



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 27th, 2021.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a) Hot Lunch Program Update [WCPS Hot Lunch Program Checklist](#) . Ready to start the first cycle from February-March using four local vendors. Is it possible to set up the option for parents to pay for several lunches in order to put into a pool to provide lunches for students who may not normally have the ability to purchase?
- b) Finalize Joint School Council Meeting - Speaker and Date
Noah Boaky Yiadom on Mental Health - March 24th, 7:00 (virtual): Focus on mental health and wellness. Presentation will be available to all families in Lacombe Schools.

Correspondence & Reports:

Treasurer's Report— Nothing new to update as there have not been any transactions, however, School Council is excited to resume fundraising through our hot lunch program.

Hunger Busters Team— We are excited to get hot lunches back up and running!

Trustee's Report—New superintendent hiring process has begun, it will be very difficult to replace Mr. Lovell. New Assurance Model, to measure success and in seeking input from stakeholders. Please take time to do the ThoughtExchange to provide your input on school district priorities, the Board wants to hear from you. WCPS has seen a dramatic reduction in enrollment due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Anticipated continued significant decrease in enrollment for 2021-22 resulting in significant loss in funding. The Board will be facing some difficult budget decisions in the coming weeks. The Board is talking with MLAs in early February to discuss the realities of the weighted moving average funding model as well as the impact Covid-19 has had on enrollment. "Hold school boards harmless" from the impacts of Covid-19.

New Business

- a) Covid 19 Updates - Nothing new to report, but again a big thank you to parents & students!
- b) Budget Feedback and Thoughtexchange:
Wolf Creek Public Schools' Board of Trustees is seeking our feedback through ThoughtExchange, an online tool used to consult with stakeholders most affected by our decisions, as the Board gets ready to prepare the school division's Three Year Education Plan and set its budget priorities.
Please watch the 2021 WCPS ThoughtExchange Priority Engagement Video.
[WCPS 2021 ThoughtExchange Priority Engagement Video](#)
After the video please do the ThoughtExchange to provide feedback.
[ThoughtExchange Feedback Link](#)
- c) Grade Six Camp: School Council will provide financial support to help keep costs reasonable. This has been tabled for now, motion will be made at future meetings once we know more whether students will attend camp this year.
- d) Fundraising - Only fundraising through hot lunches at this time.
- e) Family Literacy Project 2021 : Plans are being made for a "Literacy Blitz" week for students and families.
- f) 2021/2022 School Calendar - Consultation and feedback regarding earned days off (EDO).
- g) Staff Growth Conference Supper - Motion made for School Council to support the cost of providing supper for staff on one night of parent conferences (February 3 & 4).

Future Meetings:

What is an Inclusive School and what are GSA's? - Maryann LaFrance - Postponed until April meeting.

Upcoming Meetings Dates:

February No Meeting

March 24th - Virtual Joint School Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 28th

Wednesday, May 26th - If needed

June No Meeting

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.

Joint School Council

Meeting March 24, 2021
@ 7:00 pm.

All schools in Lacombe will enjoy a Virtual Joint School Council Meeting. The link will be on the school web pages. 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 2021



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 coupon for an individual pizza and pop coupon from Boston Pizza:

Mercedes Anstey	Brodie McMillan	Logan Bjarnason	Alexa Meyer
Annabelle Burnham	Sophia Lomenda	Asher Jean-Baptiste	Haylee Craig
Connor Brown	Lincoln Turney	Averi Hoffman	Caeden Richter
Alexis Perley	Jacklynn Bruggencate	Julie Zimmer	Lilly Mitchell
Gracie Cosman			

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month:
Mrs. Kabatoff, Mrs. LaFrance, Mme Forman, Mr. Bouvier



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!



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Pizza®**

Subway Students of the Month - January 2021



- ◆ 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).

Bella McKenzie

Jesse Burrell

Lexie Schmidt

Tomir Neumann

Olivia Elliott

Presley Wyse

Quinn Pobuda

Aubrie Flewelling

Jaxon Purves

Holten Richter

Kara Adamson

Claire Grovet

Richie Gladue

Ryder Johnson

Haley Reid

Allan Salazar

Kenzie Sharpe

Wyatt Hunt

Kashlin Blacklock

Kortana Kelm

Walker Buziak

Londyn Jones

Ember Bussiere

Luisana Rodas

Rhys Malachowski

Dylan Campbell

Alayah Castro

Andie Nolan

Madisson Montgomery

Ava Bryan

Bronxton Thomson

Duncan Krahm

Ethan Saganis

Easton Amundson

Preston Corkum

Deagan Campbell

Rylee Wager

London Yelland-Kewin

Iralynn MacIsaac

Wesley Bodnar

Addison Shaw

Ben McEvoy

Supporting *ALL* Students

Pink Shirt Day - February 24, 2021



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 "BE A LIGHT". Our students show us every day how much they 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.

Humour **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!



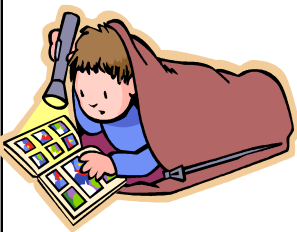
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Program Highlights

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 3 and 4th virtually. Thank you for your participation in these very important conferences!

****It is our hope that COVID-19 regulations will allow the annual Grade 6 Camp to occur**



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. M. Durocher, Mme Ince and Mr. Richter/ Ms. Marshall's classes will attend June 7, 8, 9 and Mrs. LaFrance, Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins and Mr. Rankin's classes will attend June 9, 10, 11. Activities include: horseback riding, wall climbing, orienteering, canoeing, nature studies, animal awareness, initiative tasks plus much more. Camp cost is \$160 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!

Rules on Face Masks in Schools Have Not Changed

Face Masks Must Be Worn

- by Grade 4 to 12 students.
- by Students on the bus.
- by ALL staff and visitors.

Consider sending your child with a spare face mask, in case the face mask they are wearing becomes damaged, wet or dirty.

More information on face masks at:

www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/covid-19/resources-for-parents

Government of Alberta: www.alberta.ca/masks.aspx



COVID-19: CLOSE CONTACTS

If your child is a **CLOSE CONTACT** of someone with COVID-19
THEY MUST STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

You are legally required to quarantine for 14 days from the time you were exposed and monitor for symptoms if you are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19.*

MORE INFORMATION ON CLOSE CONTACTS

*www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx
www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17221.aspx



Administrative Procedure 562

TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENT MATERIALS

Background

The Division recognizes that students will occasionally have a need to transport additional educational materials on school buses. These materials will be necessary for the ongoing instructional component of their educational program, and as such, are legitimately inside our transportation mandate. Transportation of these materials on Division buses will be allowed subject to these procedures determining what types of materials can be transported, what number are to be allowed and the size of the materials themselves.

Procedures

1. Students are allowed to bring materials on the school bus that will fit comfortably onto their lap; this would include a reasonable amount of books, supplies or personal items. It is important to recognize that these materials are to be contained in a backpack, but if that is not possible they are to be limited to a number that the student can easily control.
2. The backpack that the student brings onto the bus, and that sits on their lap, is to be of a reasonable size. Our guidelines would require that it be a maximum size of 10" by 13" in length and width and 22" in height. The purpose of these measurements is to ensure that backpack or "storage item" does not intrude on another student's space, extend into the aisle or go over the height of the seat in front of them.
3. The student is also allowed to bring one additional item onto the bus that can fit comfortably under the seat that they occupy. This item cannot hinder another student's foot space, nor intrude into the aisle.
4. There are some items that cannot be transported on buses. The following are examples only, and are not to be viewed as the total list of those items; hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks, curling brooms, skateboards, hockey bags or large band instruments. Skates must have guards on the blades and be in a sports bag or backpack; plastic shopping bags are not permitted. It is to be recognized that the intent of restricting these items is directly related to safety concerns, as well as, the space and comfort of all students.
5. In the event that a student attempts to bring items that are too large, unsafe, or too many in number onto the bus, the driver will ask the student to return them to their place of origin; either the home or the school site.
6. Students with diverse learning needs may need to bring specialized equipment onto the bus which would be approved through the Transportation Manager and the Coordinator/Director of Inclusive Learning Services.

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 and the cross boundary application. Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.

Fees are currently under review and will be released by the School Board in late spring 2021.
(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, 2021

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - 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/bus-status-page2>

COUNTRY (RURAL) BUS STUDENTS

Lacombe students who live in the country and are new to busing (i.e. kindergarten students or students changing schools) OR have moved to a new rural location are required to register for transportation.



To register your full legal land description AND complete blue sign (911 address) are required on the application.

**Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us with your legal land description.*

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February 2021

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	1 Mr. Epp is back to school!!	2	3 Student Growth Conferences	4	5 Staff PD/ Collaboration DAY	6
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March 2021

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	SPRING BREAK					