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Boston Pizza and Subway

Quality Citizen Luncheon & Student of the Month

**Royal Canadian
Legion #72**

Remembrance Day,
Family Literacy

Lacombe Kinsmen

Peer Support Program

Alberta Health Services
Health & Wellness

Lakeside Sargent Ladies Club
Breakfast Club

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Family Literacy
Program

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Quality Citizenship Recognition -

December 2017



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 complimentary lunch from Boston Pizza on December 20th:

Deegan Hein	Piper Workman	Kimberly Lomenda	Claire Aldrich
Taylor Campbell	Ava-Jean Godberson	Joey Lamoureux	Sierra Wyatt
Jace Russell	Dax Shaw	Sarah Russell	Piper Fafard
Trinity Biel	Ethan Hunt	Ian Fletcher	Max Smith
Tristen Klassen			

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mme Ince, Ms. Kramer, Ms, Marshall



Service Learning Projects

White Elephant Sale

-Mrs. Wagar and Mrs. Freitag's classes would like to thank all of the staff and parents who donated items, wrapping paper, and bags for our sale. We would also like to thank all of our ÉLUES shoppers. Thanks to you we raised \$1756.00 We are still deciding which charities we will donate our money to.



Basket Raffle & Candy Cane Sale



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Candy Cane and Basket raffle sale. Mrs. Mackay-Hawkin's and Mrs. Nelson's classes put together some amazing looking baskets! \$1186.00 was raised. This was OUTSTANDING! All funds raised will support Santa's Anonymous. Even those that did not win a raffle basket won by giving to this great cause.



Egg Nog Sale

The Grade Six Leadership team organized an Egg Nog sale on December 21st!



Family Literacy Project – brought to you by Lacombe Ford (title sponsor), Lacombe FCSS, Platinum Insurance, City of Lacombe, Lord Lascelles Chapter IODE 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 January and February, 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), Platinum Insurance, Lacombe FCSS, City of Lacombe, Lacombe Legion and Lord Lascelles Chapter IODE 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 January 18th at 2:00 p.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, Platinum Insurance, Lacombe FCSS, City of Lacombe, Lacombe Legion and Lord Lascelles Chapter IODE 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!!

Art Club

École Lacombe Upper Elementary School will be hosting the Grade Four Art Show on **January 18th**, from **3:45 to 4:45 PM**. We invite all our Grade Four Art Club members and their loved ones to please join us at our school for refreshments and a private viewing of the wonderful works created over the past few months. We are so proud of our maturing artists! Students and staff will have the opportunity to view the show during school hours.

Beginning in January through to mid March, we will be running an **Art Club for grades five and six**. Dates and details coming in the new year. With the instruction of practicing artist, Joan Graves, the Art Club will provide its students with an introduction to reflecting, depicting, and composing artful expression while focusing on the theme of landscapes. Sign up sheets will be posted the week after Christmas. There will be **30 openings** for club memberships, so, borrowing from the old proverb, the early birds will catch the worm.



Cribbage Club

Crib Club will start in January. Everyone, from grades 4-6, interested in joining can meet in Room B107 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 include: Mme Domier and Mrs. Nelson.



Homework Hotspot!

Don't forget! All students are welcome to sign up for Homework Hotspot on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:25 to 3:55 in Room 114 (LAC).



Collector's Club

Calling all collectors!! Starting on Wednesday, January 10th you are invited to share and enjoy your collections with your friends. This club will be held on Wednesdays during the winter months.

Collections such as hot wheel cars, hockey cards, rocks, stamps and so much more are welcome. No trading will be allowed, it is just a time to share and enjoy your passion. Thank you Mrs. Leidl for running this great noon hour club!



Life On Earthenware

The newest Art Display in the library is the best yet, the students will love it. The artist is from Medicine Hat and her name is Annette ten Cate (she will be here on January 12th to work with all the grade four classes). The display has humorous clay representations of animals engaging in human activities. Goat on a climbing wall, Gophers gathering vegan groceries in a shopping cart, etc. ten Cate's work highlights personification and anthropomorphism - giving human characteristics to non human species. The artist presents the figures within the human context by using props, furniture, clothing, and human actions.

Anthropomorphism, say that word 3 times! Anthropomorphism, such as this is common in children's literature and has been around for years in storytelling to teach lessons and morals to children.

Enjoy the display it is here until January 17th, 2018 we invite you to come to the library to view it.

Panda Pack

Starting in January there will be a Panda Pack club for students with divorced or separated parents. This noon hour club will be a chance for those students to learn about the issues, and feelings associated with divorce and separation. The club is designed to help students feel connected with the many others facing this same life circumstance. The group will be facilitated by our school social worker Mrs. Kramer and Mrs. Dykslag. The club will run Fridays for 8 - 10 sessions.

"Hear the Stories, Feel the Passion, Celebrate the Game!"

This hockey season, Canadians across the country get to experience the game they love with the ones they love, along with one of Canada's favorites - Ron MacLean! Each week during the 2017/2018 NHL season, the Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour visits a different community across the country with a weekend of free outdoor hockey festivities for all ages, culminating in an outdoor viewing party of an NHL game broadcast with MacLean hosting live onsite from the Sportsnet Mobile Studio.

Lacombe has been selected for the February 2nd to 4th weekend!!! The game that will be broadcasted live from Lacombe on February 4th, will be the Ottawa Senators versus the Montreal Canadiens.

This family filled weekend tells the story of local upcoming talent, alumni, provides an inviting atmosphere for the community to come together to show their passion for the game and ultimately celebrate the game of hockey which has been woven tightly into our great Canadian culture.



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To kick off the event a community rally will be held at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School on February 2nd. Final time and details are to still be determined. Once all the plans are finalized for the Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour we will send them home with your child. We look forward to celebrating this great community event with our students!!

Music Notes!



Music Club

We have had a very enjoyable and successful first term with our Music Club at ÉLUES with almost 55 eager singers coming out each week who love to sing and who are not afraid of a crowd. This year our performances at the Lacombe Rotary Carol Festival and at the Lacombe "Light Up the Night" celebration were well received and the students had fun using their talents for others. I was once again very proud of the way the students sang and the enjoyment that was shown on their faces as they performed.

We are looking forward to a very exciting "post-Christmas" singing season. We already have some music in the works for spring and will be adding more in the New Year. We are planning on singing at the Lacombe and District Music Festival, and we are hoping to sing in Red Deer at a program called "Choir Kids" in May. "Choir Kids" is a wonderful program where school choirs get to sing a couple of songs accompanied by members of the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra. This will be the 13th year that we have had the opportunity to take part in this event.

Thanks to those parents who have allowed their children to be a part of our choir. They truly are an amazing group of kids and I am grateful that I get to share some music with them! - Mr. Epp



Lacombe and District Music Festival

March 5 - March 14, 2018

Syllabuses and entry forms can be found online at www.lacombemusicfestival.com

Entry deadline is January 12, 2018



LACOMBE Soccer Club

2018 Outdoor Soccer Registration
& AGM

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

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

Sports & Leadership

Leadership

The Gr. 6'ers have continued to apply their skills during all of our school activities. As we begin the new year we will be looking at the skills and personality traits of positive leaders.

Christmas Spirit Days

Thanks to the Grade 6 Leadership group who did an awesome job of helping out with the 12 Days of Christmas! Some of our fun activities included a Jingle Bell Dance, Gingerbread Man Coloring Blitz and a Compliment and Appreciation day. This was a great way to get in the Christmas spirit!



ÉLUES Basketball Club!

Our next after school sports club to look forward to will be basketball. Any Grade 4, 5 and 6 students interested in coming out to after school Basketball Club are welcome!



Club starts January 30th and will go until March 15th. Basketball will run 3:30-4:30 p.m. Students who are interested in improving their basketball skills and getting to know other students are encouraged to attend. We look forward to playing some exciting 'hoops' with everyone! Further details will be sent out closer to our start date.

Skating: The students had a great time skating during the month of December. Thank you for the donations of skates and helmets that came in giving all of our students an opportunity to participate.

Physical Education Classes

Curling: Grade 5 and Grade 6 classes will be heading to the curling rink starting January 15th. We will send home curling times in the New Year. We would really appreciate any parent/grandparent volunteers for extra supervision on the ice. Please check in with your child's teacher or email Mr. Miller (bruce.miller@wolfcreek.ab.ca) and let us know if you are able to give a hand.



January 2018

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Fri

Sat

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7 Drop In Family Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	8 Back to School	9	10 Collector's Club starts	11	12 Artist Visit Grade 4	13
14	15	16 Tim Horton's Muffin Snack	17	18 Family Literacy Kick Off Party 2:00 p.m. Grade 4 Art Show	19 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	20
21	22	23	24	25 Author Visit Sigmund Brouwer is here!	26 Leto's Lasagna Lunch	27
28	29	30	31 Quality Citizen Boston Pizza Luncheon School Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.			

February 2018

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					Rogers NHL Hometown Hockey Tour	
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Rogers NHL Hometown Hockey Tour	Sushi Maru Hot Lunch		Student Growth Conferences		Staff PD/ Collaboration DAY	
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					Booster Juice Snack	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	FAMILY DAY No School	Staff Earned Day Off No School	Staff Wellness Day No School	Teacher's Convention No School		
25	26	27	28			
		Eastside Eatery Hot Lunch	Quality Citizen Boston Pizza Luncheon Locker/Desk Clean Out Panda Press			



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