

Cougar Chronicles - March 31st, 2024

School Resumes on April 2

We hope you all had an enjoyable and rejuvenating spring break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday, April 2! Please find a copy of our April school events calendar attached for your information.

Literacy Night at ÉCPS

Get ready for a night of reading, learning, and fun at our Literacy Night on April 16th. Dive into captivating stories from our special guest readers in the learning commons. Explore literacy through interactive and engaging games for all ages in the gym. And enjoy snacks, prizes, and quality time together as a family while learning how you can support your child's literacy journey at home. Each family will also be able to take home a free package of literacy games to take home to play with family. We look forward to seeing you there!

Free LRC Pass

Spend some fun time with your family! We have a **FREE family LRC pass** that can be borrowed from the school 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@blackgold.ca

School Council & Parents' Association News

New Fundraiser: Growing Smiles

Keep an eye out for the next school fundraiser - Growing Smiles - starting April 2. A variety of plants and flowers will be available to order until April 22, with all orders being delivered to the school on May 7. More information will be sent home the week of April 2.

Free Zoom meeting for School Council Purpose

All parents and caregivers are invited to a free Zoom training session hosted by the ÉCPS School Council on Wednesday, April 3 at 6 pm. The topic is School Council Purpose and understanding the advisory role of school councils through a review of the legislation, exploring rights, responsibilities, and choices including which topics/areas are open for discussion helps to guide the school council and its work in the school community. Participants will also learn how to identify the work of school councils, how to frame a "personal issue" from a school council perspective, and how to broach sensitive topics is essential for new and returning members. You can attend in-person at the school or sign in from home on a personal computer or device. All participants are asked to register online 24 hours before the session.

Monthly Meeting

Our next School Council and Parents' Association Meeting takes place on Wednesday, April 24th @ 7:00 pm in the library. Come and meet our executive and find out what they are doing to support ÉCPS students! They are always happy to welcome new faces and hear new ideas - thank you to everyone who has come out to a meeting so far this year.

Nut-Free Bake Sales

Thank you to all of the parents who have provided items for our bake sales so far this year. We have had a tremendous response! All items at the bake sale are priced at 50¢ each.

Our next Bake Sale is on Tuesday, April 9, and will be hosted by Mrs. Weatherby's AM & PM Kindergarten classes and Mrs. Yakimoski's Grade 1 class - 18 items each, please. Click here to see the full schedule for this year's bake sales.

Bakers: Please...

- Our Bake Sale is **NUT-FREE** so please don't send things with nuts.
- Label your baking if it is catered to certain dietary needs (eg. gluten free or dairy free).
- Label containers and reusable bags so they can be given back to the students.
- Cookies, brownies, squares, etc. need to be **individually packaged** (eg. Ziploc bags, plastic wrap) for safe food handling and distribution.

Buyers: Please...

• Try to only send change for your child to purchase items. No bills (especially \$10/\$20 bills) - we aren't always able to make change for bills.

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch takes place each Friday (Thursdays if there is a PD day). Hot Lunch is available for students **GRADE 1-6 ONLY**. If you would like to order lunches for your child, please go to <u>Healthy Hunger</u>. **Hot Dog** orders are open for **Kindergarten - Grade 6** students. The order deadline is five days before the lunch date (Saturdays for Friday lunches). No refunds are available. If your child is absent on a hot lunch date, you may come and pick the lunch up at noon or donate it to the school to feed a child in need.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback about the Hot Lunch Program, please email marleemoreau@hotmail.com.

Popcorn Day

Our next Popcorn Day will be Thursday, April 25. Students can purchase a bag of popcorn for 50¢ with a maximum of two bags per child. Money can be sent with your child prior to or on the day of the sale.

Popcorn Day Schedule

Volunteers Needed for Hot Lunch, Bake Sales and Popcorn Days

We are in need of volunteers to make these programs a success. Click on the link below or sign up on our website under the Parents tab and then Bake Sale, Hot Lunch, Hot Dog, or Popcorn Day. One time or on a regular basis - everything helps! The school requires that you have a Volunteer Form completed prior to starting. Thank you for your support!

Popcorn Day Volunteer

Hot Lunch Volunteer

Bake Sale Volunteer

Community & Parent Information

Leduc Public Library Spring Programs

The Leduc Public Library is offering a variety of programs this spring for all ages. Click on the link below to view the monthly calendar. To navigate the different programs on the library's website, choose the age category on the left of the screen, click on something that may interest you or your kids, and follow the prompts if registration is necessary. Leduc Public Library Spring Calendar

Family Oriented Programming

The Black Gold Occupational Therapy Team is presenting three topics related to supporting children from PreK through Grade 3. The final topic - Supporting Picky Eating - will be presented at ÉCPS on April 25. Click here for more information.

AMH Caregiver Education - April 2024 Newsletter

If you want to learn more about how to support a child or youth, or if you want additional strategies for supporting your own wellness, you are welcome to register for any of these sessions. To find more information on the virtual education sessions that are offered, please click the link below.

AMH Caregiver Education

Free Maclab Centre Events

The Maclab Centre offers free family events throughout the year. These events are free, however, tickets are required and are available at the library. All events take place at the Maclab Centre. Please click on the link for information about the next event: BachTots-Zoo Dance - Free Event - April 7/24

Upcoming Important Dates!

- Apr 1: Easter Monday no school
- Apr 2: First day of school after Spring Break
- Apr 2: Growing Smiles Fundraiser starts
- Apr 3: Grade 4/5R to Extendicare (in the morning)
- Apr 3: Outdoor Ed meeting (after school)
- Apr 3: Free Zoom training for School Council purpose (6:30 pm at the school or online)
- Apr 4: World Autism Day
- Apr 5: Hot Lunch
- Apr 5-6: Grade 5/6 girls floor hockey tournament (Riverview Middle School in Devon)
- Apr 8: Bilingual presentation Professor Wow (in the afternoon)
- Apr 9: Nut-free Bake Sale
- Apr 11: Kindergarten grad photos & class photo day
- Apr 12: Grade 6P,6C, & 6G field trip to the Legislature
- Apr 12: Hot Lunch
- Apr 12: Grade 5/6 boys floor hockey tournament (ÉCPS)
- Apr 15: Hot Dog Day
- Apr 19: PD Day no school
- Apr 16: Literacy Night (6-7pm @ ÉCPS)
- Apr 22: Deadline for Growing Smiles fundraiser orders
- April 23: Subway Lunch all school (more information to come)

