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

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The students and staff spent the week of March 18-21 celebrating literacy! We had many special activities each day to engage students and get them excited about reading.

Events included:

- * Daily Mystery Readers/Daily DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)
- * Digital Diversity Day/Take a Trip: Book Tasting
- * Author visit with author Jessica Renwick
- * Get Wild about reading, wear animal print
- * Reading makes you bright, wear neon colors and sunglasses
- * School wide book exchange
- * Family Reading Bingo Cards ... and much more!!

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YEARBOOK
TODAY!

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Yearbook ID Code: 13193624

Cost: \$15

Deadline to order: May 31, 2024

Quality Citizenship Recognition - March 2024

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 were treated to a coupon for a complimentary individual pizza and pop from Boston Pizza:

Leyara	Jack	Eric	Akio
Kaylee	Georgia	Cody	Miles
Jan	Khalel	Tristan	Thomas
Hadley	Mariia	Dalilah	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month:
Mrs. Parsons, Miss Cade, Miss Deetjen



We would like to extend our appreciation to Marty Curtis of Subway for again 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. Boston Pizza generously gives each Quality Citizen a certificate for an individual pizza and a pop!

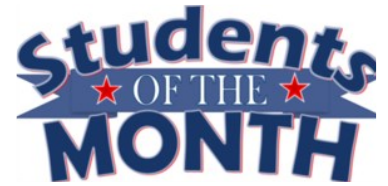
Wow, what great supporters of our school!



Happy Easter



Subway Students of the Month - March 2024



- ◆ 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).

Peyton

Elden

Cruz

Erik

Brooklyn

Kennedy

Alex

Kayden

Thomas

Logan

Veda

Isabella

Daria

Ella

Ali

Elliot

Ireland

Jayden

Parker

Abbigail

Lexie

Rachael

Daryian

Hanna

Macklin

Deklan

Kiana

Wesley

Bente

Sophie

Silas

Kaiden

William

Tianna

Sawyer

Liam

Sage



School Council Happenings

On March 19th, the Lacombe School Councils welcomed Greg Esteves, Director of Technology for Wolf Creek Public Schools to present to parents about the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its burgeoning role in education. The goal of the session was to ensure that our parents feel informed, involved, and excited about the future of education at Wolf Creek Public Schools and the role that AI plays in making that happen. Thank you to Lacombe Composite High School for hosting this informative presentation.

On Monday, May 6th, our school is delighted to welcome Jo Phillips, who will be presenting to our grade 6 classes during the day and hosting a parent session during the evening. Jo will be presenting on the role that social media plays in the lives of our youth and some of the benefits and pitfalls that are associated. Please see the informational poster for more information!

Staff Collaboration Days

During PD days our staff are very busy learning, growing, and developing their professional skill-set. These days are usually very busy and full where we focus on both school and division goals as well as the progress and needs of our students.

This year there has been a focus on:

- New curriculum, particularly the implementation of Language Arts and Math, which are being rolled out in grades 4-6 this year. We are already looking ahead to a new Science curriculum that will be implemented next year, as well as a new Social Studies curriculum, in which the draft has recently been released.
- Grade team and student intervention team meetings. These meetings celebrate the success and growth of our students and also explore areas that we can further support students and provide them with what they need to succeed.
- Assessment practices, including Provincial Achievement Tests for grade 6 students, STAR literacy and F & P assessments, and Alberta Education Numeracy and Literacy assessments.
- Enhancing the type of interventions that we are able to offer students by examining our current intervention times (PASS) and looking for ways to make them more effective and efficient.



Resources & Supports for Parents

Alberta Health Services:

Mental Health Literacy website:

<https://mentalhealthliteracy.org/>



Videos explaining stress:

<https://youtu.be/jHjkEfwfECo>

and for younger children:

<https://youtu.be/k8FiAxAqqYE>

Understanding ADHD:

https://youtu.be/xF0CLgM_TI0

 Community Education Services

Sign up for free webinars for parents and the community:

<https://ces.hmhc.ca/newsletter/>

and view the YouTube channel for previously recorded seminars:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZH-CsK4c6lc&list=PLi1tOF1I5ZoWtN4oILgPWHEoPP_7gIMdP&index=2

Caregiver Education (AHS Edmonton Zone)

www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Health Eating Starts Here

www.albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/page12598.aspx

Mental Health for Children & Youth

www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/page2748.aspx

Other Resources

Anxiety Canada

www.anxietycanada.com

Resources and programs to help people better understand and manage anxiety.

Cam's Kids

www.camskids.com

Organization supporting young people with anxiety through anxiety identification and resources.

Depression Hurts

www.depressionhurts.ca

Information, resources, and strategies on depression and other mood related disorders.

Help Guide

www.helpguide.org

Resources to strengthen mental health and well-being, navigate problems, and promote healthy life changes.

It Gets Better

www.itgetsbetter.org

Uplift LGBTQ2S+ individuals through resources, education, and connection.

Kelly McGonigal Ted Talk: How To Make Stress Your Friend

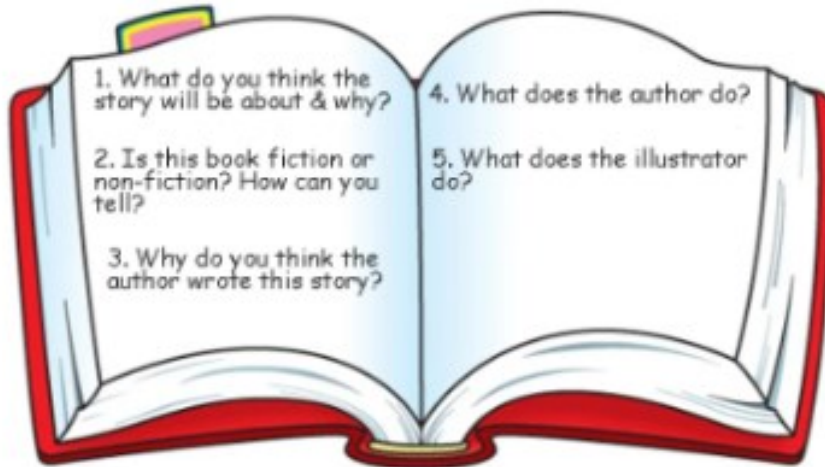
<https://youtu.be/RcGyVTAoXEU>

Recommended Books:

Drop the Worry Ball by Alex Russell

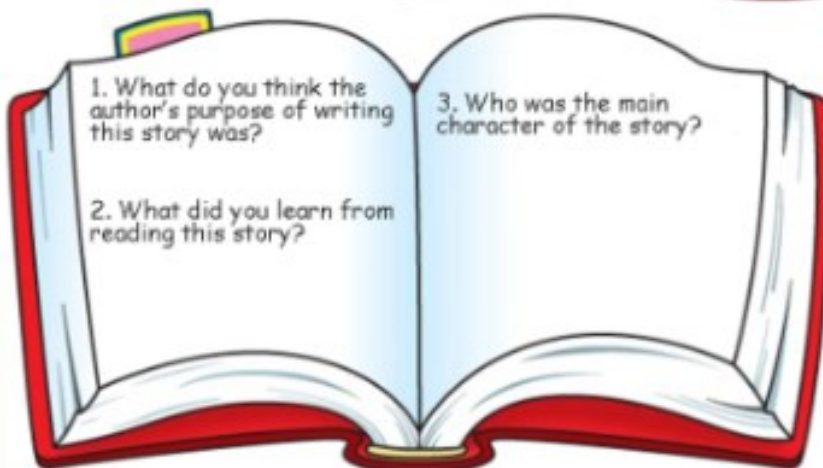
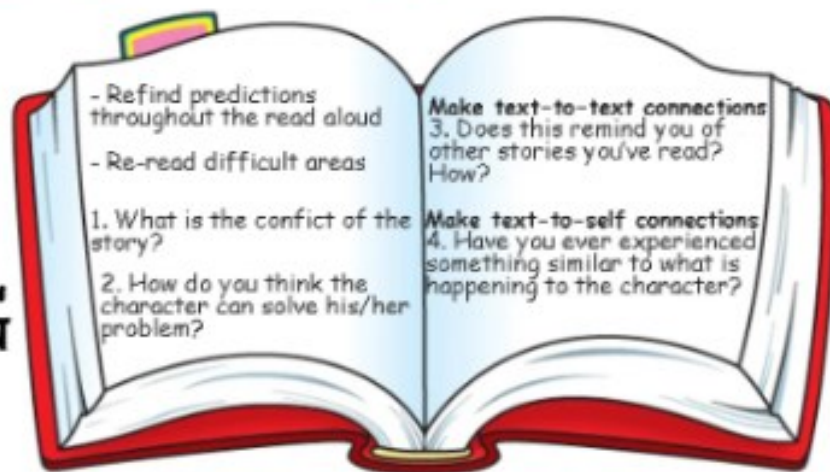
Growth Mindset by Carol Dweck

Reading Comprehension Questions for Parents



**BEFORE
READING**

**DURING
READING**



**AFTER
READING**

Badminton Club Starts Up SOON!

Any interested grade 6 students are invited to join another one of our after school sport clubs. The purpose of this club is to develop our badminton skills through skill development, drills and game play. Starting on April 9th and going to May 2nd, badminton will run after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 - 4:15pm.



Students will sign up for either Tuesday or Thursday. Permission forms will be sent home after Spring Break.



After School Basketball

Mr. Miller would like to thank our after school basketball club players for making a commitment to come out to practice. We had a great time learning skills, doing drills and playing some fantastic games. We are very impressed with the growth of our athletes over the five week period.



Wonderful Wednesday!

As we head into spring, we are looking ahead to our 36th annual Wonderful Wednesday activity day. For more than 30 years, our students have had the opportunity to take part in a fun-filled day of crafting, sports, touring local businesses and many other activities. This year this event will be held on Wednesday, June 5.

Watch for more information to come regarding Wonderful Wednesday as we work on planning activities for our students.

We need parent volunteer drivers, please call the school if you are able to help on June 5.

random
act of kindness

Thank you SRO Constable Wilzer for motivating and inspiring all of our students to be kind and caring citizens! Each student has the opportunity to complete a Random Acts of Kindness Bingo and they can enter for a chance to win a North Hatchet Scooter and helmet donated by Reds Sports!



Riders of the Month FEBRUARY

Haley C - Grade 4 - SN 01
Charlotte S - Grade 6 - L19
Riley C - Grade 4 - L3

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CHOIR KIDS 2024

-Mr. Epp

Music Club will once again be singing at Choir Kids in Red Deer. This is an event where we get to sing our songs accompanied by members of the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra together with some other children's choirs from Central Alberta. This will take place at Gaetz Memorial United Church on Monday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale starting April 1, and can be purchased online at www.rdso.ca

GRADE SIX CONCERT

-Mr. Epp

On Wednesday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m. (open dress rehearsal) and 7:00 p.m. (main show) the gym at our school is going to rock with the sounds of about 120 Grade six students drumming and singing their hearts out. Part of the performance will be a STOMP style percussion show highlighting the musical sounds of the... pail!!! So please take a bit of time out of your busy schedules and come out and support our students as they give their best on the stage. We'd love to see you there!

Grade 6 Outdoor School is coming up soon!

As part of the Alternative Environments component of the Alberta Physical Education curriculum, the grade six team at ELUE is organizing an Outdoor School Program. This program is offered to all grade six students. Camp one is June 3, 4, 5 M. Durocher, Mme Ince and Mr. Richter. Camp two is June 5, 6, 7 Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins and Mr. Rankin. Camp cost is \$205 per student which covers, meals, lodging, transportation and supplies. Outdoor School forms will come home after Spring Break!

Red Cross Babysitting Program

ÉLUES will not be offering the babysitting program this year.

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 the eligible distance based on grade and will be accommodated 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 as well as the cross boundary application (cross boundary fees will apply).*

REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 1, 2024

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca Phone - 403-785-0726

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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Parent Session

Monday May 6 2024

6:15 pm to 7:45 pm

Ecole Lacombe Upper Elementary

Jo Phillips

BA Psychology, Certified Youth
Resilience Coach

Starting a Social Media

Conversation is a program designed to stimulate a continuous, positive social media conversation between kids and the adults in their lives, led by the lived-experience of the kids.

There are sessions in your school during the day, followed by a parent session in the evening.

- Information on your kids' favourite apps and video games from their perspective
- Setting rules and consequences
- Supporting kids through online challenges
- Getting excited with your kids about the things they love
- Tips and information to support a positive conversation in your home
- Helping kids with opportunity while keeping them safe
- Our impact and responsibilities



More Info
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Contact Us
403.352.9941



April 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	 <p>Easter Monday</p>	 <p>WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL</p>		Subway Hot Lunch		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Boston Pizza Hot Lunch			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Taco Time Hot Lunch				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Quality Citizen Boston Pizza Lunch		Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	
28	29	30				

May 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2 Spring and Class Photos	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Grade 6 FLA PAT	14	15 Grade 6 ELA PAT	16	17 EDO No School	18
19	20 Victoria Day No School	21 EDO No School	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	