



# Erskine School

## April, 2025

### From the Principal's Desk

Spring has sprung, for now! Spring brings a bit of a renewal for our school community as we re-energize for the countdown to summer and start checking off many of the "to do" list items as we wind down this school year and gear up for the next.

We have had many successful events since our last newsletter went home; Sunglasses Day, March Math and Munchies, St Patrick's Day (wear Green), Shelter in Place drill due to Inclement Weather, Grade 6 - 9 Nakiska Ski Trip, Report Cards, Parent Teacher Interviews, Autism Awareness Day (wear blue), Swimming lessons, Afterschool Badminton for grade 6 - 9, Book Fair and Spring Break. Wow, what a list!

**U of C student teacher, Miss Faith Shuckburgh** has joined our junior high team as a student teacher. She will be working with Mrs. Rajewski, Mr. McComish, and Miss Bartlett. She will be observing, team teaching and leading some of the lessons on her own. RDP student teachers, **Miss Reagan Robbins** and **Miss Katie Scobie**, have been working with our younger students and observing many of the teacher's classes. We appreciate having these students in our building and wish them luck in the remainder of their studies.

As always, when your child's report card was sent home in March, we included **attendance information**. Please note that when the school is open and buses are not running, those students that do not attend are recorded as absent. Attending school regularly is so important to your child's education. Thank you for making sure your children attend regularly and start on time.

Our grade **6 - 9 Nakiska Ski trip** in combination with Big Valley and Byemore occurred on March 20. Thank you to our staff members, Mr. McComish, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Leschert, for supervising and Mrs. Lepard, for organizing the bus, lifts and rentals. The weather was fantastic and the ski conditions were great. We are already making plans to repeat the experience next year.

Grades 7 - 9 **badminton** started up just prior to Spring Break. Our first tournament will be held this weekend at Lindsay Thurber High School in Red Deer. Only two athletes are able to represent our school this weekend; good luck to Avery Niehaus and Taite Neitz. The Castor tournament will be held on Wednesday, April 23 and the CARA tournament will be held in Stettler on April 30. Good luck to all participants!

### Dates to remember:

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is our  
Choice

#### April

- 1 Swimming Lessons Start
- 2 Autism Awareness Day
- 7 Book Fair Week Begins
- 10 Book Fair Family Night—3—7 pm
- 11 Jr High Dance—7-10 pm
- 14 EEPs Meeting—3:15 pm
- 17 Last Day of Swimming
- 17 Subway Hot Lunch
- 18 Good Friday—No School
- 21 Easter Monday—No School
- 22 PD Day—No School
- 24 Gr 9 WME Hay Tour
- 28 Farm Safety
- 28—May 4 Jr High Quebec Trip

#### May

- 5-9 Mental Health Week
- 6 Hot Lunch—Taco in a Bag
- 13 Gr 9 Farewell
- 15 Math & Munchies
- 15 Clearview Recognition Night
- 16 PD Day—No School
- 19 Victoria Day—No School
- 28—30 Gr 5/6 Camp
- 28 Gr 6 LA PAT—Pt A
- 29 Gr 9 LA PAT—Pt A

#### June

- 20 Indigenous Day
- 25 Picnic in the Park
- 25 Report Card Pick Up
- 25 Last Day of School

### Check us out on-line:

<http://erskinetclearview.ab.ca/>

## From the Principal's Desk Continued ....

**Clearview Career Engagement Facilitator, Candace Maruk**, will be coming to the school for the afternoon of Wednesday, April 9 to make a presentation to our junior high students on career readiness, goal setting and trends in the workplace.

Mrs. Chick has organized our school Book Fair and the fun dress up activities that run with it for this week. Thank you, Mrs. Chick, for all of your hard work. The **Book Fair Family Night** is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 from 3:00 - 7:00. All community members are welcome.

Our grade **6 - 9 dance will be held on Friday, April 11th** from 7 - 10:00. Students from other local schools have been invited to attend. The cost is \$5. There will also be a concession stand with most items at \$2 each.

We have a **PD Day** scheduled for **April 22nd**. There will be no school that day. Erskine teachers will join other teachers in our division to focus on numeracy and literacy teaching and assessment skills. Staff recertified in First Aid during our March professional development day.

**Grade 9 students will tour Wm E Hay Stettler Secondary Campus** and meet with their staff on April 24 to discuss their choices for high school courses. Registration forms will be due to our office April 28.

**Farm Safety** presentations have been scheduled for Monday, April 28 for our Kindergarten to grade 6 students.

Our **Junior High Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec Field Trip** is scheduled for April 28 - May 4. Thank you to all of our school community members that have supported our group and individual fundraisers to make this trip possible. Students that are not attending the trip are expected to attend school as both the travellers and non-travellers will have projects and assignments to complete that week.

**Mental Health week** will be celebrated at the school from May 5 - 9. Each day has its own activity; Monday - Chalk it Up, Tuesday - Taco Bout Tuesday, Wednesday - Hats on For Mental Health, Thursday - Movement Break, and Friday - Friendship Friday

**Grade 9 Farewell** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 13**. The grade 9's will begin planning for the event determining caterer, venue, etc.,...

**Grade 9** students will be writing **PAT Exams** in all core subjects in **May and June**. Teachers in these subject areas will start sending home information packages preparing students for these exams. **Grade 6** students will write **PAT Exams** for language arts, mathematics and social studies. Although our grade 5 and 6 students have been combined for social studies, our grade 5 students will not need to write this exam.

We have begun planning for **Indigenous Day** on **June 20th** and are looking for stories and pictures from families in our community to celebrate our local and personal histories. If you have a story or family history that you would like to share with our school community, please contact the school office. Also just a reminder to families that have an indigenous background, if you complete a declaration and self identify for our school's registration process you can ensure additional funding dollars to our school. If your family fits this category, please give our office a call.

**Planning for next year** has begun as we look at our enrolments and budget considerations. We are planning on maintaining our current staff, but there will be slight changes. We will once again need to look at areas where we can combine some of our classes. We are also needing to plan for our **pre-k classes**. Parents are encouraged to register by May 23rd if they plan on having their son or daughter attend at any point in the school year. Please share this information with others that may be new to our school community.

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

Book Fair - April 7 - 11th

Kindness Week ....

Books & Kindness: A recipe for a better world

**Monday**—Crazy for Kindness—**Crazy Hair Day**

**Tuesday**—Hunting for Kindness—**Camo Day**

**Wednesday**—Score some points by helping others—**Jersey Day**

**Thursday**—Shine Bright with Kindness—**Neon or Tie Dye Color Day**

**Friday**—Dreaming of a Kind World—**Pajama Day**

Family Night is April 10 from 3—7 pm—All families who purchase that night will be entered to win \$25 for them as well as \$25 for their classroom.



# April 2025



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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				Swimming		Autism Awareness Day—Wear BLUE		Swimming					
6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
		Book Fair Crazy Hair Day EEPS @ 3:15		Book Fair Camo Day Swimming		Book Fair Jersey Day		Book Fair Neon/Tie Dye Day Family Night Swimming		Book Fair PJ Day Jr High Dance 7-10 pm			
13		14		15		16		17		18		19	
				Swimming				Swimming Subway Hot Lunch		Good Friday No School			
20		21		22		23		24		25		26	
		Easter Monday No School		PD Day No School		Castor Badminton Tournament		Math & Munchies Gr 9 Tour WME Hay					
27		28		29		30							
		Quebec Trip Starts Farm Safety				CARA Badminton Tournament							