

January 2023

Principal's Note:

Счастливого Рождества! We hope that our Hawks' Families have had a wonderful winter holiday season. Thankfully, the weather turned fairly nice and we were able to enjoy winter activities on our break.

December was a busy month filled with lots of Christmas fun and preparing for the Christmas concert. Sadly, we had to postpone our concert to January 11, 2023. We hope you were able to join us. Besides preparing for our concert, we had a number of spirit days, like Christmas Hat Day, Ugly Sweater Day, Red and Green Day and then the buses stopped running. So, we will be having our PJ Day on January 13th. Students' Union also hosted a Candy Gram sale - candy grams were distributed early in the new year, and a Christmas Art Contest.

Winners will be announced soon. A big thank you to our Students' Union who continues to bring fun activities for us to do and to keep our spirits positive.

Our sports teams continue to be active.

Congratulations to both our Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams who were awarded the Sportsmanship Award at provincials in November. This is a prestigious award and we are so proud of our athletes and coaches. Congratulations!

Basketball began in December. A big thank you to our coaches: Ms Babcock, Mrs. Reb and Ms Delorme for coaching our young athletes. The JV team has already competed at one tournament with several more to come. The juniors have been practicing and preparing for the upcoming tournaments this season and our Grade 5/6 athletes will begin practicing soon. As well, we have a curling team who is learning lots from the Plamondon pros. Good luck to all our teams in their competitions.

January is upon us and for high school students this also means the end of one semester and exams. We will be having a quieter month focusing on completing courses and preparing for finals. The exam schedule is shared below. Please read through the information regarding students attendance and required permission to leave the building.

School Hours



Just a friendly reminder: School doors are first open at 8:30. This is to ensure that we have supervision in place for all students. Please ensure students are not dropped off prior to this time as doors may not be open.

Christmas Concert!

The show did go on! Cold weather, Christmas break interruptions, and changes in plans could not stop EPS HAWKS from performing. On January 11 at 6:30 our school presented to a full house the story and songs from The Grinch. We were so excited to have parents, grandparents, family members and community members come out to watch the performance. A special thank you to the organizers (Mrs. M, Mrs Ross, and Mrs Plamondon), the teachers and staff who helped make the show a great success.

Students during rehearsal





Your Lost Items Have Been Found

We have several tables filled with lost and found items. Please feel free to come to the school to look at our tables of found items. We are hoping to find the owners by the end of January. If these items are not claimed by then, we will be sharing them with a non profit organization.



Hawks Senior Volleyball

Despite volleyball season concluding in late November, the accolades continue to roll in for our Sr. Hawks Volleyball teams. EPS was informed on December 16th that both the Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys teams were each selected as the recipient for the 1A Sportsmanship Award following their strong showings at Provincial Championships in late November. As

part of the ASAA's "Set the Bar" initiative the participating teams, tournament officials, and host organizing committee were able to vote on teams that went above and beyond in their actions, behaviours and positivity on and off the court. We are exceptionally proud of our talented and respectful athletes, coaches, parents and the Hawks Volleyball Program as a whole, to receive such a great honour.



JOIN THE ROUNDTABLE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

We invite you to join the conversation!
 Lakeland Catholic
 Wednesday, January 18, 2023
 Food and Beverages 6:30-7:00pm
 Round Table Discussions 7:00-8:00pm
 McArthur Building (10307 100 St, Lac La Biche)
 Northern Lights ATA Local 15

To RSVP or for more information, please contact
 Matthew White, Local Political Engagement Officer
 Northern Lights ATA Local 15
 lpeo@atalocal15.com

Learn more at
 StandforEducation.ca



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The Alberta
Teachers' Association

Upcoming Events at LLBCL

Winter Reading Club will run through the months of January and February, and all ages can participate. Local activities will include: four onsite scavenger hunts, four family Take and Make kits, and two Tale Trails at the main branch. Visit

<https://www.llbcl.ca/programs/summer-winter-reading-programs> for the most up to date information and for the link to the official SRP website where you will submit your online reading log, Read for 15, and Friday 15 entries for a chance to win a prize.

Save the Dates:

- LEGO Competition – Feb 4th from 10-3pm
<https://www.llbcl.ca/programs/lego-competition>
- Ladies Night – Feb 24 & Mar 24 from 6-8pm
<https://www.llbcl.ca/programs/ladies-night>
- TRES Art Exhibit: Come What May – Mar 2-Apr 12
<https://www.llbcl.ca/programs/art-exhibitions>

For more information on any of our programs and services, contact us at 780-623-7467.

Preschool

December was so busy it went by in a flash. We decorated our tree with crafts and made presents for our families. Practicing with kindergarteners for our very first concert has been exciting. We visited grade 4s for their theatre performance. It was fabulous. Ms Kim gave us treats and read us a special Christmas story "ELF". Even though it was freezing cold we went outside to enjoy the fresh air.





Kindergarten

What a busy month December has been in Kindergarten! The students were kept busy all month participating in various activities.

We were visited by special guest Harlee Forbes in grade 2 who read our class “Hop on Pop” by Dr. Suess. She gave students the inspiration to continue working hard on their literacy skills to be able to read independently in the future.

Students also added to our monthly bulletin board by creating their name in Christmas lights as well as a picture of themselves in the snow! Students often refer to this board to recognize their own name as well as their classmates.

We have continued to grow our number sense this month with our gingerbread week activities. Students completed several gingerbread themed activities to build on their number recognition, ordering, as well as matching skills.

Our class also created special ornament crafts to take home. Inside the ornaments was a ribbon the length of themselves! Students and their parents can take out the ribbon each year to see how much they have grown since Kindergarten!



Grade 1

During the month of December, the Grade Ones in Ms. Ross' class completed the Science unit about the five senses by making a Christmas book about their senses. They also enjoyed this month the regular weekly visits we had from the Successful Family Successful Kids program. The presenter from this program worked with the children on topics such as self esteem and gratitude. Our month

was also busy preparing for the Christmas concert. We were very lucky to be given assistance from a high school student as we practiced our two songs. We are looking forward to performing the songs at the concert after the Christmas break!

Mrs. Sprecker's class finished up their book study of stone soup by making their own stone soup! Thank you to all families that sent vegetables. We created our own stone soup recipes after this! We will be sharing our "Stone soup Cookbook" with our families this week! We also successfully completed some Christmas crafts for our families.

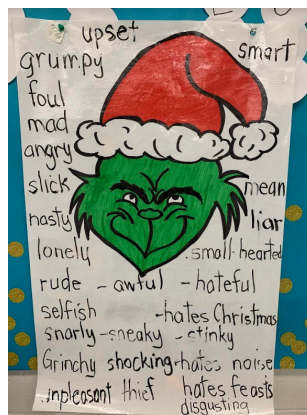


Grade 2

The students in Grade 2 have been working hard on literacy skills, whether it is increasing reading stamina, writing every day or expanding our vocabulary with descriptive words. Here is one of our grade 2 students reading to the kindergarten class. We have other guest readers who are preparing to read a story to younger students after the break! We also came up with a list of words to describe

the Grinch who tried to steal Christmas. We wrote letters to a variety of recipients, such as baba (grandma), a friend, a cousin or even to the North Pole!

Mrs. Snyder and Mme Doucet



Grade 3

During the cold inside recesses in the month of December we have been learning to play various board games. Playing these games with different individuals each day has

encouraged new relationships, teamwork, sharing, strategic thinking, and conversations amongst the students.

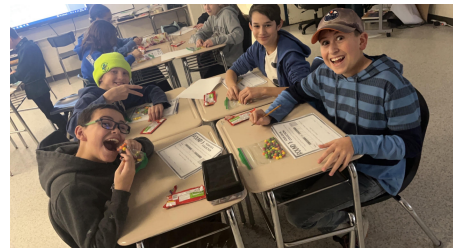


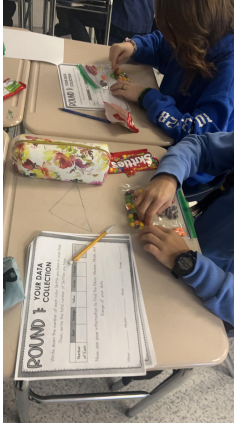
Grade 4/5 Skating



Grade 7

Students in grade 7 enjoyed using skittles to practice data analysis. In groups, they worked to find the mean, median, mode and range of sets of data.





Leadership

The grade 7-9 Leadership Class has been working hard on team building and public speaking skills. The class will complete three service projects that will benefit our school and community in the next few months. One of the team-building skills was to build a tower with spaghetti noodles, string, tape, and a marshmallow on top. The winning team was Chloe, Kiersten, Tenley, and Guiletta! Congrats ladies!



School Council

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

Executive

President - Connie Williams

Vice President - Anntonina Martushev

Secretary - Lindy Forbes

Treasurer - Colleen Shapka

Division Representatives

Div 1 - Heather Gauthier

Div 2 - Debbie Nipshank-Johnson

Div 3 - Destiny Alisby

Div 4 - Charlene Rutledge

Thank you to the parent volunteers listed above who have taken on positions. Although all positions are filled, we invite and encourage all parents to be a part of EPS School Council and PAC so you can be kept up to date on what is happening at our school and help guide our decision making.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Jan 24 at 6:30**. To make attendance easier, you can either attend in person or online.

EPS PAC has several **Bingos** to work throughout the year. If you are able to work one of the Bingos listed below, please contact Connie Williams at connie.williams@nlsd.ab.ca or at the school office 780-798-3840. Start time is 5:00 pm at the Lc La Biche Bingo Hall.

January 19 (Thursday)

March 23 (Thursday)
 June 4 (Sunday)
 July 7 (Friday)
 August 11 (Friday)
 September 22 (Friday)
 November 30 (Thursday)

EPS PAC is amazing! Thank you PAC for helping support our students and bring fun activities to our building!

Hawks Athletics

JV Boys Basketball

Congratulations to the JV Boys Team on their first win of the season, an impressive performance vs. J.A. Williams on their home court with the Hawks coming away with a convincing victory.

Despite only having one sub on Saturday, the boys worked very hard and were complimented on their stamina and skills. Your coaches are very proud and look forward to upcoming tournaments! Upcoming tournaments include Bonnyville on January 20-21st. Other tournaments will be posted in the next newsletter!



Elementary (5/6) Rookie Basketball: Coach Delorme

Junior High Boys (7/8) Basketball: Coach Rebkowich

Jr. Varsity Boys (9/10) Basketball: Coach Babcock

Practice Schedule Link: [Hawks Basketball 2023](#)



Hawks Practice Schedule

Basketball 2022

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School 3:30 - 5:15	Jr. Varsity (9/10) Boys		Rookie (5/6) Boys & Girls ----- Jr. Boys (7/8) Boys	Jr. Boys (7/8) Boys	Jr. Varsity (9/10) Boys
Evening 5:15 - 7:15		Jr. Varsity (9/10) Boys			



Hawks Curling Team (10-12): Coach Reid & Coach Watson

We're excited and proud to provide the opportunity for our students to compete on the High School Curling Team again for the 2023 season. We have a Mixed Team competing in the Plamondon Curling Club's Open League on Monday and Wednesdays. The Team will also be practicing once per week as we build up to N.E. Zone Playoffs in February.

Upcoming Athletic Tournaments & Events

- ★ January 20-21 JV (Gr. 9-10) Boys Basketball (Bonnyville)
- ★ January 21 Jr. (Gr. 7-8) Boys Basketball (Lac La Biche @Bold)

February Dates to Remember:

February 2: Second Semester Begins
February 10 - 11: Wake-A-Thon
February 15 - 17: No School - Teacher Convention
February 20: Family Day
February 22 - 23: HS Curling Zones
February 25: Basketball Wards



TALENT SHOW IN PLAMONDON

Do you have a talent (any talent!) that you would like to showcase? Teen Chillzone in Plamondon, on January 27, is your chance to shine! Spectators are welcome to join (and if all else fails, there is always Karaoke available)!

Bus leave the Bold Center at 3:45 pm to go to Plamondon.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 • 4:00 - 7:00 PM
• PLAMONDON FESTIVAL CENTRE
• SUPPER INCLUDED

AGES 13-18 • FREE

To Register:

Call 780-623-3829, or go to Bold Center front desk.

For more information:

Text or call 780-520-7183, or email christine.martin@laclabichecounty.com

 facebook.com/libcountyFCSS/





TEEN CHILLZONE Dungeons & Dragons Plus FREE Deep Dish Pizza

Friday, January 13. 4-7 pm • Ages 13-17 • McArthur Place

Learn how to play the popular game Dungeons and Dragons and also make your very own deep dish pizza - just the way you like it!

For more information, call The Bold Center or text Christine at (780-520-7183)




It Starts with Hope Parent Group

Thursday, January 19, 2023 • 6:30-8:30 pm • FREE

Beginner's Calligraphy

Join Noelle Harman in this beginner's calligraphy workshop and spend some time learning a new skill with other parents. Successful Families-Successful Kids staff will be there to talk about how the act of learning something new can give you a different perspective on your parenting.

All supplies included - Free


Must register by Tuesday, 17 January, 2023.
Open to all parents of children 18 year and under.

To register: Call the Bold Center at 780-623-3829 or stop in at the front desk.

For more information: Call Christine at 780-520-7183 or email Christine.martin@laclabichecounty.com



Partnership with:
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ALBERTA CLASS 7 LEARNER'S LICENCE PREP COURSE

Saturday, Jan 21
10 AM - 4 PM
Bold Center,
Viewpoint Room

A free interactive course at the Bold Center for youth aged 14+ who want help preparing for the written Learner's Licence test!

TO REGISTER:
Email Christine.martin@laclabichecounty.com, call/text 780-520-7183 or sign up at the Bold Center front desk.



Kids have stress too!

January 25, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wild Rose Room: The Bold Center
Register by calling
780-623-6365

*Childcare will be provided






January



CHICKA CHICKA BOOK CLUB
 Ages 18-35 months and their caregiver
 Wednesdays • Feb. 22 - May 3
 10:30 - 11:15 AM • Wildrose Room
 Bold Center • FREE!
 Pre-registration required. Call 780-623-7467.



Plamondon Craft Afternoon
 Join us on January 9th and 23rd from 10:30-12pm for stories, games, snacks and a special craft.
 All Families Welcome!!
 Festival Center













JOIN US FOR DAD AND ME
 MONDAY JANUARY 23
 5:30-7PM
 PROTECTIVE SERVICES BUILDING

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 CLOSED	3 Tumble Kids 10:30-12pm	4 Pre Teen/Teen Family Party 5-8pm Indoor Playground 1-4	5 Family Movie 3pm Festival Center Indoor Playground 1-4		7 Stay and Play 12-2pm
9 Plamondon Craftroom 10:30-12pm Indoor Playground 1-4	10 Tumble Kids 10:30-12pm Indoor Playground 1-4	11 Craftroom 1-3 Indoor Playground 1-4	12 Indoor Playground 1-4	13 Indoor Playground 1-4	14 Stay and Play 12-2pm
16 Tumble Kids Gymnastics 10:30-12:00 Indoor Playground 1-4	17 Plamondon Family Night 5:30-7:30 Indoor Playground 1-4	18 Rattle and Chat 1-2 Craftroom 1-3 Gym Jam 5-6:30pm Indoor Playground 1-4	19 Rhyme Time 10:30-11:30 Indoor Playground 1-4	20 Indoor Playground 1-4	21 Stay and Play 12-2pm
23 Plamondon Craftroom 10:30-12pm Dad and Me 5:30-7pm Indoor Playground 1-4	24 Tumble Kids 10:30-12pm Indoor Playground 1-4	25 Rattle and Chat 1-2 Craftroom 1-3 Kids Have Stress Too 5:30-7:30pm Indoor Playground 1-4	26 Rhyme Time 10:30-11:30 Indoor Playground 1-4	27 Indoor Playground 1-4	28 Stay and Play 12-2pm
30 Indoor Playground 1-4	31 Tumble Kids Pool 11-12:30pm Indoor Playground 1-4	Call 780-623-6365 for more information. Young Family Connections is located in the Child Mind Center, inside the Bold Center Follow us on Facebook FCSS Young Family Connections			



January

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13 PJ Day SS PDE Part A 	14
15	16	17	18	19 Math 30-1 PDE 	20 JV Boys Basketball in Bonnycastle 	21 JV Boys Basketball in Bonnycastle Jr Boys Basketball at BOLD LLB 
22	23 SS PDE Part B 	24 School Council @ 6:30 	25 High School Last Day of Classes 	26 High School Exam Week 	27 High School Exam Week 	28
29	30 High School Exam Week 	31 High School Exam Week 	High School Exam Week 	Feb 1 Semester 2 Begins	Feb 2	
End of Semester 1						

Please see the exam schedule for all dates and times

Final Exam Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 Classes Resume	10	11	12 ELA 30 PDE Part A (written)	13 Social Studies 30 PDE Part A (written)
16	17	18	19 Math 30-1 PDE	20 ELA 30 PDE Part B (MC)
23 Social Studies 30 PDE Part A (MC) Regular Classes for Gr 10 & 11 students	24 Regular Classes	25 Last Day of Regular Classes	26 Bio 20 Math 10C/10-3 Exam Week	27 Eng 20-1/20-2 Social 10-1 English 10-2 Exam Week
30 Physics 20 Russian 35 Challenge Exam Week	31 Math 20-1 Social 9 PAT First Aid Exam Week	Feb 1 First Aid End of Semester 1 Last Day for Exams	Feb 2 First Day of Semester 2	Feb 3

Students writing diploma exams have the option of going home once their exam is completed.

The last day of regular classes is January 25.

During exam week students in grades 10-12 only need to attend on the day they are writing an exam or have First Aid Classes. Once their exam is completed they may go home as long as the parent has notified the office that they give their child permission to leave.

Grade 9 students do not have exam week- there are regular classes for the entire month.