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Our next ECSC meeting will be on
Tuesday, February 7
at 7:00 p.m.

École Campbelltown School Council (ECSC)

Since last month's meeting was cancelled due to extreme cold, this month's meeting is really important. We encourage everyone to attend. Free babysitting is available. If you plan to use this service, an RSVP to ecolecsc@hotmail.com is required.

Fête des Rois

Thank you to Mme Beamish and her team of volunteers for organizing our annual Fête des Rois celebration in early January. Students ate la galette, a special cake, in which a charm was hidden. The student with the charm in their piece of cake became the King or Queen of the class for the day. It was a delicious event!



St.Valentine's Day Hair Massacure

Two of our parents, Shawna Wallace and Shelley Breen, have put together a team of students from École Campbelltown who are dyeing their hair pink and shaving it off on February 3rd as part of the annual Hair Massacure which supports the Stollery Children's Foundation (pediatric oncology), Ronald McDonald House and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. So far there are 17 people on the École Campbelltown team. While shaving is the ultimate sacrifice, many people choose to simply streak or dye their hair pink and forego the shaving while still collecting donations to show their support.

We would love to have you and your family come out to support the École Campbelltown team. Our mass team shave will be held Friday, February 3rd at West Edmonton's Ice Palace at 5:15 p.m.

If you would like to make an online donation to our team, please visit www.hairmassacure.com, click on Donate and then on Pledge a Participant, enter the name École Campbelltown, and make your donation. Thanks for your support.

Carnaval 2012



École Campbelltown is getting excited to celebrate “le Carnaval de Québec” during the week of **February 13- 16!**

Students will participate in a number of activities throughout the week, which concludes with a Grande Finale on Thursday, February 16th with a day full of outdoor activities, a special lunch in the gym and a Masked Ball in the afternoon. . Please note that students are to bring their own lunches on Thursday if they have not ordered the hot lunch. Please also ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather as we'll be spending much of the day outside. If the weather is prohibitively cold, we'll hold our games indoors. A huge thank-you in advance to the volunteers who will make this cultural festival possible!

Our Carnaval concludes with a Family Dance which is planned by school parents.

February Family Dance

Please add the Family Dance to your calendar now. Here are the details:

Thursday February 16th in the Gym
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Tickets are \$3.00 each or \$7.00 per Family

We will have Pizza, Snacks, Pop and Glow Fun for sale in the Concession.

There will be a special French DJ, DJ Samurai (M. Layton), so get out your dancing shoes and be ready for a terrific evening of fun!

Just a reminder, that because this is a Family Dance, children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian during the dance.

If you would like to volunteer to help out the night of the dance, please call Alana Achtymichuk at 780-467-9308.

Personal Technology at School



With the advent of iPods, iPads, mobile phones, tablets, handheld gaming devices, digital cameras, and ereaders, personal technology is everywhere in our daily lives.

While we think that these innovations can be wonderful educational tools, we do have a policy about how they are used at our school.

Our school handbook states the following:

“Please be cautious when sending expensive technology (cell phones, Nintendo DS, iPods, etc.) to school. These items are to be used on bus rides only and should not be visible during school hours. These devices must be kept safely in the backpack or with the teacher for the day and are not to be used on the playground or within the school. We are not responsible for stolen or lost property.”

We ask that students either keep their technology in their backpacks (at their own risk) or that they ask their teacher to place it in a secure place throughout the day to be returned before dismissal.



Digital Citizenship and the 3Rs

At our school we follow the 3Rs (Respect, Responsibility, and Role Modeling) and this applies to our use of technology.

This means that students are expected to use technology in responsible, respectful and appropriate ways such as:

- choosing music that is appropriate for an elementary school (no profanity etc.)
- not taking pictures or filming others without permission
- recognizing that not all students have access to personal technology for a variety of reasons and that we must be respectful of the values of all of our families

Teachers may permit students to use personal technology in class such as listening to an iPod while working or creating an iMovie for a class project. As long as the teacher has approved the use in class, students may be permitted to access their technology for specific periods of time. Otherwise, personal technology should not be visible at school such as during recess or lunch breaks.

Students are not permitted to film or photograph other students without the permission of their parents as we need to respect privacy laws.

Math News

Exciting things are happening in Math classes at École Campbelltown. We are hosting a parent Math night on Feb. 28 at 7:00. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Mme Sauder, our AISI Math lead teacher, reminds you to check the math blog from time to time as it is updated often. In case you had forgotten, the link is <http://campbelltownmathninja.blogspot.com/>

Accountability Pillar Survey Information

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.



Inclement Weather Reminder

Although the temperatures have warmed up in the past week, we do live in Alberta and the weather can change in a matter of minutes. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) reminds parents to please dress children appropriately for the weather when getting them ready for school or the bus.

In the event of inclement weather conditions, your best source of information regarding bus cancellations is the division website. The *Bus Status* section (www.eips.ca/bus-status) is updated in real time whenever bus cancellations or delays occur. Please make note of your children's bus number(s) so you can quickly and easily check the bus status using this valuable tool. When all bus routes within a large geographic region of EIPS are cancelled, we also post this information in the home page article. It is interesting to note that EIPS' website traffic spiked more than 500 per cent when the cold weather hit on January 17, so it appears many of you are already using this tool.

For more information or to determine your children's bus number(s), contact EIPS' Student Transportation department at 780-417-8151.

Register for Kindergarten

Do you have a child who will start Kindergarten in fall 2012? Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is underway. Your child is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten for the upcoming school year if he/she will be five years old on or before March 1, 2013.

Check out Elk Island Public Schools' division website at www.eips.ca/kindergarten for information about Kindergarten programs, registration details, and system information. The 2012 Kindergarten Guide will be available online starting February 21 and in free magazine racks starting March 5. Our school website www.campbelltown.ca also provides specific details about our Kindergarten program.

Register today and join us on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. for our Kindergarten Information Night to meet the staff and take a school tour. Contact us today.

Jump Rope for Heart

We can make a difference! Through skipping and fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, JUMP teaches children the importance of healthy living and social responsibility. By running a JUMP event at our school, we hope to:

- Inspire kids to get physically active, eat well and be heart-healthy
- Teach them the importance of helping others and giving back to the community
- Raise vital funds for heart disease, stroke research and health education
- Have fun!

From February 21 to 28 we will be focusing on skipping. Students will have the opportunity to practice their jump rope skills and will participate in a variety of activities using these skills. Students are asked to donate \$2.00 (or more if they wish) during this time for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Thanks for supporting this activity.

Music News

This month in music we are continuing to work on singing skills in all grades including singing Valentine songs in grades K-3. In Kindergarten we will learn to play simple rhythms on the boomwackers. In Kindergarten and Grade One we will also learn to accompany simple songs on the chimes. In Grade Four we are learning to play the notes B, A and G on

the recorder. In Grade Five we will be going to an Edmonton Symphony orchestra concert at the Winspear Center on February 15. In Grade Six we will continue to play, sing and move to songs written using different scales.

Mme Pickering

Guitar Lessons

We are very excited that Mr. Derek Stremel has agreed to teach a 12 week group guitar instructional program starting February 27th.

Derek is already known to many of the students because of work as a noon hour supervisor in our classes where some of the children have dubbed him 'Pizzaman'. Derek says he heard that we were in need of a guitar instructor and as he believes in the phrase 'pay it forward' he agreed to work with our children for the remainder of the year.

Derek is employed full-time as a professional musician and is a multi-instrumentalist who has worked with countless artists.

We are confident that he will gain the trust of the children while allowing them to laugh and learn and create an environment where musical skills will be easily attainable...with some work, of course.

Registration forms are available at the office. The deadline to register for this 12 week session is Monday, February 13th. Lessons begin Monday, February 27th.

If you don't own a guitar, they are available for rental from Myhre's Music through the school for a nominal fee.

Plans for Next Year

If you are planning to move away over the next few months or have decided you will not be returning to École Campbelltown for next school year, it would be sincerely appreciated if you could let the office know as soon as possible. This will be extremely helpful as we begin to move into our planning and budgeting process for the 2012-2013 school year.

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like to submit an item for the next newsletter, please send it in by **Friday, February 24nd**.

Deb Gerow
Principal

Helene Hewitt
Assistant Principal



be a part of the village

that raises your child

Are you a **parent** or **community member** who cares about the development of young children and wants to make a difference?

You're invited!

Strathcona County Community Information Night

Thursday, February 02, 2012
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

light meal served
limited child care available

Questions or RSVP

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To find out more about EMap and the Government of Alberta's Early Child Development Mapping Initiative, go to www.ecmap.ca

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