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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 held virtually on October 21st and 22nd. Thanks to all students and parents/guardians for joining. 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 School Remembrance Day Service

will be held virtually this year. The service will be at 11:09 on November 6th. A link will be sent out for parents/guardians to join us.

All students will be given a poppy for the service. Poppy donations are appreciated and are sent to the Lacombe Legion Poppy Fund.



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

We are getting set to host our 19th school-wide Healthy Living Fair (HLF) on Wednesday, November 25.



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

Our HLF will look very different this year as we are going virtual. All guest speakers and presentations will be held using a virtual format. Students will remain with their homeroom class cohorts for the duration of the day, getting to participate in a menu of exciting activities and presentations.

Quality Citizenship Recognition -

October 2020

Ecole 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:

McKenzie Barefoot	Emma Woodworth	Sarah Thompson	Tomir Neumann
Zachary Primmer	Quinn Pobuda	Maria Rachova	Jessi Nicholl
Kenzie Sharpe	Hayden Hancock	Kayson Webber	Juneau Wilzer
Asher Jean-Baptiste	Ace Hale	Chloe Collins	Emily Thiessen

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Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: M. Durocher and Mrs. Cross



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. Due to Covid, Boston Pizza has generously changed up their program and are giving each Quality Citizen a certificate for an individual pizza and a pop!

Wow, what great supporters of our school!



Subway Students of the Month - October 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).

Hamza Tahir	Liam LaFrance	Peyton
Ethan Patterson	Makana Dirk	Vanderwekken
Falynn Solverson	Isaac Rogers	Hadley Walker
Alexa Meyer	Kayleigh MacMitchell	Prezlie Jones
Ruby Gouchie	Taylor Mathieu	Emma Taylor
Creed Huston	Nick Ten Hove	Brayden Dundas
Shaw Warawa	Lowen Steinkay	Julie Zimmer
Michael Dickhaut	Reed Zobell	Ian Jeffries
Pricc Byma	Lucas Reid	Jacob Anstey
Emma Bullert	Mathew Diemert	Chance Flewelling
Davin Ritten	Blake Chalmers	Brit Tans
Khloe DeClerk	Lincoln Turney	Lily Souveney
Jed Letada	Hayley Alexander	Cameron McKinley
Devyn Law	Ashley Wilson	Jouliet Al Omar
Onya Lea	Caeden Richter	Ian Ladouceur

Program Highlights

20-21 Christmas Celebrations

We are working with the festival organizers to be involved in a Covid safe manner. Likely our grade 4 and 5 classes will perform outside and they will be taped and included in a virtual presentation of the 65th Rotary Carol Festival. This provides an opportunity for our school to spread the joy of Christmas to the whole community. More details to come.



Our Christmas celebrations include the Twelve Days of Christmas activities as noted on the calendar. This will likely include virtual school-wide Christmas carols in the last week of school before the holidays. Should parents, guardians and community members be available to join virtually, please do so!

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 2020/2021:

1. To focus on the Covid Re-entry Plan and developing plans to create safe and productive learning environments.
2. Continuation of Literacy Focus – concentration on improving reading skills, continue to develop our structures to facilitate Levelled Literacy Interventions in the classroom.
3. Continue to provide staff learning opportunities to support the needs of our diverse learners.
4. 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.

Grade 6 After School Badminton

All grade six students are invited to join our after school badminton club. The purpose of our club is for our athletes to develop their badminton skills and have fun competing with each other. Due to covid cohort restrictions, each grade six class will be designated one day per week and students only have the option of going on their assigned day. Club will begin on November 16th and will run for 4 weeks from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Permission forms and further details will be sent home.

Looking Forward

We traditionally have 20-25% of our student population participate in our after school sports clubs. I look forward to the day when we can again offer programs for our grade 4 and 5 student athletes as well.

Mr. Miller



Halloween/Oktoberfest

We have decided to put off our Oktoberfest carnival to later in the school year with the hope that our grade six leadership students can put on a fun afternoon of activities for the rest of the school. For Halloween this year, we will be having a pumpkin decorating contest and costume contest, both judged by our grade six leadership students. Thank you to our grade six leadership students for their understanding around why things are different this year. We are very proud of them!!

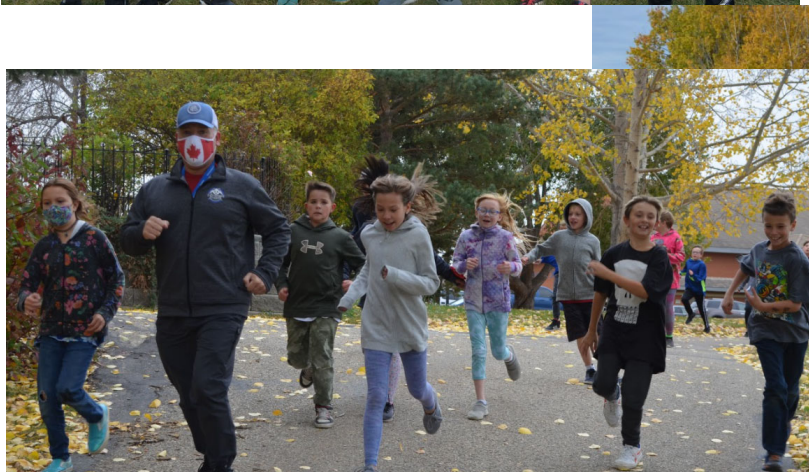
Terry Fox Turkey Trot WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Terry Fox Run and also to the enthusiastic, supportive students who participated in our Turkey Trot on October 8th. This year we raised **\$1009** for this very worthy cause.

Over the past 23 years, the total collected is **\$119,369!**

Sobey's Gift Card Winners:

Callen Seibel, Mercedes Anstey, Millie Bilodeau, Asher Jean-Baptiste, Evony Morrison-Martin, Lowen Steinkey, Drayton Page, Wesley Bodnar, Jordan Clark, Devon Henwood, Bella Reid, Ryker Bennett, Kennedy Sealock, Kingston Schultz, Xander Toliver, Juneau Wilzer, Maria Rachkova



Supporting *ALL* Students

Introducing our PEER SUPPORT TEAM!

"Kids helping kids"

Mrs. Rawlinson, Mrs. Wojtaczka and 34 students spent many hours together completing the Peer Support training. 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



French Immersion Team



Grade 6 Team



Virtual Book Fairs

Save The Date!

Dear ÉLUE families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place on **November 16 - 27!**

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5051338>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE** it to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

Happy reading!



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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

RESEARCH
tips for students

- 1 Clarify** What are you looking for? Brainstorm questions, keywords, synonyms.
- 2 Search** 1. Try simple search terms
2. Be more specific
3. Use quotation marks
- 3 Delve** Look beyond the first few results. Consider the URL.
- 4 Evaluate** Don't believe everything you read. Check 2-3 sources.
- 5 Cite** Write information in your own words or quote. Say who/where it's from.

kathleenamorris.com @kathleen_morris

Student Accident Insurance

The Board of Trustees of Wolf Creek School Division provides Student Accident Insurance for all of our students during school days and for school activities. The [Policy](#) details the specifics of the insurance. The following is a list of the coverage areas.

Accidental Death Benefit
 Accidental Dental Reimbursement Benefit
 Artificial Limbs, Eyes, Hearing Aids, and Other Prosthetic Appliances Benefits
 Confinement Disability Benefit
 Counselling Benefit
 Critical Illness Benefit
 Dentures and Artificial Teeth Benefit
 Dismemberment and Specific Loss Indemnity
 Emergency Out of Province /Country Accident Benefit
 Emergency Transportation Benefit
 Eyeglasses and contact Lenses
 Fracture, Dislocation, Tendon Severance and Miscellaneous Indemnity
 Hospital and Paramedical Reimbursement Benefit
 Permanent Total Disability
 Private Tuition Expense
 Rehabilitation Benefit
 Repatriation Benefit
 Special Treatment Travel Benefit
 Limited Air Travel Coverage

In regards to claim forms, parents can visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/client-centre> . This coverage is a reimbursement plan whereby the parent pays for the expense and submits the claim to recover the benefit outlined in the policy detail.

Claims

Parents with other insurance (employer benefits, etc) must submit claims to the other insurance carrier(s) first.

The Blanket Student Accident claim form is available online: <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/client-centre>

The nature of the claim will determine what (if any) additional forms must be completed. iA Financial Group reserves the right to request additional information when processing the claim.

Original receipts must be attached for eligible expenses being claimed, except in the case where they were already submitted to another insurance carrier. In those instances the explanation of benefits from the other insurer must be submitted along with the iA Financial Group claim form.

Written notice of claim is to be given to iA Financial Group within a period of 30 days from the date of the accident. Completed claim forms must be filed with iA Financial Group within 90 days after the date of the injury and no later than one year regardless of whether the full extent of loss is known.

For assistance with submitting a claim or to obtain claim status, parents may contact iA Financial Group at (800) 266-5667.

If parents should wish to purchase individual additional insurance that extends beyond the limits indicated in this policy they may visit <https://solutionsinsurance.com/mercer> to look into 24 hour coverage.

What is AP 132?



- **It guides decisions** for school closure, due to inclement weather.
- 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.
- **AP 132 has been followed for decades, and is applied consistently**, using Environment Canada conditions, and a network of contacts.

When are buses cancelled & schools closed?



To ensure safety, AP 132 provides the following guidelines:

Note: Cancelling buses for a full day automatically closes affected school(s) for all students.

- **Ambient air temperature -40°C** = bus cancellation.
- **Air Temp between -30°C and -40°C AND wind chill factors in excess of -40°C** = possible bus cancellation.
- **Dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility** = bus cancellation.
- **Buses may be cancelled, and schools remain open if conditions (such as fog or freezing rain) are expected to improve.** Buses would then run in the afternoon to transport students home.

Did you know?

WCPS schools have only been closed an average of **2.5 days per year** over the past 8 years, due to inclement weather.

Year	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Days Closed	6	4	0	3.5	1	1	1	4

Why are schools closed when buses are cancelled?

To ensure safety, AP 132 provides the following guidelines:

- **If there are extreme weather conditions** to the degree that WCPS will not run buses, we also believe **conditions are not safe for students to be traveling to school**, and will close schools accordingly to ensure safety.
- WCPS' mandate is to provide a safe and caring school division. **Closing schools on these days ensures we are doing everything possible to keep students safe.**
- Despite many urban schools having fewer bus students, **many feeder bus routes travel from rural areas to urban schools.**
- **Not feasible to close one school and leave others in the same community open**, as weather impacts a region, and **families could have students in more than one school.**
- We have seen **tragic consequences when drivers venture on dangerous roads**, including in an Alberta school division in 2018, with a fatality of a teen driving to school.
- **Safety must remain a priority.**

Did you know?

❄ WCPS bus more than 4,100 students, 57% of our student population, over a total distance of more than 40,000 km per year.

❄ WCPS staff still attend their school sites, unless deemed unsafe to do so.

❄ WCPS plans for more than the required instructional hours to buffer in case of school closures.

We know: Finding childcare is challenging, and we truly appreciate parents making arrangements.

November 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5 PHOTO RETAKES	6 Virtual Remembrance Day Service 11:09	7
8	9 EDO NO SCHOOL	10 EDO NO SCHOOL	11 No School In-Lieu Remembrance	12 FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL	13	14
15	16 Virtual Book Fair Starts!	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Healthy Living Fair *Virtual*	26	27 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day Virtual Book Fair Ends!	28
29	30 Report Cards go home					

December 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	1st day of Xmas Food Bank Drive	5				
6	7	2nd day of Xmas Red/Green PJ Day	8	3rd day of Xmas Classroom Wreaths	9	4th day of Xmas Appreciation Day	10	5th day of Xmas Christmas Bingo	11	Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	12
13	14	6th day of Xmas Candy Cane/Raffle Sale	15	7th day of Xmas Dress Fancy Day	16	8th day of Xmas Gingerbread Coloring Contest	17	9th day of Xmas Tacky Christmas Sweater	18	10th day of Xmas Fun in the Snow Day	19
20	21	11th day of Xmas Christmas Carols	22	12th day of Xmas Christmas Carols	23	24	25	26			
27	28	29	30	31							
											