# Panda Press

JUNE 2024

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

(403)782-7410

#### Classes at ÉLUE for 2024/2025

The tentative class configurations for 2024/2025 are as follows:

The following staff have been assigned to homeroom classes:

#### French Immersion Homerooms Grade 4 English Homerooms

Grade 4—Mme Forman Mrs. Matthie
Grade 4/5—Mme Miller Mrs. Nelson

Grade 5—Mme Ince Mrs. Parsons/Mr. Epp

Grade 6-M. Durocher Miss Rimmer

#### Grade 5 English Homeroom Grade 6 English Homerooms

Mrs. Freitag Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins

Mrs. Norris Mrs. McLeod
Mrs. Vaillancourt-Campeau Mr. Rankin
Mr. Richter

Admin and Teaching Time Phys. Ed.—Mr. Miller

Mr. Fullarton, Principal Music—Mr. Epp

Mrs. Ouellette, Assistant Principal Inclusion Coach - Mrs. Armitage

#### 2024-2025 Class Lists

Parents are invited to log onto the Parent Portal to find out your child's teacher. This information will be available as of August 30th.

Those who do not have passwords for Parent Portal (ie., those new to the school), can contact the front office

August 28th.

We will have a staggered start.
Students whose last names end
A—L will be at school on
September 3rd. Students M—Z
will be at school September 4th.
All students will attend
September 5th.



We will be having an Open House on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 for parents to come into your child's new classroom, meet their teacher and tour the school.



#### École Lacombe Upper Elementary School - School Council Meeting Minutes - May 29, 2024

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our School Council Meeting on May 29, 2024. Following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

In attendance: Craig Fullarton (Principal), Vanessa Ouellette (Vice-Principal), Michele Brousseau (Educational Assistant), Angela Richter (Hunger Busters), Christina Rice (Treasurer), Kelly Lowry (Trustee), Jewel Graham (Parent)

7:15pm Meeting called to order

#### Correspondence and Reports:

- <u>Trustee Report</u> (Kelly Lowry/Brent Buchanan): The board received a presentation on AI and is currently considering
  whether to implement a related policy. The Chief of Staff of Alberta Education has called a meeting to engage all
  school boards in discussing priority areas. Additionally, the Education Plan was approved by the Board. The Youth
  Conference was a success, with over 200 students attending, including participants from the Secondary Ponoka
  Campus.
- <u>Treasurer's Report (Christina Rice)</u>: The School Council's support for various initiatives, including the Cross Country Running Team's pinnies, ELUES Swag for monthly assemblies, Growth Conference suppers, C-pens, and ribbons for Track and Field day, has been greatly appreciated. Notably, there are still funds available to support bussing for the Grade 6 camp.
- <u>Hunger Busters (Angela Richter):</u> The hot lunch program has concluded for the year, with families expressing
  gratitude for keeping the meals affordable. As a major school fundraiser, the program's addition of a donation
  option was well-received, allowing greater inclusivity by enabling more students to participate. Efforts to find cost
  effective vendors are ongoing.
- <u>Staff Report (Michele Brousseau/Akemi Matthie)</u>: ÉLUES has hired Megan McLeod to teach grade 6, resulting in a total of four grade 6 teachers instead of the three.

#### Old Business:

- Joint Council Meeting Feedback- The focus was on Artificial Intelligence led by Greg Esteves on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm at École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School. Parents were encouraged to bring their devices to try out the various tools that were shared during the presentation. It was well attended and we heard great feedback from those who went.
- Jo Phillips Parent Presentation Feedback- presenting to students and parents related to Social Media usage on May 6th. She presented to the grade 6's in the afternoon and in the evening to parents. We had a few families come from other schools. Those who attended enjoyed and appreciated the session.

#### New Business:

- 2024/2024 Planning, Allocations, ACE Plan- The grade configurations for the upcoming school year were reviewed. Additionally, the ACE Plan is in its early stages of development. The administration team will present the ACE Plan to the School Council in the fall.
- 2024/2025 School Fees- School fees have been increased by \$5 to account for inflation and to help cover the costs of school-wide events and speakers.
- Grade 6 Camp/Outdoor School- Everything is set for Grade 6 Camp/Outdoor School next week. The administration team held a well-attended Camp Volunteer meeting to discuss camp details and responsibilities. The School Council has kindly agreed to support covering the bussing costs of \$3200 as well as \$10/student attending camp.
- Wonderful Wednesday- Plans for this special event are nearly complete, with sessions tailored to students' interests. We're excited about this opportunity for our students to explore the diverse offerings within the Lacombe community and beyond.
- Ryan Lee Rice Awards will take place on June 18th, 2024. We have requested \$400 to cover the cost of the trophies and engraving and the School Council has kindly agreed to support the cost.
- Track and Field Day Ribbons/Concession- We initially requested \$650. Although the cost of bussing for grade 6 camp has increased, council agreed to cover this cost if additional sponsorship/donations could not be found.
- Early Survey Results & Themes Approximately 40 parents have participated, with the predominant theme revolving around parent engagement. We will continue to prioritize raising awareness of this issue among parents and sharing the many ways they can get involved at our school and in their child's education journey.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June No Meeting.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns regarding the above School Council happenings or if you have any items you would like included on future agendas, please contact Principal, Craig Fullarton, at 403-782-7410.

Next Meeting: September 2024 (TBD) Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

#### **Quality Citizenship Recognition - May 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 were treated to a coupon from Boston Pizza for an individual pizza and pop:

Kaia Anna-Marie Elijah Crimsyn
Silas Eileen Quinn Cayden
Mackenzie Julie Kayne Jordyn
Emersyn Mya William

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Kabatoff, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Matthie



#### School Council Positive Participants

The staff of École Lacombe Upper Elementary School would like to express their appreciation to our School Council executive members for their unwavering support and assistance throughout the year. Thank you for being such caring, giving and thoughtful people. Special thanks goes out to the following parents/guardians:

Gifty Amakye—Chair Jewel Graham—Vice Chair

Christina Rice—Treasurer Angela Wymann-Richter—Hunger Busters

Staff Reps—Akemi Matthie and Michele Brousseau

Trustees: Kelly Lowry/Brent Buchanan

#### Subway Students of the Month - May 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).

Lexie	Paxton	Charlotte	
Elise	Samuel	Olivea	
Ben	Bruce	Aidyn	
Demetrius	Haley	Nixon	
Gabriel	Chase	Kailyx	
Danika	Jan	Callie	
Lexi	Kaylee	Carston	
Draper	Ximena	Josh	
Elena	Clark		
Fearon	Grace		
Kora	Easton		
Jenna	Archer		

#### Ryan Lee Rice Memorial Citizenship Awards Ceremony

The Ryan Lee Rice Quality Citizenship Awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. The Ryan Lee Rice Memorial Citizen Award was established in 1985 by Harvey and Margaret Rice in memory of their son, Ryan, who passed away in September 1985. Ryan was a Grade 6 student who held the distinction of being the first recipient of the Nelson School's (now École Lacombe Upper Elementary School) Super Kid Award. This award later became known as the Perfect Panda Award.

Each year, a **Ryan Lee Rice Memorial Citizenship Award** is presented to one individual in each classroom who has consistently demonstrated the following characteristics:

- Exhibits positive interpersonal relationships with peers and adults
- Demonstrates a consistent high level of responsibility, dependability and cooperation
- Demonstrates a high level of consideration for the personal feelings and property of others
- ❖ Is a positive role model in terms of leadership and participation in both school and classroom activities

Each recipient's name is engraved on a centrally located plaque. Recipients also receive a personalized certificate and an engraved trophy both of which are sponsored by the **École Lacombe Upper Elementary School Council**.

Parents/Guardians of students receiving this award will be contacted by their child's homeroom teacher.



# Supporting ALL Students

#### Peer Support Team

Thank you for making ÉLUES a very safe and caring school for all students!

#### Grade 4 Team

Jack Way Anna-Marie Watts Ellie Darnell **Brogan Lowe** Lexi Chartrand Elijah Larsen Kaia Preugschas Alex Matthie Nathaniel Lemke Brielle Wianko



The Peer Support Team will celebrate their successful year with a team party sometime in June. All members will receive

a treat!



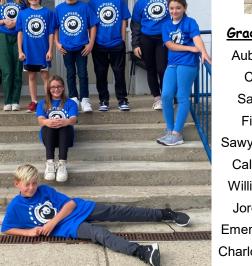
Saanvi Kotian Quinn Flewelling Tyler Lepretre **Emma Parsons** Phoenix Jones Lydia Guibault Mia Braid **David Grant** Liam Fauria **Emerson Dallas** 



#### Grade 6 Team

**Aubrey Taylor** Clark Bos Sawyer Tee Fiona Rice Sawyer Campbell Callie Penney William Matthie Jordyn Carter **Emersyn Steeves** Charlotte Sarnecki

#### Hats off to an **AWESOME** TEAM!!!



#### What if we are moving?

Will your family be moving from our school's attendance area? If so, please let us know as soon as possible in order to help us plan for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance

#### When do I find out my child's classroom teacher?

Parents are invited to log into their Parent Portal to find out whose class their child will be in. This information will be available as of August 30, 2024. Those who do not have access ID & passwords for Parent Portal (ie., those new to the school), can contact the front office as of August 30th.

#### Still stuck?

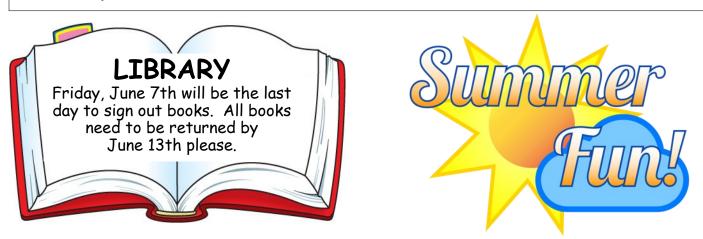
Please contact Mrs. Broderson in the office between 8:15 am-3:45 pm for any other questions or concerns you may have.

#### When will I do a registration form for 2024-2025?

Current ÉLUES students and grade 3 ÉJSM students will receive an email the third week of August to register for the 24-25 school year. Please submit your child's registration as soon as you receive this email so all our information is up to date.

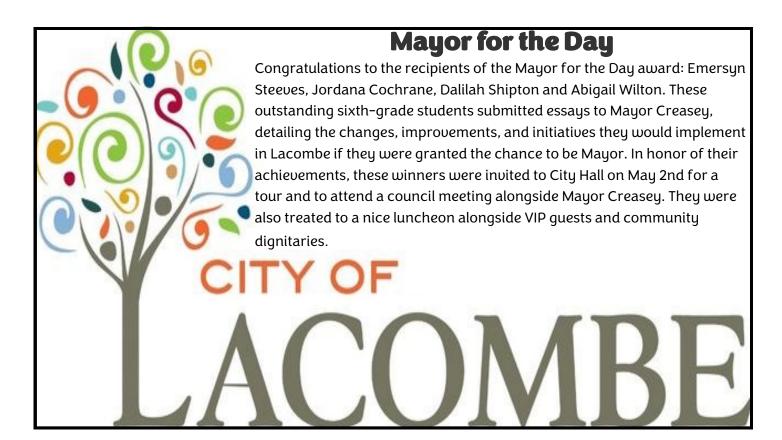
#### When do students start school?

Students whose last names end A—L will be at school on September 3. Students M—Z will be at school September 4. All students will attend September 5. Parents are welcome to help their child drop off supplies on the day they are assigned to attend. A full school open house/meet the teacher will be September 11.



#### Grade 7 Orientation

Class orientation sessions and tours of the École Lacombe Junior High for all grade 6 classes are taking place. This activity is designed to assist students in making the transition to Junior High and to help students consider potential complementary course selections. Thank you to the École Lacombe Junior High staff for welcoming the "new grade sevens"!

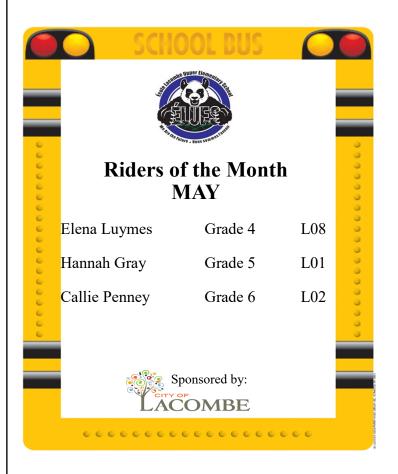


The Lifetouch online ordering portal is closed yesterday. We have 60 more yearbooks to sell so will put the yearbook on Parent Portal of students that have not purchased a yearbook yet. It will remain open until they are all sold.

Order yours before they are gone!!



**BUY A YEARBOOK** 



#### **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 <u>new</u> 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.

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If your child attends school in:

Lacombe \* Bentley \* Clive \*Alix

You may qualify for Tools for School!

# **APPLY NOW!!!**

School Supplies <u>OR</u> New Shoe Voucher

**DEADLINE TO ORDER IS JULY 31, 2024** 

CONTACT 403-782-6637 OR WWW.LACOMBEFCSS.NET





Information collected that you provide to Lacombe & District FCSS is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)Section 33(c). This information will be used for the purpose of the "Tools for School" program. Your personal information is protected from unauthorized access, use and disclosure under Part 2 of the FOIP Act. Questions regarding this collection of personal information may be directed to info@lecombefcss.net or 403-782-6637



## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- WE ARE A MUSICAL THEATRE FOR GRADES 1 9 AT LACOMBE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (LPAC). FOCUSSING ON. CONFIDENCE BUILDING. PERFORMANCE SKILLS. ACTING. SINGING. DANCING. LEADERSHIP SKILLS. COLLABORATION SKILLS. AND OF COURSE FUN! WE ALSO OFFER BACKSTAGE CREW (SET CONSTRUCTION AND PROP MAKING) OR BACKSTAGE CREW WITH SOME LIGHTING AND SOUND TRAINING.
- REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SESSION IS NOW OPEN UNTIL
  JUNE 30, 2024. CONTACT US AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW TO RECEIVE
  YOUR REGISTRATION PACKAGE.
- RUN BY A CERTIFIED ELEMENTARY TEACHER
- REHEARSALS ARE WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS AT A TIME BETWEEN 4PM-6:30PM.
   THERE WILL BE TWO CLASSES DURING THAT TIME. ALSO. ONE SATURDAY
   A MONTH STARTING IN NOVEMBER. ALL IN LPAC.
- OUR SESSION RUNS FROM SEPTEMBER 2024 APRIL 2025. PERFORMANCES WILL BE IN APRIL 2025 IN LPAC.
- THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATION NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER FOR REGISTERED STUDENTS. IN LPAC.



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Forbeez Theatre Group

Dear Alberta schools and parents,

Pickleball Alberta is launching an opportunity for kids ages six to eighteen to learn how to play pickleball in a junior HOTSHOTS program. We provide eight hours of pickleball training with qualified NCCP coaches in different time formats, depending on the club offering the program. We have fifteen pickleball clubs across Alberta participating.

The youth will receive a junior Poach paddle, safety goggles and a hat with a \$75.00 registration fee to a maximum of twenty-four youth per club. The youth also must be members of both Pickleball Alberta and Pickleball Canada which gives them insurance all year round. The Pickleball Alberta fee will be \$15.00 and Pickleball Canada is \$10.00. The link below at Pickleball Canada's web page will provide access to the registration.

Each club will be launching a free Try It session to give the youth a basic understanding of the game and expectation of the HOTSHOTS clinic.
These dates for specific clubs can be opened by the QR codes below on the poster or directly to theses links:
If you have any questions, please
email della.curry@pickleballa
lberta.org

We look forward to seeing the junior HOTSHOTS across Alberta playing our great sport of pickleball!



#### Try It event here



#### Clinic event here





#### Free Try It event here



#### Clinic event here







# Starting A Social Media CONVERSATION

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Support Resource For Adults

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2023-2024 School Year Information





# Don't ban or forbid if they tell you about a problem they're having online.

Kids across the country are trying to solve their own problems online because they predict, often correctly, if they tell the adults in their lives they will either lose phone privileges, or be banned from using the platform.

Parents need to think of social media and devices like a swimming pool for our kids. Lots of fun, new skills to be learned, time to play with their friends, and no deep end until you're ready to swim in it. But at the same time, if your child is being repeatedly splashed and dunked, you don't respond by taking away the swimming pool. "That's it. Someone else is acting inappropriately so you can never swim again."

No. You respond by helping them with the problem, and then encouraging them to go back to having fun and building their skills and relationships with their friends. We need to respond in the same way with social media.



# Don't ground them from their device unless they've done something incredibly serious.

It's the parenting go-to. "That's it. No more phone!" But what many parents fail to realize is how extreme this punishment is, and how little it teaches kids about how to deal with their challenges. When we take away a device, we take away their connection to friends and family, their music, their entertainment, their search engines, their alarm clock, their safety and ability to communicate with us when they're away from us.

A kid in grade nine once told me, "My mom installed a bunch of tracking stuff in my phone, and she reminds me to take it with me when I leave the house and it makes me feel safe. And then she grounds me from my phone, and I have to leave the house without it and it scares me."

At the end of this document is a Charter of Rights and Freedoms for kids. Use this to set out choices and consequences, and you'll have a better path forward.



# Learn how they're using their device to navigate the world.

Don't learn from Google, or other parents. Learn from your kid! Many kids will use their device to help manage anxiety, often through simple games. Some kids will use them to manage the stresses of being in school - a classroom environment all day is tough for introverted, anxious, or shy kids! Teens might use their phone to find out who's going to be at a party, so they know if it's a place they want to be.



#### Model good device etiquette yourself.

We hold our kids to a standard of etiquette and use that we don't seem to hold ourselves to. Of the over 140,000 kids I've spoken with, almost all have told us they have a parent who is always on their device. All of them say that their parent often doesn't hear what they're saying because they're involved with their phone. Their TikTok (which is their television, along with YouTube) screen time is the same as your Greys Anatomy binge or WWII documentary screen time. And please stop texting and driving. It scares your kids.



#### Stand up for them.

When kids and their use of social media is brought up at the next family gathering, stick up for your kids. Make sure that they, and you, aren't on your device inappropriately. But if your kid needs a brain break, a barrier, a chance to chill, support them! And if the convo turns negative about "kids these days" talk about the cool things they've learned, and maybe taught you. Take pictures with them. Maybe encourage everyone to join in creating a TikTok.

This is a different world. Our kids DO have devices. They DO have social media. They ARE impacted by technology all around them. You may believe the way you grew up was better, but this is the way they're growing up. Our kids need us to stop listening to other adults about how they're using social media and start listening to them.

#### WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### 2024 - 2025 School Year

#### École Lacombe Upper Elementary School

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Wetlands Field Trip Durocher, Norris, Wagar		6 mp Mackay-Hawl	7 Airport Field Trip Ince	8
	Grade 6 C	amp Durocher/Inc	ce/Richter			
9	10	11 Grade 6 FLA Part B PAT	Farm Safety Field Trip Durocher & Miller (5'S), VC	Track & Field Day	Staff Collaboration Day	15
16	Alternate Track & Field Day	Ryan Lee Rice Awards 2:00 p.m.	19 Grade 6 Social PAT	20 Grade 6 Science PAT	21	22
23	24 Track Relays 9:00 a.m. Track Awards 11:30 a.m.	25	26 Grade 4 Field Trip to Fort Edmonton Grade 5 Field Trip to Rocky Mountain House	27  Last Student Day. Report Cards are online.	Teacher Evaluation Day No School	29
30						