NOVEMBER 2019

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

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#### Student-Goal Setting and Growth Conferences

Our first round of conferences were October 23rd and 24th. Thanks to all students and parents/guardians for attending. Such commitment and involvement can only serve to strengthen our school's ability to provide your child with a First Class Education.

Let's keep up the GREAT Teamwork between home and school. Thank you very much for your interest and support. T.E.A.M. - "Together Everyone Achieves More"

École Lacombe Upper
Elementary
Remembrance Day Service
will be held on Thursday,
November 7
at 11:00 a.m. in the gym.
Everyone is welcome.

All students will be given a poppy for the service. We send all donations to the Legion Poppy Fund.



Mark your calendars...
THE HEALTHY LIVING FAIR IS
COMING SOON!

We are getting set to host our 18th school-wide Healthy Living Fair (HLF) on Wednesday, November 20.



The focus of the fair is to inspire students to develop healthy lifestyle habits.

To kick off our HLF this year we are so excited to have a First Nations dance and drumming group from Maskwacis come to perform and teach us about traditional dancing.

During the HLF we will have many health & wellness experts presenting to our students. We now need numerous parent volunteers to help make sure the day is a great success. Please call our office if you are able to help out. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## **Quality Citizenship Recognition - October 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:

Kortana Kelm	Averi Hoffman	Rayah Soosay	Ayanika Berry
Bella Hebert	Aubrie Flewelling	Makena Dirk	Aspen Bowie
Chance Flewelling	Mac Warawa	Kassidey O'Donnell	Cam McKinley
Jaxxon Willington	Bella Sargent	Kael Bryan	Wade Zobell
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Claire Aldrich Paige Dumbleton

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: M. Durocher, Mrs. Cross, Mr. Epp, Mme. Lebrasseur



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!

Huge thank you to Boston Pizza for continuing to sponsor our monthly Quality Citizen lunches. They will be delivering pizza, salad and drink 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!

#### Subway Students of the Month - October 2019

♦ 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).

Lilly Tisdale Mohsin Tahir Jake DeVrij Kenzie Sharpe Joey McLaughlin Pamaris Rees Mya Gallant Lucy Ward Liam Doucette Hayden Hancock Lincoln Turney Tobias Woelke Isaac Rogers Lilie Sargent Ashley Wilson

Hadley Walker Luke Radke Emily Thiessen Iyla Shaw Vivian Lovell Gracie Cosman Hayley Reid Kaleb Kinsey Maguire Caddy MJ Cleazar Sara Marci Phawson Roberts Sug Butterfield Chloe Collins Cllig-Bongt Graham Peyton
Vanderwekken
Jaymie McTrowe
Darian Wiebe
Reece Peavoy
Lindan Hayward
Mckinley Sullivan
Nathan Hawkins
Hailey Vasseur
Maria Gillard
Dayce Morrison
Ares Ulveland
Giorgia Ross
Lachlan Corkum



## School Council Happenings

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our School Council Meeting on October 30th, 2019 Following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

## CORRESPONDENCE and REPORTS

- 1. Hunger Busters—sales are strong on all recent hot lunches and everything is set for the next months. A huge thank you to our team for the time in providing so many delicious lunch options!
- 2. Treasurer's Report—Thank you Kari-ann Flater for all your hard work! All revenue and expenses are up to date, current balance is \$7474.51.
- 3. Trustee's Report—Thank you to Kelly Lowry for attending. The district is facing major concerns over recent budget decisions and future changes coming from the government. It is time for parents' voices to be heard. A letter writing campaign will be starting soon. As well, stay tuned for more information about a "How to be a strong Parent Advocate" Joint School Council meeting coming up on November 27 @ 6:30 at Lacombe Composite High School.

#### Old Business:

- On behalf of all teachers, thank you for the delicious dinners during Parent Conferences last week!
- Our Trade Show and Book Fair were a great success! Thank you for your support.

#### **New Business**

- 1. Healthy Living Fair—Over 20 sessions have been organized for the 18th annual Healthy Living Fair on Wednesday, November 20. Looking for MANY volunteers! Please call our main office if interested.
- 2. School Education Plan
  Highlights—We shared the
  main areas of focus of our
  Annual Education plan,
  which included the PAT and
  Accountability Pillar results
  from last year. Our plan is
  still heavily focused on
  literacy interventions, First
  Nations, Metis, and Inuit
  background knowledge and
  curriculum implementation,
  Math Literacy skills, and
  supporting our diverse
  student population.
- 3. PAT Results Review—
  Once again, we are proud of
  the results of our grade 6
  students. The success of
  these results is a collective
  effort, from primary
  classrooms all the way up to
  grade 6!
- 4. Accountability Pillar
  Results- 2019 Alberta
  Education Accountability
  Survey. \*Grade 4,7,11
  parents, students & staff
  across the province are
  surveyed annually. Strong
  results

#### **MOTIONS PASSED:**

 Christina Rice moved that school council provide \$500.00 to help offset costs of Healthy Living Fair. Motion seconded & carried.

#### Focus of Upcoming Meetings

- 1. School Council Goals.
- Building FNMI foundational knowledge.
- 3. What can school council do to encourage more parental involvement?
- Suggestion—arrange a parent presentation around "Reading tips & strategies for parents" to help parent best help their children with reading.

### Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

\*All meetings begin at 7:15\*

No Meeting in November

No Meeting in December

Wednesday, January 29th

No Meeting in February

No Meeting in March

Wednesday, April 22nd

Wednesday, May 20th

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, Sonja Dykslag, at 782-7410.

\*We are always looking for parent volunteers to help out with activities at the school, such as hot lunches, Healthy Living Fair, reading with students, etc. If you are able to help out, please let us know by calling the office @ 403-782-7410.\*

## Program Highlights

#### Cribbage Club

Crib Club will start in January. Everyone, from grades 4-6, interested in joining Tuesdays during the lunch recess is welcome. 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 Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Wagar.

#### Running Club

- Mme Miller, Mr. Richter, Ms. Marshall,

Congratulations to our school's x-country running team. We rocked our runs in varying weather conditions for six weeks. All of our runners improved in their

ability to run further and/or faster. Most runners ran 2-3 km 3 times a week. What a great way to keep healthy!

On September 24th, our grade 6 runners competed at the annual Wolf Creek x-country run near Alix. Our students had an amazing day! Almost all of the runners from ELUES captured spots in the top 25.



A special mention to Addison Skene, who captured silver in her category. Congrats to all our finishers!



The coaches wish to thank all of our enthusiastic athletes for their commitment to the team, sportsmanship and super effort.

Stay tuned for more running news in the Spring when we start the 'Marathoners' Club'.

#### Book Fair and Mini Trade Show 2019

During the student growth and goal setting conferences on October 23rd and 24th, ÉLUES hosted a Scholastic Book Fair and Mini Trade Show. Students and their parents enjoyed shopping after their conferences. Thank you to the vendors that had tables at the trade show. A huge thank you to all of our vendors and to Joann Swarbrick and Mrs. Rawlinson who organized this wonderful evening.

## Program Highlights

#### 2019-2020 Concerts



The concert format this year will be as follows:

#### Christmas Celebrations

We will most likely be taking our grade 4 and 5 students to participate in the Rotary Carol Festival again this year. The concerts will take place in early December at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. This provides an opportunity for our school to spread the joy of Christmas to the whole community. More details to come as soon as dates are confirmed.

Our Christmas celebrations 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 Concerts

The grade 6 students will be presenting a drumming and singing concert towards the end of April 2020. Mr. Epp will announce details in the New Year.

#### Grade 5 Concerts

The grade 5 students will have "in-class" concerts during the first part of June 2020.

#### Grade 4 Concerts

The Grade 4 students will have "in-class" concerts during the month of May 2020.

More details to come!

#### Music Club Notes...

- Mr. Epp Music club is off to a great start with about 55 wonderful students. They are energetic, fun to work with and excited about the performance opportunities which we will have this year! Our first performance wil l be at our Remembrance Day service on November 7 at 11:00 a.m. in our gym. We certainly hope to see you there

#### White Elephant Sale

As a service learning project, our classes will be running a White Elephant Sale in December for students to do some Christmas shopping. If you have any items that you would like to donate from home, we would really appreciate it. Great items would be: gently used books, puzzles, toys, household items, baby items, candles, movies, golf balls, etc. We would also appreciate any donations of Christmas bags or wrapping paper. You can bring your items to either Mrs. Wagar or Mrs. Freitag's classroom the week of November 25th. Our sale will be in December

#### From the Library

Thank you to all who came out in support of our Scholastic Book Fair; our total sales this year was \$4830 - incredible!

A door prize draw was also held in conjunction with our Book Fair. The lucky winner of \$25 worth of books for themselves and \$25 worth of books for their classroom was Kira Mason from Mrs. Mackay-Hawkin's classroom.

Congratulations Kira!

# Sports

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d e r After School Volleyball Club!
After School Volleyball started
October 9th. All students were
invited to sign up for one night a
week (Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday), 3:30 - 4:30 pm for some
fun and more in-depth skill
development. Thanks to our volleyball
coaches, Mr. Richter and
Mr. Miller.

Early
Morning Gym
8:00 am
Tuesdays &
Thursdays

#### **Skating**

Our skating program begins in December at the Can Pak Ice Complex. If you have used hockey skates, helmets, elbow pads, or neck guards in good condition, we would welcome donations to our skating program. Please drop them off at the office for Mr. Miller.

If you have a skate sharpener and would be willing to sharpen a few pairs of skates, please let Mr.

Miller know. Any help is appreciated.

bruce.miller@wolfcreek.ab.ca

#### Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 31st. Our Grade 6 Leadership Club has been working hard to prepare activities for all students to enjoy. We are looking forward to many fun stations including races, target games, challenges and more!

#### Drop In Family Badminton

Sunday, November 3rd, 3:00-5:00pm is the next time for drop in family badminton in our gym (Sponsored by Rotary Daybreak Lacombe). No cost to play. Racquets and shuttles are available. Please wear indoor shoes to help keep the courts clean. All are welcome. Dates for the rest of the year are: Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 1, April 5, May 3.





#### THANK-YOU!

To all of our Gr. 6 Leadership students and PARENTS for their support and work toward a spectacular Leadership Luncheon The luncheon off-set the cost of leadership T-shirts! Thank-you also to Mrs. Dykslag for her organization and time making that large project a success once again!

#### Terry Fox Turkey Trot WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Terry Fox Run and also to the enthusiastic, supportive athletes who ran our Turkey Trot on October 3rd. We raised \$2520.50 for this very worthy cause.

Over the past 22 years, the total collected is \$118,359!

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

Raised the Most! : Bella Hebert (Terry Fox T-Shirt)

#### Fastest Runners

Grade 6 Boy - Huw Roberts Grade 6 Girl - Rebecca Grubb

Grade 5 Boy - Jacob Anstey Grade 5 Girl - Brit Tans

Grade 4 Boy - Walker Rice Grade 4 Girl - Maielle Sydenham

#### Sobey's Gift Card Winners:

Adam Myshrall, Trey Hendrickson, Kira Mason, Evan Gillis, Ellie Bonet-Graham, Kingston Schultz, Alexis Perley, Iyla Shaw, Devon Bussiere, Nathan Hopkins







## Supporting ALL Students

#### Introducing our PEER SUPPORT TEAM!

#### "Kids helping kids"

Mrs. Rawlinson, Ms. Kramer and 36 students have spent many hours together going through the Peer Support training sessions. As a culminating activity and to demonstrate their conflict management skills, the Peer Supporters presented a "conflict scene" to all students in their grade. Our team did a fantastic job of making sure all students know that their peers have the skills to help them solve certain conflicts.

Peer Supporters patrol our playground during lunch recesses and are available for Peer Support meetings on request at various other times. We have 2 Peer Support members in each class.

We are proud of their leadership and grateful for their commitment in helping other students talk through conflict situations and assisting in creating positive resolutions. The Peer Support program has been in existence at our school for over twenty years!



Grade 4 Team



Grade 5 Team



Grade 6 Team

## Professional Development

This year as a staff and as a school division we will be focusing on the growth areas listed below. These areas will be the focus of the aligned calendar days throughout the year.

#### Goal Areas for 2019/2020:

- 1. Continuation of Literacy Focus concentration on improving reading skills, continue to develop our structures to facilitate Levelled Literacy Interventions in the classroom and in pull out groups.
- 2. Continued growth and focus on the new Teacher Quality Standards with specific focus on the following competency areas:

Teachers develop and apply foundational knowledge about First Nations, Metis and Inuit for the benefit of all students.

- Using program of study to provide opportunities for all students to develop a knowledge and understanding of, and respect for, the histories, cultures, languages, contributions, perspectives, experiences and contemporary contexts of FNMI
- Supporting student achievement by engaging in collaborative, whole school approaches to capacity building in FNMI and INuit Education
- Understand the historical, social, economic and political implications of
  - ♦ Treaties and agreements with FN
  - ♦ Legislation and agreements with Metis
  - Residential Schools and their legacy
- 3. Continue and go deeper on our math literacy learning. Utilize Cathy Coers from the Central Alberta Regional Consortium, *Number Sense Book Study, Math Inservicing, and Math professional development throughout the year.*
- 4. Learn about and implement the new divisional Dossier Program for tracking student learning, Student Individualized Program Plans, Student Learning Support Plans and Collaborative Response Intervention Plans.
- 5. Deepen our understanding of how to support students with mental health challenges, specifically autism and anxiety. In addition, research and learn about programs and supports to help students self regulate while achieving academic success. This goal will help all staff to build capacity in supporting student success and inclusion.

#### **Teaching Digital Citizenship at ÉLUES**

What is digital citizenship? Digital Citizenship is defined as the norms of appropriate, responsible behavior with regard to technology use.

Digital Citizenship is more than just a teaching tool; it is a way to prepare students/ technology users for a society full of technology. Some would say that we don't need to teach Digital Citizenship, just teaches Citizenship as they are one in the same. Is it?

We feel that our students need to be specifically taught the language, the elements, and the awareness needed to be responsible citizens in this highly connected digital world.

Our students are learning to Communicate, Construct, Create and Collaborate using online digital technologies....even without our help. We need to support this learner by teaching them fundamental lessons in digital citizenship.

We have young minds operating in a highly connected world, yet they do not have a highly developed sense of risk and responsibility for this world. Our students need to understand that online choices have offline consequences.

#### The Role of the Teacher

- ⇒ We need to look for ways to connect students globally.
- ⇒ We need to allow students to teach the teacher empower or students, let them help us understand their world.
- ⇒ Teach our students HOW to learn.
- ⇒ Teach our students to be Critical Thinkers



5 Tips for Teaching Students how to Research and Filter Information from the Worldwide Web

When we ask students to do research, where's the first place they look? The Internet, of course! Our students are busy searching and clicking, but are they really accessing useful information?

According to Australian teacher-blogger Kathleen Morris, students (and teachers) need to navigate:

- What search terms to put into Google or other search engines
- What search results to click on and read through (while avoiding inappropriate sites!)
- How to determine what information is credible
- How to process, synthesize, evaluate, and present the information
- How to back up research by combining multiple sources of information
   How to cite sources correctly



#### 2019Achievement Test Results

Students at ÉLUE performed well on the 2019 achievement tests as demonstrated by the following results:

results:		2017		2018		2019
Grade 6 English Language Arts:	2017	Prov Avg	2018	Prov Avg	2019	Prov Avg
Students achieving acceptable standard	96.9%	91.5%	99.0%	92.2%	94.0%	91.9%
Students achieving acceptable standard Students achieving standard of excellence	29.9%	20.9%	27.8%	19.7%	29.9%	19.6%
Students denieving standard of excellence	27.7/0	20.976	27.0%	15.7 /0	27.7/0	19.076
Grade 6 English Language Arts (Reading):						
Students achieving acceptable standard	96.9%	90.0%	98.1%	89.8%	94.9%	90.2%
Students achieving standard of excellence	55.7%	43.8%	53.7%	42.7%	52.1%	44.6%
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Grade 6 English Language Arts (Writing):	00.0%	00.2%	100.0%	93.0%	95.7%	91.6%
Students achieving acceptable standard	99.0%	90.3%	14.8%			10.8%
Students achieving standard of excellence	14.4%	12.3%	14.8%	12.2%	13.7%	10.8%
Grade 6 French Language Arts:						
Students achieving acceptable standard	86.1%	88.5%	90.9%	88.9%	79.3%	89.7%
Students achieving standard of excellence	0.0%	14.0%	0.0%	12.9%	10.3%	16.1%
Grade 6 French Language Arts (Reading):						
Students achieving acceptable standard	88.9%	83.2%	78.8%	84.4%	72.4%	83.8%
Students achieving acceptable standard Students achieving standard of excellence	16.7%	21.3%	18.2%	24.0%	13.8%	25.3%
Students achieving standard of excellence	10.7 /6	21.3 /6	10.2/0	24.0%	13.0%	29.3 /6
Grade 6 French Language Arts (Writing):						
Students achieving acceptable standard	86.1%	90.6%	90.9%	91.7%	89.7%	93.9%
Students achieving standard of excellence	0.0%	15.4%	0.0%	11.6%	10.3%	16.5%
Grade 6 Math (English) Total Test						
Students achieving acceptable standard	91.7%	76.2%	87.0%	79.5%	91.8%	79.4%
Students achieving acceptable standard Students achieving standard of excellence	23.3%	13.7%	14.3%	15.0%	18.8%	16.4%
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Grade 6 Math (English) Part A						
Students achieving acceptable standard	86.7%	65.1%	74.0%	71.6%	78.8%	71.4%
Students achieving standard of excellence	41.7%	29.6%	39.0%	35.3%	48.2%	43.3%
Grade 6 Math (English) Part B						
Students achieving acceptable standard	90.0%	78.5%	85.7%	81.4%	90.6%	80.9%
Students achieving standard of excellence	23.3%	14.6%	15.6%	15.8%	20.0%	16.8%
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Grade 6 Math (French) Total Test						
Students achieving acceptable standard	82.4%	82.3%	93.5%	86.9%	65.5%	84.4%
Students achieving standard of excellence	5.9%	16.1%	16.1%	19.7%	17.2%	18.4%
Grade 6 Math (French) Part A						
Students achieving acceptable standard	64.7%	68.1%	83.9%	78.5%	65.5%	76.8%
Students achieving standard of excellence	11.8%	28.2%	48.4%	37.9%	31.0%	46.0%
Grade 6 Math (French) Part B						
Students achieving acceptable standard	85.3%	84.9%	90.3%	87.7%	69.0%	85.0%
Students achieving standard of excellence	8.8%	18.5%	16.1%	21.0%	17.2%	18.7%

		2017		2018		2019
Grade 6 Science (English)	2017	Prov Avg	2018	Prov Avg	2019	Prov Avg
Students achieving acceptable standard	96.8%	86.0%	97.5%	86.8%	93.5%	85.9%
Students achieving standard of excellence	54.8%	33.2%	40.7%	34.5%	40.2%	32.4%
Grade 6 Science (French)						
Students achieving acceptable standard	80.0%	83.3%	96.8%	85.6%	70.0%	80.1%
Students achieving standard of excellence	11.4%	22.4%	19.4%	23.3%	10.0%	22.2%
Grade 6 Social Studies (English)						
Students achieving acceptable standard	98.3%	81.3%	93.8%	83.1%	93.4%	84.5%
Students achieving standard of excellence	41.7%	25.1%	30.1%	26.3%	44.0%	27.9%
Grade 6 Social Studies (French)						
Students achieving acceptable standard	70.3%	77.8%	93.9%	79.3%	66.7%	77.6%
Students achieving standard of excellence	8.1%	13.1%	15.2%	17.3%	16.7%	16.7%



#### INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS

#### Cancelling School Buses and Closing Schools Due to Bad Weather

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause the disruption of bus transportation and at times regular school operations. We must recognize that there are days when school buses will not be able to operate because of extreme temperatures, fog, freezing rain or other adverse road conditions. Parents/guardians are reminded to review the inclement weather information below for the 2019-2020 school year.

With safety of students as the primary concern, the Superintendent and Transportation Manager make a joint decision, between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on school closure and cancelling buses.

Since Central Alberta weather conditions are extremely unpredictable, families, staff, and substitute teachers have a responsibility to check our social media feeds, local radio, and/or division websites for busing and school closure announcements when inclement weather conditions exist.

The Transportation Manager contacts the appropriate radio stations for public service announcements:

- FM stations Sunny 94.1, Big 105.5, CKGY 95.5, ZED 98.9
- AM stations CHED 630, CFCW 790, KJR 1440

The following are updated and posted/shared:

- SwiftReach: Message to registered households
- Website: Notice on <u>Division</u> and <u>School</u> banners; <u>Bus</u> <u>Route Status</u> on Transportation webpage
- Twitter: @WCPS72
- Facebook: Wolf Creek Public Schools

#### Diploma and PAT Exams

Inclement weather includes situations where the weather conditions prevent a student from being able to arrive safely at the nearest available writing location or where the writing locations have been closed due to severe weather. This can include situations where division school buses were not operating due to weather conditions.

In the event that a group of students are impacted and unable to access the writing of a diploma exam as a result of inclement weather, an application will be made on their behalf to the Alberta Education Special Cases Team to indicate how the students were impacted. The decision to provide an exemption is provided at the sole discretion of Alberta Education.\* (excerpt from Alberta Education General Information Bulletin)

During inclement weather, schools with writing locations will, where possible, remain open for Diploma exams to be completed by students who are able to make their way into the exam location. Students, where possible and where safe to do so, are encouraged to write Diploma exams on the assigned day as these are not able to be rescheduled. Writing times will be accommodated for late arrivals on the same day of the exam.

Students in Grade 6 and 9 who are writing PAT exams and miss the exam due to inclement weather will be accommodated on an alternate day, where possible.

Students and parents should watch for notifications with further details on any inclement weather day where a Diploma or PAT exam is being written as specific details will be provided on school websites and radio.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- When a decision is made to cancel bus transportation in the morning and schools remain open, buses will typically run at the end of the school day to return students home.
- Bus drivers have the individual authority to cancel their route, or decide not to stop at a particular pick-up site if they feel the weather/road conditions warrant such action. This can occur regardless of a decision being made by the Superintendent regarding bus cancellations.
- The decision to cancel all bus runs for a full day of school automatically includes the closing of the affected school(s) for all students. However, there may be occasions when the following occurs:
  - Area bus runs (eg. Bluffton, Clive, etc) are cancelled in the morning but schools remain open, or
  - Cases such as fog conditions and freezing rain, where road conditions are expected to improve significantly within a short period of time, but improvement in road conditions occurs too late to operate morning bus routes.
    - In such cases, schools will remain open, and the bus runs will be reopened for operation in the afternoon in order to transport students home who found alternative modes of transport to school. Reminders that the afternoon bus runs will operate and will always be announced on the radio immediately in the morning.
- Schools will be closed with no buses running when the air temperature in excess of -40 degrees C exists regardless of wind conditions. In instances where the air temperature is between -30 degrees C and -40 degrees C, the wind chill factor may be considered if it creates a temperature in excess of -40 degrees C with the wind chill factor included.
- Schools will be closed with no buses running when dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility (e.g. heavy snowfall, blowing snow, freezing rain, heavy fog) are present.
- Pay careful attention to the bus cancellation message if your child/children are bus riders. Waiting for buses in extreme cold temperatures is very dangerous and being cognizant of bus cancellations will ensure your child/children are not outside waiting for a bus that has been cancelled.
- Dress warmly on cold weather days as school buses may be delayed and your child/children may be waiting for the bus for a longer time than usual.
- Wolf Creek Public Schools will continue to announce any district-wide busing cancellations due to inclement weather, fog, or poor road conditions using WCPS' communication practice.

It is a parent's decision whether or not they send their child to school on inclement weather days when buses are cancelled and schools remain

## November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Drop In Badminton 3-5 p.m.	Forman/ Lebrasseur/Miller Landfill Field Trip	5 Rimmer/Nelson Landfill Field Trip  Subway Hot Lunch	6	7 Remembrance Day Ceremony 11:00 a.m.	8  EDO  NO SCHOOL	9
10	No School In-Lieu Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18  Booster Juice Snack	19	20  Healthy Living Fair	21	22 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	23
24	25	26  Eastside Eatery Hot Lunch	Quality Citizen Boston Pizza Luncheon	28	29 Report Cards go home	30

# December 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Drop In Badminton 3-5 p.m.	2	3	4 1st day of Xmas Food Bank Drive	5 2nd day of Xmas Red/Green PJ Day	Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	7
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8	9 3rd day of Xmas Classroom Wreaths	10 4th day of Xmas  Appreciation Day	11 5th day of Xmas Christmas Bingo Tim Hortons Snack	12 6th day of Xmas Candy Cane/Raffle Sale	13 7th day of Xmas  Dress Fancy Day/Jingle Bell Dance	14
15	16 8th day of Xmas  Gingerbread Coloring Contest	17 9th day of Xmas Tacky Christmas Sweater Leto's Hot Lunch	18 10th day of Xmas Fun in the Snow Day  Boston Pizza QC Luncheon	19 11th day of Xmas  Egg Nog/ Christmas Carols  Carol Assembly 12:55 p.m.	20 12th day of Xmas  Christmas Carols  Carol Assembly 8:45 a.m.  Grade 6 Beach Bash	21
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