

Panda Press

JUNE
2025

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

(403)782-7410



Classes at ÉLUE for 2025/2026

The tentative class configurations for 2024/2025 are as follows:

The following staff have been assigned to homeroom classes:

French Immersion Homerooms Grade 4 English Homerooms

Grade 4—Mme Forman

Mrs. Nelson

Grade 4/5—Mme VC

Mrs. Parsons/Mr. Epp

Grade 5—Mme Miller

Miss Rimmer

Grade 6—M. Durocher

Grade 4/5 English Homeroom

Mrs. Dudzic/Mrs. Armitage

Grade 5 English Homeroom

Mrs. Matthie

Grade 6 English Homerooms

Mrs. Norris

Mrs. Mackay-Hawkins

Mrs. Penney

Mr. Rankin

Mr. Richter

Admin and Teaching Time

Mr. Fullarton, Principal

Phys. Ed.—Mr. Miller

Mrs. Ouellette, Assistant Principal

Music—Mr. Epp

Inclusion Coach - Mrs. Armitage



2025-2026 Class Lists

Parents are invited to log onto the Parent Portal to find out your child's teacher. This information will be available as of August 27th.

Those who do not have passwords for Parent Portal (ie., those new to the school), can contact the office.

We will have a staggered start. Students whose last names end A—L will be at school on September 2nd. Students M—Z will be at school September 3rd.

All students will attend September 4th.



**We will be having an Open House
on Friday, August 29th from
10 - 12 for parents to come into
your child's new classroom, meet
their teacher and tour the school.**

**MEET THE
TEACHER** 

École Lacombe Upper Elementary School - School Council Meeting Minutes:

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our School Council Meeting on May 28, 2025. Following is a summary of the meeting highlights.

In attendance: Craig Fullarton (Principal), Vanessa Ouellette (Vice-Principal/Secretary), Colleen Freitag (Teacher), Jessica Gallant (Chairperson), Kelsey Neves (Vice-chairperson), Ashley Warren (Treasurer), Renee Spelt (Parent), Emilio Estigenes (Parent)

6:45 pm Meeting called to order

Correspondence and Reports:

Trustee Report (Kelly Lowry/Brent Buchanan): Not in attendance.

Staff Report (Colleen Freitag): We have three retirees this year, Colleen Freitag, Larissa Ince and Carol Lee Ehr. We have hired two new teachers for the 2025/2026 school year, Sydney Penney and Whitney Dudzic. We are excited to have them join our team!

Old Business:

Hot Lunch: The donation button has raised nearly \$2,000. We are very grateful for the generosity of our families. These contributions have supported students that cannot afford hot lunches and grade 6 camp as well as other important student initiatives at our school.

New Business:

2025/2026 Planning, Allocations, ACE Plan- The grade configurations for the upcoming school year were reviewed. Additionally, the ACE Plan is in its early stages of development. The administration team will present the ACE Plan to the School Council in the fall.

2025/2026 School Fees- School fees have been increased by \$3 to account for inflation and to help cover the costs of school-wide events and speakers.

Grade 6 Camp/Outdoor School- Everything is set for Grade 6 Camp/Outdoor School next week. The administration team will be holding a Camp Volunteer meeting to discuss camp details and responsibilities.

Wonderful Wednesday- Plans for this special event are nearly complete, with sessions tailored to students' interests. We're excited about this opportunity for our students to explore the diverse offerings within the Lacombe community and beyond.

2024/2025 School Council Annual Report- School Council will work together to complete the document.

Ryan Lee Rice Awards will take place on June 23, 2025. We have requested \$500 to cover the cost of the trophies and engraving and the School Council has kindly agreed to support the cost.

Moving Forward- Council involvement has been greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June No Meeting.

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: September 2025 (TBD) Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Quality Citizenship Recognition - May 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 were treated to a pizza party from Boston Pizza on May 28th!

Ana	Aurora	Noah	Finnton
Spencer	Isla	Sophia	Elise
Lily	Basty	Kayne	Freddy
Owen	Ashan	Abigail	

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens and also to our Staff of the Month:
Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Wymann-Richter



School Council Positive Participants

The staff of École Lacombe Upper Elementary School would like to express their appreciation to our School Council executive members for their unwavering support and assistance throughout the year. Thank you for being such caring, giving and thoughtful people. Special thanks goes out to the following parents/guardians:

Jessica Gallant—Chair

Kelsey Neves—Vice Chair

Ashley Warren—Treasurer

Staff Reps—Michele Brousseau, Sandi Carson, Colleen Freitag, Larissa Ince, Derek Rankin

Trustees: Kelly Lowry/Brent Buchanan

Subway Students of the Month - May 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).

Alice

Silas

Axel

Jayke

Liv

Lydia

Keziah

Abby

Paxton

Payton Cardinal

Adalyn

Owen

Riot

Lynet

Michael

Autumn

Alyssa

Mackenzie

Nick

Sophia

Savannah

Lucas

Demetrius

Quinn

Peyton

Draper

Sawyer

Mianne

Jayda

Seth

Penelope

Aubrey

Haley

Victoria

Ryan Lee Rice Memorial Citizenship Awards Ceremony

The Ryan Lee Rice Quality Citizenship Awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. The Ryan Lee Rice Memorial Citizen Award was established in 1985 by Harvey and Margaret Rice in memory of their son, Ryan, who passed away in September 1985. Ryan was a Grade 6 student who held the distinction of being the first recipient of the Nelson School's (now École Lacombe Upper Elementary School) **Super Kid Award**. This award later became known as the **Perfect Panda Award**.

Each year, a **Ryan Lee Rice Memorial Citizenship Award** is presented to one individual in each classroom who has consistently demonstrated the following characteristics:

- ❖ Exhibits positive interpersonal relationships with peers and adults
- ❖ Demonstrates a consistent high level of responsibility, dependability and cooperation
- ❖ Demonstrates a high level of consideration for the personal feelings and property of others
- ❖ Is a positive role model in terms of leadership and participation in both school and classroom activities

Each recipient's name is engraved on a centrally located plaque. Recipients also receive a personalized certificate and an engraved trophy both of which are sponsored by the **École Lacombe Upper Elementary School Council**.

Parents/Guardians of students receiving this award will be contacted by their child's homeroom teacher.



Supporting *ALL* Students

Peer Support Team

Thank you for making ÉLUES a very safe and caring school for all students!

Grade 4 Team

Avery
Benson
Gracie
Owen
Spencer
Gus
Layla
Jackson
Brooke
Charlie
Gibson



The Peer Support Team will celebrate their successful year with a team party sometime in June. All members will receive a treat!

Grade 5 Team

Eric
Ben
Rachael
Koa
Presley
Parker
Glen
Leyara
Fearon



Grade 6 Team

Savannah
Gavin
Tristan
Koen
Khalel
Abbigail
Ryder
Bryn
Emery
Cash



Hats off
to an
**AWESOME
TEAM!!!!**

What if we are moving?

Will your family be moving from our school's attendance area? If so, please let us know as soon as possible in order to help us plan for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance

When do I find out my child's classroom teacher?

Parents are invited to log into their Parent Portal to find out whose class their child will be in. This information will be available as of August 27, 2025. Those who do not have access ID & passwords for Parent Portal (ie., those new to the school), can contact the front office as of August 27th.

Still stuck?

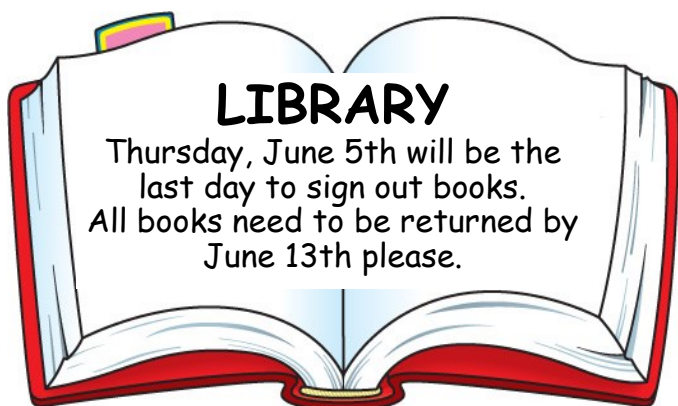
Please contact Mrs. Broderon in the office between 8:15 am-3:45 pm for any other questions or concerns you may have.

When will I do a registration form for 2025-2026 ?

Current ÉLUES students and grade 3 ÉJSM students will receive an email the third week of August to register for the 25-25 school year. Please submit your child's registration as soon as you receive this email so all our information is up to date.

When do students start school?

Students whose last names end A–L will be at school on September 2. Students M–Z will be at school September 3. All students will attend September 4. Parents are welcome to help their child drop off supplies on the day they are assigned to attend. A full school open house/meet the teacher will be September 10.

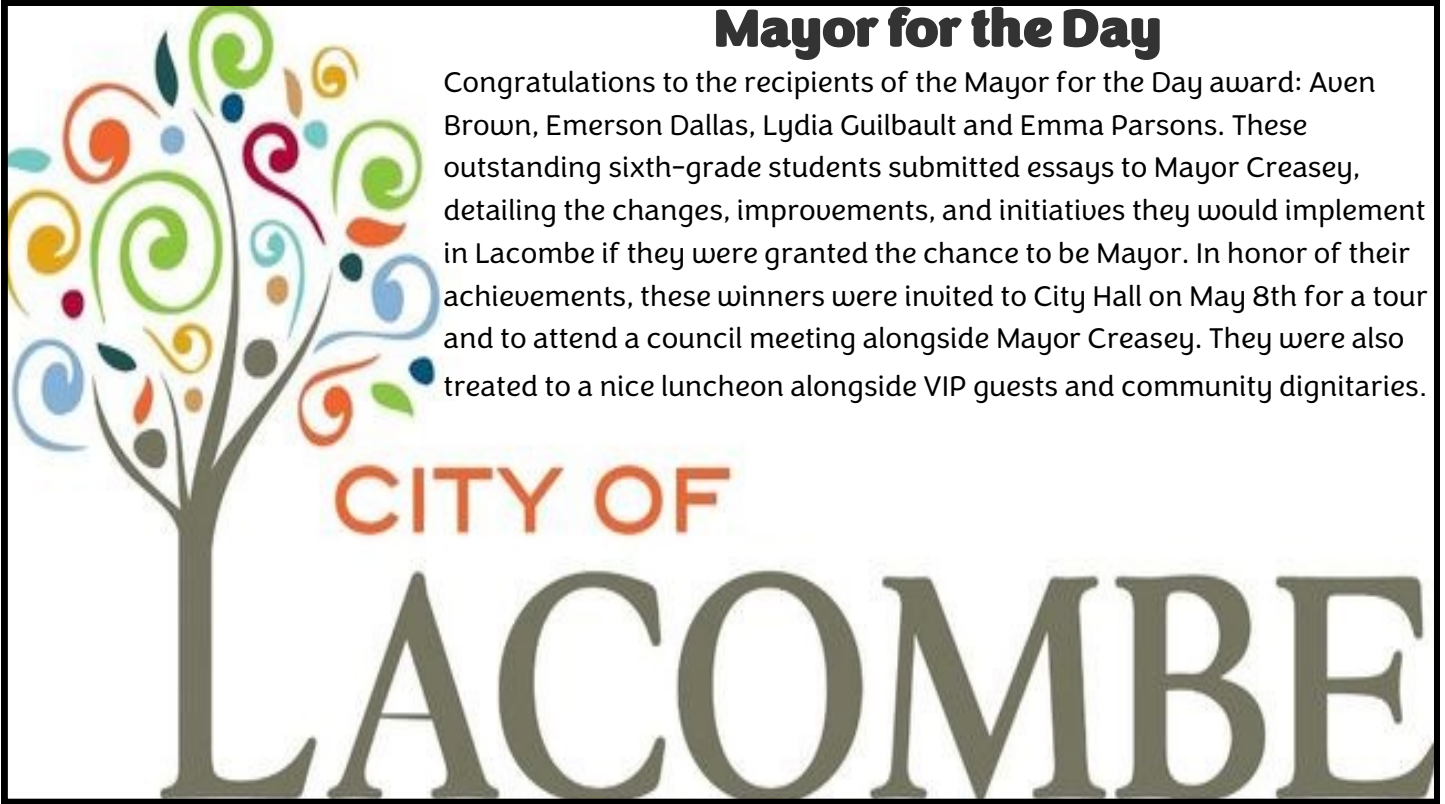


Grade 7 Orientation

Class orientation sessions and tours of the École Lacombe Junior High for all grade 6 classes are taking place. This activity is designed to assist students in making the transition to Junior High and to help students consider potential complementary course selections. Thank you to the École Lacombe Junior High staff for welcoming the "new grade sevens"!

Mayor for the Day

Congratulations to the recipients of the Mayor for the Day award: Aven Brown, Emerson Dallas, Lydia Guilbault and Emma Parsons. These outstanding sixth-grade students submitted essays to Mayor Creasey, detailing the changes, improvements, and initiatives they would implement in Lacombe if they were granted the chance to be Mayor. In honor of their achievements, these winners were invited to City Hall on May 8th for a tour and to attend a council meeting alongside Mayor Creasey. They were also treated to a nice luncheon alongside VIP guests and community dignitaries.



We had an awesome Track Meet day on May 29th! Thank you so much to Mr. Miller for all his hard work and planning to put this day together. Thank you also to our Parent Council and parent volunteers for running the concession! The kids had a great day!!



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 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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FREE

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CLUB DAY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY JUNE 6TH

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

- Hot Dogs & Snacks
- Face Painting
- Glitter Tattoos
- Balloon Animals
- Bouncy Houses
- Family Dance

*Hosted at Ecole Upper Elementary School OUTSIDE between
Father Lacombe and Upper Elementary*



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Wolf Creek
Lacombe

Themes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Notes
Master Chef Camp	NO PROGRAMS!	Canada Day NO PROGRAMS!	2  Mad Food Scientists TOWN TRIP	3  The Great Camp Cook-Off	4  Cake Detective	July 2: Oodles of Chocolate
Release Your WILD CHILD	7  Legends Unleashed TOWN TRIP	8  Wilder Institute Calgary Zoo The Great Outdoor Escape FIELD TRIP—\$50.00	9  Wilderness Wonders SWIMMING	10  Survivor Challenge TOWN TRIP	11  Mud Mayhem	July 7: YU-TURN July 8: Calgary Zoo July 9: Swimming July 10: Bowling
Champions Challenge Week	14  Teamwork Triumph TOWN TRIP	15  Go For The Gold!! Next Gen Olympians	16  Reach New Heights SWIMMING	17  Rhythm In Action TOWN TRIP	18  Ultimate Field Day TOWN TRIP	July 14: YU-TURN July 16: Swimming July 17: Dancer's Edge July 18: Movie Theater
Multiverse Mashup	21  Disney Adventures TOWN TRIP	22  Marvels Heroes Academy FIELD TRIP—\$50.00	23  Pixar's World of Wonder SWIMMING	24  Nickelodeons Kids Takeover	25  Into the DreamWorks Dimension	July 21: YU-TURN July 22: All-Stars Playland July 23: Swimming
Gamer Week	28  Power Up Party TOWN TRIP	29  Retro Replay	30  Super Sonic Sprint SWIMMING	31  Creeper Chaos	1  Roblox Royale SWIMMING	July 28: YU-TURN July 30: Swimming August 1: Swimming

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!


















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Cost: \$40/day (unless otherwise specified)

Location: The program will take place at the Lacombe Upper Elementary Door #3 (unless otherwise specified). Weather permitting, youth will be utilizing the J. S. McCormick school playgrounds and playing water games daily, as well as visiting the Spray Park.

Time: 8:00AM - 5:30PM

Field Trips: Summer Camp t-shirts must be worn on all field trips.

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Pop Culture Week	NO PROGRAMS!	5  Muggle Magic No Wand Necessary Muggle to Magic Day [jsm]	6  Hollywood Adventures SWIMMING	7  Camp Popstars TOWN TRIP	8  TELUS WORLD of SCIENCE Edmonton Viral Vibes FIELD TRIP—\$50.00	August 5: Joe's Social Media August 6: Swimming August 7: Boston Pizza August 8: TELUS World of Science
The Ultimate Showdown	11  Ultimate Brick Battle TOWN TRIP	12  Quest for the Crown TOWN TRIP	13  Fear Factor SWIMMING	14  Unsolved Mysteries	15  Secret Agent Showdown	August 11: YU-TURN August 12: Bowling August 13: Swimming
Super Soaked Adventures	18  Splash Into Science TOWN TRIP	19  Water Adventure Day	20  Creature Features SWIMMING	21  Pirates of the Splashy Seas	22  Bubble Bonanza FIELD TRIP—\$50.00	August 18: YU-TURN August 20: Swimming August 22: Ellis Bird Farm
All Star Sports	25  Sports of all sorts TOWN TRIP	26  Lacombe Explosion Football	27  Last Day Party! SWIMMING	NO PROGRAMS!	NO PROGRAMS!	August 25: YU-TURN August 26: Lacombe Minor Football League August 27: Swimming

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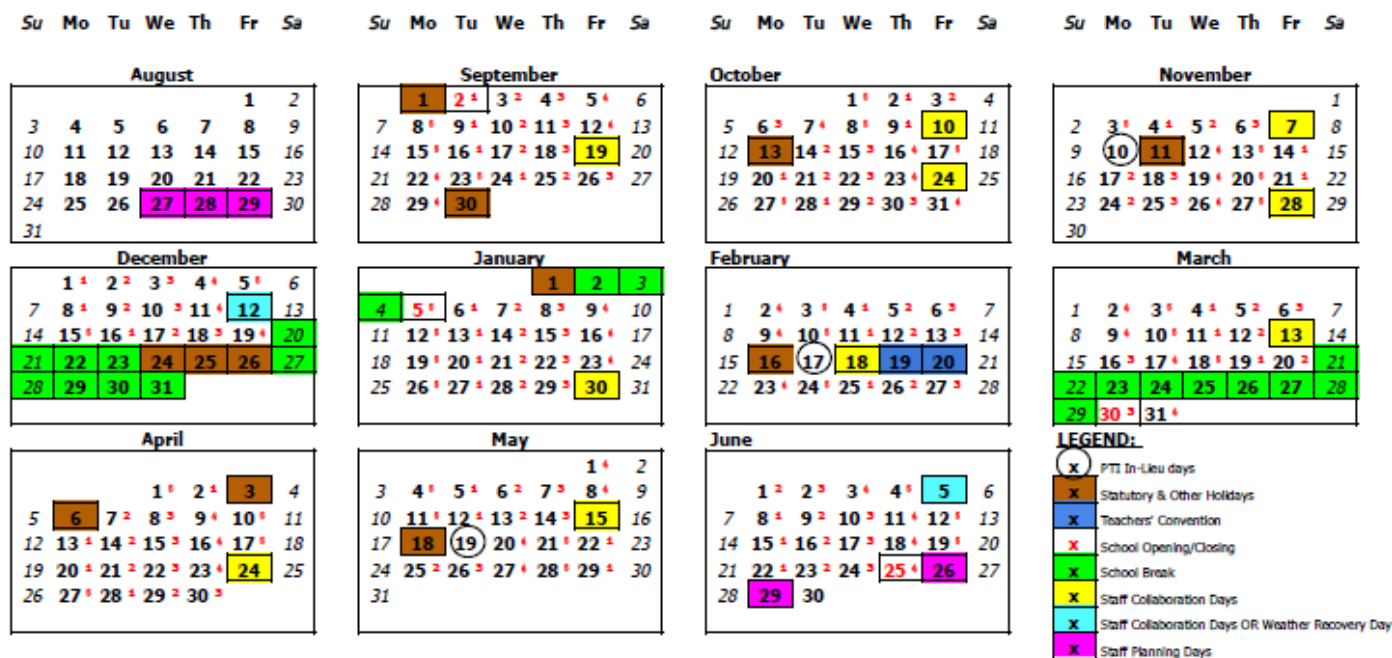
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WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2025-2026 School Year
École Lacombe Upper Elementary School



			Staff	Students
August	Aug. 27, 28, 29	Staff Planning Days	3	0
September	Sept. 1	Labour Day	20	19
	Sept. 2	Students' First Day		
	Sept. 19	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation		
October	Oct. 10	Staff Collaboration Day	22	20
	Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Day		
	Oct. 24	Staff Collaboration Day		
November	Nov. 7	Staff Collaboration Day	19	16
	Nov. 10	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	Nov. 11	Remembrance Day		
	Nov. 28	Staff Collaboration Day		
December	Dec. 12	Staff Collaboration Day	15	14
	Dec. 24, 25, 26	Christmas Stat Holidays		
	Dec. 20	Christmas Break (Dec 20- Jan 4 inclusive)		
January	Jan. 1	New Years Day Stat	20	19
	Jan. 5	First day back after Holiday Break		
	Jan. 30	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Jan. 30	Conclusion of First Semester		
		Semester One Total	99	88
February	Feb. 2	Commencement of Second Semester	19	15
	Feb. 16	Family Day		
	Feb. 17	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	Feb. 18	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Feb. 19, 20	Teachers' Convention		
March	Mar. 13	Staff Collaboration Day	17	16
	Mar. 21	Spring Break (March 21 to March 29 inclusive)		
April	Apr. 3	Good Friday	20	19
	Apr. 6	Easter Monday		
	Apr. 24	Staff Collaboration Day		
May	May 15	Staff Collaboration Day	20	18
	May 18	Victoria Day		
	May 19	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
June	Jun. 5	Staff Collaboration Day	21	18
	Jun. 25	Students' Last Day		
	Jun. 26, 29	Teacher Evaluation Day (final staff days)		
		Semester Two Total	97	86
Year Total			196	174

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 Wednesday		Staff PD/ Collaboration Day	
8	9	10	11 Farm Safety Field Trip Freitag/ Norris	12 Grade 6 ELAL Part B PAT Indigenous Games 9:00 a.m.	13 Grade 6 Math Part A PAT Library Sleepover	14
15	16	17 Grade 6 Math Part B PAT	18 Grade 6 Social PAT Boston Pizza Quality Citizen Lunch	19 Grade 5 FT to Rocky Mountain House	20 Matthie Mural Tour FT	21
22	23 Ryan Lee Rice Awards 2:00	24 9:00 Relays Track Awards	25 Grade 4 FT to Fort Edmonton	26 Last Student Day Report Cards Go Home	27 Teacher Evaluation Day No School	28
29	30 Teacher Evaluation Day No School					