

# Panda Press

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2024



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

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## Student-Goal Setting and Growth Conferences

Our first round of conferences were held on October 23rd and 24th. 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 7th.

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  
23rd school-wide Healthy Living  
Fair (HLF) on Thursday,  
November 28.



*The focus of the fair is to inspire students to develop healthy lifestyle habits. Our HLF Kick Off will be on November 27 at 2:00!*

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

**We 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!**

## École Lacombe Upper Elementary School - October School Council Meeting Minutes

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our first School Council Meeting on October 30, 2024. Following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

**School Council Constitution and Roles & Responsibilities of School Councils.** Copies of these documents were available for members and are also available from the office.

### **Executive/Working Committees:**

#### **Executive Roles & Working Teams:**

Chairperson - Jessica Gallant  
Secretary - Vanessa Ouellette (Maryann Armitage)  
Staff Representatives - Michele Brousseau and Larissa Ince  
Hunger Busters Hot Lunch Program - Angela Wymann-Richter  
Administrative Representatives - Vanessa Ouellette and Maryann Armitage  
Vice Chair - Kelsey Neves  
Treasurer - Ashley Warren

### **Correspondence and Reports:**

1. Trustee Report (Kelly Lowry): Not in attendance
2. Treasurer's Report (Ashley Warren): Balance of \$1901.43 in account. School Council switched banks to Servus Credit Union this year to reduce fees. Thank you to Ashley and Kelsey for taking care of this.
3. Hunger Busters (Angela Richter): We are not making as much money as we have in the past due to the increase in food costs therefore hot lunches will not raise as many funds with keeping the prices lower. We are offering hot lunch once per week and are trying some new places around Lacombe.
4. Staff Report (Michelle Brousseau and Larissa Ince): Nothing to report at this time.

### **Old Business:**

1. Growth Conferences/Book Fair (October 23/24): Growth Conferences and the Book Fair were a great success!
2. ÉLUES Swag is on sale on our online store until November 15.

### **New Business:**

1. Joint School Council Ideas (March 2025): Social media topics? Cyber bullying?
2. School Council Grant Ideas (\$500)
3. Stakeholder Summit: January 31, 2024 looking for parents to attend - Jewel Graham, Kelsey Neves and Jessica Gallant would like to be added to the list to attend.
4. McMan Collaboration: providing the school with an opportunity to have a worker from McMan come in and run a program for a group of students on social/emotional education.
5. Gideon Bibles: offering to deliver bibles to grade 5 students who have received permission from parents to accept one. Suggested that an email go home to parents before the permission form goes home to give parents notice that the note will be coming home. Motion made by Brianne Rhodes, seconded by Kelsey Neves, motion carried.
6. Healthy Living Fair Update (November 28, 2024): Thank you to Kelsey Neves who helped to come up with ideas for presenters. Currently looking for volunteers to help on that day. Mass email went home containing information on Healthy Living Fair, School Council, Hot Lunch deadline, etc.
7. Mock Rock (March): Grade 6 teacher Megan McLeod is taking over the running of this great event at our school.
8. A big thank you to Jewel Graham for the remaking of our school mascot! Students and staff were excited to see our new Bamboo and grateful for Shawn Tisdale for being Bamboo at our Pep Rally.
9. Discussions around fundraising. Will present ideas to staff at the next staff meeting about how much teachers are able and willing to participate. Suggested activities include: a dance, pie in the face, popcorn sales, having parent council members join the Friends of the Library fundraising group to support them and then benefit from their dollars.

### **Future Meetings:**

1. Review of Wolf Creek and ÉLUES Education Plans
2. What other interests does our School Council have?

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

Wednesday, November 27, No Meeting in December or January, Wednesday, February 26, March - Joint School Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 30, Wednesday, May 28, No Meeting in June

*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, Vanessa Ouellette, at 403-782-7410.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 27 at 6:45 p.m.**

## Quality Citizenship Recognition - October 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 have been treated to a complimentary lunch from Boston Pizza:

<b>Andie</b>	<b>Corbin</b>	<b>Ellen</b>	<b>Ava</b>
<b>Zoe</b>	<b>Emily</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Brogan</b>
<b>Glen</b>	<b>Elena</b>	<b>Jonah</b>	<b>Victoria</b>
<b>David</b>	<b>Beckett</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Vaillancourt-Campeau, Mrs. Brousseau, Mrs. Culp



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 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).

**Spencer**

**Emily**

**Akio**

**Octavia**

**Jax**

**Gabe**

**Ethan**

**Dylan**

**Kiren**

**Mason**

**Isabella**

**Hadley**

**Noa**

**Kash**

**Willow**

**Luna**

**Rachael**

**Avery**

**Carter**

**Elliot**

**Norman**

**Ellen**

**Leyara**

**Ryder**

**George**

**Sora**

**Felicity**

**Wesley**

**Rebekah**

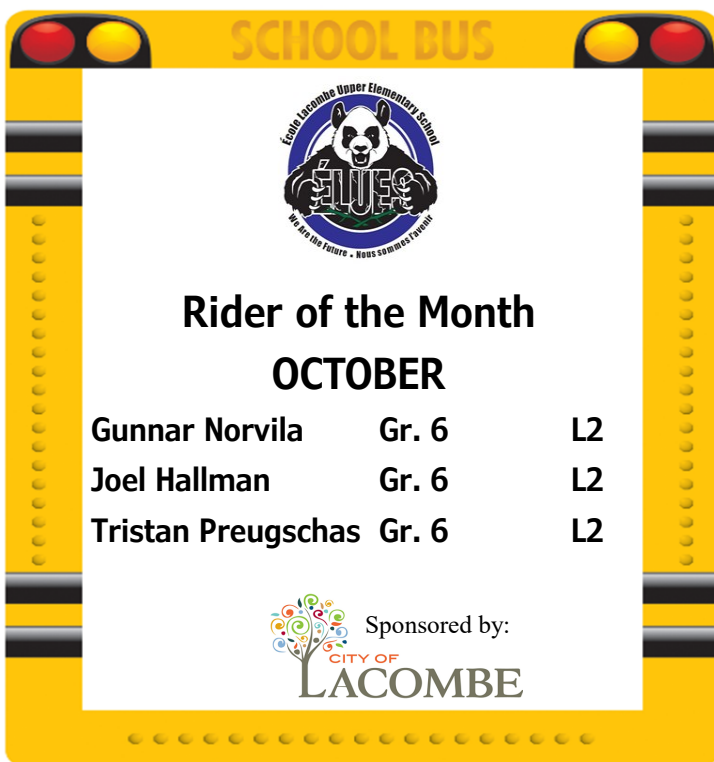
**Ellie**

# 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. Numeracy Focus- Employing student-centered and innovative instructional strategies in numeracy to increase student engagement within the academic year.
2. Continuation of Literacy Focus - concentration on improving reading skills, continuing to develop our structures to facilitate various Literacy Interventions (UFLI, LLI) as well as other small group intervention.
3. Nurture and support student diversity in an effort to maximize the student's academic, social, emotional and behavioral success.
4. Increase parent/community engagement to provide feedback and support for school improvement and success.
5. Continue to provide staff learning opportunities to support the needs of our diverse learners in our pursuit of high quality teaching.
6. Provide meaningful learning activities to continue high levels of student engagement.




**SCHOOL BUS**



**Rider of the Month**  
**OCTOBER**

Gunnar Norvila	Gr. 6	L2
Joel Hallman	Gr. 6	L2
Tristan Preugschas	Gr. 6	L2

Sponsored by:  


## **From the Library**

Thank you to all who came out in support of our Scholastic Book Fair; our total sales this year was \$6847 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 Emily Coady from Mme. Miller's class.

Congratulations, Emily!!

Winners of the Monster Candy Guess were Brooklyn Beauchamp from Mrs. Nelson's class and Evelyn Sweet from Mme. Forman's class with the guess of 43 candies.

Congratulations, Evelyn and Brooklyn.

### After School Volleyball

After School Volleyball started October 22nd. Grade 5 and 6 students were invited to sign up for one night a week (Tuesday or Wednesday), 3:30 - 4:30 pm. This will run until November 20th. The purpose of our club is for our athletes to develop their volleyball skills and have fun competing with each other.



Later in November, Grade 4 students will have the opportunity to sign up for after school volleyball as well.

### Terry Fox Turkey Trot

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Terry Fox School Run and also to the enthusiastic, supportive students who participated in our Turkey Trot on October 10th. This year we raised **\$831.25** for this very worthy cause. Over the past 26 years, the total collected is **\$122 891!**

#### Top Finishers by Grade

Grade 6 Boy - Kayne Pobuda

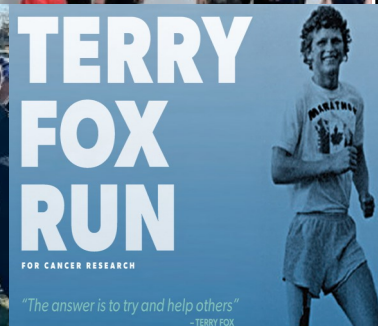
Grade 6 Girl - Hadley Flynn

Grade 5 Boy - Gavin Forman

Grade 5 Girl - Kaia Preugschas

Grade 4 Boy - Ethan Hanna

Grade 4 Girl - Molly Fullarton



### 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!



# Program Highlights

## 2024-2025 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 2025. 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 55 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 7 at 10:45 a.m. in our gym. We certainly hope to see you there! We will also most likely be singing at the Rotary Carol Festival on either December 3 or 4 which should be confirmed shortly.

## 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 Mr. Richter or Mr. Durocher's classroom the week of November 25th. Our sale will be in December.

# 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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# AP 132: CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

 <p><b>COLDER THAN <math>-40^{\circ}\text{C}</math></b> With or Without the Wind Chill.</p>	 <p><b>BUSES CANCELED, BUT SCHOOLS ARE OPEN</b></p>
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 <p><b>ROAD CONDITIONS</b> Heavy Snowfall, Blowing Snow, Freezing Rain, or Heavy Fog.</p>	 <p><b>BUSES CANCELED, SCHOOLS MAY BE CLOSED</b></p>
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Please watch school and Division websites, Facebook, and your email, text and phone calls for notifications regarding inclement weather.





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**2024-2025**

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

- 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 October 31, 2024**

# INCOME GUIDELINES

<b>Size of Family Unit</b>	<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Monthly Income</b>
1 Person	\$27,589	\$2,299
2 Persons	\$34,346	\$2,862
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5 Persons	\$58,145	\$4,845
6 Persons	\$65,578	\$5,464
7 Persons	\$73,011	\$6,084
More than 7 persons, add \$7,433 per additional person.		

**Please fill out the  
Financial Intake Form  
unless it has already  
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**Kin Canada**

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# Santa's Anonymous

Donate or Apply online or at any of these partner agencies:  
Lacombe & District FCSS, Clive FCSS, Bentley Community  
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**Opens November 4, 2024**

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Doors  
Open at  
5:00

BINGO  
Before  
Supper

# COMMUNITY SUPPER

-Everyone Welcome-

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:30 PM @ LMC



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# November 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

					1 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	2
3	4	5	6	7 KFC Hot Lunch  Remembrance Day Service 10:45 a.m.	8  No School EDO for Parent Teacher Interviews	9
10	11  No School In-Lieu Remembrance Day	12	13  Tasty Bites Hot Lunch	14	15	16
17	18	19  Pita Blast Hot Lunch	20	21	22	23
24	25	26  Tollers Hot Lunch	27 Quality Citizen Lunch  HLF Kickoff 2:00 p.m.  School Council Mtg 6:45 p.m.	28  Healthy Living Fair	29  Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	30

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 1st day of Xmas Food Bank Drive  Boston Brute Hot Lunch	5 2nd day of Xmas Deck the Halls	6 3rd day of Xmas Christmas Special in the Gym	7
8	9 4th day of Xmas Acts of Kindness/ Appreciation Day	10 5th day of Xmas PJs and Whos of Whoville Crazy Hair  Milly Oak Taco Salad Hot Lunch	11 6th day of Xmas Christmas Bingo	12 7th day of Xmas Dress Fancy/Jingle Bell Dance	13  Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	14
15	16 8th day of Xmas Grade 4 Reindeer Games	17 9th day of Xmas Grade 5 Reindeer Games	18 10th day of Xmas Grade 6 Reindeer Games	19 11th day of Xmas Christmas Carols and Christmas Sweater or Red/Green Day Subway Hot Lunch	20 12th day of Xmas Christmas Carols	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						
29	30	31				