



June 2019

Principal's Note:

Can you believe June begins this Saturday? In 28 days the school year is over - so hard to believe we are wrapping up the 2018-2019 school year. However, the last 28 days are filled with learning, fun and activities. Please read through the newsletter for upcoming events and look at our printable calendar for a month in review. There is also a calendar with the exam schedule attached.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Spring Tea, Talent Show and Volunteer Appreciation. EPS hosted approximately 100 guests. Our guests were treated to delicious baking from our high school foods class, entertainment from our K-6 classes and our volunteers were honored with a small token of our appreciation - all hand made - a gift from our students' hearts. Thank you to the many volunteers who make our school great. We couldn't do what we do without you! Thank you to the many staff and student hands who made this event possible - a special shout out to Avalon Verzuu for organizing and to Connie Williams for emceeing the event.

The month of May provided a number of different learning opportunities for our students: guest speakers (authors, Dwayne Peace), HS field trips (drama, Skills Canada, Rural Skills),

Grade 5 Field trip and swimming, Kindergarten events (field trips and Mother's Day Tea), a focus on Mental Health, EPS Presentation to the Board, Student Voice conference and Track and Field meets. Please look for articles that highlight these events and to find out more information.

We have a wonderful year end wrap up planned for the last week of June. We would like to invite everyone to attend our Awards Gala on June 25 beginning at 6:00, but come a little bit earlier and we will take care of supper too with a (free) BBQ (from 5-6). We would like to celebrate with you our many successes and events this year. We have so much to be thankful for. We will be recognizing students in grades 5 through 11 (we will recognize our grade 12 students at graduation) and their accomplishments both in academics and athletics. Put on your dancing shoes and join us at our Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Gala and end the year with a bang!!





Ecole Plamondon School invites you to come and celebrate our student successes at our Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame! We will be remembering the highlights from our school year and recognizing academic and athletic excellence! Please come and join us in our celebration!

When: Tuesday June 25th

Where: EPS

Time: BBQ (free) from 5-6 pm

Awards: 6:00 p.m.



Volunteer Appreciation Spring Tea!

The students at École Plamondon School prepared an afternoon of festivities to celebrate our volunteers. The afternoon began with our guests being served delicious treats, tea, and coffee prepared by our Foods Class. Our students in

Kindergarten through to grade 6 performed a variety of acts which

included readers theater, dance

numbers, hula hooping, and roping. Servus Credit Union, Plamondon Co-Op, PDCDS and Nik Skoh were recognized with a student made art piece to thank them for their support throughout the year. All parent and community



volunteers were presented with a small gift of Thyme to thank them for helping us in our many activities that help make our school great! Thank you to all our volunteers for your time, energy and heart! You're an important part of our team!



Volunteer Award to Plamondon Co-op



Volunteer Awards to Servus Credit Union



Cooking student making delicious treats!

Nila Ambanoudis as "Jo Jo Siwa" in the Grade 4/5/6 drama production of "The Hate Boat" that was presented during the talent show on Friday, May 24th.

EPS Drama Evaluates Life on Each Side of the Tracks

The EPS Drama program presented Peter Tarsi's Tracks May 30-31st. Twenty students

from grades 10-12 came together for three performances over the two day span.

"It's been a stressful, but fun few weeks as we have been preparing for our show," said Annabelle in grade 10. "We started auditions back in March, and while we had 2 months, it was tough to get back on 'tracks' after Spring break and Russian Easter. We are quite proud of what we accomplished," echoed Kyra G.

It was exciting for students and staff to see actors and actresses play roles that were so different than themselves. The students themselves enjoyed it to. "It gave me a chance to truly experience what it was like to be another person... to walk a mile in their shoes with no judgement, only understanding," commented another grade 11 student.

When asked what their favourite part of the performance or production was, they agreed it was the bonds that they made with the cast and crew. "We're all pretty much friends now. I mean, we still fight and argue sometimes, but we know that at the end of the day, we've got each other's back. That's what matters! Maybe that means we're more like family."



ELAA at École Plamondon School



On Monday May 6 ELAA (Educational Liaison Association of Alberta) held an Education Fair at École Plamondon School. We had recruiters from 10 different universities, colleges & technical institutes in our gym. Students in grades 9-12 and from École Beausejour were able to ask questions, get information about programs and institutions. Recruiters were impressed with the number of students who were engaged and asking important questions. Thanks, Mr. Davies, for organizing this opportunity!

Playschool News!

What a busy time Playschool has had this month, we have had our graduation pictures taken. THANK YOU Marshall! We are talking about community helpers, who they are and what they do.



On Tuesday we are taking a ride in Mr. James bus and going for a trip to the post office and a local farm ... and if we are really good listeners Mr. James might take us for ice cream at White Sands.



A huge thank you to the Plamondon Coop for their wonderful donation to our program. Our little people had lots of great ideas for snacks and treats to buy.



Cenovus WordPower Author

EPS was fortunate to have two authors visit our school. Students in elementary and junior high were provided the opportunity to hear authors tell their stories. Thanks Cenovus!



Kindergarten Fun!

In May both kindergarten classes visited Brandy Auseth's farm! We got to feed calves, pick eggs, feed the horses and play in the backyard! Kids were excited to see and pet ducks,

chickens, bunnies, chicks, calves and horses! Thank you **Brandy and Adrien** for a fun day on the farm!



May was busy for the Kindergarten classes! Both classes hosted a Mother's Day Tea and performed in our school talent show! Everyone was charmed by the Reader's theatre performance and the hip-hop dance.

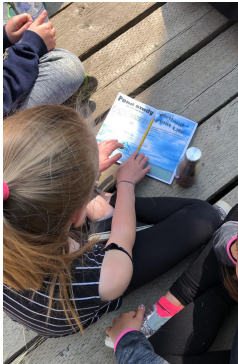


Grade 2 News

The Grade Two class has a month of fun planned for June! Our class is visiting the Plamondon Mini Park and the Plamondon Museum at the beginning of the month. When we are there, we will be learning about our community's past. Next, our class is visiting the Sir Winston Churchill Park. We are going there to study bugs as part of our Small Flying and Crawling Unit in Science. We will be following our visit to the Churchill Park with a trip to the Paul Richard Spray Park! Our last field trip this month will be to the Edmonton Zoo! We are excited to see all of the animals at the zoo! These field trips will be sprinkled among a Primary Sports Day, a picnic lunch at the Plamondon Festival Centre's playground, and a pizza party! We can't wait for the month of June to begin!

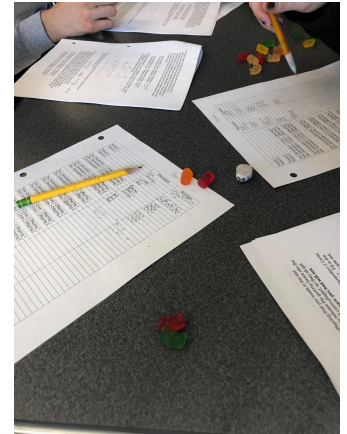
Grade 5 Science

Grade 5 students visited Churchill Park to learn more about wetlands in the area. Students participated in various activities that related to finding pH, the difference between biotic and abiotic, as well as looking for critters in the water.



Bio 30

Students also got their hands on some gummy bears while learning about dominant, recessive, and incomplete dominant traits. They looked at a sample study of gummy bears that were in "captivity" in order to preserve their species. They later observed what happened to the differences in gene expression in traits when they were released back into the wild.



Rural Health Skills Day:

On May 29th, a group of EPS students attended the Rural High School Skills Day at Portage College. The theme of the day was "Grow Your Own Health Professionals". Students participated in many health sciences activities like suturing and IV injections. Students also got to observe the College's paramedic students while they ran through scenarios in the paramedic lab. It was a great day and our students learned a lot about their potential career paths!





A huge thank you to our amazing Parent Advisory Council for all your hard work, your support and your

positive vision for our school. Each of you has added greatly to our building. We would like to thank Fima Kuznetov for all of her hard work over the years and we wish her and her family a successful move. We would like to wish Colleen Shapka a happy retirement from PAC - Colleen has been a PAC executive member for 16 years, and has served as our treasurer for most of those years. During Colleen's time in PAC, Ecole Plamondon School PAC has completed a number of initiatives: the concession, breakfast program, supported the literacy programs, countless dollars to our sports teams and field trips, the Learning Commons, the scoreboard and the new (soon to arrive) lunchroom tables. We wish you hours of freed up time ... but we know you are still going to be a part of our school. If you would like to share your ideas, time and energy to help EPS continue to improve, change and grow, become a PAC member next year.



Students' Union: Mayflower



Our fantastic month of May has been mainly focused on Mayflower! This year, students union decided to take a different approach. We decided this years theme is music, with each class dressing up and representing their genre. So far we've had dress up day, guess that song challenge and an obstacle course! We are especially excited for Friday night's dance! With Much Music Videos coming down, our dance will be amazing! We also invited three other

schools to really get our community together and have some fun! Stay tuned for the June wrap-up events hosted by Students Union!

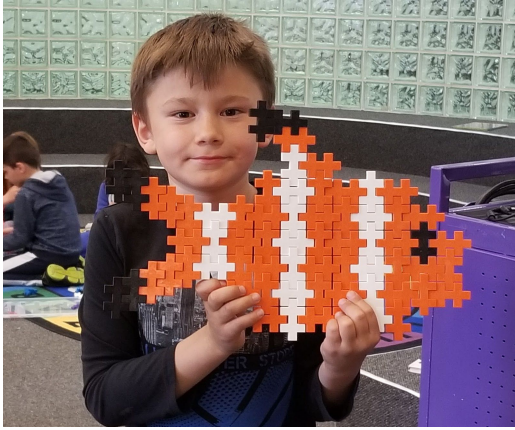
June Learning Commons News

Hello from the Learning Commons! We are thrilled to have received the Lac La Biche Rotary Grant this year for the enhancement of our Makerspace. We have added new coding robots and Lego Boost into our space. These new devices will give our students more exposure to computer programming and coding which they are super excited about!



We've been also fortunate to have been able to add more supplies to our makerspace through our funds from the Scholastic bookfairs. The students have been excited to be able to create new projects with our new materials. One of the more popular building materials has been the Plus Plus bricks, check out the awesome clownfish that Dominyk from Grade 2 built!





Graduation 2019 News!

Where did the time go? I am sure that you are all wondering the same thing - only 3

WEEKS UNTIL G-DAY!

TICKETS: Ticket sales closed on March 31st. If you have any questions in this regard please speak with Mrs. Rebkowich directly.

FINAL TOUCHES: On Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm in room 150 there will be the final parent meeting.

Parents who volunteered to help with the set up on June 21st will be updated on times and responsibilities for the day. Those who volunteered to clean up at the end of the evening on June 22nd or the afternoon of June 23rd will also be updated at this time.

Students have been asked to suggest parents who they would like to make the toast to the graduates at the evening ceremony. We will be contacting you on May 30th to see if you would be willing to make the toast. It will also be discussed at the meeting.

DAY OF THE EVENT: Ceremony begins at 3:30 pm. Grads are expected to arrive by 3:00 pm to gown up and get ready for the first march. The ceremony should last approximately an hour. That will give 30 minutes for pictures before the Grads lineup with their escorts for the second march. Supper will be served shortly thereafter. The evening should wind up around 8:00 pm.

THE CEREMONY IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR STUDENTS THROUGH THEIR EDUCATION. Dinner is invited guests with dinner tickets purchased through the school.

Academic/Career Counselor: Mr. Davies

There are many new scholarship opportunities for a wide variety of post-secondary programs popping up as we get closer to the end of the semester.



Canadian Natural has scholarships up to \$3000 available for students entering an oil and gas related program. Al-Pac has scholarships available for students entering the environmental sciences (\$500), Metis Nation region 1 students (\$1500) and Aboriginal students who live in or near the Forest Management Area (full tuition for the duration of their academic pursuit!). Please see Mr. Davies for more information and related documents.

There will be a grade 9 parent meeting in June. The exact date will be sent out on School Messenger. The focus of this meeting will be the transition into high school. Topics to be discussed: academic vs. non-academic streams in math/science/humanities, credits, and requirements for graduation.

ATHLETICS

Track & Field

Congratulations to our Junior Track & Field athletes on an outstanding showing at the West Ward Qualifying Meet held on May 27th at the Ecole Beausejour Track in Plamondon. It was a beautiful day, filled with personal bests, fierce determination and tremendous sportsmanship displayed by our young Hawks! The West Ward Meet is comprised of local schools such as: J.A. Williams, Aurora, Light of Christ, St. Catherine's, Caslan, Beausejour and Ecole Plamondon. 21 of our 37 competing athletes earned a top 2 placing in their event, meaning that they have earned a qualifying spot in the LSAA District Track & Field Championships taking place in Bonnyville on Tuesday, June 4th. Thanks to everyone that took part in the qualifier and best of luck to all that have made it onto the next round!

Upcoming Track & Field Dates:

Jr. LSAA Districts (Gr. 5-9) Tuesday June 4 (Bonnyville)

Dates to Remember:

All June dates are included on the calendar at the end of the newsletter. There is also an exam calendar that lists all exams. Please visit our Facebook page and our website if you require any information ... or come in and stop by for a visit.






JUNE Exam Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7 Family Friday
10	11	12 Eng 30-1/30-2 PDE Part A Computer Lab	13 Social 30-1/30-2 PDE Part A Office	14 Indigenous Peoples Day EPS Activities
17 Math 6 PAT Science 7 Final (pm) Math 8 Final Exam (Mr. DE) Math 9 PAT Part A Last Day of Regular Classes for HS Students	18 Gr. 7 ELA Babcock in class Final Exam Gr. 8 ELA Holota in class final Gr 10 First Aid Group B Social 20-1/20-2 Final Room 159	19 Science 6 PAT Gr 10 First Aid Group B Social Studies 8 Math 9 Part B PAT Room 152 Math 30-1 PDE 8:45 Room 147	20 Social 6 PAT Math 7 Final (Nevill) Eng 30-1/30-2 PDE Part B 8:45 Room 157 Science 9 PAT Social 10-1/10-2 Final	21 Indigenous Peoples Day
24 LA 6 Part B PAT Social 30-1/30-2 Part B 8:45 Office Eng 10-1/10-2 Final Room 157	25 Bio 30 PDE 8:45 Room 152 LA 9 PAT Part B Room 157	26 Chem 30 PDE office	27 Last Day of School Physics 30 PDE 8:45 Room 154 Science 30 PDE - 1 p.m. Office	28

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Welcome June!
2	3	4 JR Track Districts – Bromxville Kinder Trip to Churchill (Metzju) Grade 2 Trip to Plamondon Mini Park	5 Kinder Trip to Churchill (Mrs. E) Grade 1 Trip to Plamondon Mini Park	6	7 Family Friday 	8
9	10	11	12 Grade 5/6 Class Swimming (pm) 	13 Kindergarten Father's Day Birdhouse Building 5:00-6:30 	14 EPS' Indigenous Day	15
			Grade 1 & 2 to Churchill Park & LLB Splash Park 			
16 Happy Father's Day 	17 Last Day of Classes for High School Students	18 HS Exam Week Begins Grade 10 First Aid Group 	19 First Aid Group B 	20 K-3 Sport Day  Gr7 Field Trip to Edmonton	21 Indigenous Day Kindergarten & Grade 2 Field Trip to the Zoo 	22 EPS Graduation 3:30 
23	24 K-3 Play and Picnic at Hall (start 9:30) 	25 Awards Gala 	26 Kindergarten Grad 1:00 Last Day of School for Kinders & Playschool 	27 Last day of School 	28 Last Day for Staff	29 Welcome Summer Holidays 