



Erskine School

December, 2024

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Choice

From the Principal's desk:

Merry Christmas to all!

Many very successful events have happened throughout our school since the last newsletter.

We had our second **Math and Munchies** event on November 14. In **Math and Munchies**, students work in cross graded groups on numeracy activities. Our next **Math and Munchies** event will be on January 16.

Report cards were sent home in a paper format on November 15. If you did not see your child's report or have any questions please contact the school office.

Parent teacher interviews were held on November 21. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend. We had over 90% of our families check in with at least one of their child's teachers. Thank you so much for supporting your child's education. Parents play such an important role in their son or daughter's success in school.

We practiced our first **lock down drill** on November 13. We will continue with our safety drills in the new year.

Our **annual educational report** or AERR is available on our school website. The AERR contains the results of the spring survey given to students and parents of grades 4 - 9 and teaching staff. It also contains information regarding last years' provincial achievement results and school plans for this year and next. Mr. Lee will present information about this report at our next school council meeting on February 3. Very positive results again this year! Thank you to everyone that had completed a survey and we will be looking forward to your responses again in the spring.

Our **White Elephant Sale** starts next week on the 9th and 10th. Thank you, everyone, for the wonderful donations. Special thanks to Kate Martin for organizing, parent and grandparent volunteers for selling and packaging, and our grade 9 class for setting up tables, moving donations, etc,...The White Elephant Sale is a neat opportunity for our younger students to purchase items for their families.

On Friday, November 29th our students' union organized **Concert T-Shirt Day**. Our next students' union dress up days will be **Crazy Sock Day** on December 16th and **Pajama Day** on December 20.

Christmas season is approaching and along with it our **school christmas concert**. This year's concert is the musical, "Christmas at The OK Corral" and features our kindergarten to grade 6 students. The grade 6 students take on the play's major roles while our younger grades focus on the singing parts and some more traditional Christmas songs and carols. Our concerts will be in the afternoon and evening of **December 19**. We are hoping that you can join us!

Dates to remember:

December

- 5 Subway Hot Lunch
- 9/10 White Elephant Sale
- 16 Crazy Sock Day
- 17 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal — 12:00
- 19 Christmas Concert— 1:30
- 19 Christmas Concert— 7:00
- 20 PJ Dress Up Day
- 20 Christmas Break Begins

January

- 6 First Day Back to School
- EEPS Meeting—3:15
- 12 Wacky Hair Day
- 16 Math & Munchies
- 30 Teacher PD, no school

February

- 3 EEPS Meeting
- 6 Ski Trip—Canyon
- 13/14 Teacher's Convention
- 14 Valentine's Activities
- 17 Family Day—No School

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

Christmas concert tickets were sent home earlier this week. Each family will receive four tickets for the afternoon performance and four tickets for the evening performance. We are hoping that families can swap tickets where needed by using the EPPS school council Facebook page or by contacting the school. If your family does not plan to use the tickets or a portion of the tickets, please return them to the office. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please call the office at 403-742-5220.

EEPS has decided to accept donations and purchase items for a **raffle table** to be held during our concerts. The raffle table will be similar to one that you see at hockey tournaments where you purchase a booklet of tickets and then choose to use your tickets on a chance to win certain items. Winners will be drawn at the final concert on Thursday evening. Please bring cash to bid on a number of items. Good luck!

At both Christmas Concert performances, we will also be having a **bottle drive** as a fundraiser for the junior high Ottawa, Quebec and Montreal trip. Please bring your bottles with you and drop them off at the cube van at the school entrance. Thank you to everyone that purchased **poinsettias or wreaths** as part of our earlier fundraiser. This fundraiser was very successful and will likely be continued in the future.

With the **colder weather** soon upon us, please send toque, mitts and scarves with your children as they are expected to go outside for recess. Our guideline for inside recesses for kindergarten to grade 5 is a temperature or wind chill of around -25. Throughout the winter, grade 7 - 9 students have the option of remaining inside in the gym.

Thinking ahead to the new year, many students may be receiving **cell phones and electronic devices** as gifts at Christmas and will be unsure about the expectations for their use at school. For kindergarten to grade 5, we encourage students to not bring cell phones or electronics to school. For grades 6 - 9 students, cell phones are to be kept in their lockers and used only during the eating portion of our lunch hour. Students that use their phone or electronics outside of assigned times will be reminded once and told to put it in their locker. On the second offense, they will have their cell phone confiscated by the office and returned at the end of the day. On the third offense, the phone will be confiscated and only returned to the child's parent.

The **Erskine School ski trip** has been planned for **February 6th**. Look for a registration package to come home next week. We estimate that skiing costs will be between \$35 and \$45 dollars and tubing around \$15. Thank you to the EEPS School Council for agreeing to support our ski program by subsidizing the cost of the bus and student's individual fees.

Just a reminder that from time to time students need to **leave our school campus** because they are not feeling well during the school day or they have an appointment. **Parents please be sure and check in** at the office prior to leaving or call and let us know what is happening.

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.

From all of the staff and their families, we hope you have a safe, healthy, and restful Christmas Holiday Season with your family and friends!!



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 132 "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.

Please be aware that in the event the school bus services is cancelled or late on a particular day, updates are available using Bright Arrow or the website at www.clearview.ab.ca.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Subway Hot Lunch	White Elephant Drop Off Deadline	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	White Elephant Sale	White Elephant Sale				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Crazy Sock Day	Milk Orders Due Dress Rehearsal @ 12:00		Christmas Concert 1:30 & 7:00	- Last Day of School - PJ Dress Up Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Christmas Eve	Merry Christ- mas			
29	30	31				
		New Year's Eve				