

# Panda Press

WELCOME!  
2023-2024

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

(403)782-7410



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we prepare to kick off the 2023-2024 year, we want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining us for the first time.

We are thrilled to have your children back in our classrooms, ready to embark on another year of learning, growth, and discovery. Our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and academically enriching environment remains steadfast.

We would like to extend our greatest appreciation to the staff who have worked tirelessly to prepare for the return of students. The dedication and professionalism of the individuals at this school are second to none. It is the people who make an organization so special and the staff of ÉLUES go above and beyond in their works and efforts every single day.

Here are a few important updates and reminders as we start this school year:

## **First Days of School:**

We will continue with a staggered entry this year, meaning that the first day of school for students with last names beginning with A-L will be on September 5th, and the first day for students with last names beginning with M-Z will be September 6th. All students will attend from September 7th onwards. There will be plenty of staff both inside and outside to help students find where they need to go.

## **Open House:**

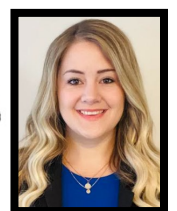
An opportunity to meet your child's teachers will take place on September 13th at 7:00 pm. This will give you a chance to meet your child's teacher, learn about school and classroom expectations, and how you can support your child's learning journey this year. We will also have booths set up from community businesses, organizations, and agencies, who can provide additional support and resources to our students and families.

## **Curriculum:**

Grade 4-6 classes across the province will begin learning the new Math, English Language Arts and Literature, and Physical Education and Wellness curriculum (introduced last year). Additionally, our grade 4 French Immersion classes will begin learning the new French Language Arts and Literature curriculum. Our staff have worked extremely hard in preparing for this switch!



Mr. Fullarton  
Principal



Mrs. Ouellette  
Assistant Principal

**Communication:**

Open communication between school and home is crucial for your child's success. Please make sure to regularly check your emails for updates, newsletters, and important announcements. We're here to address any concerns or questions you may have throughout the year. Please let us know if there are any situations which may impact your child's progress in school or if your child has any medical conditions. We view our parents, guardians, and families as partners in education and look forward to working closely with you to make the year a success.

**Parent Involvement:**

We value the partnership between home and school. There will be several opportunities for you to get involved, whether it's through volunteering, attending school events, or joining our school council. Continue to watch for more information through our newsletters and social media channels. Additionally, it is crucial that we have your support in ensuring good attendance, helping your child understand the importance of learning, and stressing the value of good work habits. Let me say a massive thank you in advance for all the work that you do and will continue to do!

We look forward to a year filled with new experiences, friendships, challenges, and accomplishments. The journey ahead will be an incredible one, and we are excited to be a part of it with you and your child.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead; let's make the 2023-2024 year the best one yet!

**Follow us on social media:**

Facebook: École Lacombe Upper Elementary School

Twitter (X): @ELUESchool

Instagram: @elueschool





## 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 2023-2024 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.**

**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 chrome book 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. **We have been having some issues with parent portal data access - if you find you aren't seeing your student on your parent portal, please send an email to [natalie.broderonson@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:natalie.broderonson@wolfcreek.ab.ca) and we will get it fixed right away!**

## 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.



**BUS STATUS**

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*Bus Status has a new app! To continue to receive notifications for Bus Status, download the new app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) before September 29. Bus Status 4 is still free to download, and has improved speed and reliability. The Bus Status app currently installed on your phone will not update automatically to the new version of the app. You must go to the App Store or Google Play to download the new app to receive notifications after September 29.*

*Not sure how to download the app? [Step-by-step instructions here!](#)*

## **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 27th 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 27 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/grade4.html>

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

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



School fees are \$25/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 13th 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 7:00 p.m.

MEET  
the  
TEACHER

# GREAT Things are Happening in September...

**Tuesday, September 5**

Staggered Entrance Day 1, A—L

**Wednesday, September 6**

Staggered Entrance Day 2, M—Z

**Thursday, September 7**

All Students attend

\*Cross Country Running starts after school

**Friday, September 8**

\*Welcome Back Assembly 11:05 a.m.

Theme - Never Give Up

**Tuesday, September 12**

\*Fall Photos

**Wednesday, September 13**

\*Open House for all families 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 21**

\*International Day of Peace

**Tuesday, September 26**

\*Pep Rally 11:05

**Wednesday, September 27**

\*School Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.

**Friday, September 29**

\*Orange Shirt Day



## September 2023 After School Program

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Location:</b> Upper Elementary School: Door #3 Terrace Ridge: Room A111 East Door</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 3:00 PM – 5:30PM</p> <p><b>Daily:</b> We provide a healthy snack, active play, and creative experiences.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> ASP: \$15.00/day SOD: \$40.00/day (Government subsidy available)</p> <p><b>Meeting Location:</b> Upper Elementary School: Students from JS McCormick will meet a BGC Lacombe staff at the concrete benches between the two schools.</p> <p><b>Terrace Ridge:</b> Room A111</p> <p><b>Contact Information:</b> Phone: 403-704-4216 Email: <a href="mailto:lacombe@bgcwoolfcreek.com">lacombe@bgcwoolfcreek.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.lacombe.bgcwoolfcreek.com">www.lacombe.bgcwoolfcreek.com</a></p>		<p>5 Welcome Back!</p>	<p>6 National Read a Book Day</p>	<p>7 Out door day kids get Active!</p>	<p>8 Teddy Bear Picnic!</p>
	<p>11 Puzzle making day</p>	<p>12 Arts and Craft Day</p>	<p>13 Keyla's Katchin Day</p>	<p>14 THE MAD HATTER</p>	<p>15 KIDS CHOICE</p>
	<p>18 STEAM DAY</p>	<p>19 Chocolate Day!</p>	<p>20 Active Kids</p>	<p>21 LEGO</p>	<p>22 SOD Fairy Tale Land</p>
	<p>25 National comic book day</p>	<p>26 KIDS CHOICE</p>	<p>27 GOW PARTY</p>	<p>28 STEAM SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ARTS MATHEMATICS</p>	<p>29 Arts and Crafts Day</p>
				<p><b>Registration Information:</b> Register Today: <a href="https://app.bgcwoolfcreek.com">https://app.bgcwoolfcreek.com</a> Government Subsidy Link: <a href="http://www.applychildcaresubsidy.alberta.ca">www.applychildcaresubsidy.alberta.ca</a></p>	

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss 20 DAYS a year.

They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

## 2023-2024 School Year Programs

### School's Out Day Program

The School's Out Day (S.O.D.) Program operates from 8:30AM – 5:30PM during the school year and includes life-skills instruction, leadership training, recreation, field trips and other planned activities on Professional Development Days, school breaks and In Lieu Days for schools. The following dates follow the Wolf Creek Public Schools calendar.



Cost: \$35.00-\$40.00/day  
Government and Club Subsidies Available

- Friday, September 22, 2023
- Friday, October 6, 2023
- Friday, October 20, 2023
- Monday, November 13, 2023
- Friday, November 24, 2023
- Friday, December 8, 2023
- Thursday, January 19, 2024
- Friday, February 9, 2024
- Tuesday-Friday, February 20-23, 2024
- Wednesday, March 15, 2024
- Monday-Thursday, March 25-28, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024
- Friday, May 17, 2024
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- Friday, June 14, 2024

### After School Program

The After School Program (A.S.P.) operates Monday-Friday, from 3:15PM – 5:30PM during the school year and includes life-skills instruction, leadership training, recreation, other activities and a nutritional snack.

- Program Start Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- Program Cost: \$15/day (Government and Club Subsidies available)
- Program End Date: Friday, June 21, 2024
- Program Closure: Monday, December 25 – Monday, January 5, 2024



Location: Ecole Lacombe Upper Elementary School (door #3/E4)  
Terrace Ridge School (east doors)

Contact: Phone 403-704-4216

Email: [Lacombe@bgcwoolfcreek.com](mailto:Lacombe@bgcwoolfcreek.com)

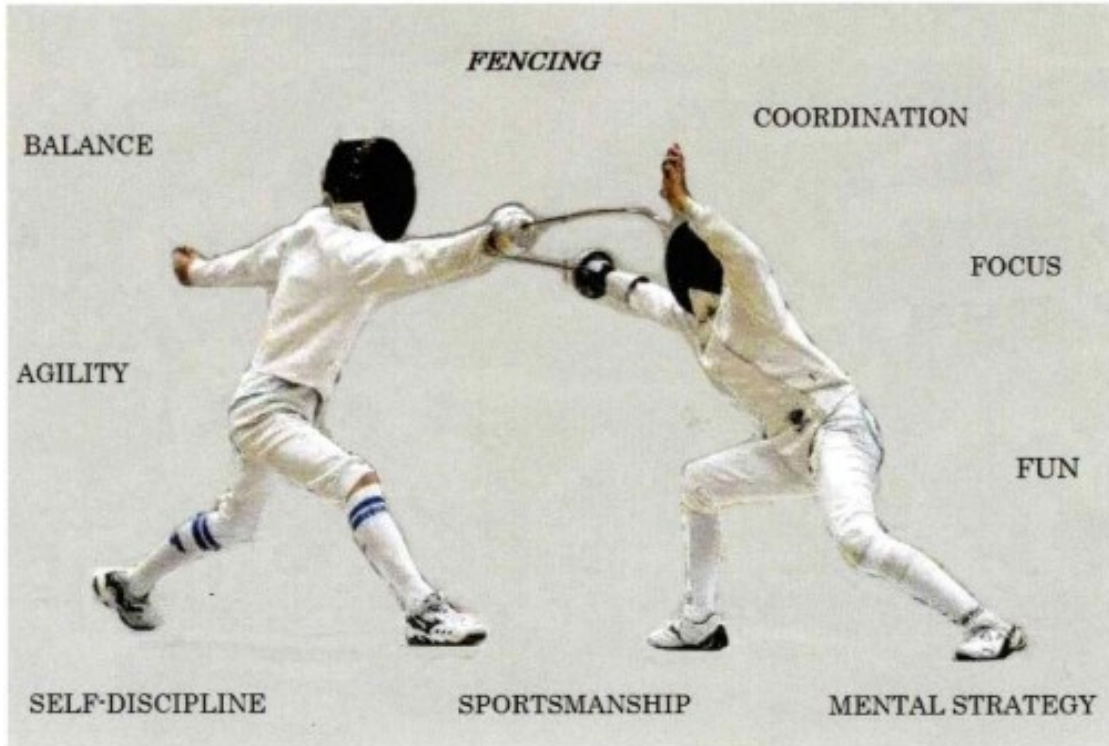
Website: [www.lacombe.bgcwoolfcreek.com](http://www.lacombe.bgcwoolfcreek.com)





# FENCING

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## REGISTRATION NIGHTS

*Wed Sept 6 & Fri Sept 8, 2023 6 to 8 pm*

Located in the Cronquist Business Centre by Capstone  
Bay 4 & 13, 5580 45 Street, Red Deer, AB T4N 1L1



*Everyone gets to Play!*

*On Registration Night: Come Try Fencing.  
Wear gym clothes, bring indoor gym shoes & a water bottle.*

If you can't make registration night, contact us to register to try fencing at:  
info@red-deer-fencing-club.com 403-358-6828 www.red-deer-fencing-club.com

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MUSICAL THEATRE HAPPENS ★



**FORBEEZ**  
THEATRE GROUP

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 TO 9
- ALL REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD IN THE LACOMBE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (LPAC)
- **INFORMATION NIGHT:** TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH, 5PM-6PM IN LPAC
- REHEARSALS: TUESDAYS, 4:30PM-6PM FROM SEPTEMBER 19TH 2023 'TIL APRIL 2024 IN LPAC
- RUN BY A CERTIFIED ELEMENTARY TEACHER
- SHOWS WILL BE IN THE SHUNDA THEATRE IN LPAC IN APRIL 2024
- REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE WEBSITE OR CONTACT US
- FOCUSING ON COLLABORATION, ACTING, SINGING, DANCING, PERFORMANCE SKILLS, LEADERSHIP SKILLS, CONFIDENCE BUILDING  
**AND OF COURSE FUN!**



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