Erskine School May, 2025



From the Principal's Desk

There have been a few activities that happened in the school throughout April and the first part of May that we should take note of and celebrate.

Congratulations to our students for completing **swimming lessons**. Swimming report cards have been sent home from the pool. We have planned one more fun swimming trip for the end of June.

Our EEPS School Council organized a **Subway Hot lunch** on April 17, **Smile Cookies** from Tim Horton's on May 1 and **Taco in A Bag** on May 6 for students and staff. Thank you, Kate Martin for the pick up and delivery and EEPS for arranging and purchasing these treats. Our next Subway Lunch will be on May 29. Our next EEPS meeting is scheduled for June 9.

In April, we also started with our final round of the **Student Lunch Supervisor Program.** Students in grades 5 - 9 have volunteered to help supervise the Kindergarten to grade 3 classes during lunch hour - opening containers, etc.,.. It is a great leadership opportunity for our older students as they train to be future babysitters, coaches, teachers, parents, etc,...

Our **grade 9 class had a tour of Wm. E Hay** on April 24 while they were there for CTS options. They had the chance to look over high school courses with their staff and plan for the 2025-26 school year. Our **Grade 9 Farewell** was on **May 13** at 6:00. This year's Grade 9 class includes: Jocelyn Beer, Hunter Clark, Connor Gallant, Luke Hronek, Jacob Keeping, Kail MacDonald, Vada Peters, Denver Shaw, Bree Stewart, Kiera Tait, Ryker Tremmel, and Jayden Wagar Guillen. Congratulations, grade 9's.

Dates to Remember: Success is our Choice

<u>May</u>

- 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
- 20 Team Dress Up Day
- 21/22 EEPS Casino Red Deer
- 28-30 Gr 5/6 Camp
- 28 Gr 6 LA PAT—Pt A
- 29 Gr 9 LA PAT-Pt A

<u>June</u>

- 4 K—2 Tack Meet—Big Valley
- Gr 3—6 Tack Meet—Big Valley
- 9 School Group Photo
- 9 EEPS Meeting—3:15
- 9 K—2 Tack Meet—Rainout day
- 10 CARA Track Meet—Stettler
- 11 Gr 3—6 Tack Meet—Rainout day
- 17 ECS—Gr 1 Field Trip
- 19 Stettler Public Library Presentation
- 20 Indigenous Day Activities
- 24 Gr 2—4 Field Trip
- 25 Picnic in the Park
- 25 Report Card Pick Up

The second last Wednesday of April was **Administrative Professionals' Day**. Thank you, Mrs. Lepard! You are awesome! The first Monday of May is **Bus Driver Appreciation day**. Thank you to all of our bus drivers - Connie Devnich, Ron Glover, Cheryl Fischer, Kathryn Haustein, Jocelyn Stevens and substitute driver, Dale Wilson, for all that you do for our kiddos!

Our junior high badminton players finished up the season on Thursday, May 8 with Emma Dixon representing our school in the grade 8 girls singles category of the CWAJHAA Badminton Tournament in Rocky Mountain House. Congratulations, Emma. Both Luke Hronek, grade 9 boys singles, and Emma Dixon placed second at the CARA Badminton Tournament on April 30. Also representing our school at the CARA tournament were; Maelyn Hetchler and Ellie Salajan (grade 7 girls doubles), Taite Neitz and Laci Pole (grade 7 girls doubles), Avery Niehaus (grade 7 girls singles), Connor Gallant (grade 9 singles), Ryker Tremmel (grade 9 boys singles), Denver Shaw and Kail Mac-Donald (grade 9 boys double). We had 26 players join the team this season. Unfortunately, the CARA tournament was held the same week as many of our badminton athletes were away on the junior high Quebec Trip. However, we had many top three finishes at the Castor Tournament on April 23. Carson Tait and Ryan Lattery placed third in grade 7 boys doubles. Second place finishes went to Ruby Leschert for grade 8 girls singles and Bree Stewart and Rowan Anderson in grade 9 girls doubles. First place finishes went to Emma Dixon in grade 8 girls singles and Grady Lohr and Bennett Rowledge in grade 8 boys doubles. Also representing our school at the Castor tournament were; Ellie Salajan, Avery Niehaus, Wyatt Nixon, Brenner Long, Laci Pole, Taite Neitz, Maelyn Hethcler, Kora Berg, Hudson Hetchler, Kate Chapman, Kortney Armstrong, Connor Gallant, Ryker Tremmel, Denver Shaw, Kail MacDonald, Kiera Tait, and Jocelyn Beer. Congratulations to all of our athletes as they represented our school very well.

From the principal's desk continued

We had **Farm Safety** presentations for kindergarten to grade 6 on April 28. These presentations were done virtually for each of our classes. The instructor emphasized the safety rules regarding farm equipment such as one seat - one driver, etc.,...

Miss Bartlett organized our school's **Student Vote** on April 28 in conjunction with the Federal Election. The results from our school reflected what were seen across Alberta and the political parties represented. Our school also received a grant from Student Vote that was used to purchase t-shirts and prizes for some of our participants.

From April 28 to May 4, 18 grade 7 - 9 students travelled with Mr. Lee, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Hetchler and parent volunteer, Mrs. Nixon to **Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal**. What an amazing experience! We were able to tour Old Montreal City, Old Quebec City and Canada's Parliament Buildings. It was both an amazing academic and cultural experience. For many, this was their first time traveling without parents or by plane. The trip had some difficult moments in Ottawa, but our students were very resilient and were willing to push along on our adventures. What a great group of students and travelling companions!

Last week was **Mental Health Week**. Mrs. Chick had organized the following events. Chalk About It - Monday, Taco In A Bag - Tuesday, Hats On for Mental Health - Wednesday, Movement Break - Thursday and Friday - Friendship. Thank you, Mrs. Chick!

Each year, in May, **Clearview Public Schools** hosts a **recognition night** to highlight staff milestones. This year Ely Caloagan, custodian, and grade 1 teachers, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Neitz were recognized with long service awards. Congratulations!

Our grade **5 and 6 classes will be attending Circle Square Ranch** with Donalda, Byemoor, Botha and Big Valley students from May 28 - 30.

Provincial Achievement Tests start in May with the Grade 6 LA Part A test on May 28 and the Grade 9 LA Part A test on May 29. All other PAT tests for grades 6 and 9 will be in June. Thank you for ensuring our students are well rested and ready to do their very best on these exams. Grade 6 students will complete their PAT prior to travelling to Circle Square Ranch for grade 6 camp.

Our school **group photo** is scheduled for June 9. Please have your child wear their Erskine School apparel that day.

Our **track meets** are scheduled; June 4 for kindergarten to grade 2, June 6 for grades 3 - 6, and June 10 for the CARA track meet for grades 7 - 9. A volunteer sign up sheet was sent home at the start of May. If you missed handing it back in but are interested in volunteering, please contact the school.

Teachers have booked our **end of the year field trips**. Our Kindergarten and grade 1 classes have planned a combined trip to Drumheller on June 17. Our grades 2—4 students will be travelling to Fort Normandeau and the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame on June 24. More information will be sent home regarding these trips as we move closer to the date of the trips.

Planning for next year is well underway 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 23 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.

Grade 6 & 9 PAT and Jr High Final Exam Schedule

May 28—Gr 6 LA PAT—Part A

May 29—Gr 9 LA PAT—Part A

June 12—LA Part B - Gr 6/9 PAT

June 13—Math Part A —Gr 6/9 PAT

June 17—Math Part B —Gr 6/9 PAT/ Gr 7 & 8 Final

June 18—Social—Gr 6/9 PAT/ Gr 7 & 8 Final

June 19—Science—Gr 9 PAT/ Gr 7 & 8 Final



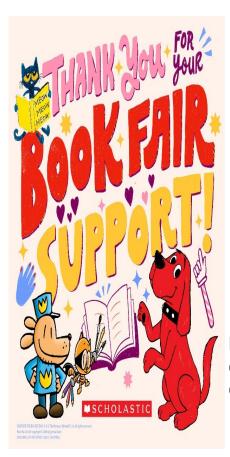


Erskine School is now accepting registrations for the upcoming year for ECS Kindergarten and Start Right (Pre-K)

Please let your friends and neighbors with young children know they can register online or call the school at 403-742-5220 for more information

A reminder that all school fees are due. Please call the school if you have any questions.





Book Fair 2025 was an energetic, fun time. \$2913.50

30% of our total is given back in Scholastic Funds to buy books and resources for our library and or classrooms. \$830.35!!

During Book Fair week there was an arrangement of contests going on for students to have a chance to win a free book.

Books & Kindness: A Recipe For A Better World

Monday Crazy for Kindness (crazy hair) — Mara gr 1

Tuesday Hunting for Kindness (Camo) — Delaney — gr 5

Wednesday Score Some Points by Helping Others - Jersey — Aaliyah gr 3

Thursday Shine Bright with Kindness - Neon or Tie-dye Colors — Remi gr 1

Friday Dreaming of a Kind World - Pajamas — Chase gr 5

Golden Ticket Winners:

Ria (ECS), Mara (gr 1), Scarlett (gr 2), Grace (gr 3), Jack (gr 4), Hailey (gr 5),
Tyler (gr 6), Bennett (gr 7), Luke (gr 8), Denver (gr 9)

Family Night:

Vivianne in Kindergarten purchased books on the Wednesday night winning her \$25 towards more books as well as Mrs Grieve \$25 for books!

Thank you again for making Erskine School Book Fair a success! It is such a great exciting time to be apart of. Without our families as well as people from our community who came in, it would not be as successful

Erskine School Ottawa/Quebec City/Montreal Trip—April 28—May 4



Congratulations to our GRADE 9 CLASS of 2025





May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Mental Health Week (Let's Chalk About It)	Mental Health Week (Taco Tues- day Hot Lunch)	Mental Health Week (Hats on for Mental Health)	Mental Health Week (Movement Breaks)	Mental Health Week (Buddy Reading)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Grade 9 Farewell - 6		Math & Munchies	PD Day—No School	
		pm		Clearview Recognition Night		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Victoria Day—No School			TEAM Dress Up Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
			Gr 6 LA PAT —Part A	Gr 9 LA PAT —Part A		
			Gr 5/6 Circle Square Camp	Gr 5/6 Circle Square Camp	Gr 5/6 Circle Square Camp	
				Subway Hot Lunch		