

# Panda Press



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

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## PROJECT HOPE 2019...Giving HOPE to Students in Kenya!

Once again the care & compassion from our students & families reaches well beyond our own community. For the past few weeks Peer Support students have been busy selling raffle tickets for one-of-a-kind pieces of willow furniture. All proceeds of this fundraising will go to "A Better World Canada" to support the funding for digging a safe water well for a school in Kenya.



**\*Project Hope** is our school's **international service learning** project. It is our chance to do something great for others beyond Lacombe. Giving HOPE to others!

Since 2007, we have raised over \$16,000 for children in Kenya, Africa! The money we've raised has gone towards classroom resources such as textbooks and desks, supporting children living in orphanages, providing food for students, and water projects to provide water for students.



GRAND TOTAL RAISED:  
**\$2410.00**

## DID YOU KNOW...

- Children in Kenya often have to walk 6 km carrying up to 8 litres of water...per person, per day!
- Sometimes the only water children can find is from a dirty pond or stream where animals live!
- Children often must walk along dangerous routes, all by themselves, to get water for their families!



A HUGE THANK YOU to our Peer Support Team, families and community members who have helped support this important project! We are also very grateful to be working with Eric Rajah from "A Better World Canada" to ensure Project Hope brings HOPE to students in Kenya.





# PROJECT HOPE

The money we raise will go towards digging a safe water well for one school in Kenya.

Winners of our willow furniture donated by Audrey Krenzler:

If interested in purchasing or renting any of this beautiful furniture, please contact Audrey



Willow Chair won by Justus Sealock



Willow Bird House won by Julie Ann Munro



Willow Bird Bath won by Grace Clark





## *We are GROWING!*

Students who are part of our Work Exposure program this spring have been very busy with a new project! Thanks to the kind donation of \$500.00 from Lacombe Rotary and the recent grant we received from Fortis Alberta of \$1000.00, we have purchased Grow Towers.



The first seeds were planted in early April and will be transplanted in early May. These students have been watching with excitement as the seeds have sprouted and are now growing quickly! Once transplanted we will all be waiting with anticipation to share the first crops which will be ready in June!



Having the grow towers in our school will give our students a wonderful experience of learning about where food comes from, watching the process of a plant life cycle and enjoying healthy eating! It is also a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn how important it is to work together.

We are sincerely grateful to Lacombe Rotary and Fortis Alberta for making this possible!



## Quality Citizenship Recognition - April 2019

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 April 24, 2019.

Tori Miller	Addison Shaw	Julie Zimmer	Jasey Ten Hove
Logan Allison	Sambor Neumann	Ashley Wilson	Piper Workman
Sarah Hughes	Sienna Lowe	Lachlan Corkum	Harley Borup
Carter Purves	Maelia Banbury	Chloe Walter	Sutton Banks
Jace Russell	Lucas Schimke		

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mme Miller, Mrs. Norris and Mr. Richter and Mrs. Wymann-Richter.

# Track & Field helpers needed June 6th!

Please call or email Veronica Whitbread (403) 877-9136  
[veronicawhitbread@gmail.com](mailto:veronicawhitbread@gmail.com) if you are able to help out with  
the track and field concession on Thursday, June 6, 2019.



## **Grade Four Concerts**

Grade Four students at ÉLUES are preparing a "Recordrum-sing" concert which will likely be unlike anything you have ever attended in your life! Come on out and experience what the kids have been working on in voice, rhythm, and instrument playing. This will take place during the first part of June down in the Music room. Each class will send out the date and time once they become available.

## **Grade 5 In-Class Concerts**

Grade Five classes are working hard to bring you a classroom music demonstration like never before!!! The students will be singing, playing baritone ukulele, drums and other Orff instruments. It will be a lot of fun and we would like you to be there! This will take place during the beginning of June in the Music room. Each class will send out the date and time once they become available.



## **Wonderful Wednesday!**

As we head into spring, we are looking ahead to our 32nd annual Wonderful Wednesday activity day. For the past 31 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 29. 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.



## Grade 6 Outdoor School

Group 1—May 27, 28, 29

Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins, Mrs. Pfeifle, Mr. Rankin

Group 2—May 29, 30, 31

M. Durocher, Mme Forman, Mr. Richter/  
Ms. Marshall

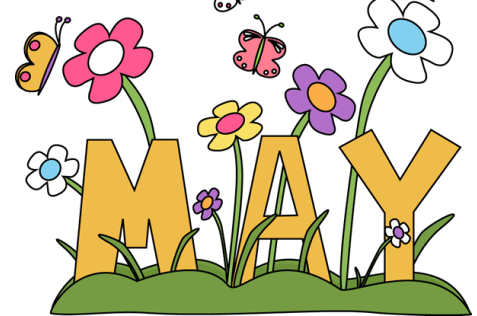
Grade 6 Outdoor School is just around the corner. Final plans are underway for our Outdoor Education experience at Camp Evergreen. A camp registration and supply form was sent out to all grade six students. The most important items to bring to camp are a water bottle, sun screen, a warm sleeping bag and rain gear or splash pants as it tends to rain whenever we go to camp!



### Classroom Requests

In planning for the next school year, staff and administrative teams at École J.S. McCormick, Terrace Ridge, École Lacombe Upper Elementary and École Lacombe Junior High work collaboratively to assign students to classroom settings where their educational, emotional and social needs can most effectively be met. This involves a committed team approach; the current homeroom teacher(s), administration, family school liaison worker and the inclusion coach make recommendations for placement. The team considers the 'big picture' in creating classrooms which are balanced for gender, differing academic abilities, and the potential for positive social/emotional interactions. As a parent, if you have a classroom request for your child that results from a specific academic or social/emotional need or concern your input is valued by the placement team.

Our 2019-2020 tentative classroom teachers will be published in our next newsletter. If you wish to make a classroom request based on a specific academic/social concern please explain the rationale in a signed letter (from a parent or guardian), include a first choice AND second choice and submit to the school office no later than Thursday, June 6, 2019. Please understand that because the team will be considering all the factors involved in the "big picture" it may not be possible to honor your request.



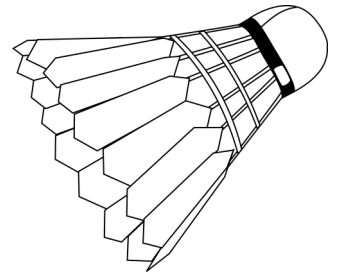
On Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the École Lacombe Junior High School Library, our Parent Council extends the invitation to all of our future and present parents to come for our School Information and Tour night. There will be a short presentation in the library which will be followed by school tours.

Grade 6 classes will be going for tours of the Junior High on May 23 and 24.

**After school Badminton Club** will wrap up on May 2nd. Participants did a great job of working on their skills and playing competitive games. Mr. Miller would like to thank all of the athletes for working hard to become better badminton players and engaging in some fun competition in the process.

## **9th Annual Grade Six Badminton Tournament**

ÉLUES will host our badminton tournament on May 4th at École Lacombe Composite High School. We have players from Ponoka, Clive, Iron Ridge, Terrace Ridge, Bentley and ÉLUES joining us this year. Athletes will play either singles or doubles in our tournament. This is a super opportunity for the students to have some friendly competition and become familiar with the format of a badminton tournament. A huge thank you to the High School for giving us access to their gym for the day.



## **Rotary Daybreak Lacombe Drop In Family Badminton**

Sunday, May 5th, 3:00-5:00pm is the next time for drop in family badminton in our gym. There is no cost and racquets and shuttles are available. Please wear indoor shoes to help keep the courts clean. All are welcome. June 2nd will be the last time before summer, then stay tuned for dates in the fall. Come play with your kids and check out how their skills have come along.

## **INTRAMURALS**

Badminton intramurals have been going strong and we will move on to Kick Ball in May.

**THANK YOU** to the Gr. 6 leadership referees this year. The leaders have done a great job of not only regulating games, but assisting, encouraging and otherwise creating a positive atmosphere for our intramural participants.



## Provincial Achievement Testing Schedule

Provincial Achievement Tests are administered annually for grade three, six and nine students. The schedule for administering the grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School this year is as follows:

**Tuesday, May 7**

Grade 6 French Language Arts Part A (9:00 a.m.)

**Thursday, May 9**

Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A (9:00 a.m.)

**Monday, June 10**

Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B (9:00 a.m.)

**Wednesday, June 12**

Grade 6 French Language Arts Part B (9:00 a.m.)

**Friday, June 14**

Grade 6 Social Studies (9:00 a.m.)

**Tuesday, June 18**

Grade 6 Science (9:00 a.m.)

**Wednesday, June 19**

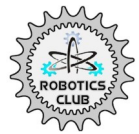
Grade 6 Math Part A (9:00 a.m.)

**Thursday, June 20**

Grade 6 Math Part B (9:00 a.m.)

## Robotics Club

M. Durocher &  
Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins



Students in Robotics Club (or known as Lego League) learned some cool skills and had a lot of fun. They have built their EV3 robot and programmed it to do specific tasks. Using Touch, Color and Ultrasonic Sensors, the kids have learned to move their robots around obstacles, follow a line and complete specific tasks on the game mat. We are thankful to Dow Canada for providing grant funds to purchase items for Robotics.

The club will continue every Tuesday after school until the end of May.



## Marathoners' Club

ÉLUES will once again be offering a 'Marathoners' club'. The club will run from Wednesday, May 8th until about the second last week in June. Our goal is to have **each** student accumulate 20-40 km of running by the time we have our school track meet in June. Near the end of June, all Marathoner club participants, who have accumulated between 20 or 40 km of running, will run the final 1.5 km together during the 1500 m race. Finishers will receive a T-shirt!

We will have two run times per week (depending on number of adult volunteers): Monday and Wednesday (all after school) and will run approximately 1-4 km each session, finishing between 4-4:15pm. Mme Miller requires a small team of adults who will help out with this team. **We could really use a few parent runners/walkers to help us out!** If you can help us out, please contact Mme Miller by email: [megan.miller@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:megan.miller@wolfcreek.ab.ca)





**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.

There is no charge for students living 2.4 km or more, from the school.  
(Distances are calculated using a routing software and Alberta Education criteria.)

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

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

***Registration Opens April 1, 2019 - deadline for registering is June 15, 2019***

***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. 1355

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



**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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**Working together to build a safer community!**

### **Lacombe Community Watch Association**



Emergency Safe  
Location



Eyes & Ears  
for the Police



A Good  
Neighbour

Contact: Thelma Ten Hove (LCWA VP) at 403-782-7704  
or [lacombecommunitywatch@gmail.com](mailto:lacombecommunitywatch@gmail.com)

THANK YOU *Cornine* for the very kind donation to help keep our breakfast and lunch program running! Every day we have students who depend on our food program. It's donations like this that help us feed bodies so we can keep feeding minds!





# Lacombe Composite High School Volleyball Camp

for Grade 6 – 9 student athletes

August 2019

*If you are currently in Grade 5 – 8 and are interested in the popular sport of Volleyball, this is an event that you do not want to miss! Join the coaches and players from the Lacombe Composite Ram's Senior program for some exciting fun while developing all your fundamental volleyball skills!*

***Get a great jump on your season and meet some new friends!***

*This camp is open to all girls and boys currently in Grade 5 – 8 (2019/20 Grades 6-9). Act quickly, as there are a limited number of spots available.*

Lacombe Composite High School Volleyball Camp will focus on:

- Body position
- Fundamental skills including: forearm pass, overhead pass, attacking, blocking, and serving
- Gameplay skills including: offensive and defensive positioning, and communication
- Conditioning
- And most of all FUN!!!

## Dates, Times & Additional Information

### **Camp Includes:**

- 12 hours of instruction and play time
- Tournament for all participants
- Camp T-Shirt
- Free supper during the tournament
- Instruction on individual skills and team play

## Registration

\$125.00 per athlete until May 31<sup>st</sup>

After May 31<sup>st</sup> registration goes to \$150.00

**Register early as only the first 32 will be accepted!**

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 – 7:00 pm**

**\*\*Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> will end having camp attendees play a mini camp tournament. Pizza meal included at the tournament**

For more information contact: Mike Sonnenberg at [nucgaek,sonnenberg@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:nucgaek,sonnenberg@wolfcreek.ab.ca) or Jay Adamson at [jay.adamson@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:jay.adamson@wolfcreek.ab.ca)

**Ask Mr. Miller for a registration form if you are interested!**

# May 2019

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			1 Spring Photos	2 Field Trip Richter/ Marshall and Durocher to Reynolds Museum	3  wear hats to school	4 Grade 6 Badminton tournament
5 Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	6 Noon - Gr. 4 Jump Rope for Heart	7 Grade 6 FLA PAT Noon - Gr. 5 Jump Rope for Heart	8 Noon - Gr. 6 Jump Rope for Heart	9 Grade 6 ELA PAT Booster Juice Snack	10 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	11
12	13 Earth Rangers Assembly 1:00	14	15 Band Performance 1:10 p.m. Subway Hot Lunch	16 EDO No School	17 EDO No School	18
19	20 Victoria Day No School	21 EDO No School	22 School Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m. QC Boston Pizza Luncheon JJ Collett Pfeifle - am Durocher/Forman - pm	23 Junior High Tours for Grade 6's Extreme Pita Hot Lunch JJ Collett Mackay-Hawkins - am Richter/Marshall - pm	24 Junior High Tours for Grade 6's JJ Collett Rankin - am	25
26	27 Grade 6 Camp Mackay-Hawkins/Pfeifle/Rankin	28	29 Wonderful Wednesday	30	31 Panda Press goes home	
			Grade 6 Camp Durocher/Forman/Richter & Marshall			



# June 2019

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2 Rotary Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	3 Tim Horton's Cinnamon Roll Snack	4	5	6 Track & Field Day	7 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	8
9	10 Grade 6 ELA Part B PAT	11 Alternate Track & Field Day	12 Grade 6 FLA Part B PAT	13	14 Grade 6 Social PAT	15
16	17	18 Grade 6 Science PAT	19 Grade 6 Math Part A PAT  Quality Citizen BP's Lunch	20 Grade 6 Math Part B PAT	21 Aboriginal Day  Farm Safety Field Trip Freitag/ Durocher/Ince	22
23	24 Grade 5's help with JSM Fun in the Sun	25 Relay and Track Awards 11 a.m. RLR Awards 2:00 p.m.	26 Grade 4 FT to Fort Normandeau/ Collicutt Center  Grade 5 FT to Rocky  Grade 6 FT to Gull Lake	27 Report Cards go home Last Day for Students	28 Staff Organizational Meeting  No School	29
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