

Erskine School

September, 2024

From the Principal's desk

Welcome back!



We seem to be having a very busy start up to the school year. Our school enrolment is the highest that it has been in years with 140 students attending K through 9 and 22 more students registered in our playschool. That's amazing!

Cross country running practices have started up already. Thank you, Mrs. Chapman and Mr. McComish for working with our runners over the lunch hours. All students will be participating in our own cross-country run at Rochon Sands on Monday, September 16. This year there will be prizes for the top five finishers as well as draw prizes for athletes that complete the run in under 25 minutes (2.2 km) and 30 minutes (2.8 km). Parent volunteers will be needed for our meet at Rochon Sands. Please contact the school if you are available to volunteer at the Rochon Rush Run. Students in grades 3 - 9 will have the opportunity to compete in other runs this fall, if they are interested. Mrs. Chapman will send more information home with interested runners next week.

Junior high students will be selecting their options for semester one from the list of **French, outdoor ed, drama, makerspace (CTF), first aid, and art**. Parents should have received a note regarding these choices earlier this week. In February, grades 7 - 9 will once again travel to Wm E Hay for CTS (foods and fashion, industrial arts, cosmetology, etc.,...)

Our **Open House** has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 18. This year we have planned something a little different. We will start at 6:00 with an assembly in the gym to discuss rules and expectations and other information. Following the assembly, we will have a short **Family Dance Party** followed by a student-led tour of their classroom and an opportunity to meet the teacher. We will have **donuts!** On the day of our Open House the **Big Valley Bottle Depot** will have a trailer parked in front of the school to collect bottles to raise money for our junior high trip to Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. **Please bring your bottles** at student pick up or during open house.

If you have an interest in joining our **Erskine Extreme Parent Society School Council** please come to our first meeting on **September 18** at 6:30 in the school library following our open house. School council is a great way to provide input and stay informed about school decisions.

Dates to remember:

September:

- 2 Labour Day—No School
- 3 First Day of School
- 16 Rochon Sands Cross Country Run
- 17 Toonie for Terry
- 18 Open House @ 6 pm
- 18 EEPS Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 19 Toonie for Terry
- 19 Apple Pick up
- 20 Terry Fox Run
- 26 Orange Shirt Day
- 27 PD Day—No School
- 30 Truth & Reconciliation Day—No School

October:

- 10 Picture Day
- 11 PD Day—No School
- 14 Thanksgiving Day—No school
- 21 Award's Night (Gr 7-9) (7:00 pm)
- 31 Halloween Activities

Check us out on-line:

<http://erskine.clearview.ab.ca/>

Read on.....

Throughout September students will experience a number of **assessments** for literacy and numeracy. The division requires students from grade 2 to 9 to complete a 3T literacy assessment and a newly created numeracy assessment. Your child's teacher, our school and our division will use the results of these assessments to help determine programming for a class and for individual students. For the younger grades, these assessment results are shared with the provincial government. Additional funding may be available to the school based on our results.

Our annual **Terry Fox Day** will be held on the afternoon of Friday, September 20th. Our grade 9 leadership class will be preparing activities for cross graded groups to enjoy. Students are encouraged to pick up pledge forms for the Canadian Cancer Society at the office. The school will also have Toonies for Terry on Tuesday (17) and Thursday (19). Students that donate a toonie may wear a hat for the day.

We are often looking for **volunteers** throughout the school year. Further in the newsletter you will find a form with a list of items we often need volunteers for. Please sign up where you think you could be helpful. This will provide us with a starting point when we start planning events.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education and the school's many activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 403-742-5220.

School Fees ...

ECS = \$57.00 (Supplies/Fees)

Gr 1—\$77.00 (Supplies/Fees)

Gr 2-6—\$32.00 (Fees)

Gr 7-9—\$52.00 (Fees)

School Cash On-line...

If you are interested in paying school fees, milk or field trips on-line—please call Mrs. Lepard for more details

Is your child going to be away? If so, please call the school and leave a message! This is helpful in making sure your child is safe at home with you.

We no longer have a hallway phone - we ask that students make play arrangements from their home and not at school. The office phone will be accessible by students if need be.

Is your child going home with another student? On another bus? Please let us know in their day planner or by note, but most important - LET US KNOW!



Regular Attendance is Important ...

1 or 2 days doesn't seem like much, but

If your child misses	That equals	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days/year	4 weeks/year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day/week	40 days/year	8 weeks/year	Over 2 1/2 year
2 days/week	80 days/year	16 weeks/year	Over 5 years
3 days/week	120 days/year	24 weeks/year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes /day	50 minutes/week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks/ year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 minutes/day	1hr 40 minutes/week	Over 2 1/2 weeks/ year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes/day	Half a day/week	4 weeks/year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour/day	1 day/week	8 weeks/year	Over 2 1/2 years

Buses

Students will be bringing home pamphlets from Clearview. These will outline everyone's responsibilities in order to keep our drivers and riders safe. Please, if there is a problem on the bus, let the driver know as well as Mr. Lee!

Please ensure your students are ready and waiting for the bus - if each student was late by a minute our bus would be 12- 15 minutes late for school. Thank you!

When boarding buses afterschool students are to head straight to the bus and take their seat rather than play on the playground. As soon as everyone is on the bus, it can head for home.

Please **do not use the bus lane** BEFORE and AFTER school. **Your child's safety is paramount!** It would be helpful if you passed this request on to anyone who is picking up your child after school. On numerous occasions vehicles drive down the lane and pass the buses as they are loading.



Volunteers Needed

Please indicate with a checkmark any of the activities you may be willing to volunteer for throughout this school year and return the form to the office:

- Transport vehicle for bikes/camp supplies, etc.,...
- School dance supervision
- Recess supervision (On Teacher Appreciation Day)
- Class field trips
- South soccer field fence construction
- Fundraising item pick up
- Hot lunch delivery
- Track and field leader or event volunteer
- Reading with students
- Junior high options instructor (i.e. knitting , crochet, etc...)
- Christmas concert raffle
- Coach (volleyball, basketball, archery, badminton, etc...)
- Book fair helper
- Tournament concession, scorekeeper, etc.,...
- Other (please indicate: _____)

Name: _____ Child's (rens') Grade(s) _____

Phone number: _____

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labour Day	First Day of School		ECS Staggered Start		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		First Full Day for ECS			Pre K Open House	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Rochon Sands Cross Country Run	Toonies for Terry	Pre-K Starts Open House @ 6 pm EEPS @ 6:30 pm	Toonies for Terry Apple Pick Up	Terry Fox Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Orange Shirt Day	PD Day—No School	
29	30					
	National Truth & Reconciliation Day - No School					