

Panda Press

WELCOME!
2022-2023

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

(403)782-7410



Welcome to École Lacombe Upper Elementary School!

Welcome back to what is sure to be an exciting and fulfilling year at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School. As we get ready to embark on the 2022-2023 school year, we as a leadership team would like to extend our warmest welcome to all of the staff, students, and families who make up our school community. We are honoured and privileged to be joining the team at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School and look forward to continuing and adding to the strong traditions that the school is so well known for. Within change there is opportunity and we are committed to ensuring that this year is as exciting and rewarding as ever.

To the many new students and families we have joining École Lacombe Upper Elementary School - we welcome you with open arms and are delighted to have you. I speak on behalf of the entire staff when I say that I am sure it won't take you long to realize just why this school is such a special and amazing place.

To those students and families who are returning to ÉLUES, welcome back! Being new to the leadership team, it is wonderful to see so many familiar names and we cannot wait to work with you to challenge, inspire, and promote success for all.

We would like to extend our greatest gratitude to the staff who have prepared ever so hard for the return of students this week. The commitment of the individuals in our building is second to none as they ensure each student is presented with amazing opportunities throughout the year. In our short time at the school we have already seen them go above and beyond to make 2022-2023 an incredible learning experience and we are honored to lead such a dedicated group of individuals.

Parents and teachers have a common goal - success in school for our children. We view our parents, guardians, and families as partners in education and strongly believe in the adage that it truly does take a village to raise a child. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your involvement in your child's education up until this point and to encourage you to continue to work in collaboration with our school. We value strong communication with our families so please do not hesitate to contact us or your child's teacher to discuss any aspects of your child's progress.

Teachers appreciate, and our children benefit, when parents:

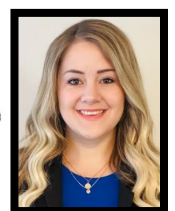
- ensure good attendance
- help their children understand that learning is important;
- stress good work habits;
- set expectations for learning that take into account the child's ability;
- show interest in what the child is learning and in what is happening in school;
- read the memos and the information sheets that children bring home;
- inform the school if the child has a medical condition;
- talk with the teacher about what is being taught;
- discuss homework, expectations and discipline; and
- let the teacher know about situations which may affect the child's progress in school

Although the last few years will inevitably be remembered for the global pandemic, when we think back we will be reminded of the incredible character, strength, and resiliency staff, students, and families demonstrated throughout these difficult moments. Whereas challenges and change can be viewed as opportunities to learn, we are certain we are ready to put the challenges of COVID behind us and look forward to what is ahead. As we return to a sense of normalcy, we look forward to working closely with you as partners in education, beginning by welcoming you back into the building during our Open House on September 14th.

Thank you in advance for your support as we encourage our students to make a difference and be the change. Let's make the 2022-2023 school year the best one yet!



Mr. Fullarton
Principal



Mrs. Ouellette
Assistant Principal



Student Demographic Updates

Every family (new and returning) must complete a Demographic Update form for each of their **PreK-12 students** attending a Wolf Creek school in the 2022-2023 school year. We require parents to submit the information ASAP. Once this online process is completed, the information is then updated into your child's profile within PowerSchool. **It is important that schools have correct and current phone numbers, addresses, contact information, medical information, permissions, etc. for all students. It is also important to note that failure to complete this update could impact your child's participation in physical activities as well as access to digital tools and services.**

WCPS is making some significant changes to our Parent/Guardian and Emergency Contacts in PowerSchool, so for this year only, you will be required to re-enter this information from scratch (no pre-populated information). Please read the requirements for these sections carefully when completing the forms. **Please submit the forms ASAP.** If you do not have access to a device for online submission, please visit the school office where we can help you log onto a chromebook to complete the form.

If you did not receive an email, you will find the Demographic Update form by logging into [Parent Portal](#) and clicking on School Engage. Please call the school 403-782-7410 if you are having any issues.

Together Everyone Achieves More

Our Panda Press newsletter is emailed home at the end of each month. The focus of the newsletter is to inform parents and students of important upcoming dates and events, to recognize student achievements and to highlight a number of programs and activities that have been or will be taking place in the school.

If you have any comments, suggestions, questions or concerns, we would like to hear from you. Please call the office at 782-7410 to arrange an appointment. Your input and feedback is truly valued. The mission statement of École Lacombe Upper Elementary is:



École Lacombe Upper Elementary School is committed to working together to provide a quality education in a caring environment.

Commitment, Teamwork, Quality and Caring are what we practice at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School.

Important Busing Notice for Parents/Guardians

Wolf Creek Public Schools wants to advise parents of an upcoming Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS) Initiative by the Alberta Sheriffs Branch.

As part of the Sheriff's annual inspection campaign, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) trained Sheriffs will be conducting Mandatory Alcohol Screening on school bus drivers, as well as on all commercial vehicle drivers.

As parents this may mean you see a school bus pulled to the side of the road to comply with this inspection. If this were to happen, typically it would occur after students have been dropped off at school and the bus is off school grounds, but WCPS has been notified that at times inspections could be conducted on school property. It simply means our drivers are complying with the MAS Initiative and Inspection Campaign and should not be seen as a cause for concern.

Our drivers are well trained, dedicated members of the Division and safely transporting students to and from school is taken with the utmost care and seriousness by our drivers and the entire Division. Wolf Creek Public Schools understands the importance of such an inspection campaign, and will comply fully with the inspection.

Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our Transportation Department at: transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca or phone us at 403-785-0726.



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Creating Success For All Learners



School Council - Many hands make lighter work!

You can become involved in another dimension of the school through our School Council. Our Annual/Organizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28th commencing at 7:15 p.m.

The first school council meeting of the year will be held in person with the option to join virtually, a link will be sent home. Please join us on September 28 to learn how you can support your child's school.



MY CHILD'S LEARNING: A PARENT RESOURCE



Alberta is committed to creating an inclusive education system that inspires and enables all students to achieve success and fulfillment as engaged thinkers and ethical citizens, with an entrepreneurial spirit.

We recognize that parents play an important role in shaping the way their children view learning. As a parent, you understand more than anyone else how your child learns and processes information. This resource will provide you with a better understanding of Alberta's curriculum and how you can help your child. Here, you'll discover what your child is learning, how they're assessed and what resources are available to help them be successful from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

<https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/index.html>

Grade 4: <https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/gradeataglance/grade4.pdf>

Grade 5: <https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/gradeataglance/grade5.pdf>

Grade 6: <https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/gradeataglance/grade6.pdf>



School fees are \$19/student this year which covers the cost of your child's portfolio binder, homework book and technology fees. Please login to [Parent Portal](#) and click student fees on the left side to pay your child's fee.

If you need any help with passwords being reset or anything at all, please call Mrs. Broderson and she will be happy to help so we can get all our families set up before our first hot lunch in October!

We are very excited to welcome families into the school on Wednesday, September 14th to meet the École Upper Elementary Staff as well as meet your child's teacher and see their classroom. Our Open House will start in the gym at 6:00 p.m.

MEET
the
TEACHER

GREAT Things are Happening in September...

Tuesday, September 6

Staggered Entrance Day 1, A—L

Wednesday, September 7

Staggered Entrance Day 2, M—Z

Thursday, September 8

All Students attend

Friday, September 9

*Welcome Back Assembly 9:00 a.m.

Theme - Be The Change

Monday, September 12

*Cross Country Running starts after school

Tuesday, September 13

*Fall Photos

Wednesday, September 14

*Open House for all families 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21

*International Day of Peace

Wednesday, September 28

*Pep Rally

*School Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 29

*Orange Shirt Day

Friday, September 30

*National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School for Students or Staff)

September 2022	 bgc Wolf Creek Lacombe		After School Program		
Notes:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Location: Upper Elementary School (Door #3) Time: 3:00PM - 5:30PM Daily: We provide a healthy snack, active play and creative experiences. Cost: \$15.00/day (government subsidy available) Meeting Location: Students from JS McCormick will meet a BGC Lacombe staff at the concrete benches between the two schools.	5 Labour Day No Program Today	6 First Day of School No Program Today	7 No Program Today	8 First Day! Discover Our Club Scavenger Hunt	9 Building Day Lego bridge building challenge!
	12 Slime Day 	13 Kids Choice Day Kids choose the fun activity!	14 Active Day Fun Outside Activities: Lawn Games	15 Puff Paint Day Create your own ice cream cone with puff paint	16 Experiment Day How many ways can you blow up a balloon?
	19 Catapult Day How far will your pom pom fly?	20 Crazy Fort Day What structure can you build? Can you fit inside?	21 Active Day Fun Outside Activities: Relay Fun	22 First Day of Fall Transform everyday items to create your own wind chime.	23 Experiment Day Can we make it rain in a jar?
	26 Lava Lamp Day 	27 Kids Choice Day Kids choose the fun activity!	28 Active Day Fun Outside Activities: Carnival Games	29 Rock Painting Day 	30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day No Program Today
Registration Information: Email: admin@bgcwoolfcreek.com Government Subsidy Link: www.applychildcaresubsidy.alberta.ca			Contact Information: Phone: 403-704-4216 Email: lacombe@bgcwoolfcreek.com Website: www.lacombe.bgcwoolfcreek.com		





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WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILD TO EXPERIENCE NEW OPPORTUNITIES, BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS & DEVELOP CONFIDENCE & SKILLS FOR LIFE?

SUPERVISED BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF, THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS A SAFE & SUPPORTIVE PLACE THAT OFFERS ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES, INDOOR & OUTDOOR PLAY, SNACKS & FUN FOR YOUR CHILD!



Monday - Friday
3:15PM-5:30PM

\$15/Day/Child
(Government Subsidy Available)

Grades K-6

Program starts Thursday, September 8, 2022



FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

<https://form.jotform.com/bgcwolfcreeklacombe/september>
403-704-4126

ADMIN@BGCWOLFCREEK.COM

LOCATED AT UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A SUPERVISED MEETING LOCATION AT J.S. McCORMICK IS AVAILABLE

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School's

2022-2023

OUT DAYS

October 7
October 28
November 25
December 9
January 27
February 10
February 21-24
March 10
March 24-31
April 28
May 19
May 23
June 9



Who: Children in grades K-6
What: Full-day child care program
Where: At Upper Elem. School
When: 8:30AM-5:30PM on School PD Days
How: Register your child through the link below



Pre-registration
Required

<https://form.jotform.com/bgcwolfcreeklacombe/september>

Call 403-704-4216 for more information

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SUBSIDY INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT CHILD CARE SUBSIDY AVAILABLE

Follow the link or QR code to apply



<https://applychildcaresubsidy.alberta.ca/>

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Income	Current Subsidy Rates Grades K to 6
\$0-\$49,999	\$366.00
\$50,000-\$54,000	\$348.00
\$55,000-\$59,999	\$311.00
\$60,000-\$64,999	\$275.00
\$65,000-\$69,999	\$238.00
\$70,000-\$74,999	\$201.00
\$75,000-\$79,999	\$165.00
\$80,000-\$84,999	\$128.00
\$85,000-\$89,999	\$92.00

INFORMATION NEEDED TO APPLY

Program Name: BGC Wolf Creek Lacombe Out of School Care

Estimated Number of Hours Needed: 50-100 hours

Estimated Cost: \$366.00 (maximum subsidy)

Once you are approved, please send your confirmation to admin@bgcwolfcreek.com

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