



Erskine School October, 2024

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The Principals message:

We have had an incredible September and start of the year, and it is hard to believe that we are already in the midst of October.

On September 16th, Erskine School hosted the **Rochon Rush** Cross Country Running Meet at the Rochon Sands Hall. It was a great success! This year there were prizes for the top five finishers as well as draw prizes for athletes that completed the run in under 25 minutes (2.2 km) and 30 minutes (2.8 km) for the longer run. Thank you to all of our wonderful parent volunteers who were on the course, finish/start line and at the concession. Also thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Benson and Fresh Wife for the Rochon Rush socks awarded to our top finishers. Also, special thanks to Mrs. Chapman for organizing the event.

On September 18, we held our **School Open House**. Parents and students met in the gym at 6:00 for information on school rules and expectations. After our fun filled family dance, parents and students then explored their classrooms together and met with their teachers. Thank you to all of those that were able to make time to share in the evening with us and those that got out on the dance floor. The kids loved dancing with you!!! The school-wide open house followed the kindergarten and pre-k open houses that occurred earlier in the month during the day. If you have any suggestions on how to improve our start up to the year, including how to revise any of our open house events, please let us know.

Our **School Council** (Parent Council) had our first meeting following the Open House. School Council meetings are a great way to be informed about what is happening in your child's school and give you an opportunity to voice your opinion about upcoming decisions. Meetings last about an hour to an hour and a half. Mr. Guy Neitz, Clearview School Board Chair, attends and presents information about all area schools. I attend as well and present information about upcoming events at the school and ask for feedback on school activities and planning for the future. Please consider becoming an active member of your child's school community by attending these meetings. Our annual general meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21 at 3:15 pm.

Mrs. Chapman has been looking after **cross country running** practices at recess time again this year. Many students have been trying to better their personal best each week by running on our school's track. Our runners traveled to a meet in Donalda. Congratulations to the following on their placings in their respective grade; Rhett Pletz 1st, Meyer Rowledge 3rd, Khylin Haustein 2nd, Brock Van Straten 1st, Jack Chapman 4th, Jaxx Jensen 7th, Joel Hoetmer 8th, Mila Pletz 3rd, Hailey Lattery 6th, Ryan Lattery 1st, Wyatt Nixon 2nd, Laci Pole 1st, Camdyn Tremmel 2nd, Kate Chapman 1st, Kortney Armstrong 2nd, Ruby Leschert 4th, Luke Henderson 1st and Grady Lohr 2nd. Our junior high runners participated in the CARA (Clearview and Region Athletics) meet that was held in Big Valley on October 4th. Congratulations to the following runners; Ryan Lattery 2nd, Wyatt Nixon 8th, Camdyn Tremmel 5th, Grady Lohr 3rd, Kate Chapman 1st, and Ruby Leschert 5th. All of our junior high runners qualified for the CWAJHAA competing with schools from across all of Central Alberta.

Dates to remember:

October:

- 4 CARA Cross Country
- 10 Picture Day
- 11 PD Day—no School
- 14 Thanksgiving Day—no school
- 21 EEPS AGM @ 3:15 pm
- 21 Awards Night @ 7 pm
- 31 Halloween Activities

November

- 1 PD Day—no School
- 5 Remembrance Day Activities
- 8 Day in lieu—no School
- 11 Remembrance Day—no School
- 15 Report Cards Home
- 21 Parent Teacher Interviews—3—7 pm
- 22 PD Day—no School

December

- 17 Christmas Concert— 12:00 pm
- 19 Christmas Concert— 1:20 pm
- 19 Christmas Concert—7:00 pm
- 20 Christmas Activities and PJ Day
- 21 Christmas Break Begins

From the Principal's desk continued.....

Ms. Bartlett and Mr. McComish are also coaching our **boy's and girl's volleyball teams**. Thank you for all your hard work mentoring and developing our young athletes. So far, our boys and girls teams have played and been competitive with Wm. E Hay, Donalds, and Big Valley. Our boys team consists Connor Gallant, Kail MacDonald, Luke Hronek, Grady Lohr, Hudson Hetchler, Luke Henderson, Bennett Rowledge, Wyatt Nixon, Ryan Lattery, Brenner Long, Jax Whiteside, Taylen Wells, and Tyler Armstrong. Our girls team consists of Bree Stewart, Vada Peters, Kate Chapman, Rowan Anderson, Kortney Armstrong, Emma Dixon, Ruby Leschert, Harlow Crocker, Avery Niehaus, Camdyn Tremmel, Taite Neitz, and Laci Pole. Our **junior volleyball team** consists of players from grade 4 and 5. These beginners will practice at lunch during the week with Mrs. Hetchler and Mrs. Rajewski. Thank you, coaches!

On September 20, our Grade 9 Leadership class hosted events in our school yard and around town to celebrate **Terry Fox Day**. It was a great success as students enjoyed the activities; Capture the Flag, Crazy Relay, Marble Madness, Hockey Fun, Clothespin Shirts, Comet Ball Flyback and Obstacle Course. Thank you Grade 9's for doing a great job organizing, presenting and being excellent role models for our school! Our school raised just under \$200 with our Hat Day and Toonies for Terry for the Canadian Cancer Society. Thank you all for your donations.

On September 26 our school acknowledged **Orange Shirt Day**. Thank you to those students that participated. To coincide with Orange Shirt Day, many of our staff chose this week as a time to study the history of Residential Schools in Alberta through book study, artwork, videos, etc.,.....

Apple Sales were a big fundraising hit again for Erskine School. The school was able to bring in a profit of just over **\$6000**. Thank you all for helping with the sales and those of you that were part of the organizing and distributing, especially Kate Martin.

Our **2024-25 Students' Union** has been selected and is as follows; Connor Gallant, President, Kail MacDonald, Vice President, Denver Shaw, Treasurer, Jacob Keeping, Secretary, Bree Stewart and Vada Peters, Social Convenors, and class representatives; Luke Henderson, Kortney Armstrong, Brenner Long, Avery Niehaus, Jax Whiteside and Raya MacDonald. Thank you to all of the students that put their name forward to represent the students of our school. Our first students union activity was our Cozy/Pajama Dress Up Day that was held on October 3rd.

Picture Day will be held on October 10. Smart Photography is looking after our school photos again this year.

At this point in the year, we have held two **fire drills**. Throughout the year, we will have a total of six fire drills, and at least one school wide lockdown and shelter in place drill.

On October 17 we will begin our **Math and Munchies program**. Our students will meet in cross graded groups to work on math projects. Students then choose a snack of biscuits with jam, bananas, apples or cheese strings and work together for the first period on their project. This is part of our initiative to increase numeracy skills throughout our grades and will replace our Books, Buddies and Breakfast program that we started next year. Thank you Mrs. MacPherson for organizing and teachers for putting together fun activities that will challenge students from kindergarten to grade 9.



From the Principal's desk continued.....

Our 2023-24 Junior High **Awards Night** is scheduled for October 21. Students in grades 7 - 9 will be recognized for receiving honors, for being the most improved student, citizenship, penmanship, etc.,... Invitations for recipients and presenters have been sent home from the office.

Our grade 9 Leadership class will be arranging **Halloween** activities for the rest of the school for the afternoon of October 31st. Students are welcome to wear their costumes for the afternoon as we will have a costume parade prior to our activities. Please consider our school rules even at Halloween. If you are questioning whether or not a costume, or part of a costume is suitable for school - it probably isn't. If in doubt, please ask your child's teacher.

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.



Erskine school Orange Shirt Day—September 26, 2024

October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					CARA Cross Country Running— Big Valley	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Picture Day	PD Day No School	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Thanksgiving Day No School					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	EEPS AGM - 3:15 pm Jr High Awards Night 7:00 pm					
27	28	29	30	31		
				Halloween Activities EEPS "FREE" McDonalds Hot Lunch		