

Panda Press

APRIL
2018

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

(403)782-7410



MOCK ROCK 2018

Our 12th annual Mock Rock was a big success. On Thursday, March 15 the ÉLUE gym was full of people eager to see twelve grade 6 performances. They were not disappointed. Each act had excellent lip-syncing, creative props, well chosen costumes and polished choreography.

Those who took to the stage truly gave it their all! The four judges had a very tough job. Selecting the top five performances was quite difficult for School Resource Officer Jeff Hewitt, Leslie Ennis (former ÉLUE teacher), Sunny 94's Adam Hamilton and Superintendent Jayson Lovell (our 4 judges). However, they did a great job!

To cap off the evening the staff at ÉLUE performed a Pitch Perfect medley of songs. It was outstanding! Special thanks to all staff members for the time spent rehearsing, getting costumes and performing.

Rankin's Rolexes wish to thank everyone who helped make Mock Rock 2018 possible! We thoroughly enjoyed putting together the project, performing on stage and most importantly collecting food bank donations for The Lacombe and District Food Bank. This year 550 pounds of food and \$130 cash was collected! Also, we wish to recognize our sponsors for making the Mock Rock evening possible. Please see the list below.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS

AFSC
AND EVERYTHING NICE
AURORA DENTAL GROUP
AUTO TECH
BOSTON PIZZA
BUMPER TO BUMPER
CONOCOPHILLIPS
COPPER LANE
DANCER'S EDGE
D & M CONCRETE
DAIRY QUEEN
DOWNTON TRUCKING
ELITE BRIDAL
EMPIRE AUTO SALES
FLYING CROSS RANCH
FOUNTAIN TIRE
FRASERWAY RV
GENERAL APPLIANCE



HEAD HUNTERS
INLINE WELDING
KAVACCINOS
KINSMEN AQUATIC CENTER
KLES AIR MECHANICAL
LACOMBE AUDIO VISUAL
LACOMBE CITY CINEMAS
LACOMBE DENTAL CLINIC
LETOS
PINZ PLUS
REDS SPORTS
SIGN MASTERS
SOAPY'S
SPEEDY GLASS
STRAND PRINTING
SUBWAY
YELLOW DOOR DANCE CO.

1st place: The Weather Girls....."It's Raining Men"
(Ava Harding, Shayla Keen, Tristen Klassen, Ayla Lowe, Ilea Snortland)

2nd place: Twisted Sister "We're Not Gonna Take It"
(Aivian Harder, Kenadee Pimm, Danya Rachkov, Carsen Richter, Natalie Sulzle, Elliott Wyse)

3rd place: Juicy J, Wiz Khalifa, Ty Dolla \$ign.....Shell Shocked
(Jasmine Jean-Baptiste, Noah Lamoureux, Rylan Ramsay, Olivia Roadhouse, Kaiden Sydenham)

4th place: Hairspray "Welcome to the 60's "
(Allan Hawkins, Eiley Morrison, Violet Neumann)

5th place: American Authors....."Best Day of My Life"
(Jill Cosman, Skye Gillespie, Ella Voth, Abby Whitbread)

Audience Choice Online Contest:
Rednex... "Cotton Eyed Joe"
(Trinity Biel, Katie Radke,
Annika VanCampen)



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!



Red Cross Babysitting Program

All grade six students have the opportunity to obtain Red Cross Babysitter Certification. Each grade 6 health class will be learning about the skills needed to be a safe and effective babysitter. At the completion of the in-class instruction, each student will complete an evaluation which will certify the student as a Red Cross Trained Babysitter. ÉLUE offers the program at a cost of \$10.00 per student. There is a new handbook this year so each student will need to purchase one. Please pay online if you haven't already done so.



Quality Citizenship Recognition - March 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 will be treated to a complimentary lunch from Boston Pizza on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Maria Gillard	Isabella Sargent	Harley Borup	Sarah Hughes
Miya Mazurik	Molly Whitbread	Rebecca Wilson	Nevaeh Hipkins
Isaiah DeVries	Nyomi Yzerman	Gracie Steeves	Katie Hildreth
Jadeah Ward	Riley Yzerman	Heather Hoogkamp	Landen Vaccher
Lyndsey Walters			

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mr. Rankin, Mrs. Wagar and Mrs. Cornish.



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!

Thank you so much to Boston Pizza for sponsoring our Quality Citizen lunches. Boston Pizza will be delivering pizza and drinks to each of our Quality Citizens ~ the students will get to enjoy their lunch with the Quality Staff of the month! **Wow, what great supporters of our school!**



Happy Easter





School Council Happenings

On March 6th the Lacombe School Councils had guest speaker Cst. Jeff Hewitt, our School Resource Officer come to talk to parents about the Drug Culture and what drugs are most influencing Central Alberta youth today.

Cst. Hewitt shared with parents information about the various drugs, drug families, signs and symptoms of drug use and strategies on how to keep our kids safe. The over 60 parents in attendance learned a lot and enjoyed the presentation. A big thank you to the Lacombe School Councils for hosting the event and to Cst. Hewitt for the informative presentation.



What was the staff doing on those Staff Collaboration Days?

March 9th was a Staff Collaboration Day where the staff was in school learning and growing. The Staff Collaboration Days are full days where our learning focuses on the school goals. On March 9th the staff had a presentation on reading disabilities and how to support struggling readers. Our upcoming collaborative days will focus on:

- ⇒ First Nations, Inuit & Metis Cultural awareness.
- ⇒ Gender Issues and Sexual Orientation Awareness and understanding.
- ⇒ Understanding Reading Interventions and Supports.
- ⇒ Collaborative Response and Student Intervention Team meetings.

The Parts of a Parent Reader

A Smart Mind,
to understand
the importance of
reading
with their child daily.

Eyes,
for seeing their child
and showing how
engaged they are.

Ears,
to listen to
their child's
questions.

A Mouth,
for reading books
to their child,
20 minutes
every day.

A heart,
to love and
desire a good
education for
their child.

Hands,
for hugging
their child
close while
reading a
favorite
book.

Books,
to share every day
with their child
to build their
language and
literacy.

Feet,
for walking to the
library each week to
discover new books.



The
Children's
Reading
Foundation

Supporting *ALL* Students

Project Hope-Kenya

Over twenty years ago ÉLUES established a Project Hope Campaign. The primary goal was to establish an internationally focused service learning project for our students. At ÉLUES we are committed to developing in our students strong citizenship skills at the local, provincial, national and international levels. We believe that taking care of others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves, is an attribute of a quality citizen. In the past, Project Hope has brought hope, empathy and kindness to Swaziland, South Africa, Sri Lanka and St. Vincent in the Caribbean.

In 2008 we started working with A Better World Organization and Youth Unlimited to support the building of a school in Kenya.

In 2015 , we focused on Education and hosted the African Children's Choir. We raised enough money to purchase thirty desks for a newly built classroom.

In 2016 our efforts went towards providing water for remote, rural schools. Our school raised \$750 toward buying large water containment systems.

In 2017 our focus was on reducing poverty. We raised money to support the purchase and planting of several fruit trees at a local school.

In 2018 our theme is Education and we will be looking for a project in a community. Other events will include:

1. Eric Rajah, co-founder of "A Better World Canada," will speak to all grade four classes about Project Hope and about the daily challenges people face in Kenya.
2. Daily announcements will highlight the state of Education around the world.
3. The Peer Support Team will sell raffle tickets on willow furniture donated by Wooden' It Country Styles.
4. All proceeds go directly to the project of promoting education for children in Africa.

Raffle tickets will go on sale Tuesday, April 3, 2018. You may purchase them at the office too! Our goal is to raise \$2000 for Project Hope 2018!

Wonderful Wednesday!

As we head into spring, we are looking ahead to our 31st annual Wonderful Wednesday activity day. For the past 30 years, our students have had the opportunity to take part in a fun-filled day of crafting, sports, touring local businesses and many other activities. This year this event will be held on Wednesday, May 30. This is the cross-over day for our Grade 6 Outdoor School; the day the first group comes back and the second heads out. Because of this, Wonderful Wednesday is set up for our Grade 4 and 5 students.

Several of the activities do require student transportation and if you have at least \$2 000 000 liability insurance and are available to assist, please let the office know. Driving will involve shuttle service to and from activities in the Lacombe area.

Also, if you have a particular skill or talent that you would be willing to share with the students, please let us know as we are always looking for new activities to offer our students.

Project Hope Willow Sample Raffle Items

Items similar to these are being donated by 'Wooden' It Country Styles and will be raffled off to help raise money for Project Hope.

The Peer Support Team will be selling tickets for \$2 each or you can purchase your tickets at the office. The draw will be made at the end of April. A huge thank you goes out to Rod and Audrey Krenzler for this amazing donation.



If you are interested in seeing more of Audrey Krenzler's work, she has a store West of Lacombe on Highway 12. Please feel free to contact her for further information!

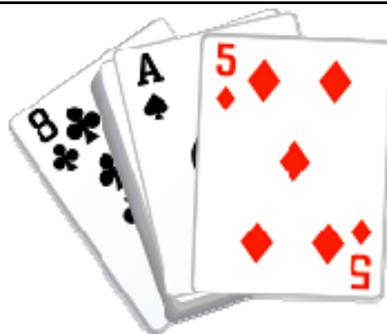


Program Highlights

Cribbage Club

Crib Club started in January and has now come to an end. Each Tuesday during the lunch recess, students learned how to play this wonderful game. It's a great game that encourages mathematical thinking.

Thank you to our cribbage coaches this year, Mme Domier and Mrs. Nelson.



ÉLUES Spring Concerts

The grade 4 concerts will be individual class presentations which will take place towards the end of May. More information will be forthcoming.

The grade 5 concerts will once again be individual class presentations and will take place towards the beginning of June. Individual class times to come.

GRADE SIX CONCERT

-Mr. Epp

On Thursday May 3rd at 2:00 p.m. (open dress rehearsal) and 7:00 p.m. (main show) the gym at our school is going to rock with the sounds of about 120 Grade six students drumming and singing their hearts out. Part of the performance will be a STOMP style percussion show highlighting the musical sounds of the... pail!!! So please take a bit of time out of your busy schedules and come out and support our students as they give their best on the stage. We'd love to see you there!

PAILS

Mr. Epp and the Grade 6's are in need of some more good clean 5 gallon and 3 gallon pails to drum on for the Grade Six concert. If you have any kicking around, please drop them off at the school.

Homework Hotspot!

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 with support from an EA.

Hot Spot is held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's from 3:25 to 3:55 in Learning Commons Room A117.

Badminton Club Starts Up SOON!

All grade 4–6 students are invited to join another one of our after school sport clubs! Starting after Spring Break, badminton will run 3 nights of the week until May 3rd. Students will sign up for either Tuesday (Grade 6 Only), Wednesday or Thursday (Grade 4, 5, or 6) from 3:30-4:30pm.

Our grade 6 students will then have the opportunity to compete against other Wolf Creek athletes on May 5th, in our annual ÉLUES Invitational badminton tournament which will be held at the Junior High here in Lacombe. Athletes will be participating as singles or doubles. Good luck players! More details to come.



Early Morning Gym Winding Up for the Year

Thanks to all the kids who have come out all winter! We have had a great time playing games and being active! During the month of April, badminton will be our morning gym activity.

Our last day of morning gym will be on Tuesday, April 24th. Remember to keep active and healthy this spring and summer!



Thank You!

To our after school basketball club players. We had a great time learning skills, doing drills and playing games. A big thank you to our coach Mr. Miller.

Our grade 6 students also did a fantastic job representing our school at the Ponoka Elementary 4 on 4 Invitational Basketball Tournament.



PANFLUTE

Liselotte Rokyta -Czech



ORGAN

Andre Knevel -Dutch



SOPRANO

Mary Jean Mulder- Lacombe

Will be sharing their various musical talents with Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs



**Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 PM at Redeemer United Reformed Church
4519 – 46 Ave. Lacombe, AB**

Come and enjoy an evening of excellent music.

**Freewill offering with net proceeds in support of
The Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation**

April 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 EASTER MONDAY	3	4	5 Math Fair at RDC 5/6D, 6M, 6P, 6R, 6RM	6	7
8 Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	9 Extreme Pita Hot Lunch	10	11	12 MP Blaine Calkins visits Mackay- Hawkins	13 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	14
15	16 Sobeys Mini Croissant Snack	17	18	19	20 Junior High Play Grade 6	21
22	23	24	25 QC Boston Pizza Luncheon School Council Mtg 7:15 p.m.	26 Spring Photos Field Trip Richter/ Marshall/ Durocher	27 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	28
29	30					

May 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Sir George Jr. High Band Visits	3 Grade 6 Drumming Concert 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Grade 6 Badminton tournament
6 Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	7 Choir Kids in Red Deer 7:30 p.m.	8 Grade 6 FLA PAT	9	10 Grade 6 ELA PAT	11 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	12
13	14 Junior High Tours for Grade 6's	15 Junior High Tours for Grade 6's	16	17 Mayor for the Day	18 EDO No School	19
20	21 Victoria Day No School	22	23 Safe in 6 Grad 1:30 p.m. QC Boston Pizza Luncheon	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Wonderful Wednesday	31 Panda Press goes home		
Grade 6 Camp Durocher/Forman/Richter & Marshall				Grade 6 Camp Mackay-Hawkins/Pfeifle/Rankin		