

École Plamondon School



Hawks Highlights



June 2022

Principal's Note:

Can you believe that we are in the month of June? Including today, there are 19 more school days before we are on summer vacation. This year has had many ups and downs, but overall, we have been blessed to be together for the majority of the school year learning and more recently remembering what "normal" feels like. The month of May was fun filled and we had many activities we want to share with you. Please check out the articles and pictures of the different learning activities, sports, and school spirit days we have had. We even had May Flower once again and a school dance! So very exciting. Our grade 12's managed to be King and Queen this year - way to go! Thank you to everyone who participated.

May 31 was the final day for our sporting events this year. Justine Kononchuk competed in Golfing Provincials. This competition was postponed from last fall and we are thrilled she was able to compete as this is her final school year. As well, on May 31st our Junior High Track Athletes competed at Districts. On June 25 our Senior Track athletes wrapped up their season. We are so proud of each athlete's hard work and dedication this season. You can find out more details in our Hawks' Athletics section. It's a great day to be a HAWK!

June is jam packed with activities, and finalizing our learning. Provincial Achievement Tests are scheduled for students in grades 6 and 9 and Provincial Diploma Exams are scheduled for many grade 12 courses. We have exam week for our senior high students and final exams for



our junior high students. Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter for important dates. Please remember that diploma exams are non optional and students must be at school at 8:45 on the day they are scheduled to write.

There is a lot of learning that takes place in June for all age groups. For our younger students, May and June are often the times where big connections are being made. For our older students, we are preparing for final exams and demonstrating our year's learning. We encourage all of our students to attend right up until the end of the year.

This month we will have the privilege of celebrating our students. Kindergarten grade is on June 23rd at 1:00 PM. And EPS Grade 12 Graduation is on June 25 at 1:00 PM at the Festival Center.. We are also looking forward to having a year end awards ceremony and celebration in June. Stay tuned for more information.

If we don't see you this month, we wish you a wonderful summer holiday ... beginning June 29. Hope the days are long and filled with fun and laughter.!



Preschool, Kindergarten, and School Registrations

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our open house on May 13. We were so excited to see some familiar faces and meet new friends. As we are beginning to plan for next year we kindly ask you to register your child for school - whichever program they will be attending. In Canada, funding comes from the provincial government. Alberta budgeting system has changed over the last couple of



years and it is important for us to know who will be attending next year so we can have the appropriate number of staff ready for September. If you have any questions, please

feel free to call the school and the office staff will be able to answer your questions or go to the Northern Lights Public School website at nlps.ab.ca to register.

School Council & Parent Advisory Council

President : Connie Williams

Vice President: Charlene Rutledge

Secretary: Lindy Forbes

Treasurer : Colleen Shapka

We are Looking for Parent Division Reps

Div1: Gr Prek - 3

Div2 :Gr 4-6

Div 3 : Gr 7-9

Div 4: Gr 10-12

Or maybe volunteer for a fully expensed trip to Fort Mac, our Casino is Sept 4/5 22.

PAC is asking for Parent Volunteers, rewards will be given back to class/group ... if interested please call the school

Friday June 3

Thursday July 7

Thursday Aug 11

Thursday Sept 22

We need your ideas and input to build a better school - new parents are always welcome.

Next Meeting: June 1st at 7:00pm. Our meetings [are on Zoom](#). Please join and share in what is new and exciting at EPS!

School Improvements

Thank you to the Parent Advisory Committee and our own budget, we were able to purchase new furniture for our multi-purpose room. This room is a small meeting room, a quiet space for older students, and a space for our junior and high school students to relax. We purchased four chairs, four stools, a table and chair. We are so excited to add a few more details to make it homy for all to enjoy. We purchased four lounge chairs, four stools, three bean bag chairs, a small table and chairs, and a few sensory items.



Feeling Unwell? Please Stay Home



As we continue to have students who are ill, we ask that you keep your child at home when your child is feeling under the weather. AHS continues to have the same requirements regarding illness, testing positive for COVID (both vaccinated and unvaccinated people) and being a close contact. Please visit the updated information at AHS for further details

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17239.aspx#guidance>

Staying home when you are feeling ill is the best for everyone! Thank you for your support with picking up kids who are under the weather and keeping them home when they are sick or showing symptoms.

Drama Production



Terribly Funny Performance Has Audience in Stitches

For the first time in almost two years, a buzz could be felt in the EPS Amphitheater. A packed Audience had the room filled with laughter throughout the course of the event. After the event, the students commented on how fantastic the audience was. We look

forward to announcing plans for next year's productions in the near future. Stay tuned!



Students' Union:

May was an amazing month for the Students Union and all the students! We had a great turnout for events and lots of participants. It was so fun! Here's what we did in May:

13th- Formal day

Mayflower week and spirit days

24th- Name that song & crazy hair day

25th- Glow in the dark obstacle course & neon day

26th- Cup stacking & color day

27th- Talent show & dress as your favorite celebrity





We planned a Mayflower dance for the 27th which started at 7pm. Lots of people came out and had fun. We sold chips, pop, water, suckers, glow sticks and chocolates. Overall it was successful.



For the month of June we have two spirit days planned.

June 9th- Adam Sandler day

June 17th- Tropical day

And we will also be selling treats in the front foyer at lunch on June 8th & 9th. We hope to see all the different Adam Sandlers!

Bike Safety



Officer Farooque shared important information regarding bike safety for many students at EPS.

Preschool

During the month of May, Preschool has been visiting and dressing up as Community Helpers. Usually the favourite is a firefighter, but this year, hands down it's been dressing up just like Mr. D. We are almost done with our ABC's and will finish up in June. We had a blast reading with the grade 4s and 6s and a big thank you to Mrs. Snyder who donated books and Cabbage Patch dolls with clothes!

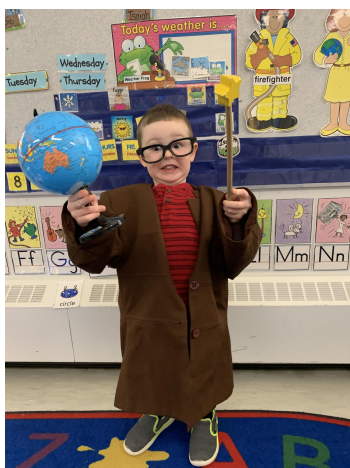
On Principal/teacher appreciation day we sang O'Canada to Mrs Grygus and our administration. Library time is the best, we have

fun building and constructing with Mrs Plamondon and all her maker space materials!
We all wore hats for hat day and were one of the winners for Mayflower Color day! Pizza party !!

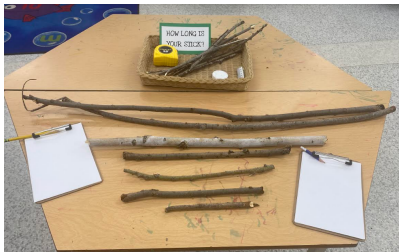
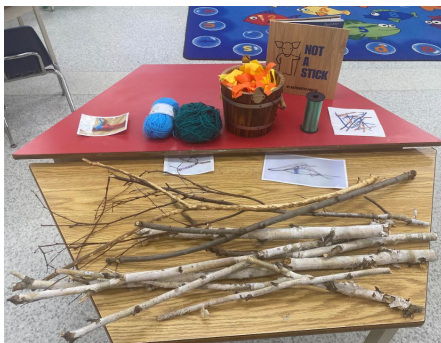
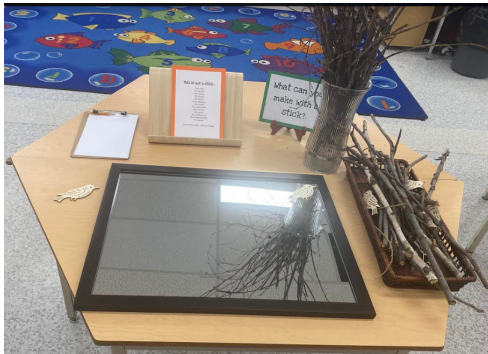


Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we have been so lucky to have Glenda Bouvier who is a practicum teacher. She brings in new ideas and lots of new centers for the students to investigate. This week she brought nature to us with some special math and art centers using sticks. We also have a special thank you to Feather and Twigs Hobby Farm for bringing an incubator and eggs to our classroom. The kids are patiently waiting and watching the eggs daily - so far we are 5 days in - only 16 more to go. In Language Arts we have been focusing on Lowercase alphabet recognition and correlating initial sounds. The students are getting really good at hearing the sounds and finding correlating items that go with them. We are about to put out some new centers in Math where the students will investigate 3-D Shapes, Shape and Space - transformations, Measurement, and Weight. In Health we were fortunate to have Colgate send us some new toothbrushes and toothpaste, along with some video tips and stories to help



us learn how to brush and floss our teeth appropriately.



Grade 1

In Grade one Mathematics we have been learning about the different coins in Canadian currency and doubling numbers! One of our favorite weekly activities is our esti-mystery. The students have to make an estimated guess of how many items in a cup. Then we go through the clues to see which guess is the closest and which guesses are eliminated. In Science we are working on our Lifecycle unit - so we have been watching the chicks in the Kindergarten room, and we planted Sunflowers to follow the plant life cycle and journal our scientific observations. We made some guesses about which grows faster in the life cycle - Chicks or Sunflowers. We should find out in the next couple of weeks. In Health we were fortunate to have Colgate send us some new toothbrushes and toothpaste, along with some video tips and stories to help us learn how to brush and floss our teeth appropriately.

Grade 2

The Grade Two class was busy during the month of May learning about new and interesting things! The children all researched

a type of bug and then presented their findings to the class. We also were able to watch our own classroom butterflies change from larva into adult butterflies. We are looking forward to building boats in our Boats and Buoyancy Science unit. In our Social Studies class, we finished our exploration of Saskatoon and Ukrainian culture, and we are looking forward to learning about our own community. In Math class, we learned how to measure the length, height, and mass of objects. We are looking forward to the new things we will be learning and the adventures we will be taking in June! Grade 2 students have raised and released 15 Monarch butterflies this month!



Mrs. Landry's Gr. 3 News

It is so exciting that we are already in our last month of the school year! I know the grade threes are really looking forward to their well-deserved summer vacation!



May was a blast! We had some great weather to enjoy and spent a lot of P.E. time outside. The grade threes really enjoyed their author visits with both David Poulsen and Gail de Vos! It was fun having virtual presentations by them and the students liked learning more about writing stories. This month we also had two additional in-person presentations, one from a

Peace Officer about Bike Safety and another from Mrs. Mahe about Hearing Safety. It was fun learning about these topics!

In June we have even more exciting events planned! There are various activities taking

place that the students will learn about soon and a year-end field trip! The grade threes have worked very hard all year and are continuing to do so in our last few weeks remaining. Here are a few pictures to highlight some of the learning we have done:



Mrs. Evdokimov and Lien's Grade 3 Class

In grade 3 Science we are learning about rocks and minerals. In the first two pictures students are trying to break open rocks so we can record the similarities and differences between the inside and outside. In the third picture students are spraying rocks with water so they are able to see how much more vibrant the colours are when the rocks are wet. In the fourth picture the students are sorting rocks according to their colours, shapes, and texture. In the fifth picture each glass has something different in it. We

used vinegar which is an acid to each glass to observe which one will fizz. In the last picture we did sand art where the students drew a picture then they covered certain areas of their picture with sand.

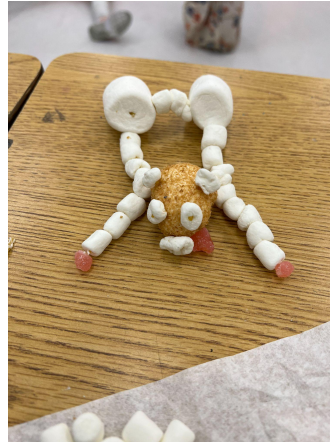




Grade 4 News

One more month closer to summer break! This month in grade 4, we began successfully germinating beans and planting various other plants to accompany our Plant Growth unit in science. In social studies, we have studied Indigenous technology including methods used for hunting and gathering pre European contact. Students constructed sweet imitation buffalo pounds and jumps using marshmallows and spaghetti. Also, we are moving into learning about the last of the six regions, the Boreal Forest. If you have an extra shoebox laying around, please send it with your child as we will be creating dioramas as a final social studies project.

June 21 is National Indigenous People's Day. The grade fours will be taking a field trip to the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement to enjoy a day full of Metis celebrations. Parent volunteers



are welcome:)

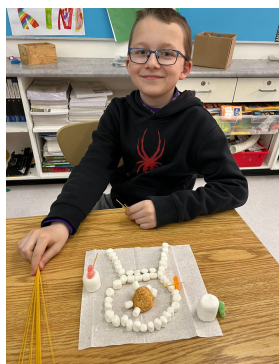


Grade 5 News

Grade 5 Students built Solar Stills for distilling water from plants, and will continue to identify ways of using water and other household products to separate and combine substances.

Grade 5 went to swimming lessons in Lac La Biche this past month. They had a lot of fun and did very well learning how to swim in the deep end. Cole attended swimming as well and spent time with Ms. McCullough and his friends in the little pool and the big pool. Sadly for Ms. McCullough, Cole was not too interested in going in the hot tub!

A lot of the Grade 5s and Grade 6s went to Track and Field this month. It's been pretty busy and hard to get to practices, because a lot of people are also attending baseball. We are



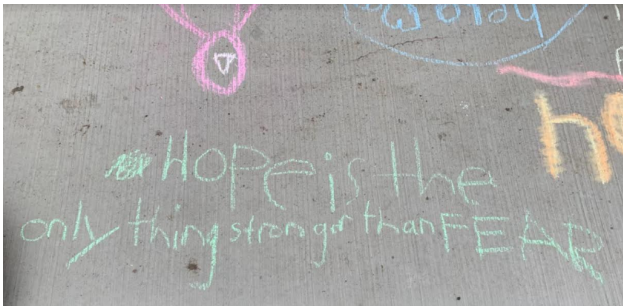
really happy with the nice spring weather for all these fun events.

Grade 6 News

Grade 6 students completed their Flight, Air and Aerodynamics unit with constructing parachutes, hot air balloons and airfoils to develop deeper connections between Bernoulli's Principle and the Properties of Air. Students Applied their knowledge of Air and the Particle Model of MATter toward fire as an entrance into our final unit of study - Evidence and Investigation. Students are already identifying unique features of fingerprints, and identifying that similar patterns exist in shoeprints and tire tread prints from vehicles.

Chalk the Walk

EPS participated in many activities for Mental Health Week. Below are pictures of our students with the support of our Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers and our Community Helpers leading the way. Students also participated in Hats on for Mental Health and PJ



Day to help us remember to take time for ourselves.



Community Helpers

On May 12, Miss Patti and the Community Helpers attended a conference in Glendon. There were guest speakers and an opportunity to learn with other community helpers from other schools. In the picture below is our Community Helpers learning from a school liaison officer





Our Community Helpers participated in a relaxation/selfcare session at their Retreat last week!



Scholarship Information:

There are many scholarship opportunities for students - please look at the NLPS website for more information, check out post secondary institutes or come and see Mrs. Grygus. Deadlines are fast approaching.

Learning Commons

Hello, Everyone!

May was a very exciting, fun month in the Learning Commons!

We wrapped up our Minecraft Reading Race, with our Grand Champions from Grade 6: Kallen, Jaxen, Joey, Connor and Nate were the big winners! Good job, guys!

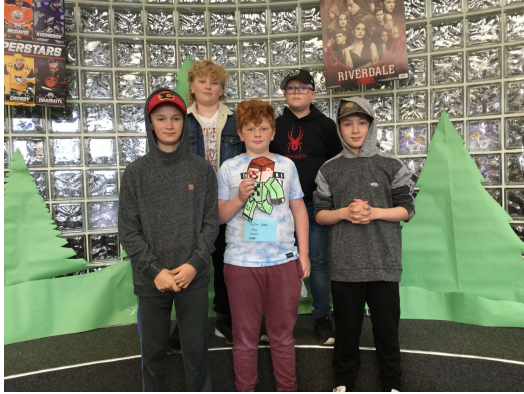
Grad News

Checklist: Have you completed the following:

- Paid Grad Fees - \$100
- Toasts
 - Parents to Students
 - Students to Parents
 - Students to Staff
 - Staff to Students
- Pictures for Slideshow Handed In
- Walk In and Out Song
- Keeping on TRACK with grades

Meal: There will not be a meal for graduation this year.





The Book Fair was here!! Many students purchased great books for summer reading.



Some Happy Campers enjoying the book fair!



Last day for book check-out will be **June 5th**. Please have

all items returned by June 17th. The Public library will be open on Wednesdays during the summer vacation.

Happy Reading!



Hawks Athletics

**EPS Grade 12 Student,
Justine Kononchuk,
Finishes 25th In Province**

After the golf provincial championships were postponed in September, grade 12 student Justine Kononchuk had the opportunity to compete at the ASAA Golf Provincial Championships on May 30-31, 2022. She finished 25th of 56th in her field. Great work representing our school on the provincial stage!



Senior Track & Field

Senior track and field was a success this year. We had many athletes complete and some qualify at Districts to head to Zones. Our athletes are as follows; Maxim Egoroff, Justine Konochuck, Heoniya Basargin, Tena Kuznetsov, Kilikia Anufriev, Wyatt Rutledge, Ismael Martuchev, Abby St. Jean, Kayden Mahaden. A big congrats to all athletes.

June Dates:

- June 7: Russian Day - Learning more about the Russian Culture
- June 8: Adam Sandler Day - Dress like Adam Sandler
- June 8: School Council Meeting
- June 9: Princess, Pirates, and Dragons Dress Up Day
- June 10: Family Friday
- June 13: Grade 6 Math PAT
- June 13: ELA 30 PDE Part A
- June 14: Social Studies PDE Part A
- June 15: Grade 6 Science PAT
- June 16: Grade 6 Social Studies PAT
- June 16: Grade 9 Math PAT Part A

- June 17: Math 30-1 & 30-2 PDE
- June 17: Tropical Dress Day
- June 20: Grade 6 LA PAT
- June 20: Grade 9 Math PAT Part B
- June 20: ELA 30 PDE Part B
- June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 22: Exam Week Begins for High School
- June 22: Grade 6 LA PAT Part B
- June 22: Grade 9 Science PAT
- June 22: Social Studies 30 PDE Part B
- June 23: Kindergarten Grad
- June 23: Last Day of Preschool
- June 23: Final Exam Math 30-3
- June 23: Bio 30 PDE
- June 24: Grade 9 ELA PAT Part B
- June 24: Chem 30 PDE
- June 25: Grad 2022
- June 28: Science 30 PDE
- June 28: Last Day for Students
- June 29: Last Day for Staff



Joyful June 2022

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
|  <p>6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings</p> |  <p>7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good</p> | <p>1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month</p> | <p>2 Say positive things in your conversations with others</p> | <p>3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it</p> | <p>4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it</p> | <p>5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down</p> |
| <p>13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side</p> | <p>14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you</p> | <p>8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share</p> | <p>9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently</p> | <p>10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them</p> | <p>11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it</p> | <p>12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone</p> |
| <p>20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity</p> | <p>21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement</p> | <p>15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it</p> | <p>16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way</p> | <p>17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful</p> | <p>18 Look for something good in a difficult situation</p> | <p>19 Get outside and find the joy in being active</p> |
| <p>27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy</p> | <p>28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people</p> | <p>22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh</p> | <p>23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to</p> | <p>24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for</p> | <p>25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others</p> | <p>26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it</p> |
| <p>30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)</p> | | <p>29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today</p> | |  |  |  |

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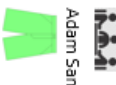




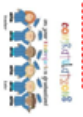




Grade 9-12 Exam Week Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| 13 PDE Eng 30-1/2 Part A | 14 PDE SS 30-1/2 Part A | 15 | 16 Math 9 PAT Part A in class exam | 17 PDE Math 30-1/2 Regular classes for non Math 30 students |
| 20 PDE Eng 30-1/2 Part B PAT Math 9 Part B in class final Regular classes for non ELA 30 students | 21 Indigenous Peoples Day No Exams | 22 PDE SS 30-1/2 Part B Science 10/14 Social 20 PAT Science 9 1 pm | 23 Math 30-3 | 24 PDE Chem 30 PAT ELA 9 Part B English 10 |
| 27 | 28 PDE Science 30 Last Day for Students | 29 Last Day for Staff | | |



June

2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | | School Council Meeting 1 | | | |
| 5 | 6 | Russian Day  | School Council Meeting Adam Sandler Day  | Princess, Pirates, and Dragons – Dress Up Day!  | Family Friday | |
| 12 | 13 | | | | Tropical Dress Day Div 1 Sports Day  | |
| 19 | 20 | National Indigenous Peoples Day  | HS Exams  | Last Day of Preschool Kindergarten  | HS Exams  | EPS Graduation  |
| 26 | 27 | Last Day for Students  | Last Day for Staff  | | | |
| | | | | 30 | | |

Jr. Family For youth ages 7-12 & their families **SUMMER FUN**

Spend quality time and connect with your 7-12 year old!



July 12th, 11am-7 pm • **Paddle The Lake**

July 26th, 4-7 pm • **Wood Working Workshop**

August 10th, 5-8 pm • **Balloon Animal Workshop**

August 23rd, 4-7 pm • **Leatherwork Workshop**

Locations to be announced. Pre-registration required for all days.

Families are free to come for any duration of time between the program hours.

Email cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com or call 780-520-9868.



