

LOBSTICK ZONE



Grand Trunk High School, Evansburg

September has been off to flying start for the staff and students of Grand Trunk High School. We are pleased to report that our enrollment numbers are up about ten students from our spring projections. During these first few weeks, staff has met with their advisory groups reviewing that the focus of the groups is to give students an opportunity to complete any missed assignments, write any quizzes or exams, and stay current with all of their academic responsibilities. The advisory group time is also to help develop positive relationships amongst the students across all grades with a staff member in the building. Students are also enjoying a couple of new option choices at both the senior high and junior high level. Agriculture (aquaponics), forensic science, and sociology are new senior high options while at the junior high level, students have choices such as introductory music, communications technology, management and marketing to name a few.

Volleyball season has started at both the junior and senior high level. The senior girls travelled to Vermilion for a tournament the first weekend back. The girls played in ten matches from Friday night until Saturday night, and came home with a bronze medal in the B division, which is the team's best finish since attending this tournament. The senior boys' team went to Rocky Mountain House the following weekend and played extremely well and managed to come home with a fourth place finish. The junior high girls have started their league schedule and have a couple of tournaments planned for their season.

Evansview School, Evansburg

"Look! I got a ladybug!" "Can I have it?" "No, can I have it?..." This was the scene one Friday as Evansview's kindergarten students took their classroom outside for Forest Friday. Ever since that day, they have been out on the prowl for another ladybug; not to mention ants and grasshoppers, too. Despite all the time they have spent outdoors (which is everyday for anywhere between 90 minutes to almost the whole day), they have yet to find that elusive ladybug. As summer turns into fall, that ladybug hunt will most likely turn into something new and just as exciting!

At the end of September, the Kindergarten and Grade 1 students have their first opportunity to attend the biennial Terry Fox Run. Rather than running through town, multi-age teams of students will work together to run laps around the schoolyard in hopes of creating a high lap-count for our school not to mention continuing Terry Fox's dream of a dollar donation for every person in the country.

To close out September, our school will take the time to remember those children who attended residential schools. As we teach our students to be sensitive to the difficulties of those who have come before us, we will cover our school in orange shirts creatively designed by our the members of our community.

October continues to be an action-packed month starting with a Métis-based cultural program led by Ian Porteous meant to build community within our school. The classes will have a workshop with Mr. Porteous and then come together at the end of the day for a final celebration through storytelling and dance. Our storytelling events do not stop there. The Evansburg Public Library has invited Kathy Jessup to come to our school for a presentation, as well.



EVW, cont'd

As students walk, drive or ride the bus to our school, they have witnessed a different kind of story unfolding before their eyes. Evansburg has the privilege of receiving an Emergency Response Building that houses not just the fire-fighters but also the EMTs and Peace Officers. Fire Chief, Les Schatz, invited the Evansview students to be the first official visitors to the building as we celebrate Fire Prevention Week.

Evansview School has become home to many programs above and beyond our kindergarten to Grade 6 programs. The Successful Kids and Families and Evansburg Playschool groups continue their services in a new classroom in our school. In addition to these programs, Family Community Support Services, and Yellowhead County will provide the Circle of Security Parent Program held on Tuesday afternoons. The students and staff of Evansview School want to extend a warm welcome to every community member who steps through our doors. We hope your life is enriched by spending time with us.

EVW Events for October

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| 2 | Crossing Guard Training |
| 3 | Ian Porteous Visit |
| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 11 | Kathy Jessup Visit |
| 12 | Fire Hall Visit |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 27 | No School for Kindergarten |
| 31 | Halloween Celebrations |

Wildwood School, Wildwood

New People! New Spaces! New Programs!

Wildwood School welcomes a new principal this year, Mr. Mike Gray. Former principal, Mr. Daniel Seitz, has retired and we thank him for his many years of dedicated service. Mike Gray, an educator with a special education background, has been a classroom teacher and administrator for a combined thirty years. Mr. Gray has expressed his intent to be constantly visible in the school and states, "My door is always open!"

Many of the school's physical spaces have been transformed! Drop by the school if you are curious to see the changes. Extra effort went into making each classroom

ready for an exciting year of learning. For example, the look of what was formerly known as the library has completely changed. Where schools were once known to have a central library in their building, individual classrooms now house their own books, often numbering in the hundreds, and the books are tailored to the reading levels of the students of that grade. Today, the giant amount of square footage with a carpeted floor formerly known as the library has become a performing arts based room. In fact students are currently undergoing the process of holding a vote to officially rename the room to match it's new purpose. A big thank-you goes out to everyone who pitched in to help move huge amounts of excess furniture.

Mrs. Shannon Kolotyluk, new to junior high, has spear-headed the creation of The Maker Lab, a shared space with an emphasis on implementing science and technology. The new Maker Lab exists where the old computer lab was. Stand alone computers have been replaced by portable laptops that students can use anywhere so the expansive counters that used to hold computer workstations are now clear and perfect for doing science, construction or art projects. Fine Arts programming, especially music and singing, has increased in the higher grades. Outdoor education as a junior high option is back at Wildwood School. Teachers have also expanded field trip opportunities for their students with three trips happening by mid month: Pembina Valley Hiking Day, History of Metis Day at Tipple Museum and a Camp WARWA trip.

Niton Central School, Niton Junction

After two months of summer holidays, our Superflex team came back strong and ready to take action. Mr. Meier and the Grade 6 class, worked hard in the first two weeks making fabulous Superflex/Unthinkables costumes in order to put on some performances for our younger students. The goal is to help teach our younger students about the Unthinkables and provide them with entertaining social stories on how to defeat each one. To kick off our assembly, they reviewed the Unthinkables that our students worked to defeat last year. Then we moved on to our current Unthinkable "Space Invader." The students will spend the months of September and October working on defeating Space Invader, before challenging a new Unthinkable.

On September 15, our Grade 2/3 class hosted our annual Terry Fox Run. This year, a group of our Grade 2/3's created the banner for our school and then provided each class with an Adidas running shoe, just like Terry

Niton, cont'd

wore on his run across Canada. Each student colored a running shoe and then added it to our banner. On the day of the run, we had our entire school, along with the most community members we have ever had, join us to take part in our run. Not only did we raise money for a great cause, we encouraged school and community spirit.

In September 20th, we hosted our second annual Welcome Back BBQ. This event allows families to come together, meet other parents from their child's class and get to know their child's new teacher. The staff at Niton cooked up some delicious burgers and hot dogs, as well as provided snacks. Then as families arrived, they too brought snacks and goodies to share. Nothing brings people together like a good meal! Despite the rain, we had a wonderful turnout and another successful kickoff to our school year.



EDSON & AREA

École Westhaven School

Westhaven School is very excited to welcome new staff members to our school team. The following are our new teachers: Mme. Maude Corriveau, Ms. Kyla Gilchuk, Ms. Ashley Savoie, Ms. Heather Vande Voorde, Mrs. Christine Reynolds and returning to us, Mme. France Hamelin. We also welcome some new teaching assistants: Janet Murry, Jill Glover and Karine Holmes.

We have been able to maintain our PRTI (Pyramid Response to Intervention) time. This 30 minute block allows each classroom teacher time to work with small groups of students three to four times a week. This is designed to help any struggling students in language arts or math concepts. We are excited to begin our full day Kindergarten project and look forward to seeing the positive growth and readiness for Grade 1 in these beginning students. Many teachers also provide 'Daily Five' literacy learning within the classroom environment to assist students in reading. Parents can always help in assisting their children to read, by reading every day at home. If you have any questions regarding how you can help your child please talk to your child's teacher.



Fulham School

There are many things to be thankful for at Fulham this October! We will hold our parent/ teacher interviews this year about one month before report cards go out. This will give parents, students, and teachers time to voice any concerns, find solutions, and see results by report card time. Our Book Fair is a wild west theme this fall and we are hoping for a record-breaking turn-out! A percentage of all book fair sales will go towards new books and fun supplies for our school.

Fulham Events for October

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| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 11 | School Photos |
| 17 & 18 | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| 18 | Swimming in Edson at Repsol Place |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 23 | Alberta Safe Rider Presentation |
| 25 & 26 | "Wild West" Book Fair |
| 25 | Wild West Dress-Up Day |
| 31 | Halloween Party in the Afternoon |

Westhaven Events for October

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| 2 | PAC Meeting @ 7pm |
| 3 | Feather Assembly (A celebration of the great academic achievements & citizenship acts that students have done over the first month of school) |
| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 17 & 18 | Book Fair & P/T interviews from 5-7pm |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 31 | Halloween Activities |



Mary Bergeron Elementary (MBE) School

The month of September is in the history books and the staff, students, and parents here at MBE have done an amazing job of getting the new school year off to a great start – even though we are still under construction in many parts of the building. With all the changes and challenges that come with opening a new school that's still under construction, we can proudly look back at the past month and say, "We did it" - and we did it well!

One of the unique things about our school this year is the number of construction workers who are in the school each day continuing to work on completing construction of the gymnasium and learning commons and putting the finishing touches on this amazing facility. They have quickly become part of our MBE family and have been great to have around. To kick off the next month, we are having a "Thank a Construction Worker" theme day where the students and staff are going to dress up as construction workers as a tribute to the men and women who have been working hard to complete the construction of our school. Staff will provide treats and snacks for the workers and it will be a day filled with handshakes, 'thank-you's', and a lot of fun!

The month of October will be another exciting month for us as we gear up for completion of our gymnasium and learning commons and we start to get things in place to hold our official Grand Opening. As usual, the classrooms and hallways will be filled with learning and laughter and we will continue to build on our September successes.

MBE Events for October

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| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 10 | Picture Day |
| 12 | School Council Meeting from 5:30-8:30pm |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 31 | Halloween |

École Pine Grove Middle School (PGMS)

It's been a busy start up at Pine Grove with lots of activities during the month of September.

Auditions for this year's production "Madagascar Jr: The Musical" took place and the roles have now been cast. There is a record number of students participating this year with 80 students onstage and 30 working on building the set, props and costumes. The show will take place during the third week of January at the Red Brick.

Volleyball is underway and this year 62 Pine Grove students are playing on six teams. With a beginner, intermediate and advanced level team for both boys and girls, most students who wanted to participate in extra-curricular volleyball were able to play.

One new addition to our Pine Grove day this year is the implementation of a homeroom block. For 15 minutes at the end of the day, all students are able to spend time with their homeroom teacher getting their assignments and homework organized, making sure they have notes and information for parents and strengthening their homeroom team.

PGMS, cont'd

Pine Grove also purchased 51 Chromebooks during September to help with the implementation of the Google platform that GYPSD is transitioning to. Teaching staff and students alike are enjoying using new features, such as Google Classroom, to create new learning opportunities in an online space. The Google platform has also allowed Pine Grove to begin using online forms when collecting information from parents, an efficient and simple method which many parents are finding easier to use than traditional paper forms. A great start to a new school year with lots more to come!

PGMS Events for October

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| 2 | Author Talk Judith Graves AM |
| 3 | Magazine Campaign Kick Off |
| 3-6 | Book Fair |
| 5 | Meet the Teacher Night/Book Fair |
| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |

Parkland Composite High School

Parkland's Pacer Success Centre was met with much excitement from staff and students. Comments ranged from, "This feels like a university", to "Finally some color!" The booths have been most popular as students rush to them during class time and lunch hour. With the installment of four new large flat-screen TV's in the PSC plus an additional five more in the Pacer Dome, Parkland is definitely enhancing their students' learning environment. Student's also have the option to come in as early as 7:30am to utilize the PSC's resources; such as the computers, Chromebooks, academic support, and to visit with a friend or two. We are open one hour after the last bell, 4:15pm on Monday to Thursday, and 3:10pm on Fridays.

Our annual awards ceremony will be held in our gym on Friday October 6th at 7pm. Many of our students achieve academic success; therefore, this is our way at Parkland to celebrate the many accomplishments that our students work hard for. Refreshments will be made available following the ceremony, as well as group and family pictures if you so desire. Have a photo taken with your teacher! If you would like a copy of your student's photo that was taken during the ceremony, please email Trish Day and she will accommodate your request. Picture retakes take place in the Pacer Success Centre on October 23rd. Students wishing to have their picture redone must bring their photo package with them that was picked up from the office.



Parkland Events for October

Practices: Monday – V'ball; Tuesday – V'ball / Cross-Country Running;
Wednesday - V'ball; Thursday – Cross-Country Running

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| 2 | PAC Meeting @7pm Pacer Success Centre |
| 3 | Jr. V'ball Game – Jasper @ PCHS Wilderness & Biology 20 Field Study |
| 5 | ACES Bake Sale |
| 6 | Awards Night @ 7pm in the Gym |
| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 10 | Jr. V'ball game – Grand Trunk @ PCHS |
| 11 | First Aid Course (open to all students) |
| 12 | ACES Bake Sale Jr. V'ball game – PCHS @ Wildwood |
| 13 | Sr. V'ball Tournament – PCHS @ Barrhead |
| 17 | Jr. V'ball game – HRH @ PCHS |
| 19 | ACES Bake Sale |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 23 | Picture Retakes |
| 25 | Parent/ Teacher Interviews from 4-8pm |
| 25-27 | FNMI Administrator Camp in Jasper |
| 26 | ACES Bake Sale/ Terry Fox Run – Block 3 |
| 27 | Jr. V'ball Tournament – PCHS & Mayerthorpe Sr. V'ball Tournament – PCHS @ Stony Plain |
| 31 | Jr. V'ball Game – Niton @ PCHS |

HINTON

HCHS Events for October

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| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 17 | Parent/ Teacher Interviews 4-7pm/ School Council Meeting @7pm |
| 18 | Parent/ Teacher Interviews 5-8pm |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 24 | Forestry Career Fair (Gr 9 & 10 AM/ Gr 11 PM) |



Harry Collinge High School (HCHS)

It is hard to believe that September is already in the rear view mirror. Volleyball season is now well under way with a full staff of coaches across our junior and senior programs. These programs exist for our students because of the tremendous volunteers on our staff and in our community. As in the past, we are again pleased to have some of our alumni athletes return in the role of coach. This bodes well for athletics at Harry Collinge and in Hinton.

October brings with it the first sessions of parent-teacher interviews. These will take place on the 17th (4-7pm) and the 18th (5-8pm). Please note that the October School Council meeting follows the interviews on the 17th.

In partnership with Work Wild, Careers the Next Generation, West Fraser and a number of local businesses and industries, our Grade 9 - 11 students will be participating in Quick Connects - Careers in the Forestry Industry on October 24th. This will be an awesome opportunity for our students to learn about all the careers related to forestry.

On Saturday, October 28th in partnership with Stetson GM, we will be hosting Buick - Drive for Your Students. This is a fantastic opportunity to take a test drive and raise money for the new HCHS learning commons. Hope to see you there!

Crescent Valley School

École Mountain View School

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Sheldon Coates School

October is going to be an exciting month for students. Our leader teams and clubs are all starting up now. We will again have our Health and Wellness team, our Kindness Leader Team, our Garden Leader Team, our Art Leader Team, and our Library Leader Team. New this year, students will also be able to participate in a Computer Coding Club, French Club, and Music and Dance Club.

We will be holding our Hallowe'en Activity Day on October 31st. Students are invited to dress in school-friendly costumes. We are also anticipating Breakfast Club will be up and running before the 1st of October. Thanks to our division and School Council leaders for making this program available for all of our students!

Grande Cache Community High School, (GCCHS) SonRise Christian Program

As we begin the 2017-18 school year at GCCHS and SonRise, our building is getting its final touches completed, after our whole school modernization of the last two years. The students and staff are excited to utilize the entire building this year and to enjoy the use of our new gymnasium. Sports teams are already in high gear with boys' and girls' volleyball teams practicing for their upcoming tournament games in Beaverlodge (Sept. 29-30) and in High Prairie (Oct. 13-14). Cross Country Running has begun with runners in Grades 3-12. GCCHS and SonRise cross-country teams will travel to Rycroft for the Spirit River Invitational Meet on September 28th. SonRise will hold its annual cross-country race in Grande Cache on October 4th for Grades 3-6. GCCHS runners will compete in the cross-country zone finals in Grande Prairie on October 11th.

On September 12th, GCCHS and SonRise held its Official Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening Ceremony with many in attendance from the members of the GYPSD School Trustees, GYPSD Administration, members from Alberta Education and our architect for the project, along with our building contractor. Local Grande Cache Council members and our Mayor were also in attendance, as well as the MLA for West Yellowhead, Eric Rosendahl.

It was exciting to see so many from our community in attendance for the ceremony and the BBQ, which took place prior to the Official Ceremony. Our beautiful new building will certainly serve our students well for generations to come.

With our new building complete, GCCHS and SonRise is excited to begin a breakfast program for all our students that will begin in October. Students will have the opportunity to come to school early from 8 to 8:25am to enjoy a nutritious breakfast before heading to class every day of the school week. We are pleased to offer this program to our students, with the help of grants from Alberta Education and President's Choice, and from funds raised at the concession from the September long weekend slo-pitch tournament in our community.



GCCHS/SR Events for October

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| 4 | SR Cross Country Race in Grande Cache |
| 5 | SR Progress Reports |
| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 11 | HS & Sr X-Country Zone Meet |
| 13 & 14 | Sr V'ball High Prairie |
| 17 | SonRise Family Sports Night |
| 19 | SonRise Matchy Matchy Day |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 25 | SonRise Pizza Lunch |
| 26 | SonRise Spirit Day Activities |
| 26 & 27 | Post Secondary Tours Camrose/ Edmonton |

Summitview School

At Summitview School we embrace the motto "Every Child Matters" – this statement is important in our daily lives as educators but now it has an even deeper meaning as it is the motto for 'Orange Shirt Day', a day to acknowledge and understand more about the history of residential schools. The history of residential schools in Canada was hidden for many years – thankfully now we are learning more about this history and the long lasting impacts of these schools on our First Nations communities. 'Orange Shirt Day' grew from Phyllis' story – the story of a young girl who had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of residential school and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. Our Summitview community is grateful to our First Nations Métis Inuit liaison, Renee Fehr, our BEST coach Lisa Beckstead and our Family School Liaison Amanda McDougal who took the time to go around to each individual class to conduct a class discussion and activity. Our students created a hand print that identified what matters to them and what makes each one of the unique. On September 30th Summitview will participate in our second annual 'Orange Shirt Day' event where students get to walk around the school to view everyone's individual hand print while listening to traditional drumming music.

Other updates around the school include our CTF options for our Grade 6, 7 and 8's. Students have selected their courses based on interest and skill we are very pleased with the options we were able to offer this term such as; Guitar, Outdoor organized Sports, Athletic Programming, Journalism and Art History.

Summitview, cont'd

Volleyball season has started! The season will run until the end of November, with girls' practices on Mondays/Wednesday (3:30 - 5pm) with Mrs. Sopko and boys' practices on Tuesdays/Thursdays (3:30 - 5pm) with Mr. Hills. Games and tournaments will be posted on the Summitview calendar. Their first game was on Tuesday, September 26th in Hinton at Gerard Redmond Community Catholic School. The boys and girls have been working hard to build their skills in practice after school as well as early morning practices before games. We are looking forward to a successful season.

Summitview showed enthusiasm and support in welcoming our community of Grande Cache to come and meet the teachers at our Welcome Back BBQ which was held on September 14th. It was great to see so many parents, past students, community members as well as our new Superintendent, Carolyn Lewis, and local school trustee Ken Fate.

As we enter into October, our Grade 8 students will be busy planning our annual Halloween Dance on Thursday October 26th. Students will enjoy a night of dancing, prizes for best costume and if they dare; admission into our haunted hallway which is built and run by our Grade 8 students!

Our new Grade 4 students represented our school very well while on their field trip to Camp Tamarack on September 25th. Teachers Lindy Wilson (Grade 4/5) and Tina Munro (Grade 4) brought the students together for some team building at the camp in Grande Prairie. The students participated in various amount of activities where they had to work together to build a sense of community while having a blast!



JASPER

Jasper Junior/ Senior High School

We had a great start to the year. Highlights included our start up school spirit day, grade level hikes, our Grade 10 stewardship program, volleyball tryouts and games, and several field trips. We also held a meet the teacher night and a parent council meeting.

JJSHS Events for October

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| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 16 | Parent Council Meeting |
| 18 | Grad and Parent Meeting @ 7pm/ Gr 9 Vaccinations |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 25 | Sustainability Club Event |

Jasper Elementary School (JES)

Our school year opened with the theme Canada 150 and Beyond - Many Cultures and Many Learners! This theme communicates that children are the heart of what we do and that every child belongs at Jasper Elementary School. We are taking time to reflect upon what it means to be a part of a great country and a great school. Learning about our history, understanding our differences, embracing our cultural diversity, and exploring different perspectives makes us better citizens.

A big thank you to all of our families who attended the Welcome Back to School night on September 14th. This event was a great opportunity for families to meet the classroom teachers and learn about the partnerships that we have with Parent Council, Community Outreach Services, Alberta Mental Health, Canadian Parents for French, Jasper Right to Read Society, and the Jasper Out of School Care program. Thank you to Matricia Brown for singing and drumming during the event.

Throughout the academic year at JES, you will see students engaging in art, music, writing, learning projects, free reading for enjoyment, field school activities, nature immersion outings, community involvement, stewardship, and a variety of science and mathematics projects that extend the grade level curriculum. It is essential to the staff that all children feel a sense of belonging, that they experience success, and that they have a voice in their learning. This September, classrooms participated in many activities to enhance classroom learning:

- Scarecrow Construction – Drop into the school and meet the scarecrows in Grade 1, classroom 4! The students went on a shopping spree at the Jasper Thrift Shop and are now preparing to write about what these two characters like to do in their spare time.
- Miette Hot Springs – Grade 2 science hot and cold
- Maligne Canyon – Grade 2 study of the fall equinox
- Columbia Icefields – Grade 3/4's explore how the Rocky Mountains formed and get a firsthand look at how the glacier is changing
- Pocahontas old town site & interpretive trail – Grade 3/4's social studies history of the former mining town in Jasper National Park
- School Garden – Grade 4 students discover how to put a garden to bed for the winter. Students participated in harvesting the produce, composting the plants, turning the soil, and adding some manure to ameliorate the soil.
- Terry Fox Run – JES students and staff participated in the Terry Fox run on September 15th. Thank you to parents who joined us and to all who assisted with the supervision. JES raised \$515 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

JES Events for October

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| 2-6 | Swim Program |
| 3 | AMA Safety Patrol |
| 4 | Gr 3/4 Visit to Jasper Tram |
| 5 | AquaVan 150 Exhibit |
| 6 | Early Dismissal @12:05pm |
| 9 | STAT - Thanksgiving |
| 11 | Gr 3/4 Voyageur Canoe Trip |
| 12 | Healthy Snack Sale |
| 16 | Gr 5 & 6 KHK Training |
| 19 | Jasper Dark Sky Festival/ Gr 5 Vaccinations |
| 20 | Staff Institute Day - No School for Students |
| 23 | Gr 4-6 Curling Class |
| 25 | Take Me Outside Day |
| 26 | Healthy Snack Sale |
| 30 | Haunted House for Plan Canada |
| 31 | Halloween Dress-Up Afternoon |



THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

We are very excited at TLC to welcome two new staff members, Liam McLennan in Evansburg and Amanda Yaworski in Hinton. Amanda Yaworski has been teaching in Hinton since 2015. Substituting throughout the region, she learned how beautiful and diverse the West Yellowhead can be. Happily she worked in Harry Collinge, focusing mostly in Grade 8. A new exciting environment became available and Amanda is transitioning nicely into TLC. She looks forward to introducing some of the courses she's taught in other schools such as Science Fiction, Foods, and other CTS courses. Thank you to TLC Hinton teacher, Jessica Westergard, for her support in showing Amanda the exciting opportunities at TLC and we look forward to many visits with her and baby in the near future! Originally from Edmonton, Liam McLennan is greatly enjoying living and working in the Evansburg area. This is his first year teaching, and he is excited to be starting his career with The Learning Connection in Evansburg. Liam's subjects of choice are English Language Arts and Social Studies. He looks forward to sharing his passion for these subjects with his students. In his spare time he enjoys snowboarding, dirt biking, reading and playing video games.

This year our TLC schools are hosting a new series called Try-It Tuesdays, where teaching staff will invite local experts in a variety of areas to come to our centres and share their skills, talents and enthusiasm with all of our TLC students. The first of these events was Tuesday, September 26th, at TLC Edson. Students engaged in pottery painting and created a delicious, healthy lunch of wraps and smoothies. On October 10th, a small group of students in Hinton will have the opportunity to learn that art of stained glass. The following week, we will be at the Red Brick School in Edson for a session on sushi rolling! On October 31st, all TLC students will have the opportunity to engage in a video conference session by the Cleveland Museum of Art on the theme of Scary Art! Watch our website and Facebook page for updates as we will be adding sessions throughout the year.

Our partnership with the Palisades Stewardship Education Centre is off to an exciting start as we had a group going to Jasper on September 18th-22nd to earn three Career and Technology Studies credits in Environmental Stewardship and Outdoor Skills. We have several more sessions planned for the Palisades; information will be posted online and in our centres.

Many of our TLC teaching staff will be attending the annual Outreach Educators Conference in Edmonton on September 28th-30th. This conference is always an inspiring event which unites outreach teachers the province over as teachers and administrators gather together to spend time learning, sharing and growing in our professionalism to support the ever growing and evolving environment of outreach schools in our province. We are excited to announce that our newly appointed GYPSD Palisades Education Coordinator, Louis Corbeil, will be presenting at the conference this year! Way to go, Louis! Our Learning Connection school in Evansburg has undergone extensive renovations over the summer. We have expanded the physical size of the school twofold, and students are happy to have more space to spread out as numbers are increasing year to year. We are now able to offer students several new services such as a video conference suite for distance learning, and a separate quiet room for writing exams. The school will be hosting a Welcome Back BBQ for students on September 27th. Students will be able to enjoy a delicious meal and kick off the school year. September has been an exciting month for TLC Jasper as we welcome returning students as well as new ones. We are looking forward to participating in the Try-it Tuesday courses throughout the year. As we watch the snowflakes outside in from TLC Jasper and TLC Grande Cache, we are also anticipating a great ski season!

