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2024

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

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On the evening of April 9th, the Lacombe Legion organized a special gathering to recognize outstanding students who excelled in the Legion Remembrance Day Contest. During the Legion Ceremony, five ÉLUES students were recognized for their exceptional poetry and impressive poster designs. Their entries honored our veterans, showcasing their unique creativity and talent. Judging criteria was based on originality, effectively capturing the essence of remembrance and appreciation for our veterans. Congratulations are extended to each of these individuals for their remarkable achievements. Thanks to the Lacombe Legion for coordinating this event and for encouraging student involvement in this annual competition.



Pictured from left to right are: Mya Pugh, Jordana Cochrane, Genevieve Parent and Mariia Morvaniuk. Absent from photo: Maleah Wianko

**Legion** 

## Quality Citizenship Recognition - April 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 provided a certificate for a pizza luncheon from Boston Pizza.

Abby	Jadyn	Gabriel	Maddy
Koa	Preslee	Ella	Mia
Savannah	Hunter	Daniel	Maggie
Anthony	Gabby	Adrian	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Wymann-Richter, Mrs. Nelson and Mme Ince



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.

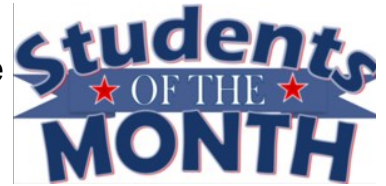
Each Quality Citizen gets to enjoy a pizza party at the school!!

Wow, what great supporters of our school!



**Boston  
Pizza**

## Subway Students of the Month - April 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).

<b>Glen</b>	<b>Judson</b>	<b>Kynlee</b>
<b>Ronin</b>	<b>Emerson</b>	<b>Jordan</b>
<b>Charlee</b>	<b>Rosa</b>	<b>Chase</b>
<b>Alvin</b>	<b>Lotus</b>	<b>Keira</b>
<b>Morgan</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	<b>Emily</b>
<b>Landon</b>	<b>Jacob</b>	<b>Pernilla</b>
<b>Lexi</b>	<b>Paige</b>	<b>Isaak</b>
<b>Brielle</b>	<b>Brynley</b>	<b>Fiona</b>
<b>Elena</b>	<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Malia</b>
<b>Nathan</b>	<b>Caleb</b>	<b>Jacob</b>
<b>Sophia</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Brooke</b>
<b>Nate</b>	<b>Odin</b>	<b>Blake</b>

## "Tentative" Classroom Assignments for 2024-2025

### Grade 4 English

Mrs. Matthie

Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Parsons/Mr. Epp

Miss Rimmer

### Grade 5 English

Mrs. Freitag

Mrs. Norris

Mrs. VC

### Grade 6 English

Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins

Mr. Richter

Mr. Rankin

New Teacher

### Grade 4 FI

### Grade 4/5 FI

### Grade 5 FI

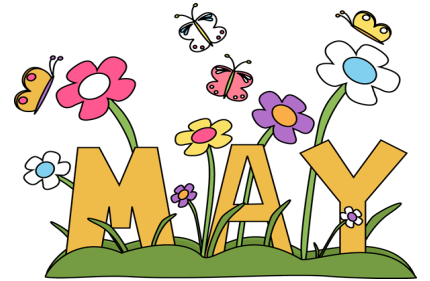
### Grade 6 FI

Mme Forman

Mme Miller

Mme Ince

M. Durocher



It's Coming ... École Lacombe Upper Elementary School  
2023/2024 Yearbook.

Yearbooks are available for purchase online at  
[ybpay.lifetouch.ca](http://ybpay.lifetouch.ca) with Yearbook ID Code: 13193624

**Congratulations to our regional Science Fair participants!!**



**We're SO  
proud of  
you!!!**

## Grade 6 Outdoor School

Group 1—June 3, 4, 5

M. Durocher, Mme Ince and Mr. Richter

Group 2—June 5, 6, 7

Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins and Mr. Rankin

Grade 6 Outdoor School is just around the corner. Final plans are underway for our Outdoor Education experience at Camp Evergreen. A camp registration and supply form was sent out to all grade six students. The most important items to bring to camp are a water bottle, sun screen, a warm sleeping bag and rain gear or splash pants as it tends to rain whenever we go to camp!

If you haven't done so already, please get your forms and payments in ASAP. There is an option to do a partial payment if you are unable to pay the whole amount at once. Just click the button to add the fee to your cart, then at check out, click on partial payment.



## Grade Six Camp 2024 ~ Donations Needed!

Grade Six Camp is coming up in June for all grade sixes. Students will head to Camp Evergreen for 3 days and 2 nights. This camp will give them an experience of a lifetime. The camp includes horseback riding, archery, ropes courses, climbing walls and so much more. The cost of the camp is \$205 per student. It is our goal to make sure each and every child can attend camp and this is where we need your help. Due to many things impacting families right now we are worried that the cost of camp might be too much for some families. The school is seeking some sponsorship to help support students who need a bit of financial help to attend camp. If your family has a few dollars to donate to help cover the cost of sending a student to camp it would be deeply appreciated. Donations of any amount would be appreciated. These donations would then be used to subsidize the costs for students who can not afford the total cost of camp. Donations can be made by cash or cheques made payable to WCPS. If you would like a tax receipt for your donation please just provide us your name and address and that will be sent to you. Thank you so much for your help!!!



# Track & Field helpers needed June 13th!



**Please call or email the school if you are able to help out with an event or the track and field concession on Thursday, June 13, 2024.**



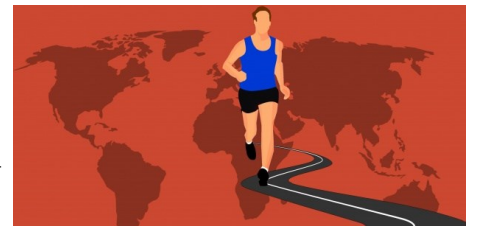
**After school Badminton Club** will wrap up on May 2nd. Grade Six participants did a great job of working on their skills and playing competitive games. Mr. Miller would like to thank all of the athletes for working hard to become better badminton players while engaging in some fun competition in the process.

## Marathoners' Club - Calling all Runners!

ÉLUES will once again be offering a 'Marathoners' club'. The club will run from Monday, May 1st until about the second last week in June. Our goal is to have **each** student accumulate 20-40 km of running by the time we have our school track meet in June. Near the end of June, all Marathoner club participants, who have accumulated between 20 or 40 km of running, will run the final 1.5 km together during the 1500 m race. Finishers will receive a T-shirt!

We will have two run times per week (depending on the number of adult volunteers). Monday and Wednesday (all after school) and will run approximately 1-4 km each session, finishing between 4-4:15pm.

There was a meeting at the morning recess on Thursday, April 25th in the gym for all those interested in attending. If you did not attend, you will need to find Mr. Richter to get an informational form. Parents with questions can email Mr. Richter at [mark.richter@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:mark.richter@wolfcreek.ab.ca) . Rides will need to be arranged for pick ups between 4 and 4:15 pm.



## INTRAMURALS

4 Square Badminton intramurals have been going strong . **THANK YOU** to the Gr. 6 leadership referees this year. The leaders have been doing a great job of running our games, assisting, encouraging and creating a positive atmosphere for our intramural participants.





# CMHA Mental Health Week

#CompassionConnects

May 6-12  
2024

## May 6 - 12 is Mental Health Week

During the week of May 6 to 12th the school will be focusing on Mental Health and Wellness. This year we are focusing on empathy. Even though we may be different, that doesn't make us rivals. Let's stop polarizing and let's start empathizing. Be there for each other when times are hard and just be ready to listen. Remember, you don't have to agree to understand, and you don't have to fix it to help. Here is the schedule of events:

Monday, May 6 - Today is the first day of Mental Health week. Classes will talk about "What is Mental Health" and watch some videos to kick off the week.

Tuesday, May 7 - Focus is on Self Care - how do we care for our mental health?

Wednesday, May 8- What gets you Excited? HATS ON for Mental Health - Wear a Hat to school to raise awareness and support for good mental health.

Thursday, May 9 - Be Active - What can you do to stay active and how does that impact mental health?

Friday, May 10 - Focus is on laughter and its role in mental wellness.

As family, take time this week to discuss your families ways of achieving mental health and wellness.

"Being able to be your true self is one of the strongest pieces of good mental health."

Here are some links that discuss and promote positive mental health:

- [Lucy's Blue Day - A Children's Mental Health Animated Short](#)
  - [We all have Mental Health](#)
  - [5 Finger Breathing](#)
  - [3 Minutes Mindfulness: Body Relaxation for Classrooms](#)
  - [How to Find Your Spark](#)
  - [12 Easy Exercises for kids](#)
  - [The importance of being physically active - Smartkids](#)
  - [Funny animal Videos](#)
  - [PIXAR Birds short video](#)
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**All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!!**



## 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  
[jooutloud.com](http://jooutloud.com)

Contact Us  
**403.352.9941**







# Big Brothers Big Sisters

OF LACOMBE AND DISTRICT



# WALK FOR KIDS' SAKE

BBBS Walk for Kids Sake is on May 27 & 28. BBBS are raising funds to provide one-to-one mentoring programs that foster development of our local children and youth. Every penny raised stays in your community. Pledge packages are due May 24, 2024.

## BGC Wolf Creek Lacombe Before School Needs Assessment

Dear Parents/Guardians,

BGC Wolf Creek has had great success in running the After School Program from Upper Elementary School and we are considering expansion to Before School Care. We have had several parents reach out and inquire about this program. For us to consider this, we need to know the overall need for a Before School Care Program to understand if the needs would sustain the program costs.

Please take a moment to fill out the attached form. **\*PLEASE ONLY FILL IT OUT IF YOU NEED BEFORE SCHOOL CARE IN THE UPCOMING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOYEFxVGAFJUehgxebLKggOYIPuhoCXjhOIHHKDSF6a\\_nNfQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOYEFxVGAFJUehgxebLKggOYIPuhoCXjhOIHHKDSF6a_nNfQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Thank you,

Beth Reitz  
Executive Director  
Ponoka Youth Centre/BGC of Wolf Creek  
Office: 403-783-3112



Wolf Creek  
Lacombe

## Transition Plan for Students going to École Lacombe Junior High School



ÉLJHS students and staff are very excited to welcome your child to their school. During the week of May 1-3, grade six teachers will email parents the ÉLJHS Parent Orientation letter. In this letter, parents will learn about the programs at the Junior High and will be asked to provide feedback about their child's goals and learning needs. This parent feedback will complement the information that our teachers and staff provide the Junior High in order to create a learner profile about each child. In mid-May, the ÉLJHS principal, Mr. James Matthie, will visit each grade 6 class to talk to students, answer questions about junior high, and help them select elective courses. In late May, our students will tour the junior high with their teachers and classmates. If you have any questions about your child's transition to junior high, please call either School Principal.

### Important Dates to Note for Grade 6's going to ÉLJHS:

- Parent Orientation letter sent home digitally, **May 1-3**
- Classroom visits with the ÉLJHS Principal, **May 6-8**
- Parent Q&A and Tour, **May 14, 7:30-8:30pm (in Study Hall)**
- Class Tours of the Junior High, **May 27, 28, June 3**
- Deadline for Parent Feedback Form, **May 30**
- Welcome Breakfast, **August 30, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.**
- Grade 7 Orientation Day, **September 3, 2024**



### Wonderful Wednesday!

As we head into spring, we are looking ahead to our 36th annual Wonderful Wednesday activity day. For the past 35 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.

All grade 4 & 5 students will participate in Wonderful Wednesday on June 5th, 2024. More information will be provided soon.

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

## 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 SCHOLENGAGE

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 1, 2024**

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - [transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto: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.*

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.*

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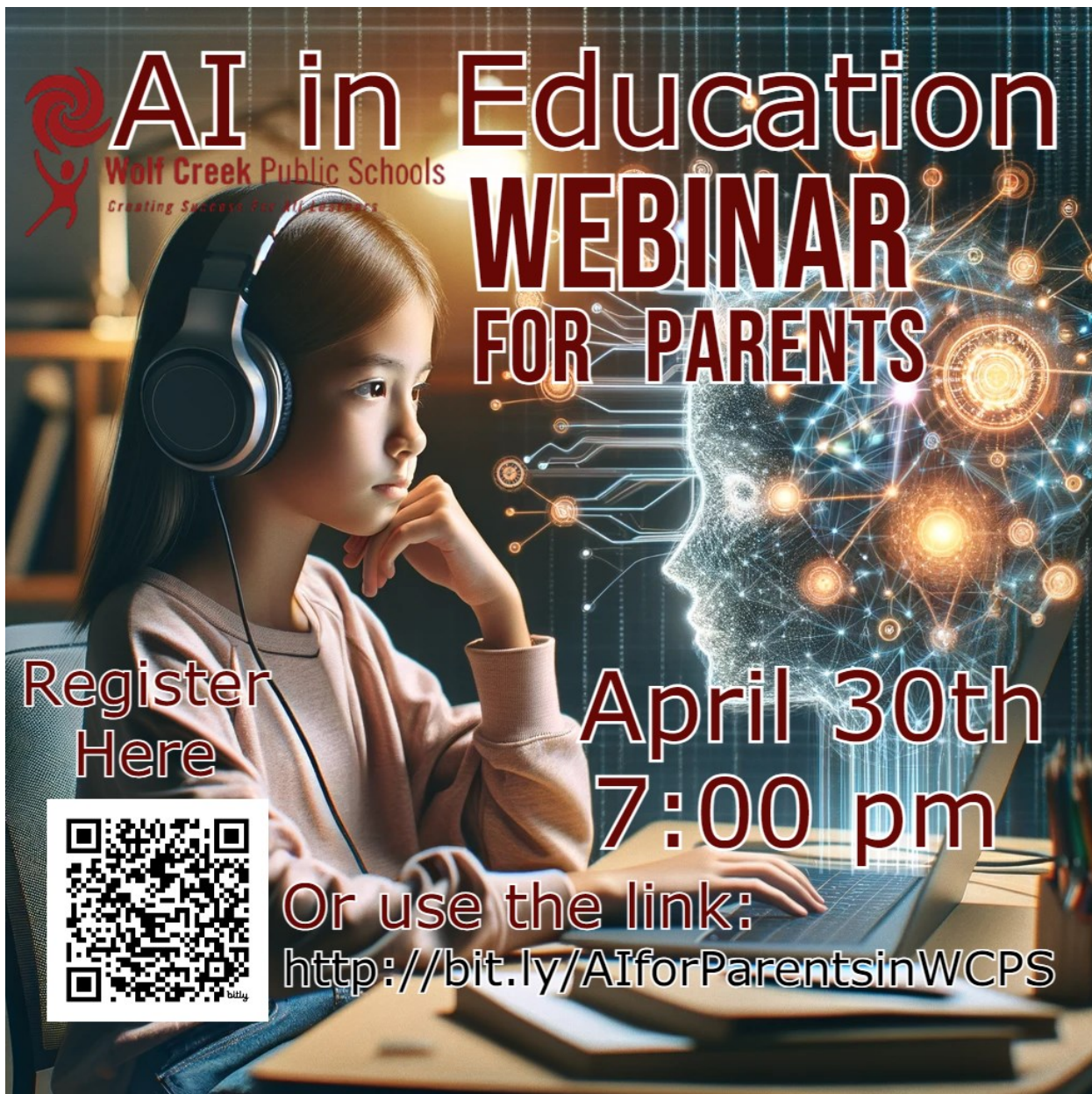
## APRIL

### Riders of the Month

Emma Parsons	Grade 5	Bus L - 3
Ryder Mooney	Grade 5	Bus L - 4
Eric Bayley	Grade 4	Bus L-14
Molly Russell	Grade 5	Bus L-8



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The poster features a young girl with long dark hair wearing large black headphones, looking thoughtfully at a laptop. The background is a digital-themed collage with glowing blue and orange nodes, circuit lines, and a stylized human head silhouette. The text is overlaid in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a dark red outline. In the top left corner, there is a red logo of a stylized person with arms raised, followed by the text 'Wolf Creek Public Schools' and 'Creating Success For All Learners'.


**AI in Education**  
Wolf Creek Public Schools  
Creating Success For All Learners

**WEBINAR  
FOR PARENTS**

Register Here

April 30th  
7:00 pm

Or use the link:  
<http://bit.ly/AIforParentsinWCPS>



Join Greg Esteves, Technology Integration Director at Wolf Creek Public Schools for a webinar called "**AI in Education: For Parents in Wolf Creek Public Schools**".

As technology changes quickly, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming more and more integrated into our daily lives, including the educational landscape. This session aims to demystify AI and explore its potentially powerful role in enhancing student learning experiences.

**What You Will Learn:**

- Basics of AI and Large Language Models: Understand AI in simple terms and discover how it's shaping the future of education.
- Benefits and Challenges: Discussion on the advantages of AI in education, including individualized learning paths and increased engagement, alongside potential challenges and how to address them.
- Supporting Your Child: Practical tips on how parents can support their children in navigating AI resources for learning, including online safety and digital literacy.

**Event Details:**

- Date and Time: Tuesday April 30th, 7:00 pm
- Location: Online (A link will be emailed to registrants on April 25th)
- Registration: <http://bit.ly/AIforParentsinWCPS>

Whether you're just starting to explore the world of Artificial Intelligence or are keen to understand how AI can benefit your child's education, this webinar will have information for you. Our goal is to ensure that parents feel informed, involved, and prepared to support their children in a world where education and technology intersect daily in purposeful ways. Join us to be a part of this important conversation on the future of learning in WCPS.

# SUMMER CAMPS

**Bot Basics and Beyond:**  
Your Introduction to  
Bot Programming

Ages: 9-12



Register now at [10peaks.ca/camps](https://10peaks.ca/camps)



**GET YOUR "TECH ON" AND  
START YOUR JOURNEY TO  
PROGRAMMING AND  
DESIGN THINKING!**

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**July 22 - 26, 2024**

Lacombe Composite High School **OR**  
Centre for Social Impact: Lower-Level Training Center,  
Downtown Red Deer

## Bot Basics and Beyond Camp: Your Introduction to Bot Programming

Students ages 9 – 12 Get your “tech on” and start your journey to programming and design thinking!

Discover your ability to be creative and harness your passion for robotics. Throughout this hands-on, half day camp, you’ll code and design a robot. Be introduced to concepts behind design thinking, sustainability, agri-tech and automation. Learn about the use of robotics in the real world.

Ten Peaks Innovation presents a five-day, ½ day camp, where students ages 9 – 12 work in teams to get their ‘tech on’, have a lot of fun, and learn about robotics use in the real world.

Students will be exposed to five days of hands-on robotics camp at the Lacombe Composite High School for the morning camp and for the afternoon at the Centre for Social Impact: Lower-Level Training Centre, Downtown Red Deer. Students are introduced to concepts of design thinking, UN sustainable development goals, agri-tech and automation. They will code and design a MBOT2 robot and its SMART world add on, using drag and drop technology with an award-winning science and robotics teacher.

Bring your robot to life! Through engaging and dynamic activities, campers are encouraged to brainstorm and experiment with everything the smart world robot can do.

## LACOMBE DOLPHINS SWIM CLUB



Fun new season  
starting in May!

Visit our website for registration details  
[lacombedolphinsswimclub.ca](https://lacombedolphinsswimclub.ca)



# POKÉMON™

**Saturday,  
May 4th**

**DROP-IN  
11 am to 4 pm**

**PLAY CARDS!  
TRADE CARDS!!  
HAVE FUN!!!**

**Visit us at A-W-E  
(Lacombe Centre Mall)**



# May 2024

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Fri

Sat

			1	2 Spring Photos	3 Richter Edmonton Field Trip	4
5	6 Parent Session - Jo Phillips 6:15 p.m.	7	8 JJ Collett In class presentations  wear hats to school	9 Extreme Pita Hot Lunch	10	11
Mental Health Week						
12	13 Grade 6 FLA PAT	14	15 KFC Hot Lunch	16	17 EDO No School	18
19	20 Victoria Day No School	21 EDO No School	22	23 JJ Collett Rankin - AM Mackay- Hawkins - PM	24 JJ Collett Durocher/Ince - AM Richter - PM	25
26	27 BBBS Walk for Kids Sake	28 Boston Pizza Hot Lunch	29 Boston Pizza Quality Citizen Lunch	30 Outdoor School Chaperone meeting 7:00 p.m.	31 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Grade 6 Camp 1 - Durocher/Ince/Richter		Grade 6 Camp 2 - Mackay-Hawkins/Rankin			
			Wonderful Wednesday			
9	10	11 Grade 6 FLA Part B PAT	12 Farm Safety Field Trip VC/Miller/ Durocher	13 Track & Field Day	14 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	15
16	17 Alternate Track & Field Day	18 Ryan Lee Rice Awards 2:00	19 Grade 6 Social PAT	20 Grade 6 Science PAT	21	22
23	24 9:00 Relays 11:30 Track Awards	25	26 Grade 4 FT to Fort Edmonton Grade 5 FT to Rocky	27 Last Student Day Report Cards Go Home	28 Teacher Evaluation Day No School	29
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