

# Panda Press

MAY  
2025

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

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On the evening of April 9th, the Lacombe Legion hosted a special ceremony to honor students who demonstrated creativity and respect for Canadian Veterans through the annual Remembrance Day Contest. During the event, seven ÉLUES students were recognized for their outstanding poetry and exceptional poster designs. Their work captured the spirit of remembrance, impressing judges with originality and heartfelt expression.

We are also proud to share that our school was honored with the **"Poppy of the Year"** award. Legion members presented a plaque to ÉLUES in recognition of the meaningful contributions made by our students, staff, and parents in support of Canadian Veterans.

Congratulations to our talented student winners, and thank you to the Lacombe Legion for organizing this memorable event.

Pictured from left to right are: Aven Brown, Briana Murillo, Alexis Hendrickson, Ella Gallagher, Alexis Skinner and Preslee Wuart

Missing from the picture: Wakely Holzli



## Quality Citizenship Recognition - April 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. This month, the following students are being recognized as outstanding citizens and are provided a pizza party luncheon at the school from Boston Pizza.

|         |        |        |       |
|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| Spencer | Avery  | Dawson | Kate  |
| Amashi  | Gavin  | Anwen  | Kaia  |
| Akio    | Parker | Kora   | Avery |
| Paisley | Alexis | Khalel |       |

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month: Mrs. Matthie, Mr. Fullarton and Miss Cade



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!!



**Boston  
Pizza**

## **Subway Students of the Month - April 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).

**Haedyn**

**Andy**

**Nate**

**Isabella**

**Charlee**

**Reiss**

**Murron**

**Sophia**

**Brooklyn**

**Jaden**

**Bennett**

**Ivy**

**Aurora**

**Koa**

**Everley**

**Jash**

**Emily**

**Beilea**

**Bethany**

**Judson**

**Mia**

**RJ**

**Tannon**

**Ashan**

**Porter**

**Maddy**

**Joel**

**Chloe**

**Benjamin**

**Sage**

**Ben**

**Bennett**

**Matthew**

**Taytum**

**Ronin**

## "Tentative" Classroom Assignments for 2025-2026

### Grade 4 English

Mrs. Nelson  
Mrs. Parsons/Mr. Epp  
Miss Rimmer

### Grade 5 English

Mrs. Matthie  
Mrs. Norris  
New Teacher

### Grade 6 English

Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins  
Mr. Richter  
Mr. Rankin

### Grade 4/5 English

New Teacher

### Grade 4 FI

Mme Forman

### Grade 4/5 FI

Mme Vaillancourt-Campeau

### Grade 5 FI

Mme Miller

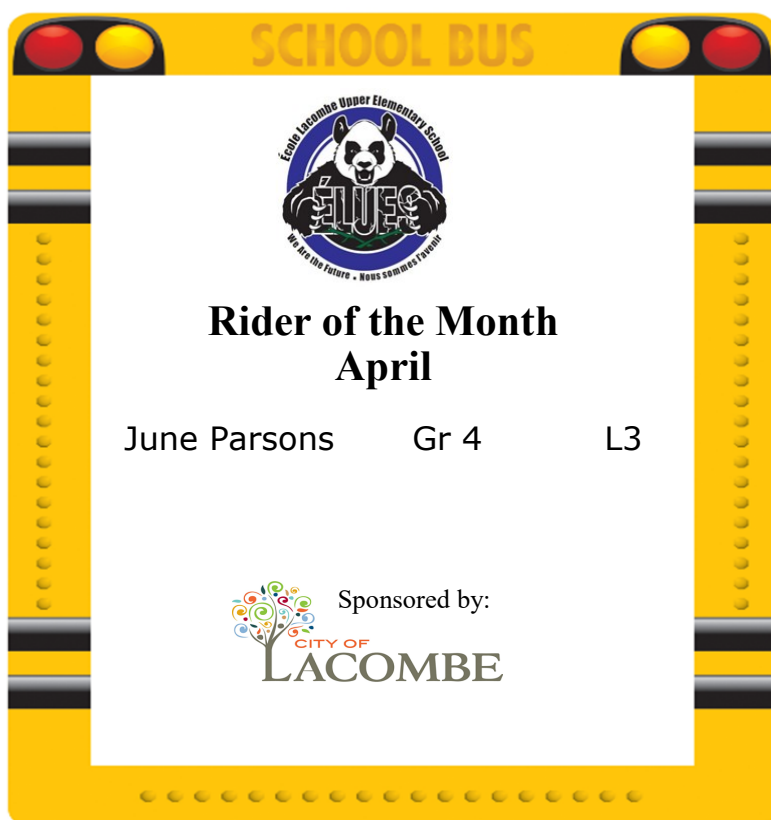
### Grade 6 FI

M. Durocher



It's Coming ... École Lacombe Upper Elementary School  
2024/2025 Yearbook.

Yearbooks are available for purchase on Parent Portal  
Only 32 copies left to purchase!! Pre-order yours today!





## Grade 6 Outdoor School

Group 1—June 2, 3, 4

Group 2—June 4, 5, 6

Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins and Mr. Rankin

M. Durocher, Mrs. McLeod and Mr. Richter

Grade 6 Outdoor School is just around the corner. Final plans are underway for our Outdoor Education experience at Camp Evergreen. A camp registration and supply form was sent out to all grade six students. The most important items to bring to camp are a water bottle, sun screen, a warm sleeping bag and rain gear or splash pants just in case!

If you haven't done so already, please get your forms and payments in ASAP. There is an option to do a partial payment if you are unable to pay the whole amount at once. Just click the button to add the fee to your cart, then at check out, click on partial payment.



# Track & Field helpers needed May 29th!

Our school track meet will be on Thursday, May 29th. If you would like to help us out by volunteering to work at one of our events, please email Mr. Miller ([bruce.miller@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:bruce.miller@wolfcreek.ab.ca)) or your child's homeroom teacher. We are looking forward to a

fun day of competition and personal bests in our track and field events.



If you are able to help our Parent Council with the concession, please email Mrs. Broderson ([natalie.broderson@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:natalie.broderson@wolfcreek.ab.ca)) and she will pass your information on.

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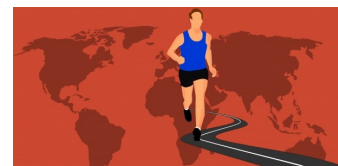
## After School Badminton Club

The season will conclude on May 7th. Grade Five and Six participants did an excellent job developing their skills and competing in some exciting games. Mrs. Matthie, Mr. Aspenes, Mr. Fullarton and Mr. Rankin, would like to thank all the athletes for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm as they improved their badminton skills and enjoyed some friendly competition along the way.

## Marathoners' Club - Calling all Runners!

ÉLUES will once again be offering a 'Marathoners' club'. The club will run from Monday, April 28th until about the second week in June. Our goal is to have **each** student accumulate 20 or 40 km of running by the time we have our school track meet in June. Near the end of June, all Marathoner club participants, who have accumulated between 20 or 40 km of running, will run the final 1.5 km together during a 1500 m race. Finishers will receive a T-shirt! (We are looking for sponsors for this too)

We will start with two run times per week (depending on the number of adult volunteers). Monday and Thursday (all after school) and will run approximately 1-4 km each session, finishing between 4-4:15 pm. By the second week of May we will add a third day, Tuesday.



There was a meeting at the morning recess on Monday, April 21st in the gym for all those interested in attending. If you did not attend, you will need to find Mr. Richter to get an informational form. Parents with questions can email Mr. Richter at [mark.richter@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:mark.richter@wolfcreek.ab.ca). Rides will need to be arranged for pick ups between 4 and 4:15 pm.



## INTRAMURALS

4 Square Badminton intramurals have been going strong. **THANK YOU** to the Grade 6 leadership referees this year. The leaders have been doing a great job of running our games, assisting, encouraging and creating a positive atmosphere for our intramural participants. Our next intramural activity will be Jug and Jog.

## Transition Plan for Students going to École Lacombe Junior High School



ÉLJHS students and staff are very excited to welcome your child to their school. On May 1, grade six teachers will email parents the ÉLJHS Parent Orientation letter. In this letter, parents will learn about the programs at the Junior High and will be asked to provide feedback about their child's goals and learning needs. This parent feedback will complement the information that our teachers and staff provide the Junior High in order to create a learner profile about each child. In mid-May, the ÉLJHS principal, Mr. James Matthie, will visit each grade 6 class to talk to students, answer questions about junior high, and help them select elective courses. In late May, our students will tour the junior high with their teachers and classmates. If you have any questions about your child's transition to junior high, please call either School Principal.

### Important Dates to Note for Grade 6's going to ÉLJHS:

- Parent Orientation letter sent home digitally, **May 1**
- Classroom visits with the ÉLJHS Principal, **May 12, 13, 14**
- Parent Q&A and Tour, **May 13, 7:30 (in Study Hall)**
- Class Tours of the Junior High, **May 21, 22, 23**
- Deadline for Parent Feedback Form, **May 30**
- Welcome Breakfast, **August 29, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.**
- Grade 7 Orientation Day, **September 2, 2025**



### **Wonderful Wednesday!**

As we head into spring, we are looking ahead to our 37th annual Wonderful Wednesday activity day. For the past 36 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.

All grade 4 & 5 students will participate in Wonderful Wednesday on June 4th, 2025. More information will be provided soon.

We need parent volunteer drivers, please call the school if you are able to help on June 4.



ÉCOLE LACOMBE JUNIOR HIGH

# **SPRING BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHTS**

**APRIL 29 – MAY 1 | 4:00-7:00 PM**

Join us for our Family Shopping Events and explore a wide variety of books for all ages!

## **Why visit?**

- Up to 50% of sales go directly toward new books for our school library
- Enter our **FREE DRAW** at Family Night!
  - Win \$25 in free books for your family
  - Plus \$25 for a teacher of your choice!

Let's celebrate the joy of reading together – hope to see you there!







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## 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.*

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change PRIOR to registering for busing.

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Your gently used clothing, shoes, textiles and other household items can be turned into donations for the LPSES! Purge your goods for a good cause!

### WE ARE COLLECTING:

**Clothes** - mens/womens/children's coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks etc.

**Household Textiles** - bedding, comforter, blankets, sheets, towels, linens, tablecloths, curtains, pillows etc.

**Small Household Goods** - kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving peices, working hand-held appliances), home decor items, knick-knacks, toys, game and small working electronics

**Book & Media** - paperback, hard cover - all genres *\*media needs to be boxed seperately, no encyclopedias or textbooks\**

**All items must be clean and in sellable condition**

**Please - we cannot accept large items not fitting in a box or bag**

Please pack SOFT GOODS (clothing, bedding) into BAGS

Pack BOOKS, MEDIA & HOUSEHOLD GOODS into BOXES

## DROP OFF:

- JS McCormick School every THURSDAY in April & May
- May 29th @ Year End BBQ (5-7pm @ JS McCormick)
- Henna Rose during business hours

### OUR GOAL:

167 Large Bags  
50 Medium Boxes

FUNDrive Coordinator: Pam ~ [lpsesociety@gmail.com](mailto:lpsesociety@gmail.com)

**EVERY DONATION WILL RAISE MONEY TO HELP BUILD OUR ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND!**



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# WALK FOR KIDS' SAKE

**This MAY & JUNE**  
Walk for Kids' Sake is Big  
Brothers Big Sisters largest  
fundraiser, **supporting over**  
**350 in-school mentoring**  
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## Highest Fundraiser Prizes for **YOUR SCHOOL**

**1ST PLACE**  
Season Pass to  
 **Kraay** Family Farm  **DISCOVERY** WILDLIFE PARK  
Kraay Family Farm or  
Discovery Wildlife Park

**2ND PLACE**  
  
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**3RD PLACE**  
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Pass 

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Charitable Registration Number 88659 5396 RR0001

**For more information about Walk for Kids' Sake ... please watch this video ... [click here](#)**



# May 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

|                    |  |                          |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---|---|----|
|                    |  |                          |   | 1<br><br>Spring and<br>Class Photos   | 2                                       | 3  |
| 4                  | 5  | 6<br>Subway<br>Hot Lunch | 7   | 8   | 9                                       | 10 |
| Mental Health Week |  |                          |   |   |   |    |
| 11                 | 12<br>Mackay-<br>Hawkins<br>Edmonton<br>Field Trip | 13                       | 14  | 15<br>Boston Pizza<br>Hot Lunch   | 16<br>Staff PD/<br>Collaboration<br>Day | 17 |
| 18                 | 19<br>Victoria<br>Day<br>No School                 | 20<br>EDO<br>No School   | 21  | 22<br>Tollers<br>Hot Lunch  | 23                                      | 24 |
| 25                 | 26   | 27<br>KFC<br>Hot Lunch   | 28<br>Grade 6<br>ELA PAT<br><br>Boston Pizza<br>Quality<br>Citizen<br>Lunch | 29<br>Track &<br>Field Day<br><br>Outdoor School<br>Chaperone<br>meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 30<br>BBBS Walk<br>for Kids<br>Sake     | 31 |

# June 2025

| Sun | Mon   | Tue                                      | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat |
|-----|---|--|---|--|---|-----|
| 1   | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7   |
|     | Grade 6 Camp 1 - Mackay-Hawkins/Rankin                  |  |   |  |   |     |
|     |   |  | Grade 6 Camp 2 - Durocher/McLeod/Richter  |  |   |     |
|     |   |  | Wonderful<br>Wednesday  |  | Staff PD/<br>Collaboration<br>Day                       |     |
| 8   | 9   | 10                                       | 11<br>Farm Safety<br>Field Trip<br>Freitag/<br>Norris                             | 12<br>Grade 6<br>ELAL<br>Part B<br>PAT<br><br>Indigenous<br>Games<br>9:00 a.m. | 13<br>Grade 6<br>Math<br>Part A<br>PAT                  | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17<br>Grade 6<br>Math<br>Part B<br>PAT   | 18<br>Grade 6<br>Social<br>PAT<br><br>Boston Pizza<br>Quality<br>Citizen<br>Lunch | 19<br><br>Grade 5 FT<br>to Rocky<br>Mountain<br>House                          | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23<br>Ryan Lee<br>Rice Awards<br>2:00                   | 24<br>9:00 Relays<br><br>Track<br>Awards | 25<br><br>Grade 4 FT<br>to Fort<br>Edmonton                                       | 26<br><br>Last Student<br>Day<br>Report<br>Cards Go<br>Home                    | 27<br><br>Teacher<br>Evaluation<br>Day<br><br>No School | 28  |
| 29  | 30<br><br>Teacher<br>Evaluation<br>Day<br><br>No School |  |   |  |   |     |