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

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Wrapping Up 2020

Our staff would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all of our students and families for doing your part to help keep our school safe and healthy during these past months. We are so very proud of everyone for keeping a positive mindset and always looking for ways to continue to keep ÉLUES a fun and welcoming place for everyone



regardless of what obstacles may stand in our way. Over the past three months our staff have found creative solutions in order for students to still experience such things as Student Leadership, Peer Support, Pep Rally, Oktoberfest, Remembrance Day, and Healthy Living Fair.

We are looking forward 2021 and all the exciting adventures waiting for us!

Happy Holidays!



Minutes: School Council - Wednesday, November 25, 2020

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our School Council meeting and for our new Executive members. Following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

School Council Executive:

Chairperson — Deanna Woodworth

Vice Chair— Vacant

Secretary—Nicole Rawlinson/ Sonja Dykslag

Treasurer— Christina Rice

Staff Representatives – Mrs. Maryann LaFrance

Administrative Representatives: Sonja Dykslag and Nicole Rawlinson

Board Members-- Kelly Lowry & Brent Buchanan

Team Reps:

Hunger Busters Hot Lunch Program -- Angela Wymann-Richter

School Council Display Case-- All members

Correspondence and Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Christina Rice

Only expense so far this year was providing meals for Parent Teacher Conference evenings. Due to Covid, currently we have no source of revenue without having hot lunches. Current balance \$2541.23.

2. Hunger Buster's Team Report - Sonja Dykslag

We are hopeful to resume some form of fundraising (hot lunches) in the new year in order to continue to support future endeavors

3. Trustee's Report: N/A

4. Principal's Report: Sonja Dykslag

Update on the success of our protocols and response to the new Covid-19 measures. Students and staff are doing an excellent job of following all safety measures. We are very proud of how well staff are responding to the need of finding new, often virtual ways to still maintain the strong culture and collaboration at our school. See link below to our Education Plan.

New Business:

Healthy Living Fair Update – Nicole - 19th annual HLF...first ever virtual! The day was a fabulous success. The goal of this event is to inspire students to live healthy lifestyles. All students participated in a variety of sessions throughout the day.

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Another exciting feature of our HLF was a special presentation with Jo(e) Social Media. Students learned how to make safe and appropriate choices online and how to talk with safe adults about using social media.

School Council Minutes—Continued-

Covid-19 Update --

Correction to new measures announcement - Wolf Creek Public Schools (WCPS) will continue with the original calendar and the previously set dates for Christmas Break. K-6 students will be 'in-person' learning at school on December 21 & 22. Christmas Break is December 23-January 6. ALL WCPS students K-12 will be 'on-line' learning at-home on January 6, 7, & 8. ALL WCPS students will be back in class on January 11.

WCPS has communicated information to all staff and families regarding the new measures and what to expect with at-home learning.

Question from parents: What will be the impact on transportation when 7-12 students are not in-person? For example: some routes may have significant time reductions with less students on the bus.

Presentation: Mrs. Dykslag shared the 2020-2021 Education Plan with School Council.

[École Lacombe Upper Elementary School and Wolf Creek Ed Plan](#)

Next Meeting -- Wednesday, January 27, 2021 @ 7:15 (likely virtual)

Special (GSA) presentation from Mrs. LaFrance & Mr. Durocher - The importance of creating an inclusive school environment.

Future Meetings:

Joint School Council Meeting - likely in March, virtual or in-Person, possible topic on Mental Health of Children.

Schedule of meetings for the year as follows:

Wednesday, October 28th - cancelled and postponed until November 25th.

Wednesday, November 25

No Meeting in December

Wednesday, January 27th

February No Meeting

March 24th – Joint School Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 28th

Wednesday, May 26th – If needed

June No Meeting

Questions & Comments:

Questions around understanding new Covid measures (impact on transportation, expectations for at-home learning, etc.).

Unfortunately, the Rotary Christmas Carol Festival has been cancelled.

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.

Quality Citizenship Recognition -

November 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 have been treated to a coupon from Boston Pizza:

Creed Huston	Ryker Bennett	Hunter Huseby	Emma Bullert
Millie Bilodeau	Kaylee Wasylycia	Aldyn Bos	Lilie Sargent
Tobias Woelke	Tiffany Kisjes	Lucy Ward	Aleah Ahlquist
Jaxon Purves	Max Keehn	MJ Eleazer	Hudson Blair
Cody Mimmagh			

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Ehr, Mrs. Freitag and Mlle. Hunt and Miss Smith.



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 - November 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).

Luke Godberson	Walker Rice	Landyn Mathieson
Arlann Thompson	Livy Richter	Sadie Unger
Holland Loomis	Makaila Schulze	Larah Sonido
Belle Skene	Sloane Myers	Zander Archer
Nevagh Russell	Purva Patel	Maria Whitnack
Maurzena MacKinnon	Mason Williams	Bella Reid
Tristen Duda	Jensen D'Call	Alex Wilton
Everlee Dagg	Mason Peigan	Roxy Thornhill
Callen Seibel	Zeke Ross	Logan Skinner
Olivia Kim	Katie Courser	Sue Butterfield
Raven Mago	Cora Thomas	Gracie Cosman
Harmony Larsen	Hayden Hancock	Maguire Caddy
Markus Watson	Isla Favreau	Samantha Duda
Alexis Jaggard	Cael Havanka	

Virtual Healthy Living Fair a HUGE success!

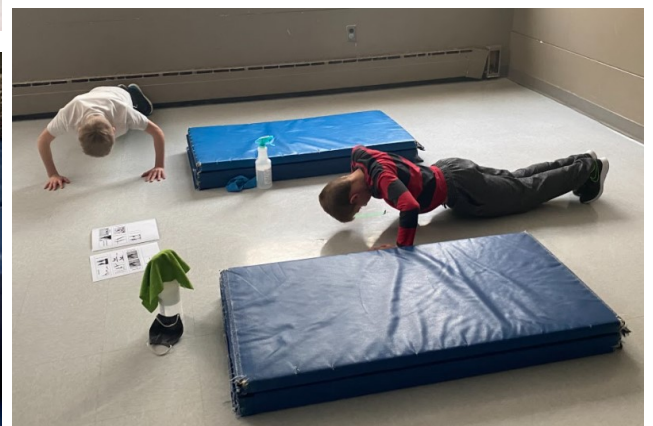
We had another spectacular Healthy Living Fair on Wednesday, November 25! Without a doubt this was a new experience with making our special day virtual.

The day was a fabulous success. The goal of this event is to inspire students to live healthy lifestyles. All students participated in a variety of sessions throughout the day.

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Another exciting feature of our HLF was a special presentation with Jo(e) Social Media. Students learned how to make safe and appropriate choices online and how to talk with safe adults about using social media.

Our students and staff enjoyed a full day together learning, playing, moving and focusing on all aspects of health and wellness. Everyone finished the day with a better understanding of how to make healthy choices and why our choices are so important.



12 Days of Christmas 2020

1st (December 4th) - Food Bank Drive Begins

*2nd (December 7th) - Long Winter's Nap Christmas PJ Day /
Dress Red and Green*

3rd (December 8th) - Class Wreath Decorating Begins

4th (December 9th) - Acts of Kindness/Appreciation Day

5th (December 10th) - Christmas Bingo

*6th (December 14th) - The Who's of Whoville Crazy Hair Day
or Christmas Toque/Scarf Day*

7th (December 15th) - Dress Fancy Day

8th (December 16th) - Gingerbread Coloring

9th (December 17th) - Christmas Sweater

10th (December 18th) - Fun in the Snow Day

11th (December 21st) - Christmas Carol Virtual Assembly

12th (December 22nd) - Christmas Carol Virtual Assembly



After School Badminton

Unfortunately, due to the new Covid restrictions, we will be unable to continue with our Grade 6 after school badminton program during the month of December. Thank you to the students who came out the past couple weeks to work on their skills and have some fun playing badminton. A huge thank you to our grade six teachers for taking time to coach our athletes after school. Hopefully we will be able to look at offering more opportunities for our students in the new year.



Find JOY in the Holiday Season:

Holiday gatherings may look a little different this year; help your children see the good things.

Staying home can be more relaxing and less costly.

Practice gratitude with your family:

- Share what you are grateful for.
 - Say thank you even for small things and show appreciation to others.
- Find creative ways to connect with others. Perhaps a drive-by parade, positive messages in windows, or sending cards in the mail.

Reliving old traditions can warm a heart this season:

Make cookies with your kids – let them take the lead!

Watch your favourite movies and TV specials together.

Go sledding, play board games, build a snowman.

Take a walk in your neighborhood and enjoy the lights. End with a cup of hot cocoa.

Make new family traditions this holiday season:

Trade kid-friendly recipes online and cook together as a family.

Share a family meal together virtually.

Plan and try new outdoor activities with your kids. Be sure to add in a dose of laughter to your activities.

Go caroling. What a great way to spend time with your family and bring a smile to someone else.

There's no right or wrong way to feel, remember:

Connecting virtually with loved ones is comforting and builds family resilience.

To promote wellness through self-care activities for the whole family.

It's okay to seek help. Talk to someone you trust or reach out for support. Help is on the line...anytime...all the time. Call the Mental Health help line at 1-877-303-2642.

MORE RESOURCES

ahs.ca/helpintoughtimes
togetherall.com

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642



2020 Alberta Education Accountability Survey for École Lacombe Upper Elementary School

Each year Alberta Education completes a survey with our parents, students and staff. The ask questions in six categories that are listed below:

Safe and Caring Schools

Student Learning Opportunities

Student Learning Achievement

Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work and Citizenship

Parental Involvement

Continuous Improvement

Below are some highlights for our school from the 2020 report. A copy of the complete report is at the school and can be made available upon request.

Combined May 2020 Accountability Pillar Overall Summary

Measure Category	Measure	École Lacombe Upper Elementary			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	Safe and Caring	92.6	94.3	93.7	89.4	89.0	89.2	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Opportunities	Program of Studies	90.9	90.3	87.2	82.4	82.2	82.0	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Education Quality	97.3	96.0	96.2	90.3	90.2	90.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Drop Out Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.6	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
	High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	79.7	79.1	78.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	PAT: Acceptable	n/a	79.8	84.2	n/a	73.8	73.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	n/a	26.0	24.4	n/a	20.6	20.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.6	83.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.0	23.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	n/a	n/a	n/a	56.4	56.3	55.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	66.6	64.8	63.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	60.1	59.0	58.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Work Preparation	93.8	87.1	88.7	84.1	83.0	82.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Citizenship	89.7	91.8	90.6	83.3	82.9	83.2	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Parental Involvement	82.1	87.7	85.9	81.8	81.3	81.2	High	Maintained	Good
Continuous Improvement	School Improvement	87.2	90.5	88.4	81.5	81.0	80.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

Below are some Highlights and Details of the Sections Above:

Safe and Caring Environment

Excellent category - 92.0% (2014), 94.0% (2015), 93.7% (2016), 92.3% (2017), 94.4% (2018), 94.3%(2019), 92.6 (2020)

Student Learning Opportunities

Program of Studies – Excellent category 86.2% (2014), 91.6% (2015), 87.9% (2016), 85.1% (2017), 86.2% (2018), 90.3% (2019), 90.9% (2020)

Education Quality – Excellent category 93.4% (2014), 98.6% (2015), 96.3% (2016), 96.9% (2017), 95.7% (2018), 96.0% (2019), 97.3% (2020)

Student Achievement

No PATs were administered in 2020 due to Covid 19.

Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work and Citizenship

Work Preparation – Excellent Range – 78.6% (2014), 86.2% (2015), 88.2% (2016), 85.7 (2017), 93.5% (2018), 87.1% (2019), 93.8% (2020)

Citizenship – Excellent Range – 88.0% (2014), 95.6% (2015), 87.9% (2016), 90.6 (2017), 89.6% (2018), 91.8% (2019), 89.7% (2020)

Lifelong Learning – Excellent Range – 62.1% (2014), 72.9% (2015), 61.4% (2016), 79.0% (2017), 61.9% (2018), 64.3% (2019), 70.5%(2020)

Parental Involvement

High category - 82.0% (2014), 95.7% (2015), 83.9% (2016), 88.1% (2017), 81.8% (2018), 87.7% (2019), 82.1% (2020)

School Focused on Continuous Improvement

Excellent category – 88.0% (2014), 95.6% (2015), 87.9% (2016), 85.0% (2017), 89.6% (2018)
90.5% (2019), 87.2% (2020)

Other highlights:

- % of students report that their teachers care about them. (2015 – 93%), (2016 – 96%), (2017 - 93%), (2018 - 93%), (2019- 91%), (2020- 95%)
- % of parents report that the teachers care about their child. (2015 – 100%), (2016 – %), (2017 - 100%), (2018- 100%), (2019 - 100%),(2020 - 100%)
- % of parents feel their child is treated fairly by adults in the school. (2015 – 100%), (2016 – 100%), (2017 - 100%), (2018- 100%), (2019 - 96%), (2020 - 100%)
- % of students felt other students treated them well . (2015 – 66%), (2016 – 81%), (2017 - 84%), (2018 - 79%), (2019 - 85%), (2020 - 84%)
- % of students feel safe at school. (2016 - 89%), (2017 - 88%), (2018 - 89%), (2019 - 86%), (2020 - 86%)
- % of students, parents and teachers who are satisfied that students model the characteristics of good citizenship. (2016 - 90.9%), (2017 - 90.6%), (2018 - 89.6%), (2019- 91.8%), (2020 - 89.7%),
- % of teachers, parents, and students satisfied with the overall quality of education in the school. (2015 – 98.6%), (96.6% - 2016), (2017- 96.7%), (2018 - 95.7%), (2019 - 96%), (2020 - 97.3%)

- % of teachers, parents and students agree that programs for children at risk are easy to access. (2015 – 86.4%), (2016 – 90%), (2017 - 89.8%), (2018 - 92%), (2019 - 91.7%), (2020 - 90.2%)
- % of the staff felt that the over the past 3 years the professional development opportunities provided by the school division have been focused on the priorities of the school division. (2015 – 100%), (2016 – 100%), (2017- 100%), (2018 - 100%), (2019 - 100%), (2020 - 100%)
- % of the staff felt that over the past 3 years the division’s professional development opportunities have contributed significantly to their professional growth. (2015 – 90%), (2016 – 82%), (2017 - 94%), (2018 - 89%), (2019 - 100%). (2020 - 100%)
- % of teachers, parents, students satisfied that at school students get the help they need with reading and writing, (2015 - 86%), (2016 - 95%), (2017 - 93%), (2018 - 87%), (2019 - 90%), (2020 - 94%)



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 Crazy Hair/ Christmas Toque/ Scarf Day	15	7th day of Xmas Dress Fancy Day	16	8th day of Xmas Gingerbread Coloring Contest	17	9th day of Xmas 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						
27	28	29	30	31							
											

January 2021

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Welcome Back! At Home Learning Begins	At Home Learning	At Home Learning	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Back to School In Person				Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			School Council Virtual Meeting 7:15 p.m.			
31						