

Panda Press

WELCOME!
2024-2025

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

(403)782-7410



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School! We hope your summer was filled with fun and relaxation. As we gear up for the 2024-2025 school year, we're excited to welcome both our returning families and those who are joining us for the first time. I am confident that it will not take you long to realize just what a special and incredible place École Lacombe Upper Elementary School is.

We're eager to see your children back in our classrooms, ready to dive into a year full of learning, growth, and new adventures. Our dedication to creating a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment for your children remains as strong as ever.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our incredible staff who have put in countless hours preparing for the students' return. Their professionalism, dedication, and passion are what make ÉLUES such a special place. Every day, they go above and beyond to ensure your children have the best possible experience here and I am certain this year will be no exception to that.

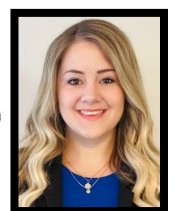
Please know that we are always available to answer questions and collaborate as partners in your child's education. Our doors are always open and we look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

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

- 1. 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 3rd, and the first day for students with last names beginning with M-Z will be September 4th. All students will attend from September 5th onwards. There will be plenty of staff both inside and outside to help students find where they need to go.
- 2. Open House:** An opportunity to meet your child's teachers will take place on September 11th at 7:00pm. 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.
- 3. Curriculum:** Grade 4-6 classes across the province will begin learning the new Science curriculum this year. This is the next phase of the new curriculum rollout which has included Math, English Language Arts and Literature, and Physical Education and Wellness curriculum over the last few years. Our staff have worked extremely hard in preparing for this switch!



Mr. Fullarton
Principal



Mrs. Ouellette
Assistant Principal

4. **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. Additionally, more information will be shared in the coming days and weeks regarding the government's new policy on cell phone and personal device usage in schools. Watch out for that coming home soon.

5. **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 of the work that you do and will continue to do!

We're excited for a year brimming with new experiences, friendships, challenges, and achievements. The journey ahead promises to be extraordinary, and we're thrilled to share it with you and your child. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead; let's make the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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.

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.

GREAT Things are Happening in September...

Tuesday, September 3

Staggered Entrance Day 1, A—L

Wednesday, September 4

Staggered Entrance Day 2, M—Z

Thursday, September 5

All Students attend

*Cross Country Running starts after school

Friday, September 6

*Welcome Back Assembly 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday, September 10

*Fall Photos

Wednesday, September 11

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

Wednesday, September 21

*International Day of Peace

Wednesday, September 25

*School Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.

Friday, September 27

*Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30

*National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School for Students or Staff)

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 25th 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 25 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://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en>

Grade 4: <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/parents/en/grade/4>

Grade 5: <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/parents/en/grade/5>

Grade 6: <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/parents/en/grade/6>



School fees are \$30/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 11th 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

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.



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SUBSIDY INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT CHILD CARE SUBSIDY AVAILABLE

Follow the link or QR code to apply



<https://applychildcaresubsidy.alberta.ca/>

DO YOU QUALIFY?

INFORMATION NEEDED TO APPLY

Income	Current Subsidy Rates Grades K to 6
\$0-\$49,999	\$366.00
\$50,000-\$54,000	\$348.00
\$55,000-\$59,999	\$311.00
\$60,000-\$64,999	\$275.00
\$65,000-\$69,999	\$238.00
\$70,000-\$74,999	\$201.00
\$75,000-\$79,999	\$165.00
\$80,000-\$84,999	\$128.00
\$85,000-\$89,999	\$92.00

Program Name: BGC Wolf Creek Lacombe Out of School Care (Upper EI)
BGC Wolf Creek Lacombe Terrace Ridge Out of School Care

Estimated Number of Hours Needed: 50-100 hours

Estimated Cost: \$366.00 (maximum subsidy)

Email Angie at admin@bgcwfocreek.com for further information.

**Once you are approved, please send your
confirmation to admin@bgcwfocreek.com**

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2024-2025 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.



Online Registration
Portal



- Friday, September 20, 2024
- Monday, September 30, 2024
- Friday, October 11, 2024
- Friday, October 25, 2024
- Friday, November 1, 2024
- Friday, November 8, 2024
- Friday, November 29, 2024 (WCPS Only)
- Friday, December 13, 2024
- Friday, January 31, 2025
- Thursday & Friday, February 6 & 7, 2025 (St. A's only)
- Tuesday, February 18, 2025
- Wednesday, February 19-21, 2025 (WCPS only)
- Friday-Friday, March 21 – 28, 2025
- Friday, April 11, 2025
- Friday, May 16, 2025
- Tuesday, May 20, 2025
- Friday, June 6, 2025

Cost: \$40.00/day

Government and Club Subsidies Available

After School Program (Daily Registration)

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 3rd, 2024
- Program Cost: \$15/day (Government and Club Subsidies available)
- Per Day Registration – Book and pay for only the days you require
- Program End Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025
- Program Closure: Monday, December 23 – Monday, January 5, 2025

Location: Ecole Lacombe Upper Elementary School (rear south doors)
Terrace Ridge Elementary School (Rm A111)

Contact: Phone 403-704-4216

Email: Admin@bgcwoolfcreek.com

Website: www.lacombe.bgcwoolfcreek.com

Social Media: BGC Wolf Creek – Lacombe (Facebook)

