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

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ÉLUES Students Perform!

Rotary Carol Festival

7:00 p.m. at the LMC

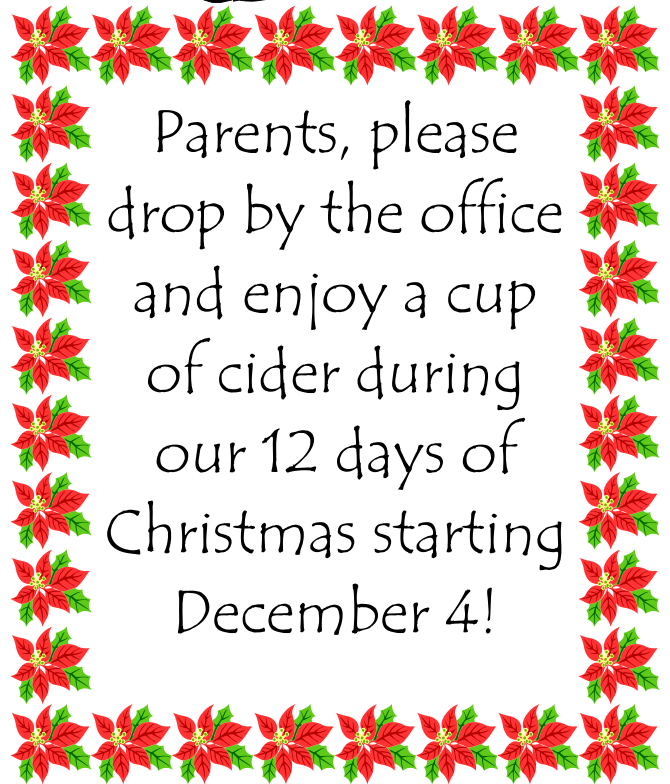


Wednesday, December 4!

Grade 4 & 5 ÉLUES students and the Music Club perform in the program and should arrive at the LMC no later than 6:50 p.m. Students will sit with their parents until they are called up.

*Wear bright colors if you can;
wear your Christmas best!

Most importantly, we want YOU there!



Parents, please
drop by the office
and enjoy a cup
of cider during
our 12 days of
Christmas starting
December 4!

Wrapping Up 2024

As we wrap up 2024, the staff of ÉLUES would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our students, parents, and community partners for your support and dedication. Your commitment to the success and well-being of our students is the cornerstone of École Lacombe Upper Elementary School's thriving, vibrant community of learners.

This past year has been nothing short of amazing. Together, we've celebrated countless moments of connection, growth, and achievement. From engaging parent-teacher conferences to dynamic assemblies and unforgettable school-wide events. These experiences have strengthened the bonds within our ÉLUES family. We've seen tremendous progress in areas like reading, mathematics, and beyond. Each success a testament to the hard work of our students and the support of their families and educators. As we look to 2025, we're excited to continue this upward momentum and create even more meaningful memories together.

As the holiday season approaches, we want to wish all of our ÉLUES families a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! May your celebrations be filled with joy, laughter, and time spent with loved ones. We hope you find moments to relax, recharge, and create cherished memories to carry with you into the new year.

Here's to an incredible 2024 and a bright 2025 ahead!



Quality Citizenship Recognition - November 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 coupon from Boston Pizza:

Kate	Payton	Carter	George
Nick	Seth	Bennett	Eliza
Ellie	Jayda	Preslee	Abbey
Erikka	Savannah	Emma	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Freitag, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Ehr



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!





School Council Happenings

École Lacombe Upper Elementary School - School Council Meeting Minutes

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our School Council Meeting on November 27, 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.

Correspondence and Reports:

1. Trustee Report (Kelly Lowry): Reviewing the ACE Plans along with the board. The new Science curriculum has been implemented for the grades 4 to 6 schools. Some schools are piloting the Social Studies curriculum. The Stakeholder Summit is taking place at the Lacombe Memorial Center on January 31st.
2. Treasurer's Report (Ashley Warren): Balance in account is \$1903
3. Staff Report (Michele Brousseau and Colleen Freitag): Received additional Educational Assistant FTE.

Old Business

1. Joint Council Ideas: We're still looking for ideas for the Joint Council Meeting scheduled for March. Please email Mr. Fullarton if you have any ideas.
2. School Council Grant - \$500: We're still looking for ideas on presentations.
3. Stakeholder Summit: Thank you all for volunteering
4. Healthy Living Fair: John Dunn- The Articlight kicked off our Healthy Living Fair with a fantastic presentation about his journey expedition across the Arctic. He will be going to the Lacombe Public Library in March.
5. Gideon Bibles: Sending an email to families in advance about the Gideon Bibles form was well received.

New Business

1. ÉLUE Ace Plan Presentation: Mr. Fullarton and Mrs. Ouellette presented to the board on Monday, November 25th. The 2024 ÉLUES ACE Plan will be linked on our website.
2. Bussing for grade 6 camp: Camp costs continue to rise. Given these rising costs, we may also need to explore alternative options for the next school year.
3. Hot Lunch prices: Due to rising costs, we will be slightly increasing our hot lunch prices. We are mindful of keeping them as affordable as possible for everyone
4. Popcorn fundraiser (ran by School Council): Will look at in the new year.
5. White Elephant Sale: Happening on December 17th and 18th. We're still looking for donations.
6. Time Capsule: We're excited to announce a special ceremony in January 2025 to open a time capsule that was sealed in January 2000. This event will be a unique opportunity to reflect on the past and celebrate the differences that 25 years can make. Stay tuned ~ more details about the ceremony will be shared soon.
7. Prime Minister's Award: If you know anyone that you believe would be a good candidate, please make sure to fill out the application found online.
8. Other: Added another School Council meeting on January 29th, 2024. School Council suggested finding other ways to communicate events and school information. Currently the school is communicating monthly through our Panda Press Newsletters, all events and other information are shared on Facebook and Instagram, the ÉLUES website, and key information and important dates are emailed are also sent monthly. They are open to other suggestions to ensure communication reaches all families. .

Future Meetings:

Review of Wolf Creek and ÉLUES Education Plans. What other interests do our parents have?

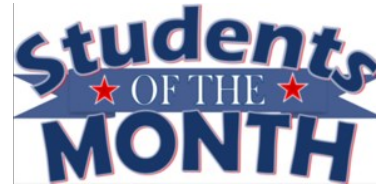
Upcoming Meeting Dates:

No Meeting in December, Wednesday, January 29, 2024, 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, Craig Fullarton, at 782-7410.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 29 at 6:45.

Subway Students of the Month - November 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).

Katie	Lily	Jan
Charleigh	Charlie	Ireland
Theo	Anwen	Maxwell
Hana	Jenna	Chase
Camila	Glen	Noah
Thea	Elise	Elizabeth
Hazel	Jack	Alexis
River	Elijah	Briana
Brynn	Ben	Miles
Owen	Logan	Arianna
Emma	Aismee	Beckett
Cayson	Roan	Hunter
Gus	Georgia	

Healthy Living Fair a HUGE success!

We had another spectacular Healthy Living Fair on Thursday, November 28! The day was a fabulous success. The goal of this event is to inspire students to live healthy lifestyles. All students participated in a variety of sessions throughout the day. This year the HLF featured a wide range of activities such as 3 different food sessions, kickboxing, meditation, curling, swimming, and skating.

We had new sessions such as the arm massage with Balanced Health + Wellness where students learned about the benefits of massage therapy and learned how to give an arm massage. Students also participated in a bootcamp session by Iron Lab, learned about Horse Connect and engaged in self expression and building self confidence through art with Mrs. Culp.

Our students and staff enjoyed a full day together learning, playing, moving and focusing on all aspects of health and wellness. Everyone finished the day with a better understanding of how to make healthy choices and why our choices are so important.

Thank You, Lacombe Dental and Lacombe Kinsmen Aquatic Centre!

A huge thank you to Lacombe Dental and the Lacombe Kinsmen Aquatic Centre for their wonderful contributions to our Healthy Living Fair! Your donations added extra excitement to the ÉLUES swag bags this year, and our students absolutely loved them. Your support helps make events like these even more memorable and reinforces the importance of healthy living in fun and engaging ways. We truly appreciate your generosity and community spirit!



12 Days of Christmas 2024

1st (Dec 4th) - Food Bank Drive Begins

2nd (Dec 5th) - Christmas Special in the Gym

3rd (Dec 6th) - Deck the Halls (Gr. 4
Gymgerbread People, Gr. 5 Gift Wrap,
Gr. 6 Christmas Tree Ornaments)

4th (Dec 9th) - Acts of Kindness/
Appreciation Day

5th (Dec 10th) - PJs and Whos of Whoville
Crazy Hair

6th (Dec 11th) - Christmas Bingo

7th (Dec 12th) - Dress Fancy Jingle Bell Dance

8th (Dec 16th) - Reindeer Games Grade 4

9th (Dec 17th) - Reindeer Games Grade 5

10th (Dec 18th) - Reindeer Games Grade 6

11th (Dec 19th) - Christmas Carol Assembly

12th (Dec 20th) - Christmas Sweater or
Red and Green Day



After School Volleyball Club

A super group of enthusiastic grade 5 and 6 students have been improving their volleyball skills by attending our extra curricular After School Volleyball Club. The athletes spent time working on improving their serving, setting, passing, and even attempting the odd spike. Our grade 4 athletes have now started their volleyball club. Our next after school sport will be Basketball starting up in February.

More details to come.

Music Notes!

2024-2025 Concerts

The concert format at École Lacombe Upper Elementary School this year will be as follows:



Christmas Celebrations

We will once again be taking our grade 4 and 5 students to participate in the Rotary Carol Festival. This year the Music Club will also be performing two separate numbers. The concert will take place at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4 at the LMC**. This provides an opportunity for our school to spread the joy of Christmas to the whole community.

Our Christmas celebrations at ÉLUES 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 Concert

The grade 6 students will be presenting a drumming concert sometime in April 2025 in the gym. Mr. Epp will announce details in the New Year.



2024-2025 Ace Plan

We are collectively responsible for all students. We believe that all students can learn and that it takes a village to ensure a child grows and learns to their full potential. Together, in partnership with community partners and service providers, we work together to ensure that we provide specialized support to our students.

Each year, every school in Wolf Creek is asked to create an ACE Plan (Assurance, Collaboration, Engagement) that celebrates successes and identifies areas for school growth. This data driven action plan is available to all stakeholders and highlights areas of priority and focus for the school year.

Our ACE Plan for 2024-2025 can be found under the “Menu” dropdown tab on our school website.

If you have any questions about this plan or its content please feel free to reach out to school administrators.

ÉLUE Service Projects

White Elephant Sale

Durocher and Richter classes are still accepting items for their sale!!! If you would like to donate, please send your items, gift bags, etc, to the Main Office!! Just a reminder that our sale will take place on December 17 and 18th. Thank you to all of the parents who have sent in items already!

Forms are not sent home ahead of time, students bring money on their classes shopping day either December 17 or 18th.



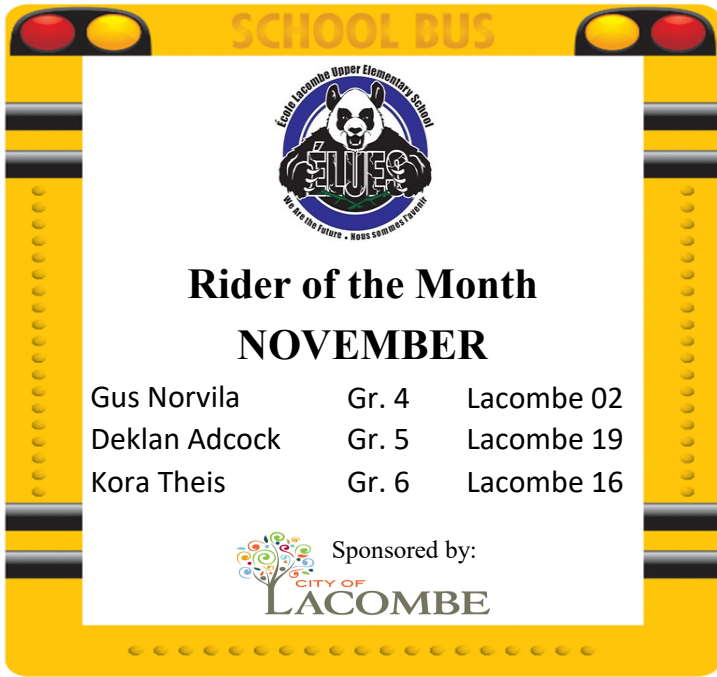
Candy Cane Sale and Christmas Basket Raffle

Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins and Mme Miller's classes are organizing a Service Learning Project that spreads some Christmas Cheer and raises money for Santa's Anonymous. On December 11th and 12th they are hosting a Candy Cane and Basket Raffle. Raffle baskets will be drawn on December 12th. All money raised will support Santa's Anonymous. Raffle tickets are 1.00 and candy canes will be .50 each. Thank you for supporting our project.

Winter Clothing


Now that the cooler weather is here, we would ask parents/guardians to ensure that children are dressed appropriately. Students are expected to be outside during lunch break and afternoon recess, except during severe weather. Remember—student's names should be placed on ALL articles of clothing, shoes, etc.

Occasionally, students accidentally wear the wrong shoes home. Please take a moment to check your child's shoes to ensure they have the correct pair.



Rider of the Month
NOVEMBER

Gus Norvila	Gr. 4	Lacombe 02
Deklan Adcock	Gr. 5	Lacombe 19
Kora Theis	Gr. 6	Lacombe 16

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Robotics is back at ÉLUES

This year 36 students applied to be part of the Robotics Club. Our applicants were divided into three groups which will take place consecutively from late November to March. Students will build attachments for their robots to experiment with a variety of sensors. They will then write programs to utilize their sensors to solve various challenges. Skills such as problem solving and computational thinking are a huge part of robotics but really, it's just a good time! Special thank you to M. Pierre and Mrs. Matthie for providing this opportunity.

Thank You, Lacombe Kinsmen!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Lacombe Kinsmen for their generous donation to our Peer Support program. Thanks to their support, our Peer Support team not only has t-shirts, they have cozy toques to keep them warm during the chilly winter days. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and make a big difference in our school community.

Thank you for helping us spread warmth ~ both inside and out!




December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 1st day of Xmas Food Bank Drive BOSTON PIZZA Brute Hot Lunch Grade 4, 5 and Music Club @ LMC for Rotary Carol Festival	5 2nd day of Xmas Christmas Special in the Gym	6 3rd day of Xmas Deck the Halls Begins	7
8	9 4th day of Xmas Acts of Kindness/ Appreciation Day Metis Fiddler 1:15 p.m.	10 5th day of Xmas PJ's and Who's of Whoville Crazy Hair Milly Oak Hot Lunch	11 6th day of Xmas Christmas Bingo Nelson/Mackay-Hawkins/Miller Basket/Candy Cane Raffle	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 Spotlight on Success Assembly 10:45 a.m.	17 9th day of Xmas Grade 5 Reindeer Games Durocher/Richter White Elephant Sale	18 10th day of Xmas Grade 6 Reindeer Games BP's Quality Citizen Lunch	19 11th day of Xmas Christmas Carol Assembly and Christmas Sweater Day SUBWAY Hot Lunch	20 12th day of Xmas Red and Green Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						
29	30	31				
						

January 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6 Welcome Back Students!!	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 KFC Hot Lunch	17	18
19	20	21 Subway Hot Lunch	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 BP's Quality Citizen Lunch School Council Meeting 6:45 p.m.	30 Taco Time Hot Lunch Progress Reports Go Home	31 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	