - Christmas Carol Assembly and  
Christmas Sweater Day*

*12th (December 22nd) - Christmas Carol Assembly*



## After School Volleyball Club

A super group of 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. Our grade 4 athletes have now started their volleyball club. Our next after school sport will be Basketball starting up in February.

More details to come.

## *Music Notes!*

### **2023-2024 Concerts**

The concert format at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School this year will be as follows:



### **Christmas Celebrations**

We will once again be taking our grade 4 and 5 students to participate in the Rotary Carol Festival. This year the Music Club will also be performing two separate numbers. The concert will take place at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12 at the LMC**. This provides an opportunity for our school to spread the joy of Christmas to the whole community.

Our Christmas celebrations at ÉLUES include the Twelve Days of Christmas activities as noted on the calendar. This includes school-wide Christmas Carol Assemblies in the last week of school before the holidays. Should parents, guardians and community members be available to come into the school on these days to enjoy and participate, please do so!



### **Grade 6 Concert**

The grade 6 students will be presenting a drumming concert sometime in April 2024 in the gym. Mr. Epp will announce details in the New Year.



## **2023-2024 Ace Plan**

We are collectively responsible for all students. We believe that all students can learn and that it takes a village to ensure a child grows and learns to their full potential. Together, in partnership with community partners and service providers, we work together to ensure that we provide specialized support to our students.

Each year, every school in Wolf Creek is asked to create an ACE Plan (Assurance, Collaboration, Engagement) that celebrates successes and identifies areas for school growth. This data driven action plan is available to all stakeholders and highlights areas of priority and focus for the school year.

Our ACE Plan for 2023-2024 can be found under the “Menu” dropdown tab on our school website.

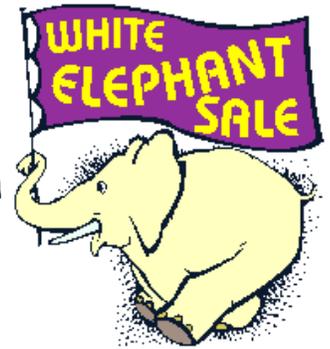
If you have any questions about this plan or its content please feel free to reach out to school administrators.

## *ÉLUE Service Projects*

### **White Elephant Sale**

The Wagar and Freitag classes are still accepting items for their sale!!! If you would like to donate, please send your items, gift bags, etc, to the Main Office!! Just a reminder that our sale will take place on December 13 and 14th. Thank you to all of the parents who have sent in items already!

Forms are not sent home ahead of time, students bring money on their classes shopping day either December 13 or 14th.



### **Candy Cane Sale and Christmas Basket Raffle**

Mrs. Nelson's and Mrs. Mackay-Hawkin's classes are organizing a Service Learning Project that spreads some Christmas Cheer and raises money for Santa's Anonymous. On December 11th and 12th they are hosting a Candy Cane and Basket Raffle. Raffle baskets will be drawn on December 12th. All money raised will support Santa's Anonymous. Raffle tickets are 1.00 and candy canes will be .50 each. Thank you for supporting our project.

### **Winter Clothing**

Now that the cooler weather is here, we would ask parents/guardians to ensure that children are dressed appropriately. Students are expected to be outside during lunch break and afternoon recess, except during severe weather. Remember—student's names should be placed on ALL articles of clothing, shoes, etc.

Occasionally, students accidentally wear the wrong shoes home. Please take a moment to check your child's shoes to ensure they have the correct pair.



**SCHOOL BUS**



**Rider of the Month**  
**NOVEMBER**

Reid Waddell - Grade 6 - Bus L-2  
Julie Kennedy - Grade 5 - Bus L-16

Sponsored by:  
 **CITY OF LACOMBE**

Come experience the spirit of Christmas at the Outdoor Live Nativity pageant on December 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>. Begins every half hour from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 4049-63 Ave (across from the airport). Complimentary hot chocolate or apple cider and homemade treats will be available. All are welcome and admission is free.



**Robotics is back at ÉLUES**

This year 36 students applied to be part of the Robotics Club. Our applicants were divided into three groups which will take place consecutively from late November to March. Students will build attachments for their robots to experiment with a variety of sensors. They will then write programs to utilize their sensors to solve various challenges. Skills such as problem solving and computational thinking are a huge part of robotics but really, it's just a good time! Special thank you to M. Pierre and Mrs. Matthie for providing this opportunity.



We were thrilled to have Miss Heather-Ashley, a member of The Forum's Production crew present at our Healthy Living Fair this year. If you haven't checked them out yet, make sure you do! See them live on December 17th at their Family Friendly Aerial Brunch, The Golden Heroes!

Give them a follow @forumreddeer and make sure to stay in the loop for their Winter Kids classes starting in January!

A photograph of a woman in a black leotard performing an aerial hoop routine. She is upside down, holding a light blue hoop with both hands and feet. Another person in a red top and green shorts is also visible, performing a similar routine above her. The background shows a wooden interior with a bar counter and a laptop.

*Classes for Adults & Kids!*

| Aerial Silks | Lyra | Aerial Sling | Acrobatics | Flexibility |  
| Fascial Movement | Handbalancing | Yoga |

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THE  
FORUM

# December 2023

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10	11 3rd day of Xmas Acts of Kindness/ Appreciation Nelson/Mackay-Hawkins Basket/Candy Cane Raffle	12 4th day of Xmas Christmas Special in the Gym Grade 4, 5 and Music Club @ LMC for Rotary Carol Festival	13 5th day of Xmas Christmas Trivia KFC Hot Lunch Wagar/Freitag White Elephant Sale	14 6th day of Xmas PJ's and Hot Chocolate	15 7th day of Xmas Grade 6 Grinch Game Forman, Matthie, Norris, Parsons/ Epp, V/C to RDP for Nutcracker	16	
17	18 8th day of Xmas Grade 4 Grinch Game	19 9th day of Xmas Grade 5 Grinch Game	20 10th day of Xmas Dress Fancy/Jingle Bell Dance BP's Quality Citizen Lunch	21 11th day of Xmas Christmas Carols and Christmas Sweater	22 12th day of Xmas Christmas Carols BOSTON PIZZA Hot Lunch	23	
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# January 2024

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