

September 2021

Principal's Note: Welcome to the first month of the 2021-2022 school year at École Plamondon School! We are excited to have our students return for the year and we welcome our new students to our school. We are going to have an excellent year learning and having fun! It's a great year to be a HAWK!

The first days of school are exciting: catching up with friends, getting to know new teacher(s), and getting back into a routine. It is important that school and home work as a team to support student learning and success. We would appreciate it if you would take some time this week to review the school's expectations with your child(ren). These expectations can be found in the [Student and Parent Handbook](#) (<https://www.ecoleplamondonschool.ca/download/199362>) on our school website. If you would prefer a hard copy, the admin team would be happy to print one for you - one per family.

Throughout the school year, EPS wants to keep you connected with your child's learning and activities. At the beginning of each month you will receive notice that the newsletter has been posted to our website and Facebook page. If you would like a printed copy, please let the office know and we will be sure to have it ready for you. Each newsletter includes a monthly calendar with the planned activities. We may also contact you through School Messenger to remind you of an important event or provide you with information. Please make sure you sign up to receive messages. If you need help, please call the school office or stop by and we will help you out. As well, we ask that you let us know when your child is absent so we can ensure your child is safe. We have an automatic call out system if your child

is marked absent that day. Thank you for keeping in contact with us this year!

We believe in working together and so the admin team is available to meet with you if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to visit. We ask that you make an appointment at the office with either the principal, Mrs. Karen Grygus or assistant principal, Mrs. Jodi Rebekowich as both administrators also teach. Making an appointment is the best way to ensure we are available.

We're looking forward to working with you again this year. Have a fabulous September!

Covid 19 and Mask Use:

COVID 19 continues to influence our procedures. Students and staff are asked to regularly use hand sanitizer or wash hands, practice distancing, stay at home when sick, complete the Self-Screening questionnaire each day before getting on the bus. Masks are mandatory for all students, staff and visitors in non-instructional areas (entrance ways, boot rooms, hallways) of schools. As per the provincial public health order, students and staff will also be required to wear masks on school buses. Masks will not be mandatory in classrooms or where students are participating in instructional activities in other areas of the school (gymnasium, library, CTS labs, etc.). Students and staff who choose to wear masks in instructional areas will be supported in their decision to do so.



Parents and Guests in the School:

There are a few guidelines that we ask our parents and guests to follow to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

- Please use the front doors to enter the school. All doors are locked throughout the day for the safety of our students.

However, we will gladly answer the door - all you need to do is ring the doorbell on the far right.

- Wearing a mask is required.
- Please come to the office and sign in. We need to know who is in our building and where you will be.
- Please take a "Guest" badge that identifies staff that you have signed into the office.
- Please sign out when you are leaving the building and return the guest badge. This ensures we know you have safely left the building in case there is an emergency.

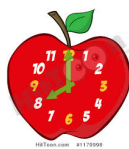
Picking Up Children at the End of the Day

As you can imagine, dismissal time is busy. We ask that all parents enter the building through the front door. Children will be called down to the office to be picked up. Parents, guardians, grandparents are asked to wait in the office/foyer area to pick up their child(ren).

Parents or designated persons are required to come into the school, meet the students and escort them to their vehicle safely. If parents are asking other adults to pick up their child(ren), please contact the school or send a note with your child(ren).

If you need to pick your child(ren) up early, please do so before **3:10**.

Parents/Guardians are asked to notify the school by written note or telephone call if their child(ren) will not be going home in their usual way.



School doors open at 8:30. Please remember that buses arrive at school at 8:30am. This is the time we ask all students to arrive. Students that arrive earlier will be asked to wait in the front foyer.

School Renovations

We are excited to announce that the bathrooms in the junior high and high school area have



been renovated this summer. This is great news as our bathrooms have been in need of an upgrade. Thank you
Glen Marko for

overseeing the many contractors to get these jobs done and to NLPS for financing this project.

This was a very large job. Not only did we get new sinks and toilets, but we also have a new design which required demolition and rebuilding. We have alternated bathroom allocation for all grades.

As well, we have new lighting throughout the building. LED lights have been installed. Please feel free to call the school if you have questions or concerns.

Make September 29th Count

Alberta Education funds schools based on the September 30th count. This means that schools receive money for every student in attendance on the last school day of September. This year we will not be in school September 30th as this day has been set as the Truth and Reconciliation day and we will not

have school that day. Therefore, our count day this year is September 29th. Alberta Education uses this time of year to ensure only one school receives funding for each child. Please assist École Plamondon School receive funding for your child by having your child attend school on September 29th.

Welcome New Staff

EPS is proud to introduce our new and returning staff!

Ruth Fyten



Mrs. Fyten lives at Rich Lake. She has been a teacher for 30 years! She loves painting and spending time with her husband and dog. Her favorite subjects to teach are language arts and art. Her goal for this school is "Trying to survive junior high".

Sioban Stromquist



Ms. Stromquist enjoys teaching chemistry, math, and science. She loves to make students feel confident in any subject they are learning and is looking forward to getting to know more of the students. Next time you see her in the halls,

ask her to show you her amazing tap dancing skills!

Wendy Ross



Mrs. Ross is a returning staff member from EPS, and has been working with us for 5 years! She has been a teacher for 27 years and has

taught in Grassland and British Columbia. Mrs. Ross is excited to be back and is looking forward to having an amazing year with the grade 2s.

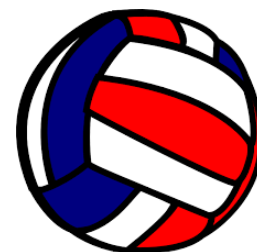
Breanna Landry

Mrs. Landry is a returning staff member from EPS. This is her 4th year as a teacher and she is coaching junior girls volleyball. She loves golfing, curling and animals and even volunteers at the humane society. She is looking forward to her 3rd grade class year end field trip!



Hawks Athletics

Welcome back to another year of Hawks Athletics! Ecole Plamondon is proud to offer a variety of team and individual sports to both challenge our students in the pursuit of excellence and foster the development of important skills, such as: teamwork, dedication, perseverance, leadership and problem-solving that will last them a lifetime. Several activities will begin right away with team sign-ups and team information meetings happening within the first week. Please encourage your son or daughter to get involved and show their Hawks pride!



A number of team practices are under way. We are excited to see our kids on the court once again.

Terry Fox Run

Friday, September 24th

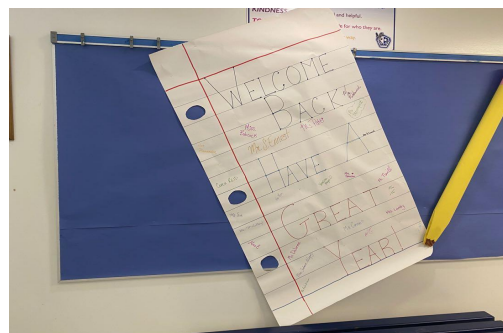
As part of National School Run Day, EPS is proud to be hosting our 13th annual Terry Fox Run and Walk. Parents and/or Community members are welcome to attend and walk with their child's class. If you would like to Volunteer to be a safety monitor on-course, please contact the office staff at EPS (780-798-3840). Pledge forms and run information will go home the 2nd week of September. Thank you for your support.



"I want to set an example that will never be forgotten"
- Terry Fox

Bulletin Boards at EPS

Thank you to our amazing Educational Assistants who go the extra mile to make our school a fun place to be. Here are some of the new bulletin boards in our school!



HANDLE WITH CARE



IF YOUR FAMILY IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY AT HOME, EPS WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AT SCHOOL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO SHARE YOUR DETAILS AND THAT'S OKAY. IF YOUR CHILD IS COMING TO SCHOOL AFTER A DIFFICULT NIGHT, MORNING, OR WEEKEND, NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER TO "HANDLE WITH CARE". NOTHING ELSE WILL BE SAID OR ASKED. THIS WILL LET EPS STAFF KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD MAY NEED EXTRA TIME, PATIENCE OR SUPPORT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

Grade 3 and Mrs. E

It was so nice to see your children's smiling faces again last week! Grade 3 students and Mrs. E's students in Russian classes



participated in a number of team building activities. Children had the chance to communicate with each other and work towards a common goal. Even though there were some hiccups along the way, students persevered in each activity and problem-solved as a team! This week the children will continue to participate in other activities that teach them how to collaborate and communicate with each other effectively! I am looking forward to a wonderful year with your children full of learning and fun! ~ Mrs. Evdokimov

Grade 8 & 9R Language Arts with Mrs. Rebkovich

Welcome back to another awesome school year. I am so excited to be teaching these wonderful students. We started our first week of school by going over some routines and expectations, as well as getting to know each other a little better. We also had a little fun trying to save the teacher from being a zombie in our language arts escape room. Students had to solve puzzles that involved grammar, spelling and the ability to discern patterns in language. It was fun and a success as I am cured.



I have invited all your students to

a Google Classroom and you are able to join as well so you can easily track what assignments your student might have outstanding and what exams they have coming up. It is a great way to keep track of what we do in class as well. Also, if you could send me your preferred email address you will not miss out on any messages that I send home via SchoolMessenger. I want to keep you informed and this is one way to do so easily.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school or by email - jodi.rebkowich@nlsd.ab.ca. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

School Council - Join us in supporting the students and staff of EPS!

The first School Council meeting for the year will be held on September 23rd at 6:30 via Zoom. Join us to help support our staff and students through another fluid year. There are many ways to help, by holding a position on the executive, being a division representative, or by just being a voice at the meeting to share your ideas and perspectives. We look forward to seeing you there. All positions are open and nominations and voting will take place at the annual meeting.

Thank you to the following individuals who supported our students last year and positions they held.

EPS School Council Executive

Bailey Walsh - Chair

Connie Williams - Vice-Chair

Chasidy Bourassa - Treasurer

Christine Tredger - Secretary

Rebecca Hilligas, Cassidy Davey,

Link to meeting: [School Council Meeting](#)



Sports

Ms Landry and Ms Babcock are coaching this year's grade 5/6 and the Junior girls and boys volleyball. Junior girls and boys practices are held at Ecole Plamondon School, Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. Grade 5 and 6 practices will be Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00.

Mr Reid is coaching Senior girls volleyball this year. Practices are Monday from 5:30-7:15, Tuesday from 5:30-7:15, and Thursday from 7:15-9:00. Mr Kim is coaching Senior boys volleyball this year. Senior boys practices are Tuesdays from 3:30-5:15, and Thursdays from 5:30-7:15.

Summer Accomplishments

Students from EPS have been making great accomplishments outside of school.

Bretleigh Delorme, grade 5, has been Barrel racing for 2 years and has won many jackets, awards, and many more prizes including 250 dollars!



Paulina Kuznestov has been jigging throughout this summer. Paulina likes to compete and dance for cultural days and festivals. Paulina has won countless medals and awards at multiple competitions. She has been jigging almost her entire life, and will continue to dance at these Metis

festivals and cultural events!



Thank You Servus Credit Union!

We would like to say a huge Thank you! Servus Credit Union has very generously made donations to our Breakfast Program and to our Fine Arts Program to help us bring in the Trickster Theatre group! Thank you!!



Our Breakfast Buggy and Concession Cart are back!

Every morning the Breakfast cart goes around to classrooms to give the students the option for a breakfast item at no cost to help them start their mornings!

Also at lunch time we have a concession cart with a variety of items for students to purchase.

In the next few weeks we will be getting our Hot Lunch program up and running as well.



A Fun Day For the whole Family

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BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT & DANCE

Ball Hockey: Festival Centre Parking Lot
3 age categories (5-7, 8-10, 11-14)






SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

enter as an individual or as a team of 4
\$20/person- includes dance entry
Helmets & hockey gloves are mandatory
Street hockey equipment is recommended
Registration deadline: September 15/21

Dance to follow at the Festival Centre open to all
community members of ALL ages- DJ & Prizes
\$5/person- tickets available at the door

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and grey pants, is captured in a dynamic, dance-like pose. She is leaning forward with one leg extended and arms outstretched. The background is a light blue gradient.

September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Pancake Breakfast for Elementary students 		Pancake Breakfast for Jr. Sr. High students 			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Wacky Sock Day! Wear your craziest socks! 		Terry Fox Run 		
27	28	29	30			
		Orange Shirt Day 	No School in Observance of Truth and Reconciliation			