



School News

December 2017

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Evansview School, Evansburg

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" With Christmas decorations being crafted, and practices for Christmas concert, we can certainly tell we're in the month of December. The hallways and classrooms of Evansview School continue to be busy places. The kindergarten class is continuing to spend time in the schoolyard classroom. They spend all day Friday, as well as the last hour most days, exploring and learning in different forest areas of the yard. The Grade 2-3 class will be having a Christmas craft morning with parents as they continue to prepare for Christmas. The class will also be meeting with Nili, a teacher from Jerusalem via 3V, who will be teaching the students about Hanukkah. The Grade 4 class is learning about wheels and levers in science, and made pop-can dragsters, which they then raced through the classroom. It took many modifications to the original plan and students were excited to see them actually work! Exciting activities are happening throughout the school. The students have been grouped into cross-graded 'Family Groups.' The students will be having lunch once a week with their family group, then playing at the next recess with their families. Family groups will also be meeting throughout December to participate in Christmas activities and carolling, as well as having the opportunity to create a flag for their family.

BOKS is coming to Evansview! BOKS (Build Our Kids Success) is a physical activity program that will run three mornings a week before school to help energize students and get their minds ready for a day of learning. Check out BOKS.ca for more information! Students at Evansview are collecting donations for the WEE Food Bank. Students realize the importance of healthy eating and are eager to support the local food bank fill the shelves with much-needed supplies. We hope you will come out to our Christmas concert on December 14th. There is a performance at 2pm, and again at 7pm. Merry Christmas, everyone!

EV Events for December

- 8 No School for Students
- 14 Christmas Concerts - 2 & 7pm
- 22 Last Day Before Christmas Break

Grand Trunk High School (GTHS)

Christmas is upon us and the students and staff at Grand Trunk High School wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. December proves to be a busy month for the Grand Trunk High School community. GTHS staff and students will be kicking off their annual food drive during the first two weeks of December. From December 4 - 15, students will have a friendly competition between classes to see which groups can bring in the most items for our local food bank. Please help us in supporting this very worthy cause. The annual 'Bears Break-out Bash' basketball tournament is set to start on Friday, December 1st at the GTHS and Wildwood School gyms. Tip-off of the first game between the sr. high GT Teddies and Hilltop is at 11:45am, and the sr. high GT Grizzlies first game starts at around 1:30pm. The rest of the tournament schedule and game locations will be available at the school on Friday. Please bring an item to donate to the food bank.

The GTHS Grizzlies and Teddies sr. high basketball teams will also be helping out the local Santa's Anonymous group. As part of a proud tradition at Grand Trunk High School, members of the high school basketball teams will spend December 21st and December 22nd loading and hauling groceries and packing hampers. Grand Trunk High School Student's Union (SU) also has a list of planned activities to help us all get into the spirit of the season. The 'Twelve Days of Christmas' activities are set to start as the SU organizes a host of different fun activities and treats over the 12 days prior to Christmas break culminating in an afternoon of activities and games on Friday, December 22nd, our last day of school prior to Christmas break. GT spirit wear is also now available to be ordered through the students union.

GTHS Events for December

- 7 Parent /Teacher Interviews 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 8 No School for Students/Sr. B'ball @ Breton
- 14-16 Sr. B'ball Tournament @ PICS (Edmonton)
- 22 Last Day Before Christmas Break



Niton Central School, Niton Junction

November has continued to be busy at Niton Central School! We continued our first 'Reading Blitz' of the year. This four week blitz really students learn reading skills and become better readers.

On November 1st, some Grade 6 and 7 student a attended WE Day in Calgary! WE Day is the manifestation of the WE movement, which was started by Marc and Craig Kielburger and their charity, ME to WE. WE Day brings world-renowned speakers and A-list performers together with tens of thousands of young people to celebrate their contributions and kick-start another year of inspiration. Beginning as a single event nearly ten years ago, WE Day has evolved into a series of 19 stadium-sized events held across the United States, Canada, the UK, and the Caribbean. This past year, 200,000 students attended WE Day and left inspired to create change both locally and globally. Niton has worked hard with their WE Day standing through charity donations and charitable work. Students participating had written a letter on why they deserved to go to WE Day, and that group will be involved in various charity events in and around the school this year. Goals that our WE Day team has for this year includes food drives, and building a school in Ecuador.

The junior high students become a new cycle of RTI, with a focus in math. One of the groups were given the task of creating a business fair. Students had to take surveys from the elementary students, graph their data, come up with a product to sell, market it, and then sell their products to students. The business fair ran for two weeks, and students loved it! The junior high's got a great learning experience about running a business and various other life skills the involve working with people.

On November 23rd, the Grade 6 class went on a field trip to the Alberta Legislature. Students participated in a mock legislature where they received different government and opposition titles, and they had to pass a bill. Students also got a tour of the legislature building, and even got to experience the secret spot in the building that sounds like it's raining indoors! Students loved getting a more real world connection to their learning and learning so much about our democratic process.



Wildwood School

Resilience: the ability to adapt strongly in the face of adversity. What does current research name as the key to resilience in children? A significant attachment with a caring adult. The higher the number of attachments kids have with caring adults the better. The best way to protect our children is to have their hearts. As adults, our own self-care is important so that we are able to be there for kids. Strong relationships are possible when we are consistently available, non-stressed, non-depressed, emotionally attuned and emotionally available. The adult with those qualities is a rock for a young person.

Wildwood School has a delightfully warm atmosphere buzzing with activity coming into this Christmas season. At the root of it are adults from our entire school community showing by their actions that they are there for the kids!

Several noon hour clubs are up and running: Choir, Chimes, Skipping, Guitar-Drums-Keyboards Practice, Art Club, Mini Sticks Hockey, Leadership, Basketball and Handball Intramurals. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are working on their letters to Santa. They will be making a trip to the post office to mail them and many parents will be coming to help on their Christmas Craft Day December 21st. Grade 2-3's are extremely excited over miniature boats they built with their families for science. Grade 4's made beautiful Christmas decorations with members from the grandparents program.

Our students have been very active this past month as well as planning for lots of fun activities in December. Junior high tech option students are learning how to do stop motion animation.

Niton Events for December

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| 1 | Report Cards Go Home |
| 8 | No School for Students |
| 18 | Christmas Craft Day |
| 21 | Gr.9 Christmas Supper & Concert |
| 22 | Last Day Before Christmas Break |

Wildwood, cont'd

Field trips to Fort Edmonton (Grades 4,5,7 & 8) and Alberta Aviation Museum (Grade 6) are happening this month. Outdoor ed and music options combined for a wonderful outdoor field trip to the Setzer farm north of Niton for horse drawn sleigh rides, carolling and a bonfire. Classes also make regular trips to the Wildwood Library. Basketball teams have hit the courts. Parent Council hosted 'Hot Chocolate Days'. Our leadership group will be presenting 'Pajama Movie Popcorn Day' on the 22nd. Our Christmas Concert, featuring all grades, is Wednesday, December 20th at 7pm. We hope to see you there!



EDSON & AREA

Fulham School

Fulham has many fun activities planned for December. Our kids have been working hard preparing for our "The Night Before Christmas" concert. On December 15th, we will have our annual 'Winter Craft Day' where the students sign up to make three fabulous works of art to take home. Our last day of school before the Christmas break will be December 22nd, and we will continue with our tradition of wearing our PJ's and eating pancakes prepared by the staff on this day.

Fulham Events for December

12-13, 18-19, 21	Christmas Caroling
8	No School for Students
15	Christmas Dress-Up Day & Crafts
20	Christmas Concerts @ 1 & 7pm
22	PJ & Pancake Day/ Last Day Before Christmas Break



École Westhaven School

Our Healthy Initiative Activity program was extremely successful and well received last year. With such great success, we are continuing with it this year. We start off each day with ten minutes of physical activity. While it is nice weather outside, we walk around the school grounds although soon we will be moving indoors. Our Healthy Initiative Team has developed numerous activities for each classroom; we will be cycling through these activities on a weekly basis. Research indicates an increase in student focus and achievement by doing just ten minutes of physical activity in the morning. We are excited about providing this opportunity for our Westhaven students.

Our monthly feather assemblies continue to be positive celebrations. We are able to recognize everyone who has received a feather for the month within the assembly. Feathers are given for citizenship actions (showing caring, respect, kindness, helpfulness, etc.) and/or for academic excellence. All feathers go on a bulletin board, and then into the draw bucket (10 to 12 are selected to receive a little prize). We find that many students in our school are doing great things, we are very proud of them! Check out the bulletin board in the front foyer to see the numerous feathers that are hung up every month for these wonderful achievements.

Westhaven Events for December

- 4 PAC Meeting @ 7pm in the Library
- 7 Gr. 2/3 Class to ESC to Decorate Their Christmas Tree
- 8 No School for Students
- 19 Christmas Concert Rehearsal @ 9am
- 20 Christmas Concert @ 1:15pm
- 21 Christmas Concert @ 9am
Pine Grove Handbell Choir @ 1:30 pm
- 22 PJ Day/Christmas Stories & Class Parties
Last Day Before Christmas Break

École Pine Grove Middle School (PGMS)

It won't take a visitor to Pine Grove long to realize that our students are involved in a wide range of activities. From sports to drama, theme days to school presentations; there is always something going on at Pine Grove! During the fall season, Pine Grove students participated in several extra-curricular sports including golf, cross country running, volleyball and wrestling. As always, a large number of students were able to play on a school volleyball team with a total of 54 students participating. At the moment over 100 students, both onstage and backstage, are working hard to bring "Madagascar Jr" to the stage in January. We also have some talented young artists spreading the Christmas spirit by painting windows at the school and the Education Services Centre.

On November 9th, Pine Grove held a Remembrance Day ceremony complete with a colour guard, laying of wreaths by each homeroom, an inspirational address from a member of the Canadian Legion and musical numbers from both the Pine Grove handbell group and choir, including a solo by Emma Bowman from PCHS. Pine Grove held its first 'Be Pink, Be Kind Day', an event focusing on treating others with kindness and respect on November 13th. Not only did a large number of staff and students wear pink, many also bought items for the Edson Food Bank and wrote positive messages on a whiteboard in the front foyer. That afternoon, the school was treated to a high energy, multimedia presentation by the "Live Different" group, who delivered a message of compassion. During November, Pine Grove students could also be heard on Edson's "Real Country" radio station as a message they created in support of 'Bullying Awareness Week' was aired. Other activities students are involved in during our Friday cross-graded options include cosmetology, hockey, fitness and loom beading. At Pine Grove, there's never a dull moment!



PGMS Events for December

- 6 Hot Lunch Soup/Pretzel \$5
Snow Carnival PGMS KT/R
- 8 No School for Students
- 13 Kinder Buddies @ PG Servold
- 20 Pizza \$2.5/slice
- 21 Handbells/Choir Students Present at Mary Bergeron, Westhaven & Parkland Lodge
- 22 Last Day Before Christmas Break

Mary Bergeron Elementary (MBE)

This past month has seen us definitely putting our new gym to use with a multitude of assemblies, events, and student activities taking place. We started with a very exciting event – the first ever MBE Halloween Parade – and it was a huge success with zombies, witches, super heroes, clowns, minions, and the likes gathering to celebrate one of the students' favorite holidays. This event was followed a few weeks later with our first-ever Remembrance Day Ceremonies – an assembly where our students did the whole school community proud by leading from start to finish... from being the MCs, wreath-laying, performing skits, singing in the choir, and being appreciative and respectful audience members in a well-attended event. Rounding out the month's events was our 'It's Not Cool to be Cruel' assembly where our students were privileged to receive this important message from our own Constable Sarah Pennoyer and the Anti-Bullying Coalition of Edson.

Another important MBE event began this month with the opening of our gymnasium – and that is our weekly M&Ms assembly. M&Ms stands for Monday Morning Motivation... and every Monday morning we all come together in the gymnasium to celebrate what it means to be a part of the MBE family.

MBE, cont'd

It all starts with the singing of O Canada followed by announcements and messages that we need to know for the upcoming week. We then celebrate the members of our school who are having birthdays that week by calling them all up to the front of the assembly, presenting them with a special birthday certificate, and then having the entire school sing 'Happy Birthday' to them in English and Sign Language. This is followed by a performance by one of our classes in the school – whether they do a music performance, present a skit, or a group demonstration by the class. This presentation portion of our weekly assembly gives our students and opportunity to learn how to speak and perform in front of an audience and also affords our other students the opportunity to learn to be respectful and appreciative audience members. All of the students are then dismissed to an up-beat music selection where they leave the gym moving to the music and trying their hardest to get their teachers to show off some moves as well. :)

It's hard to believe, but with the Christmas break just around the corner, we are now starting to get ready for the Christmas concert... the first ever for our school and we will be busy getting ready to put on a memorable one for our school community.

MBE Events for December

Nov 30	CRAZY SOCK Day
8	No School for Students
15	Report Cards Go Home
20	Christmas Concert @1 & 7pm
21	PGMS Bell Choir Presentation @ 9am
22	Last Day Before Christmas Break & 1pm Visit from Santa



Parkland Composite High School

Our student council is in the planning stage for Parkland's Christmas themed games and activities for December. Stay tuned for a schedule of events! Check it out at: www.parklandcomposite.ca/www.facebook.com/pchspacers/.

Our Pacer Success Centre (PSC) career and academic advisors have been very busy this year. Mrs. Kristin Basaraba and Ms. Erin Murphy have been running evening sessions regarding post-secondary topics of interest, such as 'Financial Assistance & Student Loans' taking place on the 4th. The PSC has also hosted sessions regarding scholarship information, college and university entrance requirements/admissions, with many more in the works!

Grad 2018 meetings have already begun for students and parents. Updates and information can be found at www.facebook.com/pchsgrad2018/.

Parkland Events for December

Practices: Check out our calendar for times of practices @ www.parklandcomposite.ca

1-2	Sr Boys & Girls B'ball Tourn. @ Evansburg
4	7pm in the PSC: Financial Assistance & Student Loans Info Session
6	Sr Boys & Girls B'ball Hilltop High @ PCHS
7	Wildlife Day in the PSC/ACES Bake Sale
8	Sr Boys & Girls B'ball Tourn. @ Edson
	No School for Students
11	PAC Meeting @ 7pm
13	Sr Boys & Girls B'ball Game @ Harry Collinge
14-16	Sr Boys & Girls B'ball Tourn. in Edmonton
21	ACES Bake Sale
22	Last Day Before Christmas Break



HINTON

Harry Collinge High School

This year we are making the most out of the month as students will be in school until Friday, December 22nd. This will give our students in Social 30 and English 30 a little extra preparation time as they write the first part of their diploma exams only a few days after returning from the Christmas break.

The Students' Union has a full slate of activities planned for the days leading up to the break starting with their winter dance on Thursday, December 7th. The following week will provide parents with their first opportunity of the year to see and hear our young musicians perform. Our Holiday Concert is always a great event produced by Mr. Jayden Madsen.

Thank you to our coaches who just wrapped up their volleyball and football seasons. It is through the gracious gift of time of these people that we are able to provide the fantastic extra-curricular sports programs for our students.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish our entire community happy holidays and a joyous New Year!

HCHS Events for December

Nov 30-Dec 1	Grad Photos
5	Superintendent's Youth Council
7	SU Winter Dance
8	No School for Students
22	PE 20/30 Marmot Trip
	Last Day Before Christmas Break

Crescent Valley School



École Mountain View School

There are a variety of complementary courses available for students at Ecole Mountain View School. In Grade 7, students choose from art, computer technology, French as a Second Language, and outdoor and environmental education. Students are registered in their top two choices for one semester each. This year's computer technology class has been learning using the school's makerspace. Depending on the student's interest, they have worked on stop animation photography, programming and printing using the 3D printers, and robotics to name a few areas. In art class, students have worked with a variety of mediums and techniques, including lines and shading, pop art, clay, pastel, and paint to complete their projects. One project that our art students have enjoyed over the past years has been designing and painting a ceiling tile that is then displayed in the hallway ceilings. Outdoor education students have learned map and compass skills, winter camping, food and shelter as well as dressing for outdoor activities. Their learning is experienced with an overnight winter camping trip.

Our Grade 5, 6 and 7 students take part in Career and Technology Foundations courses for the last hour of every Friday. These classes are set up with cross-graded groups from both our English and French Immersion programs. Students identified their top four choices from: Coding, Photography, Mat Sports, Lifetime Sports and Fitness, Yoga, Outdoor Education, Leadership Studies, Girls Empowered, Set Design, and Volleyball. These classes will run for three months of the school year and then students will choose a new class to experience.

Students in Grades 4-7 have also had the opportunity to take part in our school musical production. This year our production is Seussical Jr.! Students have auditioned to be part of the cast and will soon begin their rehearsals. Students are also involved in the set design and development aspects of our production. Stay tuned for show dates!

EMV Events for December

4	School Walk @ 10:20am
7	Canadian Parents for French Hot Lunch Day
	Term I Progress Reports Go Home
8	No School for Students
18	Literacy Hour @ 10:20am
19	Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm
20	Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm
21	Potluck Lunch @ 11:30am
22	Teddy Bears & Pyjamas Day
	Last Day Before Christmas Break

GRANDE CACHE

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

On Thursday, November 9th, GCCHS & SonRise held a Remembrance Day Ceremony. This was an assembly to remember and thank the men and women, past and present for their service to our country. Over 115,000 soldiers have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we enjoy each day. Grade 12's wrote cards of thanks to our soldiers and a number of students participated by reading poems during the ceremony. We also recognized the service of two GCCHS graduates who are proud to help protect our country. All SonRise students participated by singing a beautiful song called "I Love this Country". The Rangers participated by being the Colour Guard for the service. During the month of November, parents had opportunity to visit and talk to their children's teachers. GCCHS hosted two nights, and SonRise will be hosting their evenings on November 29th and 30th. It was great to discuss our students and their successes over the four nights. Thanks to all the parents that came out to visit with us!

GCCHS recently held a career trade and job fair with local agencies and businesses coming in to share with high school students what their careers are all about and how they achieved the skills for their jobs. We are so grateful to the individuals that made time for our students. It was a very informative experience for all students. GCCHS has finally named our new gathering space just inside the front main entrance. We gave students an opportunity to suggest a name for this space and many ideas were gathered. The suggestions were narrowed down to nine options and student participated in an online vote using their google accounts. The winning name was 'The Valley', as the new weight room and main hallway over looks this seating area.

During the month of December, there are several exciting events planned at GCCHS and SonRise. We have a ski trip planned for December 11th when GCCHS students can enjoy a day of skiing with their friends. This is a reward ski trip so students must be up-to-date on their assignments in order to participate. High school students may join us for a trip to Grande Prairie to have a private screening of the new Star Wars movie "The Last Jedi" on December 18th. SonRise students in kindergarten to Grade 6 will be performing the musical "Wrapping All The Way", on Wednesday, December 20th. You will not want to miss this event; it is going to be a wonderful presentation. Everyone from the community is invited to join us for this amazing Christmas musical!



GCCHS/SR Events for November

- 5 Superintendent's Youth Committee in Hinton
- 11 Marmot Ski Trip - Jasper
- 14 Christmas Sweater/Green Day
- Off-Highway Vehicle Safety Presentation
- 18 Star Wars "The Last Jedi" - GP Trip
- 20 SR Musical "Wrapping All the Way" @ 7pm
- 21 SR Students Sing at Whispering Pines
- 22 Excel Fun Day/ Last Day Before Christmas Break

Sheldon Coates School

Our Breakfast with Santa went off very well, a big thank you to our school council. Everyone had a great time!

We hope everyone is able to visit us for our Christmas concert on December 20th at 6:30pm. The concert is being held at Summitview again this year. All of the classes and kids are performing and we hope this will be a wonderful experience for everyone.

One of the things we are excited about at Sheldon Coates is the success and development of our Cree Leader Teams. We began last year with Cree language lessons for interested Grade 2 and 3 students, and this year we are introducing our Grade 1 students to this Cree language opportunity. Special thanks to Mrs. Fehr and Mrs. Davenport for helping up provide these lessons.

We are also pleased to be offering new leader teams and clubs for our students this year. Sheldon Coates now has a French Club which meets at lunchtime on Monday's, and a computer coding club on Thursday's at lunchtime. Thanks to Mrs. Bolay and Mrs. Lombard for organizing these clubs. Mrs. Hammer and Mrs. Cota are leading a singing and dancing club on Tuesday's, and we even have a yoga club being led by Mrs. Yee. We are also carrying on the work of some of our other leader teams including the Kindness Leader Team and the Library Leader Team!

As always we want to thank all of our parent helpers and volunteers for keeping our breakfast program going so well, and for making Sheldon Coates such a caring and positive place for kids.



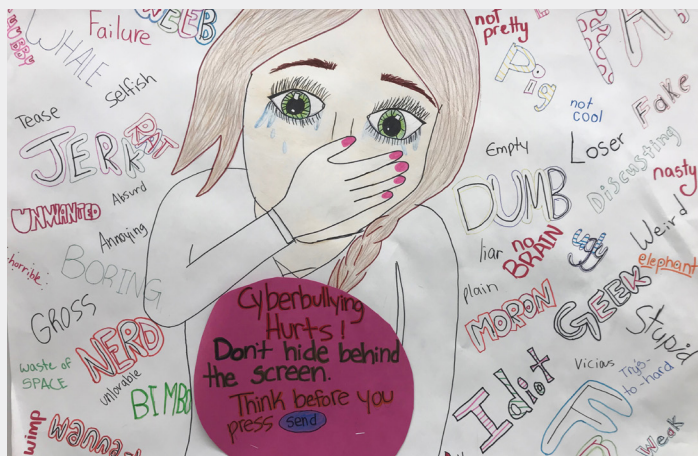
Summitview School

Summitview School wrapped up the month of October with a very exciting Halloween dance, hosted by our Grade 8 classes. At the dance, students were able to purchase some Halloween goodies from our canteen as well as participating in our costume contest. The highlight of the night was the interactive haunted hallway that our Grade 8 students decorated and hosted.

Our school participated in our annual Remembrance Day ceremony this month as well. Homeroom classes created and presented their wreaths, the Grade 5 class recited 'Flander's Fields', our local Girl Guides from our school community sang a song in remembrance and our local veterans attended the ceremony where they spoke to the school about their service.

In November we also took the time to recognize Bullying Awareness Week. At Summitview, our classes were visited by our BEST coach, Indigenous Liaison Facilitator, and our Family School Liaison to discuss different types of bullying, experiences, ways to avoid it, how to approach it, and some of the negative consequences from bullying. Students discussed, listened, and worked together to build inspiring posters on their thoughts about bullying. These posters will be hung in the school as a reminder of the lesson and how to respond to bullying.

Our boys and girls Eagle's Volleyball teams wrapped up the season by attending zones in Hinton on November 15th. Both teams from our school placed fourth in the tournament. Our Eagle teams also attended the GYAC championship tournament in Edson on November 21st with eight teams in attendance. Our boys placed fifth, and our girls placed second and won silver. We are very proud of how they represented our school. Next week practice and tryouts begin for our basketball season. We have many students excited to begin basketball and we are very excited about the turnout!



JASPER

Jasper Junior/ Senior High School (JJSHS)

November has been an interesting and busy month at JJSHS. Highlights included a student led Remembrance Day ceremony, participation in 'No Stone Left Alone', parent teacher interviews, school student photos, and a workplace safety play presentation for high school students. The school's teachers also challenged the girls' and boys' volleyball teams to a fun end of season game. Thanks to all the students that participated on our junior and senior volleyball teams this year.

JJSHS Events for December

7 & 14	Connect Program
14	Christmas Dance & Grade 9 Vaccinations
22	School Activity Day
	Last Day Before Christmas Break

Jasper Elementary School (JES)

The holiday season is upon us bringing a December filled with many long-standing traditions at Jasper Elementary School. A highlight for many students and families is the annual winter concert. This year Jasper Elementary is celebrating Canada turning 150 years old, with a Canadian themed recital. On Wednesday, December 20th and Thursday, December 21st, the Grade 6 students will be acting as hosts for 'Canada 150 Christmas'. Santa, his elves, and reindeer, will be flying over Canada and commenting on all the great Canadian music he has heard in his 150 trips across Canada. From Randy Bachman's, "Takin' Care of Christmas", Stompin' Tom's, "Hockey Song", First Nations Cree drumming songs, to a kitchen party in Quebec where students will sing a French Canadian ode to turkey "en francais", and quick stop in the Maritimes for a "Farewell to Nova Scotia", and a bite of "Mrs. Fogarty's Christmas Cake". These are just a few of the songs we will be singing to celebrate the holiday season Canadian style! As well, we hope to see all or our families at the Réveillon potluck lunch on December 13th at the Jasper Activity Centre.

In November, 184 parent-teacher conferences were held at our school. Teachers shared the progress that students have made so far and skills that they are working on to achieve curriculum outcomes. Our expectations for student achievement are high, particularly in mathematics and language arts. There are many ways for parents to support learning at home. Begin with reading to or with your child every day. Encourage writing skills by encouraging your child to keep a journal or asking him or her to write 'thank you' notes to family and friends. Mathematical skills can be highlighted when cooking favourite recipes, shopping, or playing board and card games. For something different, try our new Mathletics and Raz-Kids programs online. Do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher or office, if you require assistance with these programs.

The best gift during the holiday season is family time! Enjoy your time together as a family and use it as an opportunity to emphasize the importance of gratitude, the joy of giving and the lasting impact of kindness. Wishing you peace, love, and all the joy that the holidays bring.



JES Events for December

- 1 **12:05pm Dismissal - PD for Teaching Staff**
- 6 **PAC Meeting @ 7pm (babysitting provided)**
- 13 **Réveillon (2 sittings 11:30am & Noon @ Jasper Activity Centre)**
- 14 **Gr. 2e Field Trip Maligne Canyon and Gr. 5 Vaccinations**
- 15 **12:05pm Dismissal - PD for Teaching Staff**
- 19 **Dress Rehearsal Concert 1 @9am & Dress Rehearsal for Concert 2 @ 1:30pm**
- 20 **Concert 1 - 6:30pm Doors Open**
- 21 **Concert 2 - 6:30pm Doors Open**
- 22 **Last Day Before Christmas Break**

THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

November has been a studious and eventful month for TLC Hinton, TLC Evansburg and TLC Edson! Every Tuesday this month has been an exciting Try it Tuesday, allowing our sister schools to travel to Edson and experience perspectives in Aboriginal culture like bannock and fish scale art, as well as a career presentation and watercolor art. This presented an excellent opportunity to discuss Bullying Awareness week, which saw GYPSD TLC students wearing pink in support of 'It's Not Cool to be Cruel!' During one 'Try It Tuesday', Elder Frieda Maynard shared her life experience living as a child in a residential school. It was a sobering and serious presentation however one that united the participants with students asking questions and Frieda sharing her very personal life stories.

Halloween events for the day began with a TLC-wide video conference presentation by the Cleveland Museum of Art on the theme of Scary Art! It was fantastic! TLC students continued the day with events such as pumpkin carving, sharing sweet treats, and a late afternoon movie! In honor of Canadian veterans and military, Hinton TLC held a moment of silence to reflect on men and women Canada has lost and those that are currently serving. TLC Grande Cache students started a novel student regarding allied landings on the beaches of Normandy in June of 1944. A highlight TLC Evansburg occurred when Terri-Jean Baillie visited the school for a morning discussion about mental health awareness. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed having her and were able to learn a lot of great information about maintaining good mental health.

TLC Evansburg has begun a breakfast program and is hoping to complement it with a cold weather lunch program once our new cooking appliances arrive. TLC school staff host a number of hot lunch programs weekly!

TLC Events for December

- 5 **Truffles & Pizza Day @ Red Brick**
- 12 **'A Christmas Carol' @ Citadel Theatre & Food Bank in Edmonton Volunteer Hour**
- 14 **TLC - GC Wreath Making Day**
- 20 **TLC - GC Gingerbread House Making**
- 20-22 **All TLC: Christmas Celebrations**
- 22 **Last Day Before Christmas Break**

