

School NEWS



MAY 2019

► LOBSTICK ZONE

EVANSVIEW SCHOOL

Staff and students returned from spring break rested and ready to jump into learning! It was a calm month with few changes in the routines of our school days. Students in Grades 2 to 6 had the opportunity to once again play mini-basketball. While sadly the recent return of 'Old Man Winter' led to the cancellation of the mini-basketball tournament in Edson, students did have the chance to travel to Niton School on April 15th and play rematch games. Kindergarten to Grade 2 students also had the opportunity to play developmental mini-basketball on Wednesday evenings. Thank you to our many volunteer coaches and coordinator for giving our students this great opportunity!

Parent-Teacher Interviews and celebrations of learning were held on April 17th and 23rd, in conjunction with our Scholastic Book Fair. It was great to share student accomplishments with so many families - the pride was in abundance!

April 27th was the fifteenth annual Grouch's Ball - Evansview School's biggest fundraiser for enriching the

learning experiences of our students. How wonderful to see past students, now graduated, attending this year's event.

We bridge into May with Education Week. Our theme is "Education Week is 'Seusstastic!'" Focusing on literacy, each day centers around one Dr. Seuss book and quote. Students get to enjoy his work in a variety of way ranging from read alouds, to a rap version of 'Fox in Socks'. If you're in our building, you may notice other 'wacky' things:

- Wear a Shirt with a Message Day
- Wacky Wednesday - Mismatched & Inside Out Day, AND Hat Day (Hats on for Mental Health)
- Crazy Sock Day

The week is being culminated with 'Green Eggs and Ham Day'. You guessed it - You will find Mr. Kolotyluk and Mrs. Jones serving up green eggs and ham - Seuss-style!

EVW EVENTS FOR MAY

- 1 Hats On For Mental Health Day
- 3 Theatre: B.B. Wolfe & the 3 Little Pigs
- 6 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 9 Gr. 6 PAT - Language Arts Pt. 1

10	Gr. 3 & 4 Field Trip - Muttart Conservatory & Telus World of Science
14	Gr. 6 Visit to Grand Trunk High School/ Kindergarten & Gr. 5 Field Trip - U of A Botanical Gardens
16	Crossing Guard Field Trip - Whitecourt Swimming Pool/ Gr. 1 & 2 Field Trip - U of A Botanical Gardens
17	No School for Students
20	STAT: No School
22	Science in Motion
23-24	Gr. 6 Outdoor Ed - Camp Yo Wo Ch As
24	Gr. 1 & 2 Field Trip - Whitecourt Children's Festival
31	Track Meet

GRAND TRUNK HIGH SCHOOL

April has been a great month at Grand Trunk. We have seen more classes take advantage of the warmer weather with some classes moving outdoors. We also had a couple of field trips for our students this past month. Our Grade 8 outdoor education students have been working with the Kindergarten Forest School at Evansview. We have learned some games and songs together, and investigated our local ecosystem. This has been a great opportunity for our Grade 8 students to build relationships outside our school building.

These students were joined by students in other grades in our school on April 16th for a day of skiing at Marmot Basin in Jasper. The students on the trip ranged from beginners to expert skiers, with everyone of them asking when we can go back again. As Marmot closes for the year at the beginning of May, they will have to wait with anticipation for next season.

Our Grade 7 students went to Clover Bar Waste Treatment Centre, and Telus World of Science on April 24th to learn about human waste treatment and management, heat and temperature, and Earth sciences. During Education Week, our school will be involved in the following activities:

- Our rock band program will perform as part of the Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival. This will be the first adjudicated performance of the year.

- Our students and the Evansburg Fish and Wildlife officers will be looking at an ecological issue with a new beaver population at the edge of town.
- A few of our classes will be buddied with various classes at Evansview School to share a love of literacy with each other.
- We will also learn about taking pride in our school and community, as well as learn about citizenship, with a culminating activity of a school grounds spring cleaning.

As we move into May and June, there will be many more activities coming for our students, including attending a multi-school junior high track meet at Entwistle School.

NITON CENTRAL SCHOOL

April is the month we can start seeing the end of the school year, and when we begin planning for next year. Our Grade 9 class benefited from an informative visit from PCHS Principal, Mark Maris, and a field trip to his school a few days later. Our students paired up with current high school students to tour PCHS, participate in some classes related to their future interests, and get some counselling on what courses they should enroll in next year. We really appreciate all that PCHS does to help prepare our students for the big step into high school in September.

Junior high students had the opportunity to participate on handball and badminton teams this month, our archery team got more experience at a tournament in Edmonton, and our elementary mini-basketball program was very well attended. We are particularly thankful to have a number of parents and staff members who are willing and enthusiastic coaches for our students!

What's going on in our classrooms? Everything from building electric cars and Rube Goldberg machines to "Toy Story" week, Grade 1 students writing their own books, and junior high debates! There is much to come in the last two months of school.

NITON EVENTS FOR MAY

2	Evergreen Theatre Presentation: "The 3 Little Pigs & B.B. Wolfe" @ 1:30 pm
3-4	Handball Tournament in Edmonton
6-10	Gr. 4/5 Mother's Day/Spring Sale

- 6-31 Gr.1/2 Popcorn Sales on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 8 School Council/NCFS Meeting @ 9:30 am
- 8-9 Kindergarten Info. Nights, 3:30 to 6 pm
- 9 Gr. 9 PAT - English Language Arts, Part A
- 10 Gr. 6 PAT - English Language Arts, Part A/
Father/Daughter Dance
- 14 Gr. 2/3 Field Trip to Edmonton Zoo/ HIV West
Yellowhead Presentation for Jr. High students
- 17 No School for Students
- 20 STAT: No School
- 24 Jr. High Spring Dance
- 27 Elementary Track Meet @ Fulham School
- 28 Gr. 7 Farm Safety Field Trip
- 30 Gr. 9 P.A.R.T.Y. Program in Edson

WILDWOOD SCHOOL

The students of Wildwood School continue to enjoy the breakfast program that was started at the beginning of February. The program serves between 75 and 85 percent of our students, and is enjoyed in each classroom on a daily basis. In addition to the regular breakfast, our school council is now offering a free pancake breakfast once a month, with talk of offering pancakes twice a month next year. Students always look forward to the pancakes and smiles start as soon as the smell of pancakes reach students' noses when they enter the building first thing in the morning.

The middle of May is going to see the "It's Spring" luncheon at the Wildwood Community Hall. The luncheon is going to take place on Wednesday, May 22nd, from 12-2 p.m. Along with tea, participants will enjoy soup, canapes, and dessert. The tickets for this event are now on sale at the community convenience stores and at the school. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are selling steadily so please pick yours up as soon as possible.

Grade 6 students are getting ready to take part in the annual (and long standing) Grade 6 year-end field trip to Jasper. This trip has been going on long enough that we have parents attending as chaperones who took part in the trip when they were in Grade 6. This annual trip has students learning the history of the area and exploring some of the natural beauty that is part of Jasper's charm over a couple of days.

Throughout the months of May and June, Wildwood School will be working with the administration of Grand Trunk High School to transition our junior high students for the 2019/2020 school year. There are a variety of activities planned to ensure students become comfortable with attending Grand Trunk. Mrs. Zadderey and Mr. Randall will also work with Mr. Kolotyluk from Evansview to ensure their Grade 6 students have the opportunity to meet their future classmates prior to the start of the next school year.

The end of May brings the Wildwood School grandparent program to a conclusion. Our students have enjoyed their time working with these volunteers, and extend their sincere appreciation for everyone who helped with this weekly program. It is very special to watch the students interact and learn from seniors within the community. Thanks to everyone who played a role in this wonderful program.

► EDSON & AREA

FULHAM SCHOOL

The first week of May is Education Week and teachers have planned a cross-graded educational activity for the students on each day. On Monday, students enjoyed playing the 'Monster Dice' game, where they rolled dice to choose the features of their groups' monster, drew a picture and wrote a story telling all about their beast.



On Tuesday, students drew a picture of their favorite thing at school, and wrote a few sentences describing what their picture was about with the bigger kids helping the little ones with their writing. All these pictures and stories will then be made into two books and placed in the library for everyone to enjoy.

Fulham students will be using virtual reality goggles to go to the moon and the San Diego Zoo on Wednesday. Evergreen Theatre visits our school with a play about the environment, and on Friday, we will have an 'Around the World Math' competition where students will ultimately have to beat Miss Marshall to win.

Our soccer and running clubs also begin this month. We have scheduled three soccer games between our school and Niton Central School. The Running Club will help students prepare for participating in 'Eddie's Big Run' in Edson.

It is our school's turn to host the annual track and field Day with Niton Central School. We look forward to a day of fun competition with new friends.

FULHAM EVENTS FOR MAY

- 1 Hats On For Mental Health Day
- 2 Family Night
- 6 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 7 First Soccer Practice
- 14 Denim Day: Donations for the CURE Foundation
- 17 No School for Students
- 20 STAT: No School
- 23 Crazy Hair/Hat Day
- 27 Track & Field Day: Niton School Visits

MARY BERGERON ELEMENTARY (MBE)

The month of April has come and gone at MBE with our exceptionally busy and exciting month. One of the highlights was our annual spring concert, and the hard work, creativity, and talent that staff and students put into it, was definitely worth it. After two performances for our school and community, the accolades received were overwhelming, and very much appreciated by our school. There is no doubt that we have a school filled with very talented and hard-working people, and we are always glad when we have the opportunity to put those qualities on display. Thank you to all who came out to watch!



Each month our school focuses on an important character trait for our students to learn more about. So far this year, we have focussed on RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, EMPATHY, KINDNESS, TEAMWORK, FAIRNESS, HONESTY, and COOPERATION. During the month of May, we are focusing on INTEGRITY – what that looks like, and why it is so important - and how it helps to 'fill the buckets' of everyone around us. We will spend the entire month learning about integrity and practicing/showing how we can all help to make the world a better place for everyone.

We kick off the month of May with Education Week at MBE – always one of the many highlights of our year. To start the week, we officially open the book fair at our school. Students, staff, and parents, are always eager to check it out, see what's new, and to purchase books for themselves and as gifts for others. Our students are well aware that one of the greatest gifts you can give, or receive, is the gift of reading and as a result, our book fairs are highly anticipated and enjoyed events. Education Week also includes an Evergreen Theatre performance, community guest readers throughout the week including Grade 10 students from PCHS, Student- Led Conferences, Family Math Games Night, and STEAM project sharing evening.

The month ends with the school getting prepared for the arrival of Trickster Theatre to our school during the first week of June, and we can't wait for the entire school to be completely immersed in the world of the arts!

ÉCOLE WESTHAVEN SCHOOL

At Westhaven, we know everyone learns at a different rate and in different ways. The staff all works at building positive relationships with the students and parents. This helps us work together to ensure each individual child succeeds. Our students learn in a wide variety of ways. This is why we teach them through games, play, music, stories, rhyme, and drama. We understand that students need to be actively involved in their learning, and that they learn best when they are having fun and are supported by parents, teachers and the community. We enjoy the enthusiasm, energy and inquisitive minds of our students. We are so happy to have such a vibrant community of learners!

WESTHAVEN EVENTS FOR MAY

- 1 Evergreen Theatre @ 9:30 am/ Hats on for Mental Health Day/ Celebration of Learning: Hot Dogs @ 5 pm & Classroom Activities from 5:30-7 pm
- 2 Munch a Good Book/Family Picnic @ Noon
- 3 Talent Olympic Show from 9-10:30 am
- 6 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day/ School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- 10 Circle Of Friends @ 10 am
- 16 Crazy Hair Day
- 17 No School for Students
- 20 STAT: No School
- 24 Circle Of Friends @ 1:40 pm
- 30 Band Performance
- 31 Dress as a Book Character Day

ÉCOLE PINE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The month of April has flown by and students have been busy with many activities including drama, badminton, archery and the Legislature field trip to name a few.

The badminton team has been practicing all month and playing some games in preparation for the GYAC tournament in Hinton held on April 30th. The team was

made up of 55 Grade 6-8 students who competed in both singles and pairs.

The week before Easter, Pine Grove and Parkland Composite High School held their annual dessert theatre. Five one act plays were showcased and included comedy, drama and musical selections. Four of these plays went on to the junior and senior zone one act festivals. During the event, Pine Grove also had a display of student work in the art gallery which those attending the performance were able to enjoy.

Mr. Williams' archery program is proving very popular at Pine Grove. Twenty-one students are currently on the team. Thirteen of the team members attended a tournament where Pine Grove placed second overall for middle schools and one team member placed third individually. A great start for this program which is only in its second year!

Grade 6 students visited the Legislature during April. The class got a special treat when the Lieutenant Governor, Lois Mitchell, invited them into her office and talked to the students as well as giving them books!



Education Week at Pine Grove is always a highlight and this year's activities include "Candy for a Cause" Contest (to support Edson Animal Rescue Society), Principal and Assistant Principal for a Day, Pine Grove Staff Trivia Hunt, Hats on For Mental Health and Pine Grove Games (staff vs students).

PINE GROVE EVENTS FOR MAY

- 1 Hats On For Mental Health Day
- 6 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 8 Concrete Theatre @ 2 pm
- 10 Track Day
- 14 Kinder 8's @ MBE
- 17 No School for Students

- 20 STAT: No School
- 24 Much Music Dance
- 28-31 Buy 1-Get 1 FREE Book Fair
- 27 GYAC Track & Field Finals
- 29-30 Camp YoWoChas for Gr. 8's

PARKLAND COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL (PCHS)

The Class of 2019, parents and staff, are working hard towards yet another successful graduation this year. We have grad/parent celebration meetings planned for the 6th and the 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the school. Our morning ceremony in June will be held at Parkland Composite High School in our Pacer Gym, and the evening portion will be held at Repsol Place. Evening banquet tickets are available from May 6-10 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. First round of sales will be limited to seven tickets per graduate at \$40 each, and paid with cash or cheque only.

Parkland's Diploma and PAT Excellence programs present a fantastic opportunity for your child to perform at their very best on their exams. Teachers review content and provide the time for students to practice the skills needed to be successful. These sessions take place during the Flex block from 9:55 to 10:30 a.m.

PARKLAND EVENTS FOR MAY

- 1 Student Council Meeting @ Noon/
Hats On For Mental Health Day
- 2-4 Jr. One Acts Festival
- 3-5 AP Environmental Science @ PCHS
- 6 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day/
Parent & Grad Celebration Meeting from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 9-11 Sr. One Acts - Provincials



- 9 Fish Expo/ Rugby Game @ PCHS
- 10-11 Rugby Tournament @ Frank Maddock High School
- 13-16 Palisades Water Travel Trip
- 13 Flex Presentation from Olds College @ 10 am/
School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- 15 Boys Rugby Game - Drayton Valley @ PCHS/
Student Council Meeting @ Noon
- 17 No School for Students
- 20 STAT: No School
- 21 Parent & Grad Celebration Meeting from 6:30 -
8:30 pm
- 22 Community Flex Day - Afternoon
- 23 Envirothon Provincials
- 24 Rugby Tournament in Lloydminster
- 27 Boys Rugby Zones @ Drayton Valley
- 29-30 P.A.R.T.Y. Program

► HINTON

CRESCENT VALLEY SCHOOL (CVS)

May promises to be another busy month at Crescent Valley School. We start out our month with Education Week activities from April 29 - May 3:

- Monday - Each grade level chose an art project based on styles of a different artist. Artists included Frank Stella, Henri Matisse, Jackson Pollock, Laurel Burch, Pablo Picasso, Ted Harrison, and Wassily Kandinsky. Students displayed completed projects on the bulletin boards in the hallways near the gym or in their classroom. Our school-wide Gallery Walk will take place at the end of the day on May 3rd.



- Tuesday - Teachers traded classes and shared how to make paper fortune tellers with the students. Once completed, students told the fortunes of students from other classes and grades.
- Wednesday - Hats On for Mental Health: Staff and students are encouraged to wear hats throughout the day in support of mental health awareness. Buddy classes have planned a group outdoor activity or game. Several youth Indigenous Dancers will share their dancing skills with our students throughout the day.
- Thursday - Dress like a Teacher Day!
- Friday - Crazy Records Day from 12:15 - 2 p.m. This is a long standing tradition at Crescent Valley School. Participants attempt to set or break records in a variety of activities led by our Grade 7 students.

All of our students are taking part in "Swim to Survive" lessons at the Duncan Murray Recreation Centre pool. Students will have four ½ hour lessons and one day of free swimming time, all courtesy of 'Parents 4 Kids'. Grades 1-3 and 6 have already begun lessons, the remaining classes will start their lessons later in May or the beginning of June.

CVS EVENTS FOR MAY

1	Hats On For Mental Health Day
6	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
13	Class Pictures
14	National Denim Day
17	No School for Students
20	STAT: No School
23	Grade 5 - 7 Track Meet

ÉCOLE MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL

HARRY COLLINGE HIGH SCHOOL

It would be much easier to accept the fact that May had already arrived if we weren't under a blanket of snow! Nevertheless, here we are at the beginning of another busy month of learning. As with any learning, there are always exams and the Provincial Achievement Tests for our Grade 9's begin this month with the Part A (written)

in English Language Arts and French Language Arts 9 on May 7 and 9, respectively. Our athletes will also be tested in the track and field championships beginning this month and continuing into June.

We are once again grateful for all of the community support that ensures the Grade 9 P.A.R.T.Y. program will once again take place. P.A.R.T.Y. is an acronym for Prevention of Alcohol Related Trauma in Youth. The program involves a number of community agencies and experts to educate our youth about the risks associated with drinking alcohol.



We are very excited about our drama department's production of "How to Succeed in High School Without Really Trying" on stage on May 21 and 22. Tickets will be available at the door on both of those evenings. We invite everyone to come down and enjoy the show!

As we plan for next year, we are looking forward to hosting the Grade 7 students from both Crescent Valley School and École Mountain View School on May 16th for a visit. That same evening, we are hosting a Grade 7 parent meeting open to all parents of students who will be joining us next year for Grade 8.

HCHS EVENTS FOR MAY

16	PARTY Program/ Gr. 7 Visits/ Gr.7 Parent Meeting (7- 8 pm)
17	No School for Students
20	STAT: No School
21	NC Track & Field Zone Championships/ Drama Production
22	HCHS Track Meet/ Drama Production
23	Council of School Councils' Meeting in Edson
27	GYAC Track Meet @ HCHS

- 28-29 Rock Band Tour 2019
- 30 Anti-Bullying Presentation @ 9 am
- 31 Rock Band Tour 2019

► JASPER

JASPER ELEMENTARY (JES)

Happy Spring! The month of May will be filled with many exciting learning opportunities for our students. We begin with Education Week and the Screen-Free Challenge from April 29th to May 3rd. During Education Week, Grade 2 and 3 classes will attend the 75th anniversary of D-Day commemorative event at the Jasper Railway Station, Grade 5 students will participate in safety patrol training, and Grade 6 students will study the science of trees and forests at the Palisades on May 3rd. May 6-10 is Mental Health Awareness Week. Daily lunchtime activities will include board games, crafts, stories, and yoga for students. Canadian author Wendy McLeod MacKnight will also visit our Grade 4-6 classes on May 13th.

At this time of year, it is exciting to see how all of our students have grown. We appreciate your support in student learning and growth; parent volunteers are an important pillar in our ability to provide extracurricular activities and field trips for our students. As an extension to the science unit on crime and investigation, Grade 6 students participated in a program provided through Stewardship Education Centre at the Palisades.



The program started with an introduction to wildlife forensic analysis where students learned about basic investigation skills required for enforcement of the National Parks Act. Parks Canada educators presented possible poaching scenarios and then

invited the students to work collaboratively to collect, catalogue, map, and analyze evidence found at the “crime scene”. The role of each student was clearly defined: photographer, evidence collector, scribe, security, or investigation leader - just like in real life.

Each team then met with Parks’ facilitators and outlined the progress of their investigation before presenting the case in “court”. It was a delight to see students joining the puzzle pieces together and build their case. The most interesting part of the program was the forensics lab where samples found in the field were brought to be analyzed - ‘What can a bottle tell about a potential crime suspect or a receipt found in a bush?’ ‘What about the bullet shells on the ground, or the footprint in the mud...how can one find the right suspect?’ Fingerprints, DNA samples, and other evidence collected were analyzed in the lab in order to narrow down the list of possible suspects.

“It was fun to work in teams and solve a crime. We were out in the field and we got to do the job of a park warden, that was really cool!” said one student.

Thanks to our Grade 6 teachers, Camelia Bejenaru and Sara Kongsrud, for organizing this opportunity and upcoming field trip opportunities for the students. With hands-on experiential learning, student engagement and participation are guarantees; teamwork and communication skills are a must! Upcoming field trips for the Grade 6 classes include a trees and forests session at the Palisades on May 3rd, and an overnight trip in May to Edmonton to visit the Legislature building and TELUS World of Science.

JES EVENTS FOR MAY

- 1 Parent Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- 3 Grade 6 Palisades
- 6-10 Mental Health Awareness Week
- 7 Grade 6 PAT French Language Arts Part A
- 8 Grade 2/3 MacDonald Wildlife Tour
- 9 Grade 6 PAT English Language Arts Part A/
Lunch & Learn for Parents: Let’s Talk About Emotions 12:10 - 1 pm
- 13 Visiting Author Wendy McLeod MacKnight/
Gr. 2/3 MacDonald 6th Bridge Field Trip
- 15 Gr. 2/3 MacDonald Field Trip Parks
Compound
- 17 No School for Students

- 20 STAT: No School
- 21 Gr. 2/3 MacDonald Lake Annette Field Trip
- 22-23 Scholastic French Book Fair
- 24 Talent Show @ 1:30 pm
- 28-29 Gr. 6 Field Trip to Edmonton

JASPER JUNIOR/ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (JJSHS)

The month of April was a rewarding time at Jasper Junior Senior High School. Highlights from the month included RAP and Career presentations, parent/ teacher interviews, rugby and badminton practices, a hypnosis show, and a spring dance. May promises to be equally exciting and busy.

JJSHS EVENTS FOR MAY

- 1 Music Students Field Trip to YRAF
- 3 Home Rugby Tournament & Spirit Day
- 7 Grade 9 ELA PAT
- 9 Grade 9 ELA PAT
- 11-12 Sr. Band Trip to Edmonton
- 17 No School for Students
- 20 STAT: No School
- 24-25 High School Grad & JPL Formal Dinner
- 31 Grade 9 P.A.R.T.Y. Program

► GRANDE CACHE

SUMMITVIEW SCHOOL

GRANDE CACHE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL (GCCHS)/ SONRISE PROGRAM (SR)

We were very busy at GCCHS at both the high school and SonRise levels last month. The Grade 9's were treated to the P.A.R.T.Y. Program in April. Grande Cache is very fortunate to have one of the most effective P.A.R.T.Y. Programs in Alberta. Several community agencies come together to help educate our students on the long term consequences of

preventable injuries. All Grade 9 students are required to take part in this event. A driving simulator brought in this year as part of the program this year for all high school students.

Meme Dress-Up Day proved to be both challenging and enjoyable for those who took part. SonRise students also enjoyed their Crazy Hair and Sunglass Dress-Up Day in April. Several SonRise classrooms celebrated Easter with a variety of activities.

GCCHS/ SONRISE EVENTS FOR MAY

- 1 Hats On For Mental Health Day
- 3 High School: Flannel vs. Flowers/ SonRise – International Dress-Up Day
- 6 Missoula Theater (Blackbeard)
- 8 High School – Movie Night (Grease)
- 9 SonRise – Movie Night (Ralph Breaks the Internet)/Gr. 6 ELA PAT
- 10 Grade 9 ELA PAT
- 17 No School for Students
- 20 STAT: No School
- 22 School Council Meeting
- 24 SonRise – Whispering Pines Visit
- 31 High School Graduation

SHELDON COATES SCHOOL

We have a lot to celebrate! Students are growing in their reading and writing, the transfer of skills from all subject areas to new experiences is frequent, and the students are beginning to find their voice. Later this month, students will participate in the division-wide screens of Aimsweb, Mathletics, HLAT, and Right to Read. These screens are a great tool for teachers to see how much their students have grown and where they need to start in September.

Education Week is always brimming with exciting, educational activities. This year's theme is 'My Best Self' and looks at helping all students shine their brightest. Activities for the week include door decorating, a morning walk on 'Move Around Monday', mindfulness activities on 'Thoughtful Tuesday', a teacher swap on 'Wake-up and Read Wednesday', Skip the Screens night on 'Time Out Technology Thursday', and Career Dress-Up Day for 'Find Out Who You Are Friday'.

After Education Week, our school will have even more to celebrate with the installation of our new playground. The school council's fundraising committee, along with

the staff and students at Sheldon Coates, have put in a lot of work to bring the new structures to our school. A grand opening and ribbon cutting event will happen at the beginning of June, and all community members and stakeholders are invited to attend.

Swimming lessons will wrap up this month for kindergarten and Grade 2 students, and classes will begin to plan their year-end field trips. School-wide activities this month include a puppet presentation for WP Puppet Theatre, our May STAR assembly, Popcorn Day, a musical put on by the Choir leader team, and Royal Dress-Up Day. We look forward to the May flowers brought by our April showers (including snow showers) and for May to be a month growth and learning throughout the school.



THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

TLC Jasper: TLC Jasper is excitedly preparing for the school's first graduation ceremony on May 4th. We are also looking forward to Education Week, as well as Hats On For Mental Health Day. One of our students created a Facebook and Instagram post titled: "What it's like to be a teen with autism", which has been well-received and very informative for our students. It's wonderful to see students engaged and sharing their own experiences!

TLC Grande Cache: Students at TLC Grande Cache had the opportunity to take the Red Cross First Aid course taught by TLC Evansburg teacher Tina Kozyra. One of our former students has completed his course work through Grande Prairie Regional College as an educational assistant, and is presently doing his final practicum at Sheldon Coates School. Stephen completed all of his high school courses at

TLC Grande Cache. He won several scholarships for Indigenous students to help finance his education. He is now considering pursuing a Bachelor of Education. Our junior high students are working hard on their academic courses. They are also doing some baking, making muffins, pancakes, and brownies for their peers. We look forward to participating in Hats On for Mental Health Day on May 1st. We hope to start a painting project with students from all TLC's in May. It promises to be an exciting undertaking for our students and our community. We will hold a graduation lunch for our graduating students in June.

TLC Hinton: Hinton TLC students and teacher, Mary Andreassen, were proud to participate in the Superintendent's Youth Council this year. It was fantastically successful for students, and they are looking forward to next year! We are also looking forward to Education Week, which coincides with Hats On for Mental Health Day on May 1st. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their unique hats that day in support of awareness of good mental health along with recognizing the significance of education throughout the week!

TLC Edson: TLC Students in Edson started the month writing diploma exams, then enjoyed designing some springtime creations with 3D pens. We were happy to host staff for our Professional Learning Day and spent a productive day working on ideas to support student learning and course completion. TLC participated at the Edson Trade Show with our colleagues from other GYPSD schools to share information about our exciting programs. We will finish up the month with first aid training for students thanks to our Red Cross certified trainer from TLC Evansburg, Tina Kozyra. We are looking forward to Education Week and celebrating mental health with Hats On for Mental Health Day on May 1st. This month, our Assistant Principal, Barb Shepherd, completed her Masters of Education through the University of Calgary: congratulations, Barb!

TLC Evansburg: April has been a busy month for students at TLC Evansburg, and has seen students starting to get ready for diploma exams coming up in June. Earlier in the month, students and staff started a project together to hatch several duck and chicken eggs. The eggs have been in the incubator for a few weeks now, and students are looking forward to seeing them hatch. Students and staff are also looking forward to wearing their hats in honor of Hats On for Mental Health Day on May 1st.