



# Erskine School

## November, 2024

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### From the Principal's desk:

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Winter will soon be here! Please make sure that your son or daughter is well prepared for the bus ride and outdoor recesses with proper footwear and mitts. Here are many of the very successful events that have happened throughout our school since the last newsletter.

On October 16th we had our fourth **fire drill** of the year. We will resume our fire drill practice again in the spring. Each year, we practice six fire drills as an entire school. Our next safety drill will be a practice lock down later this month.

Our **Junior High Awards** night was held in the school gym on October 21. Students were recognized for their efforts during the 2023-24 school year. Twenty one different students were awarded plaques and cash bursaries for honours, academic improvement, citizenship, leadership and others. Thank you to all of our presenters, sponsors and congratulations to all our award recipients. Special thanks to our Students' Union vice president, Kail MacDonald, for doing a great job as our master of ceremonies for the evening.

On the afternoon of October 31st, students dressed up for **Halloween** and celebrated with a costume parade and fun-filled activities arranged by our grade 9 class. This year's best costume winners, as selected by members of our students' union, were: Hudson Hetchler, Ruby Leschert, Arco Knull, Taite Neitz, Laci Pole, Tyler Armstrong, Maelyn Hetchler, Carter Benson, Tamsen Rajewski, Jack Chapman, Ellie Niehaus, Thatcher Rajewski, Claire Bullick, Braxley Rairdan, Violet Haustein, Nash Hiller, Demspey Rajewski, Nathan Fenske and Ria Hansel. Thank you, grade 9 students, for organizing such a fun-filled afternoon of activities and the haunted house.

The grade 5 and 6 class had a **visit from author and poet, Richard Harrison** on October 29. Richard read some of his poems and completed a poetry workshop with the students. Thank you, Mrs. Rajewski for planning the visit.

Our **Junior High Volleyball teams** headed to the CARA volleyball tournament in Stettler on the November 1st weekend. The athletes on both the boys and girls teams demonstrated great sportsmanship, dedication and poise throughout the season. Thank you, Mr. McComish and Ms. Bartlett for coaching this season!

Our **Remembrance Day** ceremony was held in our gym on November 5 at 10:45. We were joined by several members of the Stettler Branch of the Legion, Constables Witmer and Soderberg, and other parents and dignitaries. The grades 1 and 2 classes performed "Sing for Peace" and the grades 3 and 4 classes performed "Remember Flanders Fields". Kortney and Tyler Armstrong also shared a powerpoint from Mrs. Hetchler's grade 4 class about World War 1 veteran Henry Norwest. Special thanks to grade 9 student, Kiera Tait, for doing a fantastic job as our master of ceremonies.

### Dates to remember:

#### November

- 1 PD Day—no School
- 5 Remembrance Day Activities
- 7 Jr High Field Trip
- 8 Day in lieu—no School
- 11 Remembrance Day—no School
- 12 Re-takes
- 14 Jersey Dress Up Day
- 14 Board Visit
- 14 Math & Munchies
- 14 Poinsettia Orders Due (Quebec Trip Fundraising)
- 15 Report Cards Home
- 21 Parent Teacher Interviews—3—8 pm
- 22 PD Day—no School
- 29 Concert Shirt Dress Up Day

#### December

- 3 Poinsettia Pick Up
- 6 White Elephant Sale Drop off Deadline
- 9 White Elephant Shopping
- 10 White Elephant Shopping
- 16 Crazy Sock Day
- 19 Christmas Concert—1:20 pm
- 19 Christmas Concert—7:00 pm
- 20 Christmas Activities and PJ Day
- 21 Christmas Break Begins

#### January

- 8 First Day Back
- 29 PD Day—no school

From the principal's desk continued.....

Our junior high students traveled to **Edmonton** to visit the **Legislative Assembly and Activate** on November 7. Activate is a physically interactive arcade where students compete or work together in groups of five. It was a great team building activity and was awesome fun. At the legislative assembly we were given a tour of the building and its history and were able to be introduced to the chamber and had the chance to watch the question period. It was very interesting.

On November 14, Clearview Public **School Trustees and superintendent** will tour our school and spend time in many of our classrooms. It is great to see our trustees interact with the staff and students of our community. Having a connection to our school community may help them understand the dynamics of our school and guide decisions that they make that may affect us. Also on November 14th, our **Junior High options** change from art and outdoor ed. to Career and Technology Foundations or Makerspace. From the 15th until January 30 grade 7 - 9 students will choose projects that are of high interest for them. The French option will continue on Tuesdays for those students that had signed up for French in the fall.

**Report cards** will be sent home in paper form on November 15 for both elementary and junior high students. Junior high report cards for grades 7 to 9 have been created by teachers using a program called Powerschool. Along with the paper copy of the report cards, parents can access the Parent Portal to view student mark summaries. Parents and students will have access to this portal throughout the year as assignments and grades are updated. A print out of your login information will be sent home with your child's report card. Please note that the attendance recorded on the report card represents absences in the morning and afternoon - 2 absences recorded for 1 full day away from school.

**Parent teacher interviews** will be held on November 21. Mrs. Lepard shared a link through BrightArrow this week to book your face to face interview with your child's teacher(s). Students in kindergarten to grade 2 will have fifteen minute time slots. Students in grades 3 - 9 will have ten minute time slots. Please keep to these times as teachers will have many parents to meet with in a short time.

We are anticipating two showings of our **Christmas Concert** this year on December 19th, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Each family will receive four tickets for the afternoon show and four for the evening show and will be asked to trade with other families using the EEPS Facebook page or by calling the school office. Our grade six class will be showcased again as the actors and actresses of the production called "Christmas at the O.K. Corral". EEPS School council will be asking parents to donate **bake sale items and/or gift bags** for the raffle table. We will also have a bottle drive the day of the concert as a fundraiser for the junior high Quebec/ Montreal and Ottawa trip. Please save and bring in your bottles!

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's Awards Night 2023/2024 School Year

### ATA Top Academic Award

Gr 7—Kate Chapman/Kortney Armstrong  
Gr 8—Bree Stewart  
Gr 9—Jamie Nixon

### Erskine School Parent Council Improvement Award

Gr 7—Grady Lohr  
Gr 8—Connor Gallant  
Gr 9—Jamie Nixon

### Honor Award

Gr 7: Julia Ackerman, Rowan Anderson, Kortney Armstrong, Kate Chapman, Emma Dixon, Luke Henderson, Ruby Leschert, Grady Lohr  
Gr 8: Luke Hronek, Kail MacDonald, Vada Peters, Bree Stewart  
Gr 9: Krypton Anderson, Branson Chapman, Dryton Haustein, Brock Neitz, Jamie Nixon

### Old MacDonald's Resort—Organizational Skills Award

Gr 7—Kortney Armstrong  
Gr 8—Bree Stewart  
Gr 9—Brock Neitz

### TIMMS Award—Highest Gr 9 Average Jamie Nixon

### Bryan & Eileen McComish Option Award

Art—Kiera Tait  
Outdoor Ed—Jocelyn Beer  
Makerspace—Kate Chapman

### Rowledge Family Award—Second Highest Gr 9 Average Branson Chapman

### Colin Cassidy Leadership Award

Gr 7—Luke Henderson  
Gr 8—Bree Stewart  
Gr 9—Dryton Haustein

### Union Hall Ladies—Most Improved in LA

Gr 7—Lily Bullick  
Gr 8—Elizabeth Marshall  
Gr 9—Krypton Anderson

### Erskine Rec Board—Phys Ed

Gr 7—Grady Lohr/Kate Chapman  
Gr 8—Kail MacDonald/Bree Stewart  
Gr 8—Dryton Haustein

### Wilson Cruickshank Law Office —Subject Awards

Gr 7— LA—Kortney Armstrong  
Social—Kate Chapman  
Math—Ruby Leschert  
Science—Luke Henderson

### Brandt Tractor —Top Athletes

Top Male—Brock Neitz, Jamie Nixon

Gr 8— LA—Kiera Tait  
Social—Bree Stewart  
Math—Luke Hronek  
Science—Kail MacDonald

### Andrew Nibourg Award—Highest CTS Average Branson Chapman

Gr 9— LA—Brock Neitz  
Social—Branson Chapman  
Math—Jamie Nixon  
Science—Dryton Haustein

### Mel Kelm Award—Service & Dedication

Danny Riggins, Cody Rowledge  
(Erskine Rec Board)

### Mrs. Munden Heart of Gold Award

Brock Neitz



## Severe Weather ...



TO: Parents and Legal Guardians

With our winter conditions in Alberta and our area, we would like to remind parents and legal guardians on the guidelines for school busing during severe weather conditions (including temperature guidelines). Clearview's [Administrative Procedure 503 "Severe Weather Conditions"](#) outlines transportation operations during those weather conditions that may impact the safety of students and staff.

Highlights of Clearview's guidelines you may wish to be aware of include:

- School bus operations will be suspended when visibility is 0.2 km (200 metres) or less (for example, during snow or fog conditions)
- School bus operations will be suspended when the air temperature is colder than -35 degrees celsius' or when the temperature taking into consideration wind speed exceeds -40 degrees celsius.
- When a decision is made to operate the buses, the decision to send children on the bus is that of the parents/guardians. The parents/guardians should consider factors such as age and health of children, as well as any other factors they deem advisable.
- All students are required to be prepared for severe weather conditions, and carry with them appropriate winter footwear, outerwear, including headgear, and gloves or mitts.
- When most or all school bus services are suspended for an area or school, all schools shall normally remain open to students, which may be determined otherwise by the Superintendent or designate.

Do you ever ask your child how his/her day at school was and you get vague answers such as "good" or "I don't remember"?

Here are 10 open-ended questions you can ask your children to get them talking about their day at school:

1. What was your favorite thing you did at school?
2. What was your least favorite thing you did at school?
3. What was the hardest thing you did today?
4. What made you happy today?
5. What did you do at recess?
6. Who did you eat lunch with?
7. What did you/your friend eat for lunch?
8. What are some of your class rules?
9. What book did your teacher read to the class? What was it about?
10. What are you excited to do at school tomorrow?



<https://www.communicationclubhouse.com/blog/10-questions-replace-day/>

# November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					PD Day—No School	CARA Volleyball
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Remem- brance Day Ceremony			Day in Lieu No School	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Remem- brance Day	Picture Retakes		Jersey Dress Up Day  Math & Munchies  Board Visit  Poinsettia Orders Due	Report Cards Home	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Parent Teacher Interviews— (3-8 pm)	PD Day—No School	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Concert Shirt Dress Up Day	