



# ÉCPS Cougar Chronicles



**March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at ÉCPS**

## UPCOMING DATES

Mar 3: Hot Dog Day (order before Feb 26)  
 Mar 4: Const. Brad w/ Gr. 6 - D.A.R.E. Program PM  
 Mar 5: Kinder Dental Presentation AM  
 Mar 5: Deadline to order **Purdy's**  
 Mar 6: **NO PRE-K** for **Mrs. Weatherby ONLY**  
**YES PRE-K** for **Mrs. Chernenkoff**  
**& Mrs. Underschultz**  
 Mar 6: Hot Lunch Day (cut-off to order Mar 1)  
 Mar 6-7: 3/4 Girls Floor Hockey Tournament  
 @ Robina Baker Elementary School - Devon  
 Mar 8: Daylight Saving Time Starts  
 Mar 9: **NO SCHOOL** - PD Day  
 Mar 10: **NO PRE-K** for **Mrs. Chernenkoff**  
**& Mrs. Underschultz & NO KINDER** for both  
 Mar 10: **YES PRE-K** for **Mrs. Weatherby ONLY**

Mar 10: Hot Lunch Day (cut-off to order Mar 5)  
 Mar 12: Const. Brad w/ Gr. 6 - D.A.R.E. Program AM  
 Mar 13: Character Ed. Assembly @08:45am  
 Mar 13: Hot Lunch (cut-off to order Mar 8)  
 Mar 13: Deadline to order Cotton Candy  
 Mar 13-14: 3/4 Boys Floor Hockey Tournament  
 @ Caledonia Park School - Leduc  
 Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day - Wear **Green!**  
 Mar 19: **Class Photo Day** K-6 + Pre-K 4 years old  
 Mar 19-20-21: 5/6 Girls Floor Hockey Tournament  
 @ Riverview Middle School - Devon  
 Mar 20: Rock your Socks @ ÉCPS  
 Mar 20: Spell-a-Thon - Spelling Test Day  
 Mar 20: Hot Lunch Day (cut-off to order Mar 15)  
 Mar 20: Const. Brad w/ Gr. 6 - D.A.R.E. Program PM



## NOTES

- There will be no more students extra clothes supply. Please send in your child's backpack an extra set as required.
- **NO ANIMALS** on School's Property **UNLESS** a Certified Service Dog.

**FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN 2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

Why choose French Immersion?

- Best age to learn a language
- Engaging environment that improves language skills
- Improves memory, problem-solving, and thinking skills
- Increases cultural understanding and sensitivity
- Builds a base for lifelong learning
- Gives a wider view of the world
- Being multilingual is an advantage
- Opens up future opportunities

Families do not need to come with any French language skills before entering the program!

**Registration Opens Jan 5, 2026**

## Librarian Note

Free LRC Pass - Spend some fun time with your family! We have a Family LRC Pass that can be borrowed from the Library to use. You can check it out just like a library book! Contact our librarian, Mrs. Bendfeld, to get your name on the list to borrow the pass.

Her email is: [jennifer.bendfeld@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:jennifer.bendfeld@gshare.blackgold.ca)

## PA/SC Meeting

Our next **Parents' Association Meeting** takes place on **April 22nd @ 6:30pm** in the Learning Commons.

Come and meet our executives and find out what they are doing to support ÉCPS students! They are always happy to welcome new faces and hear new ideas.

To contact them: [parents.a.president@gmail.com](mailto:parents.a.president@gmail.com)

## Kindergarten Registration

If your child is starting **KINDERGARTEN** in Sept. 2026, please ensure to complete the **Registration Form**.

Every students currently attending PreK also need to complete the form.

## Student Absence Link

**Safe Arrival** is the new automated system to report vacations, illnesses, medical appointments, late arrivals or early dismissals.

The system will send a call out for any unexcused absentees at every morning and afternoon attendances. It will inform you of your child absence and will give you the opportunity to report any reason for the absence.

# Spell-a-Thon



Our school is excited to launch our annual **Spell-a-Thon**. This fun and meaningful event helps build students' spelling skills while raising funds to support enriching learning opportunities for our school community. Over the years, this fundraiser has helped provide valuable resources for students, including programs like DanceEd, STEM materials, coding supplies, classroom tools, sensory bins, and school-wide presentations.

Students will bring home their pledge form and grade-level word list today, and will complete their Spell-a-Thon test on **March 20th**. Families can collect pledges to support their child's effort, and all donations can be submitted online by **April 10th**.

Over the next few weeks, we encourage families to partner with the school by helping students practice their words at home, as strengthening spelling and vocabulary skills is important for developing confident readers.

We can't wait to see our students shine and show off their spelling skills!



## PURDY'S CHOCOLATE ÉCPS GRADE 6 FUNDRAISER

All money fundraised will go towards the Grade 6 Farewell



ORDER DEADLINE:  
MARCH 5TH

PICKUP:  
MARCH 24-  
27TH



CLICK [THIS LINK](#) TO ORDER

ÉCPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
PROUDLY PRESENTS A

## Cotton Candy FUNDRAISER

**Date:**

Orders in by March 13th  
Delivery March 26th

**Price:**

Big 4\$  
Small 3\$



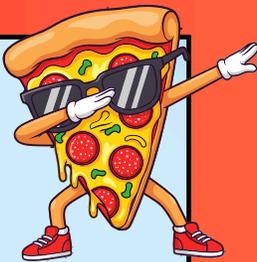
Jumping Day:  
May 14th, 2026

## Jump Rope for Heart

[Donation Link](#)



# HOT LUNCH CORNER



## This month's upcoming dates

Hot Lunch:

March 6 - 10 - 13 - 20 - 24 - 27

Hot Dog Day: Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cut-Off is 4 days before the scheduled hot lunch (I.E: Deadline is Feb 5 for the hot lunch on Feb 10)

Visit Healthy Hungers website to order!



[https://healthyhunger.ca/parent\\_home.php](https://healthyhunger.ca/parent_home.php)

### REMIMNDER:

No need to order Hot Lunch on Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> if your child is going on the Ski Trip - Grade 5.

# BAKE SALE



OCTOBER 7: ECS-W & 4R TBD



NOVEMBER 7: 2/3 P & 2B



DECEMBER 5: 6SM & 1/2W ✓



JANUARY 20: 5M & ECS-B



FEBRUARY 18: 6M & 2E



MARCH 24: 3N & 4J

APRIL 15: 1Y & 5C



## BUS LOOP/ STAFF PARKING LOT REMINDERS

To prevent injury to members of our school family, vehicles are not permitted in the bus loop between

8:00 a.m. – 8:30a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 3:30p.m.  
Please use the new crosswalks on each side of the bus loop and ensure that your child follows the sidewalk to and from the school.

There is absolutely **NO STOPPING** on Corinthia Drive to pick up your child. Also, the Staff parking lot and the west-fence area are **strictly for staff parking**. Parents are not permitted to park and drop off children in this area.

Thank you!



# Popcorn Day Thursday

March 26<sup>th</sup>

MAX 2 BAGS



\$1/bag



## Important Links

ÉCPS School Website

Black Gold School Division

PowerSchool Parent Portal Account

ÉCPS Safe Arrival (absence reporting) Link



Bus Status - Parents App

Hot Lunch - Healthy Hunger

Jump Rope for Heart

Mental Health Info link

# NEED HELP WITH STUDENT TRANSPORTATION? SCAN BELOW



Blackgold.ca  
(Info & Instructions)



PowerSchool  
(To apply & pay)



Bus Status 4 app  
for **Android**  
(bus cancellations/delays )



Bus Status 4 app  
for **iPhone**  
(bus cancellations/delays)