

April 2021 Newsletter

École James S. McCormick School



Happy Spring!

With the arrival of spring comes the arrival of puddles, potholes and outdoor play! Combined together, these things can cause many muddy slips and spills!

We encourage you to put an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack for those accidental recess messes; pants & socks are the hot ticket items!

Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank you to parents for being involved in your child's portfolio walks last month - we love to celebrate student success!



Month at a Glance:

April 7th: Extreme Pita Hot Lunch

April 13th: BBBS Permission Forms Due In

April 15th: Panago Pizza Hot Lunch

April 21st: Booster Juice Snack

April 22nd: Earth Day

April 28th: Decade Day!

April 29th: Subway Hot Lunch

April 29th: School Council Meeting @ 7:15pm

April 30th: PD Day



Registration for the 2021/2022 School Year

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Grades 1, 2 & 3

Within EJSMS, all students currently enrolled in school will automatically rollover into their next grade level, including students moving to Grade 4 at ELUES. If you are moving over the summer and will not be attending in the 2021/2022 school year, please contact the office to let us know.

In mid-August, a re-registration email will be sent to all parents. This will allow you to update any demographic and/or contact information changes you might have, as well as provide the annual registration documentation required by Alberta Education.

Please stay tuned for EJSMS teacher lists to be released in June. Teacher & class requests can be submitted to the Principal at that time.

Kindergarten

Registration is open online! Visit our website for details and to reach the registration link. A copy of your child's birth certificate is required to complete the registration process.

The choice is yours:

English: Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs Full Days

French: Four half-day Mornings (waiting list)
or four half-day Afternoons

***Kindergarten classes may be required to attend on the occasional Fridays as well.**



Wolf Creek Public Schools

**BRIGHT
FUTURES**

PLAY ACADEMY



Welcome to Bright Futures Play Academy!

Come check out our 2021-22

upcoming

VIRTUAL ONLINE

OPEN HOUSES



Info for
Parents!

Will your child be 3 or 4 years old by December 31, 2021? Have you already registered or are considering enrollment with BFPA this coming Fall?

Please join us for a **LIVE Google Meet Open House**, hosted by our

Early Years Program Staff this coming March 2021!

Sign
up here or
on your
schools
website

To register, click the link below:

[VIRTUAL PARENT MEETING SIGNUP](#)

Dates Offered	Times
Wed, March 24, 2021	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Mon, April 12, 2021	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Additional dates to be determined	TBD

JOIN US ONLINE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

For more information go to: www.brightfuturesplayacademy.ca

Or Call: 403-783-5441 x. 1340

School Council Update



Hot Lunch & Special Snack Items

April 7th: Extreme Pita Hot Lunch

April 15th: Panago Pizza Hot Lunch

April 21st: Booster Juice Snack

April 29th: Subway Hot Lunch

Spring Fundraiser!

Who likes Pizza?! We like Pizza!

School Council is partnering with Panago Pizza for a special Family Pizza Night fundraiser event on April 19th!

~ Check out the next page for all of the details ~

Thank You!

Our joint school council meeting featuring guest speaker Noah Boakye Yiadom was well attended, online, as mental health first aid is a timely topic, given the challenging times we are in.

Here is his website for more information & resources:

<https://www.mhfa.ca/en/users/noah-boakye-yiadom>

**Next School
Council Meeting:
April 29th @ 7:15pm
via Google Meets**



Save the date.

Monday, April 19th

15% OFF

Use code:
PANA15

*Any regular priced menu order.

Pizza Night with Panago Pizza and École James S. McCormick School

On **Monday, April 19th** your Parent Council will be partnering with our local Lacombe Panago Pizza location to offer our families a great deal and raise money for our school.

When you order from the Lacombe Panago Pizza on April 19th, you will receive 15% off any regular priced menu items using the promo code PANA15. Panago will then donate 15% of these net orders back to our school!

Let's all come together and make April 19th a pizza night that pays back! We thank you in advance and look forward to a successful fundraising event.

Order online at www.panago.com

Call 310-0001 to place your order over the phone.

**Order in person at the Lacombe Panago Pizza location:
5052 Highway 2A, Lacombe, AB (Beside Husky Gas Station)**



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James S.
McCormick
School**

Inspiring to Achieve and Believe



*Please note – this fundraising offer and discount is only available on the date listed above at the Panago location listed above. Not available with other offers.

Around the School

Our school is holding a NEW fundraiser ! This exciting, no-touch fundraiser will help raise funds for library books at school.

Presenting: Tru Earth Eco Friendly Products

When you order a product, 20% of the total sales value will go to the organization you are supporting. You can feel good knowing you are helping your organization, and purchasing products that help save the environment.

Click on the link below to order!

Earth Day this year will be on April 22nd, and is one of our key events of the year. We will be running our Earth Day sale from April 22nd to the 25th. As a special treat, your supporters will have early access to these deals in a pre-sale on April 18th to the 21st.



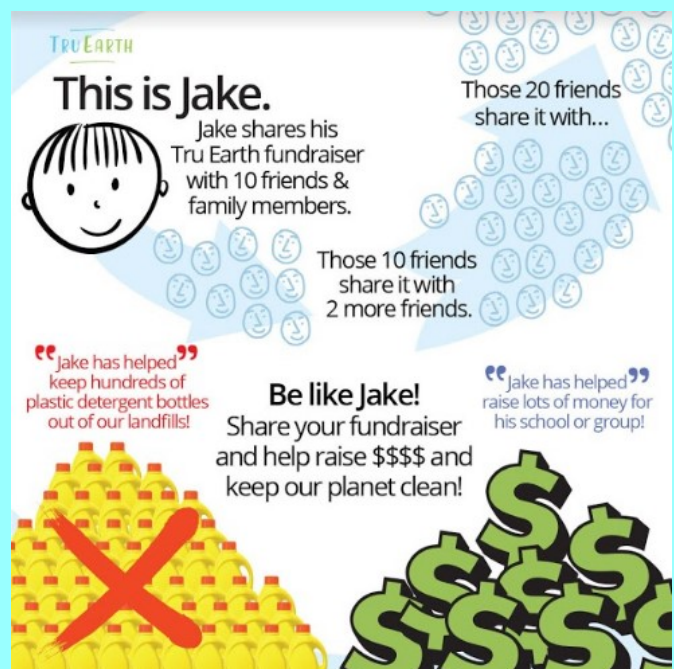
It's a group effort!

Support our school's fundraiser by shopping for your everyday eco-friendly essentials with Tru Earth!

TRU EARTH

Psst... Don't forget to click through our fundraising link!

@miss_kendrix on IG



TO ORDER,
CLICK HERE!

WCPS Division News

WCPS opting out of piloting Alberta Education's draft K-6 Curriculum

Ponoka — With considerable thought and review, Wolf Creek Public Schools (WCPS) will not be participating in the pilot program of the draft K-6 curriculum for the 2021/22 school year. Piloting this new curriculum is voluntary for school authorities in Alberta.

The main considerations stem from:

- the timing of the draft K-6 curriculum release
- ensuring learner outcomes are developmentally age-appropriate
- ensuring the content reflects research-based 21st-century learner outcomes including a balance of critical thinking and knowledge-based learning opportunities
- ensuring adequate representation of foundational knowledge and understanding relating to Indigenous people throughout the grade levels

"For the time being, our focus remains on student and staff well-being during a time where continuity of learning and recovery from the pandemic is paramount," said Jayson Lovell, WCPS Superintendent. "When appropriate, WCPS staff will be supported and encouraged to participate in various in-district and provincial professional development opportunities to assist our teachers in preparing for the new curriculum in its final form."

In the coming weeks and months, staff and community will have an opportunity to provide feedback to Alberta Education and we will continue to connect with our stakeholders by offering further updates as they are made available.

Providing Feedback

Alberta Education's draft K-6 Curriculum is currently open for public input. To view the curriculum in its entirety, please visit: www.alberta.ca/curriculum and provide your input at: www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say

Music with Mrs. G.

Wow how time flies when you are having fun and music class is no exception! It has been the grade 2 students' turn with the boomwhackers and they have been doing a great job playing along with simple rhythms, learning the notes of the musical alphabet and playing along with a partner or group.



The grade 1 and grade 3 classes are back to using their individual music kits. In grade 1 we have been working on keeping steady beat, playing simple rhythm patterns and creating sound effects for familiar songs. The grade 3 classes have started composing and performing their own rhythm patterns and I couldn't be more proud of their effort and achievement.



In Kindergarten it has been all about the pets! The students have been 'singing' about our favourite pets, sharing stories about pets and moving to music (like pets of course)! Invite your child to share the "I Have a Pet" song with you or ask them what cats do when they get up in the morning!

SHAKE, RATTLE and ROLL

After spring break there will be a joyful noise coming from the music room as the grade 3 classes start drumming (with brand new drumsticks courtesy of the Kay Family 💜), the grade one classes start boomwhackers and Kindergarten students start using their shakers!

But don't worry I didn't leave the grade 2 classes out. They will make more marvelous music memories as well!



Coach's Corner

The final results are in for the Grade 1, 2 & 3 Phys. Ed classes
"Look How Far We've Run" challenge.

Altogether these fantastic 17 classes ran a total of:

15,724 laps of the ÉJSM gym!

A final distance of:

787 km

That is equivalent of running from Lacombe to Kelowna, BC!!
Congratulations on being such incredible runners, ÉJSM students!

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
BRODERSON 772	DRYSDALE 861	COOKE 1090
DAVIES 876	HOPKINS 988	DOYON 900
ELKES 930	LANTIER 812	FRANCOIS 995
MEYER 869	SMITH 994	MORRIS 1099
REID 845	VILLENEUVE 879	SEXSMITH 969
WEDDERBURN 907	WALD 956	
TOTAL: 5194	TOTAL: 5482	TOTAL: 5048

LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE RUN

20 laps = 1km

Phys. Ed classes will now be moving outside; please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the daily spring weather conditions! Flip flops are not permitted to be worn outside for PE classes. Thank you!

Melissa Rogers - Athletic Director

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Walk for Kids Sake

Due to the pandemic, Big Brothers and Big Sisters can not do their annual Wii Bowling event, so this year they are inviting the students to participate in an event called Walk for Kids Sake. The walk will happen on June 7th and June 8th and the entire school will participate in the walk. However, ONLY the students that choose to fundraise by getting pledges for their walk will be entered to win prizes.

HOW IT WORKS: All students were given a permission form to take home. ONLY students that want to participate in the collecting of pledges need to return the permission form - by Tuesday, April 13th. Once the parent permission forms are in, BBBS will then put together the Pledge Package for the student to use. Students do not start getting pledges until they get their pledge package. Once again, the students that are NOT getting pledges do not need to return the parent permission form and they will still be able to walk with those that decided to seek pledges.

We are excited to support BBBS in their fundraising ventures as they are a highly valued and welcomed organization that is doing so many wonderful things with the children in our community.



Swift's Snippets

what is my child learning during literacy centers?

independent reading:
During Independent Reading, your child is practicing his/her reading skills. Your child must practice reading every day in order to become a better reader. Your child practices reading with books of his/her choice on his/her independent reading level.

buddy reading:
During Buddy Reading, your child is practicing his/her reading skills with a classmate. Buddy Reading is important because it helps the students work together within our learning community, while building reading fluency, expression, and comprehension skills.


listening to reading:
During Listening to Reading, your child is listening to books on the computer, tape/CD, or other audio recordings. This is important because as your child hears models of fluent reading, he/she will try this in their own reading. Your child is also introduced to new words, thus building a stronger vocabulary.

what is my child learning during the daily 5?

read to self:
The best way for your child to become a better reader is to practice each day. Your child will practice with books he/she chooses, on his/her just-right reading level.

read to someone:
Reading to someone allows time for your child to practice reading strategies, work on fluency and expression, and checking for understanding. Your child can hear his/her own voice and share in the learning community.

listen to reading:
When your child listens to reading, he/she can hear examples of good literature and fluent reading. Your child learns more words, thus expanding his/her vocabulary and becoming a better reader.

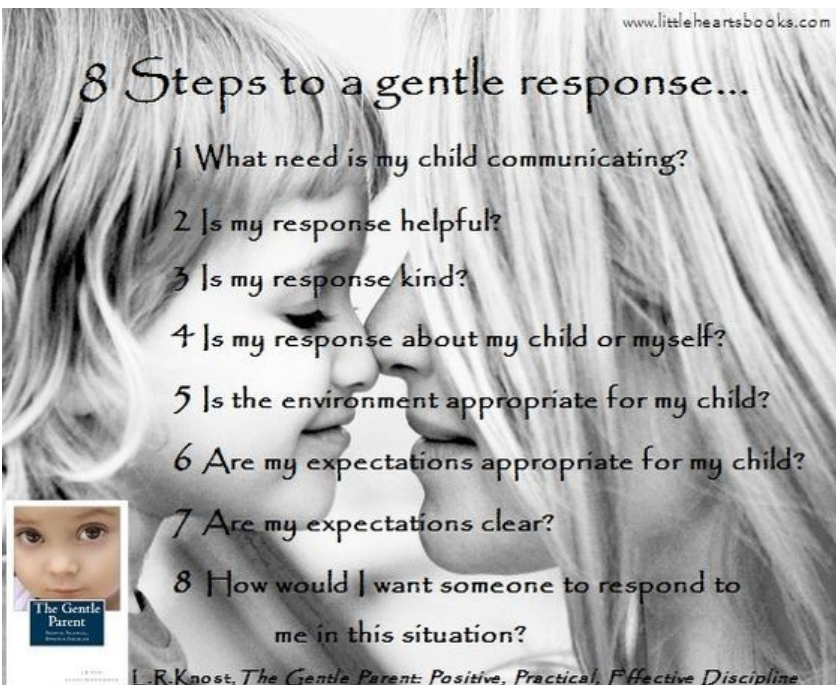



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8 Steps to a gentle response...

- 1 What need is my child communicating?
- 2 Is my response helpful?
- 3 Is my response kind?
- 4 Is my response about my child or myself?
- 5 Is the environment appropriate for my child?
- 6 Are my expectations appropriate for my child?
- 7 Are my expectations clear?
- 8 How would I want someone to respond to me in this situation?

L.R. Knost, *The Gentle Parent: Positive, Practical, Effective Discipline*

Spring
 is Nature's way
 of saying
LET'S PARTY!

ROBIN WILLIAMS

Community Events

April 2021

Lacombe and Area FRN

#4 4725, 49B Ave. Phone: 403.877.9469

Lacombe, AB

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Email:

heather.darnell@mcmancentral.ca

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 B, B&B 6:30-8	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3
4	5 EASTER MONDAY	6 Baby Buddies 10:30-11:30	7 Preschool Pals 10-11	8 Moms Matter 1-2:30 B, B&B 6:30-8 Transitions 8-9:30	9	10 Ignite 1-2:30
11	12 Family Law Info 7-9 Motherfunction 7:30-9	13 Baby Buddies 10:30-11:30	14 Preschool Pals 10-11 Childhood Anger 7-9	15 All Booked Up 1-2:30 Transitions 8-9:30	16	17
18	19 Motherfunction 7:30-9	20 Baby Buddies 10:30-11:30	21 Preschool Pals 10-11 Childhood Anger 7-9	22 Moms Matter 1-2:30 Transitions 8-9:30	23	24 Impact 1-2:30
25	26 Motherfunction 7:30-9	27 Baby Buddies 10:30-11:30	28 Preschool Pals 10-11	29 All Booked Up 1-2:30 Transitions 8-9:30	30 Youth Workshop 10-11 Art Attack 1-2:30	



Provincial Family
Resource Networks



APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 	6	7 Extreme Pita Lunch	8	9	10
11	12	13 BBBS Forms Due In	14	15 Panago Pizza Lunch	16	17
18	19 Panago Pizza Night!	20	21 Booster Juice Snack	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 Decade Day!	29 Subway & Council Mtg	30 PD Day	

What's coming up?

May 5th: Panago Pizza Hot Lunch

May 13th: Extreme Pita Hot Lunch

May 19th: Subway Hot Lunch

May 21st: PD Day

May 24th: Victoria Day - No School

May 27th: Booster Juice Snack

