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

(403)782-7410

Student-Goal Setting and Growth Conferences

Our first round of conferences were held on October 18th and 19th. 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

The service will be at 10:45
on November 9th.

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



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

Mark your calendars...

THE HEALTHY LIVING FAIR IS COMING SOON!

We are getting set to host our
22nd school-wide Healthy Living
Fair (HLF) on Thursday,
November 23.



The focus of the fair is to inspire students to develop healthy lifestyle habits. Stay tuned for updates on our Healthy Living Fair Kick Off!

During the HLF we will have many health & wellness experts presenting to our students.

We now need numerous parent volunteers to help make sure the day is a great success. Please call our office if you are able to help out. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Quality Citizenship Recognition - October 2023



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 complimentary lunch from Boston Pizza:

Elise Wilson	Carson Bircham	Lexi Chartrand	Wakely Holzi
Nathaniel Lemke	Brooklyn Sargent	Malik Dleikan	David Grant
Emma Parsons	Phoenix Jones	Abigail Wilton	Morgan Purves
Emily Buckman	Kailyx Kelm	Carston Pimm	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Armitage, Mr. Epp, Miss Rimmer, Mrs. Ehr



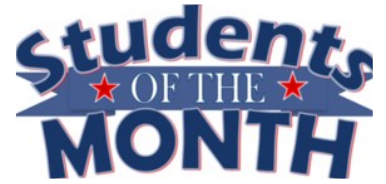
We would like to extend our appreciation to Marty Curtis of Subway for sponsoring our Student of the Month Program this year! Once a month each teacher will choose two or three Students of the Month and these students will meet with Mr. Fullarton or Mrs. Ouellette and will receive a coupon compliments of Subway!

Huge thank you to Boston Pizza for continuing to sponsor our monthly Quality Citizen lunches. Each Quality Citizen gets to enjoy a pizza party at the school!!

Wow, what great supporters of our school!



Subway Students of the Month - October 2023



- ◆ 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).

Riley Craig

Avery Newman

Isla Thompson

Eliza Corkum

Cody Courser

Troy Adamson

Gavin Wierenga

William Kay

Emma Callihoo

Max Murillo

Molly Russell

Emersyn Steeves

Teresa Wells

Hailey Gobin

Keegan Ilcisin

Grayson Russell

Samuel Darnell

Jordana Cochrane

Madysonn Duckett

Jayda Nicholas

Gabby Dhawan

James McDougall

Lindsey Hartley

Sawyer Tee

Ivy West

Lydia Guilbault

Adrian Ferguson

Alix Jackson

Gunnar Norvilla

Sawyer Campbell

Kaylee Branscombe

Khalel Abarro

Jake Meagher

Emily Porath

Gwenyth Bollinger

Preslee Wiart

Alivia Buxcey

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 2023/2024:

- 1) Continuation of Literacy Focus- concentration on improving literacy skills and developing our ability to provide interventions such as UFLI,, Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI), and other small group structures.
- 2) Nurture and support student diversity in an effort to maximize the student's academic, social, emotional and behavioral success for all students.
- 3) Differentiating learning to challenge all students and ensure that all students have the chance to grow as individuals and learners. This includes building student understanding behind the purpose and meaning of content being taught.
- 4) Increase parent/community engagement to provide feedback and support for school improvement and success.
- 5) Collaborative Response Model/Collaborative Team Meetings- Restructuring and refocusing collaborative meetings to further help meet the needs of all students.

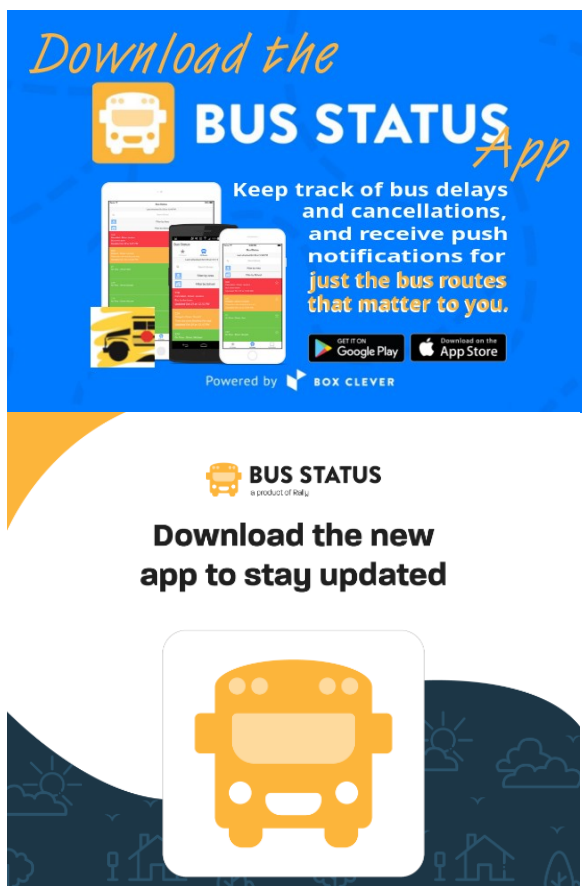
Bus Status App 4

A recent upgrade to the Bus Status 4 app may have caused the buses that you are subscribed to become deselected.

Please open the app and click on the star icon above My Buses to ensure that the bus routes of your children show in the list.

If they are not selected, click on the bus icon that says All Buses. Scroll through the list of WCPS routes and click on the star beside each route that you would like notifications for until the star changes from an outline to a solid star.

Parents, students and staff can all download the free Bus Status 4 app to their smart devices to get updates from drivers when they notify the Transportation Department that they are running late or if a route has been cancelled.



Download the **BUS STATUS** App

Keep track of bus delays and cancellations, and receive push notifications for just the bus routes that matter to you.

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After School Volleyball

After School Volleyball started October 24th. Grade 5 and 6 students were invited to sign up for one night a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday), 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Later in November, Grade 4 students will have the opportunity to sign up for after school volleyball as well.



The purpose of our club is for our athletes to develop their volleyball skills and have fun competing with each other.

Running Club

- Mme Miller, Mrs. Matthie, Mr. Miller and Mme Forman

Congratulations to our school's x-country running team. We rocked our runs in varying weather conditions for six weeks. All of our runners improved in their ability to run further and/or faster. Most runners ran 2-3 km, 2 times a week. What a great way to keep healthy!

On October 12th, many of our runners took a trip to Bashaw to participate in the Sgt Bruce Holliday Memorial X Country Race, where there were close to 500 participants in the gr. 4-6 categories! Everyone tackled the course with great determination and we had many finishers in the top 10 of their categories.

Congrats to our finishers who placed in the Top 6:

- William Matthie - 2 place, Grade 6 boys
- Landon Flewelling - 4th place, Grade 5 boys
- Kayne Pobuda - 5th place, Grade 5 boys
- Nash Carter - 4th place, Grade 4 boys
- Mya Pugh - 6th place, Grade 6 girls

The coaches wish to thank all of our enthusiastic athletes for their commitment to the team, sportsmanship and super effort. It was a blast to coach you!



Halloween Carnival

Our Halloween Carnival is scheduled for the afternoon of October 31st. The Grade 6 Leadership Club has been working hard to prepare activities for the ÉLUES students to enjoy. We are looking forward to many fun stations including races, target games, challenges and more!



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 5th. This year we raised **\$670** for this very worthy cause. Over the past 25 years, the total collected is **\$122 060!**

Congratulations to our top finishers from each grade:

Grade 6 Boy - William Matthie

Grade 6 Girl - Mya Pugh

Grade 5 Boy - Landon Flewelling

Grade 5 Girl - M. Meister-Thompson

Grade 4 Boy - Nash Carter

Grade 4 Girl - Kaia Preugschas



Program Highlights

2023-2024 Concerts

The concert format this year will be as follows:



Christmas Celebrations

We will most likely be taking our grade 4 and 5 students to participate in the Rotary Carol Festival again this year. The concerts will take place in early December at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. This provides an opportunity for our school to spread the joy of Christmas to the whole community. More details to come as soon as dates are confirmed.

Our Christmas celebrations include the Twelve Days of Christmas activities as noted on the calendar. This includes school-wide Christmas carol assemblies in the last week of school before the holidays. Should parents, guardians and community members be available to come into the school on these days to enjoy and participate, please do so!

Grade 6 Concerts

The grade 6 students will be presenting a drumming and singing concert towards the end of April 2024. Mr. Epp will announce details in the New Year.

More details to come!

Music Club Notes...

- Mr. Epp

Music club is off to a great start with about 50 wonderful students. They are energetic, fun to work with and excited about the performance opportunities which we will have this year!

Our first performance will be at our Remembrance Day service on November 9 at 10:45 a.m. in our gym. We certainly hope to see you there!

White Elephant Sale

As a service learning project, our classes will be running a White Elephant Sale in December for students to do some Christmas shopping.

If you have any items that you would like to donate from home, we would really appreciate it. Great items would be: gently used puzzles, toys, household items, baby items, candles, movies, golf balls, etc. We would also appreciate any donations of Christmas bags or wrapping paper. You can bring your items to either Mrs. Wagar or Mrs. Freitag's classroom the week of November 27th. Our sale will be in December.

From the Library

Thank you to all who came out in support of our Scholastic Book Fair; our total sales this year was \$6894 incredible!

A door prize draw was also held in conjunction with our Book Fair. The lucky winner of \$25 worth of books for themselves and \$25 worth of books for their classroom was Dawson McNolty from Mrs. Nelson's.

Congratulations, Dawson!!

Winner of the Monster Candy Guess was Abigail Wilton from Mr. Durocher's class with the guess of 103 candies.

Congratulations, Abigail!!!

Supporting ALL Students

Introducing our PEER SUPPORT TEAM!

“Kids helping kids”

Mrs. Ouellette, Mrs. Wojtaczka and 30 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!



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.

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It's not just a winter wonderland!

When are buses cancelled and schools closed due to Inclement Weather?



In Wolf Creek Public Schools, **Administrative Procedure 132 (AP 132)** guides decisions for school closure, due to inclement weather. The Division takes precautions with respect to the welfare of students and staff coming to or going from school. When road or weather conditions jeopardize the safety of students and staff, schools will be closed and bus runs cancelled.

How is the decision made to cancel buses and close schools?

1. Temperature in excess of -40 degrees Celsius with or without the windchill.
2. Dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility (e.g. heavy snowfall, blowing snow, freezing rain, heavy fog).

When is the decision made to cancel buses and close schools?

The Transportation Manager and Superintendent make the decision after appropriate information is gathered from each of the school areas.

This decision will typically be made prior to 6:00 am but may be made earlier if clear and compelling information is available from Environment Canada.

AP 132



Communicating to families & staff

Communications to parents/guardians and staff are sent out **via email, text and phone call** when the decision is made to cancel buses and close schools.

Notices will also be posted on the Division website, on radio stations and on Wolf Creek's Social Media Channels (Facebook & Twitter). **PLEASE ENSURE you are monitoring those social media channels and your email whenever inclement weather is expected, occurring or in the forecast.**

Why are schools closed when buses are cancelled?

- Given we are a rural school division we know that when buses don't run it often means the majority of students will not be in school. Staff then are unable to cover any new material with students.
- If buses aren't running and schools are open some families feel compelled to get their children to school. This can at times promote people to take risks that could be avoided.
- WCPS staff still attend their school sites, unless deemed unsafe to do so.
- If schools remained open for students, and road conditions are poor, it can lead to logistical issues when some staff aren't able to be in the building at the usual time in the morning.





2023
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New Coats for Kids
program enables qualifying families to
choose new winter coats for their
children. Applications available
October 16, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

Monetary Donations can be made online at
www.lacombefcss.net/donations or in office at
Lacombe FCSS, #201, 5214 50th Ave.

Lacombe, AB T4L 0B6.

For more information contact us at :

(403) 782-6637 or

Email: wgriffin@lacombefcss.net



2023
2024

A copy of 2022
Notice of
Assessment for all
adults living in the
home

Attach:

Viewed:

Date: _____

Parent/Gaurdian #1 _____

Parent/Guardian #2: _____

Phone: _____ Call Text

Address: _____ Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Circle one:

- 1) Have you lived in the City of Lacombe or the Lacombe Rural District for more than 6 months? Yes or No
- 2) Are you a Lacombe County resident ? or City of Lacombe resident?
- 3) Parent(s) Source of Income: See chart on back.

Child's First Name	Child's Last Name	Age	D.O.B	AHC #

· I confirm that the information provided on this application is true and correct and that I have not concealed or omitted other pertinent information regarding my income or financial supports.
 · I understand that the assistance received through this program is ONLY to purchase winter wear for the children listed above. No merchandise purchased can be returned for refund.
 · I understand that New Coats for Kids assistance can only be provided once every two years per child.
 · I have not applied for or received winter wear assistance through any other agency.
 · I understand that FCSS may review the information provided on this application and that failing to provide true and accurate information may disqualify me and my family from receiving assistance at this point and in the future.

Signature: _____

DEADLINE IS January 31, 2024



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MIRROR, BENTLEY &
LACOMBE COUNTY**

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

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APPLICATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 15

2023

Deadline for this program is: December 12-2023

Fill A Fridge Program

Lacombe & District FCSS



This program is responding to the need of community members who are struggling with the extreme increase of household costs. We are able to respond to this need because of the generous Christmas Fill A Fridge donations we received. Individuals and families will be given food certificates to purchase food of their choice.

Primary Applicant Name: _____
Spouse/Common Law Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____ **Contact #:** _____
Street Address: _____
Town/City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____
Marital Status: Married Common-Law Divorced Widowed Single
Have you lived at this location for more than six months? Yes or No
Do you live in the City of Lacombe? **Or the** County of Lacombe ?

Vouchers will be available for pick up December 13 or 14 by the applicant only.

Who is Eligible? The Certificate value is based on the number of persons in the home. Applicants must provide documentation to prove residency and number of children/dependents living in their home.

Necessary documentations: Alberta Health Care Card & 2022 Tax Notice of Assessment.

Applicant Name			Your 2022 income:
Spouse Name			Spouse 2022 income:
Other adults in home names		Relationship to applicant	Other adult 2022 income:
Children's names	Childs AHC #	Age	Date of Birth
Total Combined HOUSEHOLD Income			\$

Certification: Initial in box.

- I/we certify the truthfulness of all information provided, aware that false details will lead to expulsion.
- I/We Understand that Valid ID is needed for Certificate pickup and Certificate redemption.
- I/We understand that the Fill A Fridge Certificate has no value after December 31, 2023.

Signature of Application

Date

New Org
Certificate #
Value \$

A copy of 2022 Notice of Assessment for all adults living in the home

Attach:

viewed:

Income Eligibility Requirements:

Family's net income in 2022

(see line 236 of Income Tax Notice of Assessment)

Was equal to or less than these levels:

Family Type	Maximum Qualifying Income
Single adult	\$23,000
Single parent with 1 child	\$26,023
Single parent with 2 children	\$31,010
Single parent with 3 children	\$36,325
Single parent with 4 children	\$41,957
Couple with no Children	\$23,212
Couple with 1 child	\$31,237
Couple with 2 children	\$36,634
Couple with 3 children	\$41,594
Couple with 4 children*	\$46,932
*For each additional child, add \$4,973	
Qualification levels were taken from the Government of Alberta's Adult Health Benefit website	



Questions/concerns about this program:

Contact Wendy @ Lacombe & District

FCSS

403-782-6637 ext 309

Email: wgriffin@lacombefcss.net

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Lacombe & District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a public body and therefore the personal information collected using this form and any attachments related to program and service delivery is authorized under the authority of section 33 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and is protected by the privacy provisions of the Act for the purpose of providing programs and services. The information will be used for service delivery, program evaluation and reporting purposes, and may only be disclosed in accordance to the Act. For further information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator at 403-782-6637 or info@lacombefcss.net.



Donate



Kin Canada
Lacombe
Kinsmen Club

Santa's Anonymous

Opens November 15, 2023

APPLY ONLINE OR AT ANY OF THESE PARTNER AGENCIES: LACOMBE & DISTRICT FCSS, CLIVE FCSS, BENTLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES & THE ALIX RESOURCE CENTRE.

www.lacombefcss.net



Phone: 403-782-6637





Santa's Anonymous Application 2023



Date: _____
 Application #: _____
 Number of Children: _____
 (Internal Use Only)

Lacombe & District FCSS & the Lacombe Kinsmen operate a Santa's Anonymous program through the City & County of Lacombe (including Bentley, Alix, Clive, Tees and Rural areas)

Toys are available for children 16 years of age and under
Deadline is December 20, 2023



Parent Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Preferred Method of Contact: (please circle) Text/Phone call/Email

I WILL PICK UP MY PACKAGES AT:
4718 49 B Ave, Lacombe



December 12 - 9:30-11:00 AM or 3:00-7:00PM

December 14 - 9:30-11:00 AM or 3:00-7:00PM

December 18 - 9:30-11:00 AM or 3:00-7:00PM

December 19 or 20 - Deliver



Certification: Initial in box.

- I/We understand that any false information will result in expulsion from this program.
- I/We have not applied for Christmas Gift assistance from any other organization.
- I/We understand that no gifts will be wrapped
- I/We understand Santa's Anonymous Program will try their very best to find suitable items for your children that have been donated from generous community members.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____



Child Name: _____ Gender: _____ Age: _____ Clothing Size: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Favorite color/Book: _____ Needs or Wants: _____

Things I like: _____

Sports I like: _____



Child Name: _____ Gender: _____ Age: _____ Clothing Size: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Favorite color/Book: _____ Needs or Wants: _____

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November 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2 Subway Hot Lunch	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Remembrance Day Service 10:45 a.m.	10 No School EDO for Parent Teacher Interviews	11
12	13 No School In-Lieu Remembrance Day	14	15	16 Boston Brute Hot Lunch	17	18
19	20	21 Extreme Pita Hot Lunch	22	23 Healthy Living Fair	24 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	25
26	27	28	29 Quality Citizens Lunch	30		

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 1st day of Xmas Food Bank Drive	7 2nd day of Xmas Red/Green PJ Day	8 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	9
10	11 3rd day of Xmas Classroom Wreaths	12 4th day of Xmas Appreciation Day	13 5th day of Xmas Christmas Bingo	14 6th day of Xmas Crazy Hair/ Christmas Toque/ Scarf Day	15 7th day of Xmas Dress Fancy Day	16
17	18 8th day of Xmas Grade 4 Reindeer Games	19 9th day of Xmas Grade 5 Reindeer Games	20 10th day of Xmas Grade 6 Reindeer Games	21 11th day of Xmas Christmas Carols and Christmas Sweater	22 12th day of Xmas Christmas Carols	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						
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