



## 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!!
- Scan the image below to link to our school webpage



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# School Council Happenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our January 31st, 2018 meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Treasurer's Report— No Report

Hunger Busters Team— The last luncheons were a success, thank you to the volunteers that helped to serve the meals!

Trustee's Report—Kelly Lowry is back again in her new role representing Ward 5. She is determined to be a strong advocate for our schools and students and promoting community partnerships.

## New Business

1. Family Literacy Project— "Rebel Glory"- This is going extremely well! We thank our sponsors-ÉLUES School Council, Lacombe Ford, Platinum Insurance, Lacombe FCSS, the City of Lacombe and Royal Canadian Legion.
2. Joint School Council Meeting—On March 6th the Lacombe School Councils will have a joint meeting at the Lacombe Composite High School. The meeting will focus on "Drug Culture", featuring Constable Jeff Hewitt. Start time is 6:45 p.m.
3. Outdoor School Keeping costs down—Motion: Veronica moved that School Council pay for the busing and a portion of student / parents fees for outdoor school (total \$2800). Seconded, Carried.
4. 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!! Veronica moved that we purchase \$300 in prizes to support the community kindness challenge. Seconded, Carried.
5. Track and Field Ribbons- Motion: Michelle moved to support the purchase of ribbons (\$750). Seconded, Carried.
6. Wolf Creek Budget Concerns: Letter from Superintendent Jayson

Lovell. Information was provided by Mr. Lovell to help in gaining understanding of Wolf Creek's current budget picture heading into the back half of this school year. The District is incredibly dedicated & committed to doing what's best for our Wolf Creek students. If you would like a copy of the letter, please contact our office.

**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:

**Joint School Council Meeting March 6, 2018**  
@ 6:45 pm  
All schools in Lacombe will gather at École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School. The evening will begin with a presentation by Cst. Jeff Hewitt on "Drug Culture in Lacombe" Hope to see all parents there.

## Quality Citizenship Recognition - January 2018



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 Wednesday, January 25th:

Rebecca Alexander	Arya Snell	Sienna Lowe	Huw Roberts
Haylee Bryant	Isabelle Duguay	Logan MacKinnon	Leni Kruger
Olivia Thompson	Katelyn Kikstra	Isabelle Collins	Kadence Gray
Jasmine Jean-Baptiste	Maelia Banbury	Eiley Morrison	Cadence Hunt
Zackery Chalmers			

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. Mme Forman, M. Durocher and Mr. Richter/Ms. Marshalls classes will attend May 28, 29, 30 and Mrs. MacKay-Hawkins, Mrs. Pfeifle and Mr. Rankins classes will attend May 30, 31, June 1. 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 4th, 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 will 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 4th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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

## 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. Monday/Wednesday/Thursday and will go until to the middle of March.** Students pick one day to come each week. The “season” culminates with a Grade Six 3 on 3 tournament later in March against other Wolf Creek schools. More details to come.



## CURLING - Indoor & On the Ice

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



# Supporting *ALL* Students

## 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.

**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.

## 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 ÉLUE 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. Also starting soon is Panda Pack. This group will be open to all students with a focus on how to handle divorce or separation. If you are interested in either of these programs please feel free to contact Ms. Kramer at ÉLUE.

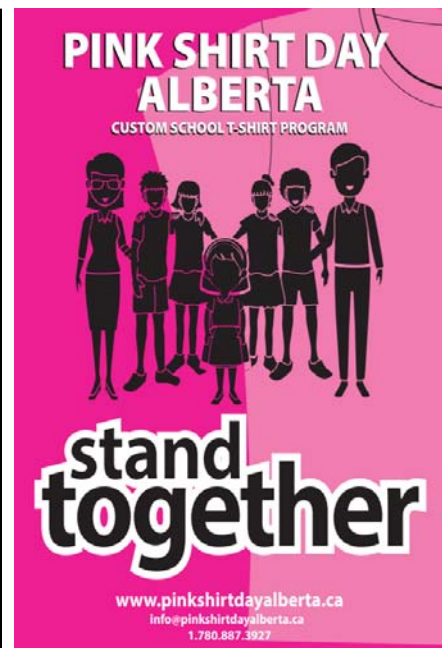
## Filling Bellies and Feeding Minds!

We all know that in order for anyone to be at their best, there needs to be fuel in the tank!

Thanks to the generous donation from  **cornine**  
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*ALL* students at our school can access our food program - which provides food for breakfast and or lunch every school day for any student in need. Our food program is casual and informal where students can grab what they need in the morning, no matter what the circumstances. We never want our students to be hungry at school

If you would like to know more or make a donation to our food program, please contact Ms. Kramer.



On Wednesday, February 28th, schools from across Canada will wear pink to support the movement against Bullying.

This year's Pink Shirt Day theme is centered around "STAND TOGETHER", to raise awareness against bullying in schools.



# 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 7 and 8th. The November conference schedule will be used for the February conferences. A note confirming your date and time has been sent home. Thank you for your participation in these very important conferences!

## Joint School Council Meeting

On March 6th at 6:45 p.m. all parents are invited to attend the Lacombe Schools Joint Parent Council Meeting. This meeting invites parents from all the Lacombe Wolf Creek Schools together. The presentation topic is "Drug Culture." Cst. Jeff Hewitt will share with parents the Drug Culture in Lacombe and how we can work together to keep our kids safe. The meeting will be at 6:45 at Lacombe Composite High School. All parents/guardians are invited.

## Grade 4 Art Show

Mlle Graves and her grade 4 art club put on an amazing Art Show on January 18th! Thank you to Mlle Graves for sharing her love of art with our grade 4 students!!



# 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 Room 114 (LAC).



## 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:**

Rissa Waqatabu, Savannah Cross, Oryanna Rust

# Program Highlights



We kicked off our Family Literacy Program with Sigmund Brouwer's *Rebel Glory*. We thank Lacombe Ford, FCSS, Platinum Insurance, City of Lacombe and Lacombe Legion for being our partners in Family Literacy. Lacombe Ford sponsored the purchase of a book for every family in ÉLUES. Lacombe FCSS, Platinum Insurance, City of Lacombe and Lacombe Legion have sponsored an author visit, the kick off party, reading prizes and the wrap up party. We are honored to have the community pull together to promote reading. Thank you to our families for curling up with a book together! Families are encouraged to follow the reading calendar closely. Prizes will be awarded in class for being able to answer questions about *Rebel Glory*.

Did you know - reading just makes "cents"

For every year that a person spends reading (either independently or being read aloud to), his/her lifetime earning potential goes up considerably. For a time investment of approximately 87 hours a year (20 minutes a day for 5 days/week), you can increase your child's ability to support him or herself in the future considerably.

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## **TOWN (URBAN) BUS STUDENTS**

**Students living in Lacombe**

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

**Currently 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.**

***\*Note: Fees and walk distances are currently under review and may change for 2018-2019.***

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

**<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/services/transportation/bus-application-form>**

***Registration Opens April 1, 2018 - deadline for registering is June 15, 2018***

***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. 1335

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



## **COUNTRY (RURAL) BUS STUDENTS**

**Lacombe school students who live in the country and are new to busing 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.**

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

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## GRADE 4 PARENTS, PLEASE complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

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 2018, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Thank you for taking time to provide us this valuable information.

Mrs. Dykslag



*Lacombe Minor Baseball*

**Lacombe Minor Baseball Annual General Meeting**

**Save \$25.00 on your registration fee if you attend (Rally Cap Exempted from Discount)**

**Date: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Time: 7:00 P.M.**

**Location: Lacombe Memorial Center – County Room**

**Registration Opens on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Register Online at: [lacombeminorbaseball.ca](http://lacombeminorbaseball.ca)**

# February 2018

**Sun**

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**Thu**

**Fri**

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4 Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	5	6	7 Student Growth Conferences	8	9 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	10
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18	19 FAMILY DAY No School	20 Staff EDO No School	21 Staff Wellness Day No School	22 Teacher's Convention No School	23	24
No School for Students						
25	26	27 Eastside Eatery Hot Lunch	28 QC BP's Luncheon Field Trip Rankin/ Mackay- Hawkins Pink Shirt Day			

# March 2018

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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4 Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	5	6 Joint School Council Mtg 6:45 p.m. Lacombe Comp	7	8	9 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	10
11	12	13 Field Trip Wagar/ Freitag	14 Field Trip Pfeifle/ Forman  Ince/ Durocher	15 MOCK ROCK 7:00 p.m.	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21 Quality Citizen Boston Pizza Luncheon  School Council 7:15 p.m.	22	23 Locker/Desk Clean Out Panda Press goes home  Report Cards go home	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	SPRING BREAK					