



## 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!!

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# School Council Happenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our regular council meeting on January 29th, 2020.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Treasurer's Report— A HUGE thank you to Karri-ann Flater for her time and care with keeping our finances in order. There are a number of transactions being rectified with hot lunches and other expenses, however the current balance is \$7299.00.

Hunger Busters Team— Monthly hot lunches continue to be a highlight and sales are strong. We are very grateful to Veronica Whitbread for her continued commitment and organization each month!

Trustee's Report—No trustees in attendance, however, the Board would like to remind you to get involved in the "Tell Us Your Story" letter writing campaign. Please go to our school website for all the details.

## Old Business

1. Joint School Council meeting is set for Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 @ Lacombe Composite High School. We are excited to hear from Noah Boaky Yiadom from Alberta Health Services. He will be talking with parents about Mental Health & Wellness for our children.

## New Business

1. Family Literacy Project— Getting to set to kick-off on February 24 @ 11:15. We thank our generous sponsors- Lacombe Ford, ELUES School Council,

Kinsmen Club, Lacombe FCSS Caring for Children fund, City of Lacombe and Royal Canadian Legion.

2. WCPS Board Advocacy Campaign "Tell Us Your Story". Our Board wants to hear from you! Please see our website for all the details.
3. 2020-2021 School Calendar: Discussion & consultation on EDO (staff Earned Days Off).
4. Outdoor School keeping costs down—Motion: Karri-ann Flater made motion for council to support up to \$4300.00 to help cover costs of bussing and a portion of student fees for outdoor school. Seconded by Veronica Whitbread. Motion passed.
5. 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 complete together. 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!! Michelle Barefoot made motion for council to support up to \$300.00 for prizes. Seconded by Karri-ann Flater. Motion passed.
6. Bill 201—Protection of

Students with Life Threatening Allergies Act is now in effect. Effective immediately, the Board will ensure a minimum of one epinephrine auto-injector (Epi pen) is provided to the school and staff are trained in administering in the event of an anaphylactic allergic reaction.

**Topic for Future Meetings:**  
Planning for end of year events.

*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:

Tuesday, March 17 -Joint Council meeting @ Lacombe Composite High school (6:30)

Wednesday, April 22

Wednesday, May 20

No Meeting in June

## Joint School Council

Meeting March 17, 2020  
@ 6:30 pm.

All schools in Lacombe will gather at École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School. We welcome Noah Boaky Yiadom from Alberta Health Services who will speak with parents about the Mental Health & Wellness for our children.

## Quality Citizenship Recognition - January 2020



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, January 30th:

Kiara Syson	Rylee Wager	Chloe Kristensen	Rowan Winslow
Vienna Wilzer	Jane Lamoureux	Asher Jean-Baptise	Sariah Coma
Hudson Blair	Max Keehn	Julie-Ann Munro	Tyree Gopher
Avery Shelton	Rachel Meyer	Alice Van Niekerk	Sarah Heringer
Lucas Smith	Katie Bachor Smereka		

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. Marshall's classes will attend May 25, 26, 27 and Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins, Mrs. Pfeifle and Mr. Rankin's classes will attend May 27, 28, 29. Activities include: horseback riding, wall climbing, orienteering, canoeing, nature studies, animal awareness, initiative tasks plus much more. Camp cost is \$155 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!

## Subway Students of the Month - January 2020



- ◆ 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).

Alexis Jaggard

Chloe Sinclair

JunEAU Wilzer

Bella Hebert

Kendal Pimm

Landyn Mathieson

Landyn Hudson

Olivia Dowler

Rebecca Grubb

Keith Abarro

Caden Richter

Hudson Myers

Preston Corkum

Brinley Bos

Kylee Magee

Kayson Webber

Ruel Mago

Shaden Vaccher

Onya Lea

Tong Varekamp

Monique Thomas-

Emma Woodworth

Brynley Siemens

Hindman

Mathew Digmert

Tori Miller

Brazlyn Allen

Reed Zobel

Jeremy Dixon

Haylee Bryant

Purva Patel

Brooklyn Briault

Bowen Crow

Nicholas Thieszen

Emil Mohamad

Ghazee Al Omar

Sloane Myers

Cam McKinley

Katie Armstrong

Ryder Johnson

Devon Henwood

Rylan Carmichael

Liam LaFrance

Alexis Perley

Sarah Heringer

Lachlan Corkum

Deagan Campbell

Cayleb Lotzien

## Drop In Family Badminton

On the first Sunday of the each month, continuing on Sunday, February 2nd, 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.

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 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 May: February 2nd, March 1st, April 5th and May 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact:

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

## AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLUB



After School Basketball will be running during the months of February and March. Our focus for this program is on skill development and having some fun playing basketball. After School Basketball for all interested grade 4, 5 and 6 students. The program runs **3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday**. Students pick one day to come each week (Tuesday is Grade 6 only).



## CURLING - Indoor & On the Ice

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





# Supporting *ALL* Students



Pink Shirt day is a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to show they are standing up against bullying.

FEBRUARY 26TH 2020  
PINK SHIRT DAY

This year's Pink Shirt Day theme is "LIFT EACH OTHER UP", as a way to support bullying prevention programs in schools and our community.

This theme fits perfectly with our school theme of "TOGETHER WE ARE ONE". Our students show us every day how strong they are when they help and care for one another.

## 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.

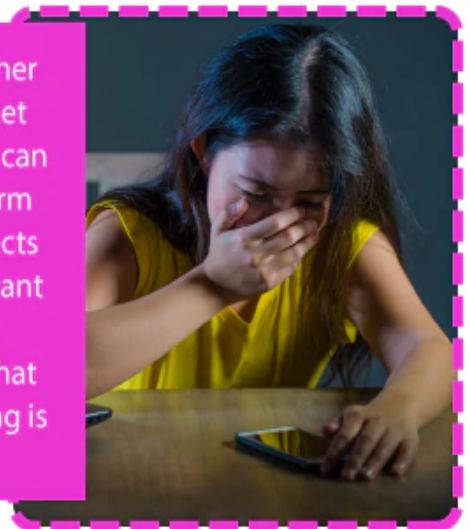


**Bullying** is when someone deliberately tries to hurt someone else they think is weaker than they are. In many cases, bullying is repeated over and over and can cause a lot of pain that lasts a long time. It can even lead to things like depression, anxiety and low self-esteem.

Bullying happens in many ways, but some common forms of bullying are **verbal** (teasing, name-calling), **physical** (hitting, kicking, pushing, breaking someone's toys or favourite things) or **social** (leaving someone out, spreading rumours).

**Cyberbullying** is using social media or other technology like texting to threaten, embarrass or even damage a person's reputation.

**Bullying**, either on the internet or in person, can have long-term negative effects so it's important to let bullies know that what they are doing is wrong!



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# 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 5 and 6th. The October conference schedule will be used for the February conferences. A note confirming your date and time will be sent home. Thank you for your participation in these very important conferences!

School authority representatives who were involved in the development of the Accountability Pillar surveys recommended that we provide messages principals can use in their communications to parents.

Principals are encouraged to include the following message, or a similar one, in their communications to inform parents of the survey process. Please note that there are two situations in which the surveying is expanded to include all students in grades 4 and above and their parents:

1. the school has fewer than 120 students in grades 4 and above,  
the school is a private or charter school.

In other schools, the survey continues to be focused on parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10.

### Information for parents:

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



# 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.

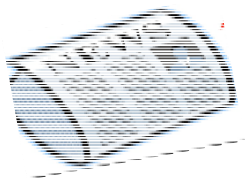
All interested parents or adult volunteers are most welcome to come and join us as well.

The Cribbage Coaches this year are Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Wagar.



## 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 Learning Commons (Room A108)



## 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:**

Harley Borup, Chase Wilcocks, Makena Dirk

**Family Literacy Project – brought to you by Lacombe Ford (title sponsor),  
Lacombe FCSS, Lacombe Kinsmen, City of Lacombe, Lacombe Legion 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 February and March, 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), Lacombe Kinsmen, Lacombe FCSS Caring for Children fund, City of Lacombe and Lacombe Legion 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 February 24th at 11:15 a.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, Lacombe Kinsmen, Lacombe FCSS, City of Lacombe and Lacombe Legion 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!!

# LACOMBE MINOR BASEBALL AGM



**Wednesday February 12, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Lacombe Memorial Centre-County Room**



Lacombe Minor Baseball Association is hosting their 2020 Annual General Meeting.

**Everyone in attendance will receive a \$25 discount** off their child's registration fee if they are registered within a week following the AGM. Online registrations will not open until after the AGM.

For more information about LMBA please visit the website

[www.lacombeminorbaseball.ca](http://www.lacombeminorbaseball.ca)

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## **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.

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.

*\*Cross Boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application as well as the cross boundary application (cross boundary fees will apply).*

Fees are currently under review and will be release by the School Board in late spring 2020.  
(Distances are calculated using a routing software and Alberta Education criteria.)

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL**

**OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 15, 2020**

*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. 1332

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

## **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.*

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.

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# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	3	4 TIM HORTON'S Special Snack	5 Student Growth Conferences	6	7 Staff PD/ Collaboration DAY	8
9	10 Swimming begins for Grade 6's, Wagar, Leidl and Freitag	11	12 CILANTRO AND CHIVE Hot Lunch	13	14 	15
16	17 FAMILY DAY No School	18 EDO No School	19 Staff PD/ Collaboration DAY	20 Teacher's Convention	21	22
23	24 EASTSIDE EATERY Hot Lunch  Kick off Party for Family Literacy 11:15 a.m.	25 Quality Citizen Boston Pizza Luncheon	26 Pfeifle/Ince Field Trip  Rankin/ Mackay- Hawkins Field Trip  Pink Shirt Day	27	28	29



# March 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<b>1</b> Family Drop In Badminton 3 - 5 p.m.	<b>2</b> BBBS Wii Bowling today	<b>3</b> Swimming Begins	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> SUBWAY Hot Lunch	<b>11</b> Grade 5 classes to Shrek (pm)	<b>12</b> MOCK ROCK 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Joint School Council Meeting 6:30 pm Lacombe Composite High School	<b>18</b> BOOSTER JUICE Special Snack  QC BP's Luncheon	<b>19</b> Report Cards go home	<b>20</b> Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
SPRING BREAK						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Wrap Up Party for Family Literacy	<b>31</b> LETO'S Hot Lunch				