



## Promoting Citizenship at ÉLUES

**What is a good citizen? A good citizen is someone who:**

- cares about the feelings and rights of others
- shows concern for the safety and well-being of others
- stays informed about issues and voices their opinion
- conserves resources and follows the 3 R's - reduce, reuse and recycle
- uses their skills to make a better community and a better world

**What are we doing at ÉLUES to promote citizenship?**

- Students are aware of concepts such as democracy, justice and equality
- Grade six leadership program supported by regular meetings focusing on the traits of a good leader.
- Student's voices, ideas and opinions are heard in the classroom through class discussions and class meetings
- Students can express themselves without fear of embarrassment or failure
- We aim to create an environment where every student is treated equally
- Students are encouraged and expected to treat each other with dignity and respect
- Peer Support and Conflict Mediation Skills are taught and reinforced by the school's Peer Support Team
- Students are aware of themselves as members of the global community and are encouraged to be proactive-- like organizing bake sales to raise money for children in another country, or recycling and saving energy
- Students are recognized and praised for demonstrating positive citizenship skills
- Classroom lessons focus on understanding the concepts of poverty, freedom, equality and justice.
- Every class focuses on a service learning project throughout the year benefiting people less fortunate than ourselves
- AND MUCH MORE!!

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# 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 January 29, 2025. Following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

6:45 Meeting called to order

## Correspondence and Reports:

1. Trustee Report (Kelly Lowry): Wolf Creek Public Schools has received \$90 000 to support student interventions and work on closing the learning gaps. The BGC is now opening a center in Rimbey. The Dual Credit program is expanding. On Friday, we have our stakeholder engagement session happening.
2. Treasurer's Report (Ashley Warren): No changes. Balance is still \$1903.
3. Staff Report (Michele Brousseau): We received additional FTE to support student needs so new EA, Megan Pope was hired at 0.66.

## Old Business

1. Stakeholder Summit: Thank you all for volunteering. We look forward to the meeting on Friday.
2. Donations: We have added a Student Support donation button on the parent portal and currently have close to \$900 to support students in need.

## New Business

1. Time Capsule Opening is scheduled for January 30th at 4:00pm. Past and present staff along with media representatives will be attending the event in which a time capsule sealed in January 2000 will be opened. We're looking forward to this special event!
2. The White Elephant Sale was a huge success raising \$2225.00. M. Durocher's chose to donate \$1100 to the Broomtree Foundation, Mr. Richter's chose to donate \$375 to Klassic Kennels, \$375 to Saving Grace Animal Society and \$375 to Old MacDonald Kennels. Additionally, several classes participated in a Candy Cane Sale and gift basket raffle to raise money for Santa Anonymous. Students then took the money raised and went shopping to purchase gifts that were donated. This has been a great activity to build empathy and care within our students.
3. Mock Rock is scheduled for March 13th at 6:45pm. Mrs. McLeod and her class are organizing the event and have been hard at work to prepare. The Grade 6 class has also been actively reaching out to local businesses for donations to support the event. More details will be shared soon.
4. Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins' class is organizing two Hot Dog Sales for students on February 28th and April 4th. Students will preorder through the parent portal. All proceeds will go towards helping with field trip costs.
5. Other Fundraising- Popcorn sale is currently getting planned. Dates in April are being explored and will be confirmed soon. The council will reach out to Lacombe Cinema about the possibility of the popcorn being donated.
6. The Literacy Blitz Committee met last week to plan this year's Literacy Blitz Week, happening from March 3-6. They have organized a variety of fun activities, themed dress-up days, and an exciting author visit, with more details to come soon!
7. 2025/2026 Staffing Process and Enrollment Projections- Initial planning will be in the upcoming weeks. It has been shared that projections for the division are expected to be down about 70 students, however, student projections for our school are expected to remain fairly consistent with this year. Trustee Lowry recognized the increased demands that are being placed on school staff across the province and how the board is aware that schools are being asked to do things beyond their abilities and/or expertise.

**Future Meetings:** What other interests does our school council have?

## Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, February 26, March - Joint School Council Meeting, 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 403-782-7410.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 26 at 6:45**

## Quality Citizenship Recognition - January 2025



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 treated to a pizza lunch from Boston Pizza:

Anniston	Hana	Brooke	RJ
Cayson	Penelope	Crimsyn	Riley
Ben	Gabriel	Willow	Ryder
Bruce	Aven	Sawyer	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins, M. Durocher, Miss Deetjen



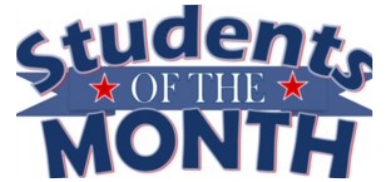
We would like to extend our appreciation to Raman Singh of Subway for continuing to sponsor our Student of the Month Program this year! Once a month each teacher will choose two or three Students of the Month and these students will meet with Mr. Fullarton or Mrs. Ouellette and will receive a coupon 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 - January 2025



- ◆ 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>Ana</b>	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Axel</b>
<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Laclyn</b>	<b>Preslee</b>
<b>Kate</b>	<b>Seth</b>	<b>Rosa</b>
<b>Molly</b>	<b>Hendrik</b>	<b>Freddy</b>
<b>Sterling</b>	<b>Troy</b>	<b>Abbey</b>
<b>Khemal</b>	<b>Nash</b>	<b>Lotus</b>
<b>Gibson</b>	<b>Axton</b>	<b>Erikka</b>
<b>Noah</b>	<b>Eileen</b>	<b>Saanui</b>
<b>Attikus</b>	<b>Molly</b>	<b>Gavin</b>
<b>Avia</b>	<b>Dawson</b>	<b>Veda</b>
<b>Ben</b>	<b>Eric</b>	<b>Jayda</b>
<b>Matty</b>	<b>Ghazeya</b>	
<b>Aden</b>	<b>Presley</b>	



# Supporting *ALL* Students



Together...We CAN Make a Difference!  
Show your support on Pink Shirt Day and  
EVERYDAY.

Our students show us every day how much they care for one another.

## Bullying Awareness

As a part of our school-wide focus on kindness, Mr. Fullarton and Mrs. Ouelette will visit all Grade 5 classrooms to discuss the topic of bullying in February. In a series of lessons, the students learn to make responsible choices by:

- \* Changing their attitude towards the effects of bullying
- \* Changing their attitude towards children with differences
- \* Focusing on using a problem-solving approach that uses conflict resolution strategies
- \* Understanding the role of the bystander when bullying occurs

In class, we discuss how to avoid being a target for bullies. We will also review the HA, HA, SO strategies that were taught to classes in September.

**H**umour **A**void **H**elp **A**ssert Yourself **S**elf Talk **O**wn It

As a class, we concentrate on the role of the bystander or witness in bullying. We all need to speak up and care for each other. When we do, we make our world a better place for everyone.



**Bullying** is when someone deliberately tries to hurt someone else they think is weaker than they are. In many cases, bullying is repeated over and over and can cause a lot of pain that lasts a long time. It can even lead to things like depression, anxiety and low self-esteem.

Bullying happens in many ways, but some common forms of bullying are **verbal** (teasing, name-calling), **physical** (hitting, kicking, pushing, breaking someone's toys or favourite things) or **social** (leaving someone out, spreading rumours).

**Cyberbullying** is using social media or other technology like texting to threaten, embarrass or even damage a person's reputation.

**Bullying**, either on the internet or in person, can have long-term negative effects so it's important to let bullies know that what they are doing is wrong!



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# Program Highlights

## Student Goal Setting and Growth Conferences

We are looking forward to having parents/guardians and students participate in the upcoming conferences the evenings of March 19 and March 20. Thank you for your participation in these very important conferences!



## Grade Six Outdoor School Dates

As a complement to the Phys. Ed program at ÉLUE, all grade six students have the opportunity to take part in our grade six Outdoor School experience. For two nights and three days, students will enjoy outdoor activities at Camp Evergreen located near Sundre, Alberta. Mackay-Hawkins' and Rankin's classes will attend June 2, 3, 4 and Durocher, McLeod and Richter's classes will attend June 4, 5, 6. Activities include: horseback riding, wall climbing, orienteering, canoeing, nature studies, animal awareness, initiative tasks plus much more. Camp cost is \$240 per student. The Outdoor School Fee has been applied to grade 6 students accounts so parents have the opportunity to make payments over the next four months if they wish. Payment is not due in full until May 1. Students are encouraged to earn some of the money needed to attend camp by assisting their family with extra chores. More information will be sent out in soon. Watch for it!

## ÉLUES MOCK ROCK NIGHT

MOCK ROCK IS BACK!! We are in the planning stages for this year's Mock Rock on **Thursday, March 13**. For this event, grade six students at ÉLUE will be taking part in a Mock Rock (lip-sync) contest. The top groups from each of the grade 6 homerooms will make up the majority of the entries for this exciting evening. As well, a **staff group** usually makes an appearance towards the end of the show.

The project has two main goals: to collect as many food bank items as possible for the Lacombe Food Bank and to put on a fun evening for our community.

Mrs. McLeod's class is busy putting together this service learning project. Making props, collecting prizes, arranging judges and screening music are just a few of the responsibilities the students have undertaken.

Once again, our ÉLUES MOCK ROCK evening is slated for **Thursday, March 13 at 6:45** in the school gym. We hope to fill the gym; more importantly, we look forward to filling the empty boxes with food items for the Lacombe Food Bank.

**Admission for the evening performance is a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank.**



## AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLUB

After School Basketball will begin on February 24th. Our focus for this program is on skill development and having some fun playing basketball. After School Basketball is for all interested grade 4, 5 and 6 students. The program runs **3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.** Students pick one day to come each week.



## SKATING

A number of our classes went skating in January on the Echo Energy ice surfaces at the Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex. The students had a great time. Donations of used skates, helmets, and elbow pads are always welcome to help replenish our supply that our students borrow from. If you have any donations, please feel free to drop off at the office or with Mr. Miller in the gym.

### CURLING - Indoor & On the Ice

Starting in February, students have the opportunity to enjoy the indoor curling program called Rocks & Rings. Indoor curling equipment was purchased by ÉJSM, ÉLUES, Lacombe Curling Club and Terrace Ridge. The sets are being shared between the schools. In addition to the indoor program, our grade six classes will be on the real ice sheets and have been throwing, sweeping, and calling shots at the rink. A big thank you to the Lacombe Curling Club for their support on and off the ice!







# Underground STAFF SPIRITWEEK

*It's a secret*



MON  
13

**BLACK  
OUT MODE**

ENTER THE WEEK  
LIKE A NINJA-  
WEAR BLACK  
ONLY.



TUE  
14

**SOCKS  
AND SANDALS**

NOTHING ROCKS  
OUR SOCKS MORE  
THAN WEARING  
SANDALS WITH  
THEM!



WED  
15

**BRIGHT  
UP THE DAY**

SHOW YOUR  
SHADES SPIRIT-  
ROCK THEM ANY  
WAY YOU LIKE!



THUR  
16

**ANYTHING  
BUT A CUP DAY**

NO CUPS OR BOTTLES  
TODAY! BRING  
SOMETHING ELSE TO  
DRINK FROM AND  
ACT TOTALLY  
NORMAL.



FRI  
17

**HOLIDAY  
MASHUP DAY**

HAVE A FUN AND  
FESTIVE FRIDAY  
AND WEAR YOUR  
FAVORITE  
ATTIRE!



# 4 DAY SPRING BREAK CAMP @ HORSE CONNECT



**Monday - Thursday**



**March 24-27**



**9AM - 3PM**

**Ages 8 - 17**

**4 Day Camp**  
**\$320 + gst**

*Bring your own lunch and snacks.*

**OR**

**Drop in**  
**\$85.00 + gst**  
**per day**

*Bring your own lunch and snacks.*

Horses, games, crafts, fun!!!!



Horse knowledge and skills.  
NO RIDING horse activities.  
Inside and outside activities.  
Nature walk and observation games.  
Fireside lunch spot.  
Bring your own lunch and snacks.  
And much more!!!



register at: [www.horseconnect.ca](http://www.horseconnect.ca)

NO RIDING  
NO WORRIES



be SEEN  
be HEARD  
be ACCEPTED

## 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, 2025 (late fees apply)**

***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.*

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# SOFTBALL EVALUATIONS

**FEBRUARY 2 & 9**

**@LCHS**

February 2 -U11/13 @9am-11am  
February 2- U15-19 @11am-1pm

February 9 -U15-19 @9am-11am  
February 9-U11/13 @11am-1pm

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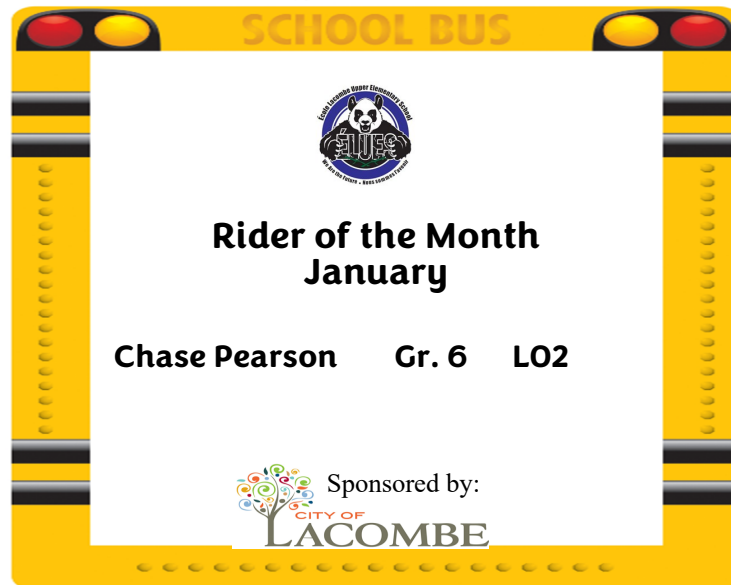
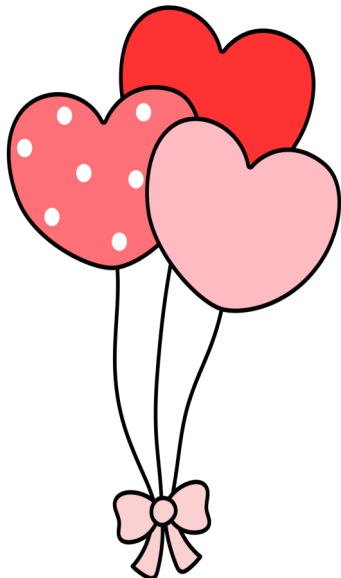
**GO MATRIX!**

Winter training coming soon!

**M A T R I X**



**S O F T B A L L**





# February 2025

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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2	3	4 MILLY OAK Hot Lunch	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 PITA BLAST Hot Lunch	13	14 	15
16	17 FAMILY DAY No School	18 EDO No School	19 Staff PD/ Collaboration DAY No School	20      21 Teacher's Convention No School		22
23	24	25 BOSTON PIZZA Hot Lunch	26 QC BP's Lunch School Council Meeting 6:45 	27	28 Mackay- Hawkins Hot Dog Lunch	

# March 2025

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<b>Literacy Blitz Week!</b>						
		KFC Hot Lunch				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			SUBWAY Hot Lunch	 Mock Rock 6:45 p.m.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		PITA BLAST Hot Lunch	<b>Student Growth Conferences</b>		Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	
		QC BP's Lunch				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>						
30	31					