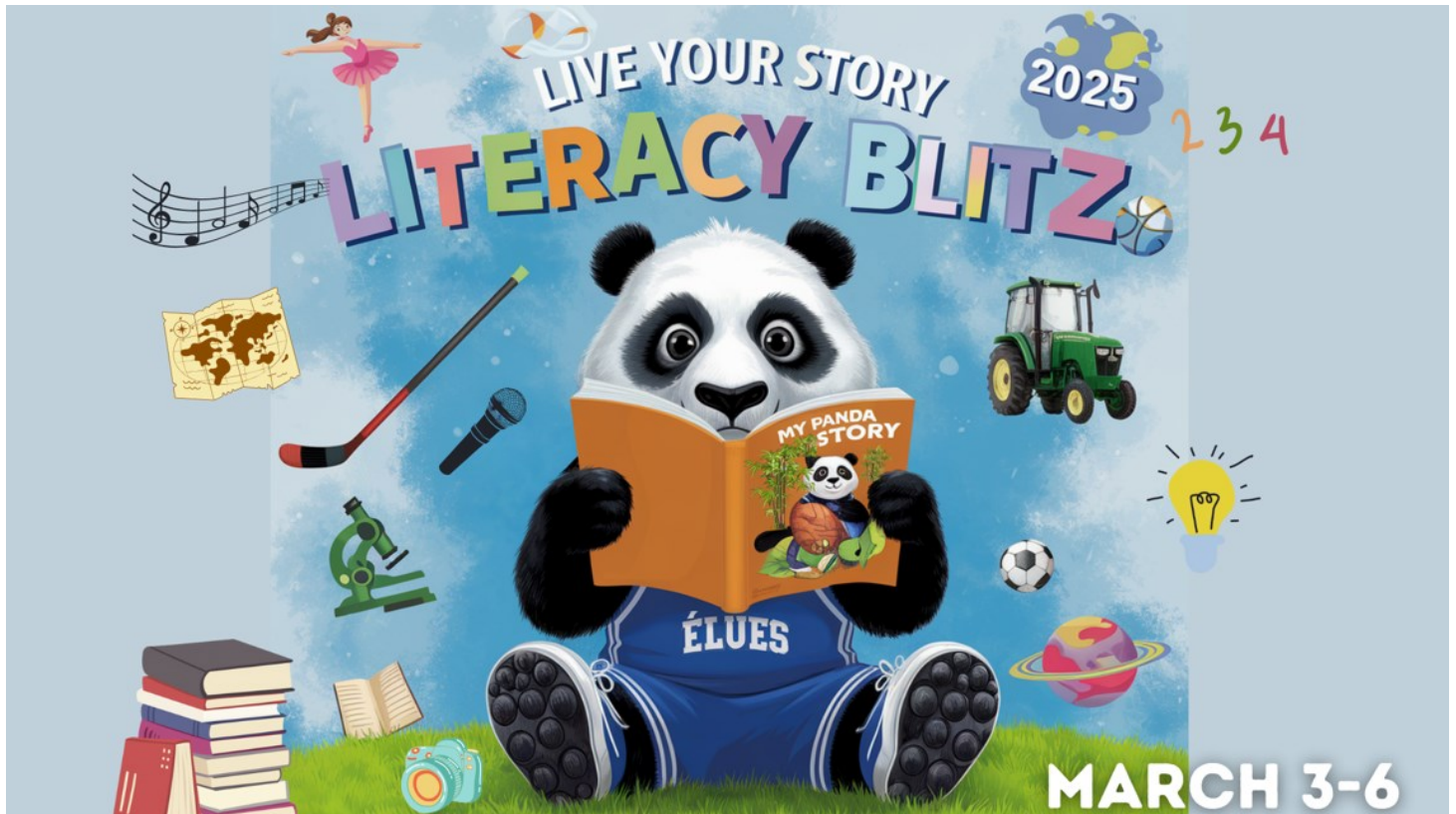


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The students and staff spent the week of March 3–6 celebrating literacy! We had many special activities each day to engage students and get them excited about reading.

Events included:

- ⇒ Daily Mystery Readers
- ⇒ ÉJSM reading buddies
- ⇒ Mini Book Hunt
- ⇒ DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) where all students went into the hallway and read
- ⇒ Book Tasting
- ⇒ Author visit with author Jeff Martin
- ⇒ Dress up days: Main Character Energy, Cozy Up and Dream Big!
- ⇒ Dream it! Wear it! Live it! Dress up as your dream job or a hobby you love!
- ⇒ Your Future's Bright! Dress up in your brightest, most colorful outfits to shine a light on your future!
- ⇒ Glow Dance
- ⇒ School wide book swap (Thank you so much to those who donated books)
- ⇒ School wide book jacket art project
- ⇒ Family Reading Bingo Cards ... and much more!!

Quality Citizenship Recognition - March 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 party at the school from Boston Pizza:

Jackson	Harper	Thea	Gracie
Emma	Mianne	Elliot	Lynet
Gavin	Ronin	Liam	Axel
Kate	Jayden	Gunnar	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Miss Rimmer, Mr. Richter and Mrs. Cross



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!

Happy Easter



MOCK ROCK IS BACK!!

Our fifteenth annual Mock Rock was a huge success. On Thursday, March 13th the ÉLUE gym was crammed with people eager to see thirteen grade 6 performances. They were not disappointed. Each act was unique, full of energy, had great lip-syncing, super props, excellent costumes and polished choreography.

Those who took to the stage truly gave it their all! The three judges had a very tough job. Selecting the top three performances was quite difficult for Assistant Superintendent, Sonja Dykslag, School Resource Officer, Kristy Walker, Adam Sia, Lacombe Junior High Assistant Principal and Adam Heindel, Terrace Ridge Teacher (our 4 judges). However, they did a great job!

To cap off the evening the staff at ÉLUE put on an amazing performance! “It was a dazzling, show stopper of a performance.” Special thanks to all of the staff for the time spent rehearsing, getting costumes, acquiring props and performing.

McLeod’s Coral Cod wish to thank everyone who helped make Mock Rock 2025 a huge success! We thoroughly enjoyed putting together the project, performing on stage and most importantly collecting food bank donations for The Lacombe and District Food Bank. This year several hundred pounds of food and cash donations were collected! Also, we wish to recognize our sponsors for making the Mock Rock evening possible. Please see the list below.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS

<p>ACE Automotive Almax AMA Drilling Carpet Mart Cilantro & Chive Copper Lane Danger Star Media Empire Auto Sales Hairapy Hanna Seeds Havana Homes Healing Hands Home Hardware Inline Welding Iron Lab Kles-Air</p>	<p>Lacombe Aquatic Centre Lacombe Co-operators Lacombe Dental Clinic Lacombe Signmasters Lacombe Vision Centre Pinz Plus REDS Sports Rowley’s Detailing Servus Credit Union Sobeys Lacombe Stems Sunny 94 Titre Mitre UFA Lacombe Wolf Creek Auto Glass Wolf Creek Cabinets</p>
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1st place: Dwayne Johnson ‘Moana’ “You’re Welcome”
(Tristan Preugschas)

2nd place: Dolly Parton “9-5”
(Georgia Flett, Preslee Wiart, Emerson Dallas, Brooklyn Sargent)

3rd place: Cyndi Lauper..... “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun”
(Ella Gallagher, Brenna Waddell, Saanvi Kotian, Aven Brown)

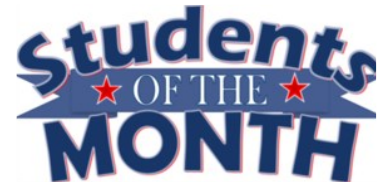
Audience Choice Online Contest:
Twenty One Pilots ... “Navigating”
(Cody Courser, Gunnar Norvila,
Matthew Woelke)





Congratulations to everyone who participated in Mock Rock! Your creativity, energy, and dedication truly shined through, making the event unforgettable. It takes a lot of courage to get up on stage and perform, and you all did an amazing job!

Subway Students of the Month - March 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).

Andie	Lucas	Grace
Evelyn	Rowan	Emerson
Pierce	Kade	Caleb
Benson	Crimsyn	Jax
Nash	Karter	Shelbby
Carter	Cameron	Cash
Brooklyn	Audrey	Maisy
Isabel	Liam	Cayden
Layla	Carson	Khalel
June	Summer	Madison
Morisette	Macklin	Will
Spencer	Aria	
Emily	Gabriel	



School Council Happenings

On March 19th, the Lacombe School Councils welcomed Mr. Rob Reid and Mr. Darcy Blum for the Lacombe Outreach School for a presentation on AI tools. This session provided parents with practical insights on:

- **How to choose AI tools responsibly** – Understanding privacy, security, and educational value. (no more than 15 minutes includes a hands on activity).
- **Using AI at home to support learning** – AI tools by age group (K-3, 4-6, and 7-12) for reading, writing, math, and study skills. 45 minutes.
- **Hands-on activities and take-home resources** to help parents confidently guide (hopefully!!) their children in using AI effectively at home.

A massive thank you to both Rob and Darcy, as well as Lacombe Composite High School for hosting this informative and engaging presentation.

What was the staff doing on the Staff Collaboration Days?

March 21st was a Staff Collaboration Day where the staff was at school learning, planning, growing, and collaborating on how best to support our students. These are always extremely full and busy days where the staff focuses on both school and division goals. On March 21st we focused on:

- Collaborative grade group meetings where staff talk about best practices in supporting students.
- Exploring new division policies and reviewing ones that already exist.
- Emergency procedures, reporting methods, and best practices for ensuring student safety by supporting individuals through valued attachments.
- Curriculum implementation, intervention groups and planning, and assessment practices.



Resources & Supports for Parents

Alberta Health Services:

Mental Health Literacy website:

<https://mentalhealthliteracy.org/>



Videos explaining stress:

<https://youtu.be/jHjkEfwfECo>

and for younger children:

<https://youtu.be/k8FiAxAqqYE>

Understanding ADHD:

https://youtu.be/xF0CLgM_TI0

 Community Education Services

Sign up for free webinars for parents and the community:

<https://ces.hmhc.ca/newsletter/>

and view the YouTube channel for previously recorded seminars:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZH-CsK4c6lc&list=PLi1tOF1I5ZoWtN4oILgPWHEoPP_7gIMdP&index=2

Caregiver Education (AHS Edmonton Zone)

www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Health Eating Starts Here

www.albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/page12598.aspx

Mental Health for Children & Youth

www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/page2748.aspx

Other Resources

Anxiety Canada

www.anxietycanada.com

Resources and programs to help people better understand and manage anxiety.

Cam's Kids

www.camskids.com

Organization supporting young people with anxiety through anxiety identification and resources.

Depression Hurts

www.depressionhurts.ca

Information, resources, and strategies on depression and other mood related disorders.

Help Guide

www.helpguide.org

Resources to strengthen mental health and well-being, navigate problems, and promote healthy life changes.

It Gets Better

www.itgetsbetter.org

Uplift LGBTQ2S+ individuals through resources, education, and connection.

Kelly McGonigal Ted Talk: How To Make Stress Your Friend

<https://youtu.be/RcGyVTAoXEU>

Recommended Books:

Drop the Worry Ball by Alex Russell

Growth Mindset by Carol Dweck

The Parts of a Parent Reader

A Smart Mind,
to understand
the importance of
reading
with their child daily.

Eyes,
for seeing their child
and showing how
engaged they are.

Ears,
to listen to
their child's
questions.

A Mouth,
for reading books
to their child,
20 minutes
every day.

A heart,
to love and
desire a good
education for
their child.

Hands,
for hugging
their child
close while
reading a
favorite
book.

Books,
to share every day
with their child
to build their
language and
literacy.

Feet,
for walking to the
library each week to
discover new books.



The
Children's
Reading
Foundation

Badminton Club Starts Up SOON!

Any interested grade 5 and 6 students are invited to join another one of our after school sport clubs. The purpose of this club is to develop our badminton skills through skill development, drills and game play. Starting after Spring Break, badminton will run after school three nights of the week. The starting date will be determined after Spring Break. Grade 5 and 6 students will choose one night after school to attend.



Watch the announcements for more information after Spring Break!



After School Basketball

Mr. Miller would like to thank our after school basketball club players for making a commitment to come out to practice. We had a great time learning skills, doing drills and playing some fantastic games. We are very impressed with the growth of our athletes!!





CHOIR KIDS 2025

-Mr. Epp

On Monday, April 14 Music Club will be singing at an event called Choir Kids in Red Deer. This is an event where we get to sing our songs accompanied by members of the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra together with some other kid's choirs from Central Alberta. This will take place at Gaetz Memorial United Church on Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale starting Tuesday, April 1 at 9:00 am and can be purchased online at <https://www.rdso.ca/>

GRADE SIX CONCERT

-Mr. Epp

On Wednesday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. (open dress rehearsal) and 7:00 p.m. (main show) the gym at our school is going to rock with the sounds of about 120 Grade six students drumming and singing their hearts out. Part of the performance will be a STOMP style percussion show highlighting the musical sounds of the... pail!!! So please take a bit of time out of your busy schedules and come out and support our students as they give their best on the stage. We'd love to see you there!

Grade 6 Outdoor School is coming up soon!

As part of the Alternative Environments component of the Alberta Physical Education curriculum, the grade six team at ELUE is organizing an Outdoor School Program. This program is offered to all grade six students. Camp one is June 2, 3, 4 Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins and Mr. Rankin. Camp two is June 4, 5, 6 M. Durocher, Mrs. McLeod and Mr. Richter. Camp cost is \$240 per student which covers, meals, lodging, transportation and supplies. Outdoor School forms will come home after Spring Break!

Wonderful Wednesday!

As we head into spring, we are looking ahead to our 36th annual Wonderful Wednesday activity day. For more than 30 years, our students have had the opportunity to take part in a fun-filled day of crafting, sports, touring local businesses and many other activities. This year this event will be held on
Wednesday, June 4.

Watch for more information to come regarding Wonderful Wednesday as we work on planning activities for our students.

We are looking for parent volunteer drivers, please call or email the school if you are able to help on June 4.

ORDER YOUR
YEARBOOK
 TODAY!

Yearbooks are available for purchase on the Parent Portal now! Only 150 copies available, get yours before they are gone!!
 Cost is \$15



The Burman University Acronaires will be presenting our 2024-25 Homeshow on Friday, April 4 at 5:00 PM at the Burman University Physical Education Centre. The Acronaires are a group of highschool and college age students who combine gymnastics, tumbling, acrobatics, and comedy to produce a fast-paced and visually exciting performance for the entire family. An additional feature this year will be an International Food Fair immediately following the show (approx. 6:30 PM) where you will be able to purchase many delicious food items for your supper. There is no admission charge but an offering will be collected. The physical education centre is located at:
 6415 Univeristy Dr.
 Lacombe, AB T4L 2A8.
 Phone for more information: 403-782-2822
 Come join us for an evening of exciting entertainment and delicious food!



SCHOOL BUS

Riders of the Month March

Lachlyn Theis	Gr. 4	L16
Jude Nason	Gr. 4	L3
Liv Vink	Gr. 5	L19
Molly Jones	Gr. 5	L14
Gavin Wierenga	Gr. 5	L4

Sponsored by:



McMan | 50th Anniversary

Hello From McMan Foster Care

I am reaching out to you today to request your support in getting the message to your community members that McMan is actively recruiting Foster Homes in your area. Foster Care on a provincial level is in crisis, with the need ever growing. McMan has been contracted to provide 30 new beds within the Central region, and it is hoped that our community partners will support this cause by fanning out the attached recruitment poster on their Facebook pages, interagency newsletters, digital community bulletin boards, within their own office locations, and any additional avenues open to do so. This is an urgent call to action, so all support is valuable and appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I will be happy to answer all questions you may have.

Jacki Collisson

Foster Care Recruitment McMan Central

403-227-5580 ext. 106

**ARE YOU THINKING OF FOSTERING?
MCMAN NEEDS FOSTER PARENTS!
CONTACT JACKI @ 403-227-5580**



*every child
IS ONE CARING
ADULT AWAY FROM BEING A
SUCCESS STORY.*



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THEATRE GROUP
PRESENTS:

Aladdin TROUBLE

by Mark & Helen Johnson

At Lacombe Performing Arts Centre, 5227 Calgary Edmonton Trail, Lacombe

A family friendly musical!

PERFORMANCES

Friday, April 25 at
7:00PM

Saturday, April 26 at
2:00PM & 7:00PM

Sunday, April 27 at
2:00PM

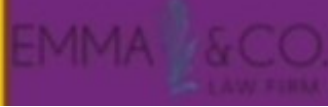
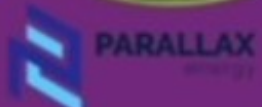
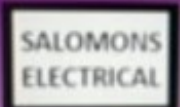
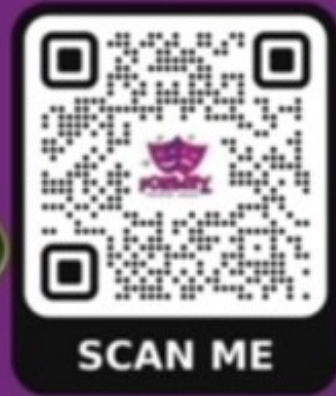
TICKETS

UNDER 12 YEARS \$15

OVER 12 YEARS \$20

Prices do not include GST

ONLINE @ tickets.forbeez.ca
Click on "Tickets & Information Zone"
FORBEEZ.CA



The logo features a teal basketball with white lines, set within a circular frame. The words "Drop-In" are arched above the basketball, and "In Lacombe" is arched below it. The word "Basketball" is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font across the center of the basketball.

Drop-In Basketball In Lacombe

- **\$10** Drop In
- **Lacombe Upper Elementary School**
- **Upcoming Dates:** March 21st, 28th, April 4th, 18th, May 2nd, 9th.
- **Grade 3-6:** 6:00-7:30pm
- **Grade 7-9:** 7:30-9:00pm





Scan for
more info!



April 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Subway Hot Lunch	3	4 Mackay- Hawkins Hot Dog Day	5
6	7	8	9 BP's Pizza Hot Lunch	10 Durocher/ Richter Edmonton Field Trip	11 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	12
13	14 Music Club Choir Kids 7:30 pm	15	16 McLeod/ Rankin Edmonton Field Trip	17 Oishedesu Hot Lunch	18 	19
20	21 	22 Parent Council Popcorn Day	23 Eastside Eatery Chilli Hot Lunch	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Quality Citizen BP's Lunch			

May 2025

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11	12 Mackay- Hawkins Edmonton Field Trip	13	14	15	16 Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	17
18	19 Victoria Day No School	20 EDO No School	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Grade 6 ELA PAT	29	30	31