



January 2020

Principal's note

Happy New Year!! And a very Merry Christmas to our Russian families celebrating on January 7th. The École Plamondon staff wishes everyone a healthy, happy, and adventure filled new year and new decade!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas concert and/or our drama production of *A Christmas Carol*. It was wonderful to see such great support for our students as they spent many classes perfecting their performances. Thank you to Madame Doucet for taking the lead in planning the concert. And thank you to Mr. White for leading his class in such a fine production. Of course, a big thank you to all staff for everything they did to make these Christmas events a success.

January is an interesting time for a K-12 school. We are excited to have everyone return from the Christmas break rested and ready to learn. We are also working towards the completion of the first semester. Our elementary and junior high students continue their learning journeys while our high school students are wrapping this semester up and preparing for exams. As you will see at the end of the newsletter, the exam schedule has been set. As we complete the last two weeks of classes, students are studying and reviewing to finish first semester with the best results possible.

We have been blessed with a fairly mild winter so far, but that looks like it is changing later this week. And knowing Alberta weather, we may be in for a cold January. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. All elementary students go out at recess breaks and this means that they need to have winter boots, jackets, snow pants, mittens and toques to keep them warm. Going outside is important for our mental health and physical wellness. Although Junior and Senior High students do not go outside for recess, most are either riding the bus, going uptown at lunch, or driving to school. It is important that they are prepared in case there is a bus delay, or that the bus breaks down. It is better to be prepared with warm clothing than to be sitting on a cold bus for a long period of time. Please encourage your child(ren) to bring/wear warm outerwear.

This month we are working on understanding what conscience means. This is the voice inside each of us that guides our behaviors. According to Dr. Michele Borba, conscience is one of the three moral intelligences that are part of the moral core. According to Dr. Borba "It gives kids the power to counter vices so that they do what's right" (<http://www.micheleborba.com/Pages/RGbmIQA.htm>). We will be celebrating our learning with an assembly at the end of the month.



Casino - We Need You!

Hand N Hand Playschool has offered their casino to us. This opportunity can bring \$30,000.00-\$40,000.00 into our school so please sign up ! The dates are January 23rd and 24th, To sign up Please call Kim at the School at 780-798-3840

Casino Volunteer Information

First of all on behalf of Playschool we THANK YOU!!

For you to take the time from your busy schedule to volunteer is much appreciated!!

And for newbies, no worries the advisors will guide you at all times :)

Cash cage duties consist of :

- GM - opens/closes tables with Pit Boss, covers other positions when needed
- Chip runner - walks chips from cash cage window to various poker tables
- Banker - works in cash cage and sells chips to the runner
- Cashier - works in cash cage, cashes in chips and pays out to players

Count room jobs consist of sorting, counting and entering money amounts into computers.

- Volunteers are **required** to have photo ID
- Volunteers are **prohibited** from playing casino games or consuming liquor before, during and after the event
- Bring something to do especially for the long shifts

- To sign up, simply write your name & the name of the person you're travelling/staying with.
- If you need to cancel, please contact **Colleen** at **780-520-2788**.

All expenses are paid:

- **Meals/snacks** are provided at the Cafe in the casino. We have an allowable food expense of **\$700 for both days**, just order and sign for it. **Please keep in mind this is for all 20+ volunteers and do not take food to go.**
- **Breakfast next day:** is provided free of charge at the hotel
- **Accommodations:** Rooms will be booked prior to event at the **Clearwater Hotel** and **must be shared by a minimum of 2 people /shift**. Please take a credit card for damage deposit.
- **Travelling** together is also encouraged. Please keep gas receipts. NOTE: start with full tank and refill once home and that total will be reimbursed.

Any questions or concerns please call or text Colleen 780-520-2788

THANK YOU

Motivational Magic



Steve Harmer will be at École Plamondon School on January 27th to present Build a Better World! We are excited to have Magician Harmer back this year to help us learn how to build ourselves, others and this place.

A Christmas Carol

On December 9th and 10th École Plamondon School Drama class presented A Christmas Carol. The cast performed two matinees and two evening performances. Thank you to everyone who came to support our actors. The cast did an amazing job - the ghosts were scary, sweet, thoughtful and wonderfully entertaining. Scrooge (Josh and Fotinia) entertained from beginning to end as we hoped for his cold heart to warm. And the Cratchet family warmed our hearts with kindness. Excellent performance. Thank you to Mr. White for a presentation that helped us get into the Christmas spirit.



Christmas Concert

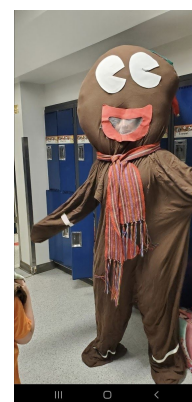
On December 17th École Plamondon School elementary students shared their acting and singing talents to a full house. Many parents, grandparents, family and friends came out to watch our students share the magic of Christmas. What a wonderful show!





12 Days of Christmas Activities

Thank you to Ms. Babcock and the Students' Union for planning and organizing the 12 Days of Christmas. We were able to show our Christmas spirit by wearing ugly Christmas sweaters, Christmas socks and hats, watching a Christmas movie, enjoying Christmas games and activities and we especially loved the free hot chocolate day! Thank you for adding the Christmas spirit to our school.



Preschool

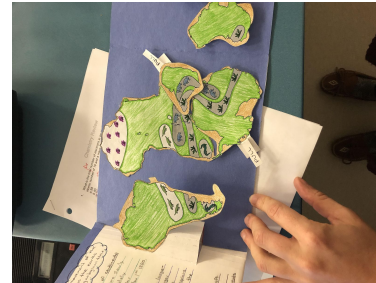
December was a fun filled month with many crafts songs and a lot of goodies!! We practiced jingle bells and performed it wonderfully at the Christmas concert. For Christmas gifts we built our parents special snowmen that our just our size. They loved them!

We had a special visitor who parked his reindeer on the roof.



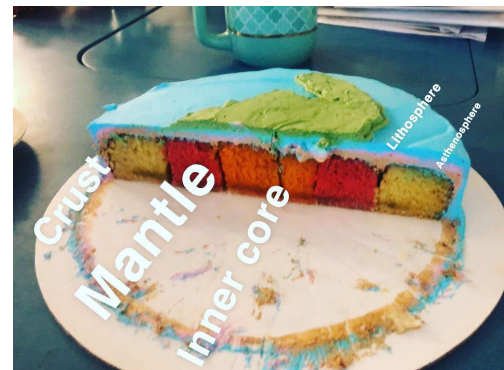
K-2 Christmas Extravaganza

On December 18th, the Kindergarten to Grade 2 students had a fun-filled afternoon of physical activity with winter and Christmas themed games. Laughter could be heard ringing through the classrooms! Junior high students helped play with the younger students.



Science 20

Maria Martushev took a project in Miss Richard's Science classroom to a whole new (delicious) level! Students were required to create a pop up book showing things such as how tectonic plates move to create various geographical forms we see on Earth. This cake shows how the continents were once one large land mass called Pangaea. The interactive books from the other students were such a fun way to finish the unit and they all did an excellent job.



Learning Commons News



We've been a hub of Lego creativity in the Learning Commons! The Grade 9s have been putting their geographical knowledge to good work and have created a replica of the map of Canada on the lego wall. The progress has been phenomenal and has inspired the creation of the map of the Philippines as well. A big shout out to Matthew Batiuk, Braden Reid and

Noelyn Parent for heading up the Canadian map and to C-Jay Palpalatoc for creating the Philippines map.



GRAD 2020 News

Reminder to all Grade 12 students and parents that **Grad photos are on January 17, 2020**. If you have signed up to volunteer for photos please be at the school by 9 am.

Students are to show up for their photos 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time with their \$30 sitting fee.

*if you haven't signed up for your photo session please see Mrs. Hilligas

Also if you haven't paid your Grad fees please do so as soon as possible to the front office.

School Council

A huge thank you to École Plamondon School PAC for the Raffle fundraiser. This was a huge undertaking and with amazing community support all tickets were sold.

Congratulations To Vassa Egoroff The grand prize winner of the PAC Raffle. Thank-you to PAC for supporting our school!



The next School Council Meeting is on January 28th at 6:00pm. Please feel free to join as as we work together.

Students Union

EPS celebrated 12 Days of Christmas before the winter break, which was very successful!

We had everything from a bake sale, to unwrapping a present ball, to building igloos! Student Union will be meeting again soon to discuss events and activities for the next few months. Keep an eye out for more spirit days and a grade 7-12 dance soon. Thank you to all Student Union members for all of their hard work this year.

Hawks Athletics

Basketball Season

Basketball season is upon us!
All teams have begun practicing.
Stay tuned for tournament and game dates!
Wish us luck!



forward to having a great cheering section out for our games at 9:00 am and 11:30 am. Please come out to support the boys if you are in the area. Practices will start up again on Monday next week, after Russian Christmas.

Dates to Remember

All January Dates are on the calendar at the end of the newsletter. Here are upcoming dates in February.



February 5 - Winter Walk Day

February 8 - JR. Basketball Home Tournament

February 12-17 No School

(Teacher Convention and Family Day)

February 19 - Jr. Girls BBall Wards

February 20 - Jr. Boys BBall Wards

February 22 - Jr BBall Boyle Tournament

February 24-28 - Grade 5 Swimming

February 26 - Pink Shirt Day

February 28 - Jump Rope for Heart

February 29 - Jr. BBall Districts - Bonnyville

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30 – 5:00	Jr. Boys Rebkowski	Jr. Girls Shapka Shapka	Jr. Boys Rebkowski	Jr. Girls Shapka Shapka	Rookie 5/6 Evdokimov
5:00 – 7:00	Sr. Girls Babcock		Sr. Girls Babcock		Sr. Girls Babcock

The senior girls basketball team has been practicing since the end of November. The team of 9 girls is very new, but also very strong. We look forward to upcoming games and tournaments. Thus far, we only have 1 date to look out for. The sr. girls will be playing in a tournament at BCHS on January 31-February 1st!

The Jr. Boys Basketball Team will be heading out for their first tournament on Saturday, January 25th at Aurora Middle School. We look

January Exam Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 ELA 30 PDE Part A 8:45-3:00	14 Social 30 PDE Part A 8:45 -3:00	15	16	17
20	21 Last Day of Classes	22 Social 10-1/10-2 9:00-12:00 English 20-1/20-2 9:00-12:00 Math 30-1 PDE 9:00-3:00	23 ELA 30 PDE Part B 9:00-3:00 Chem 20 9:00-12:00	24 Social 30 PDE Part B 9:00 -3:00 Math 10C/10-3 9:00-12:00
27 Science 20 9:00-12:00 Social 9 PAT 9:00-11:00	28 Math 20-2/20-3 9:00-12:00	29	30 Last Day of Semester 1	31 Semester 2 Begins

The last day of classes for grade 10-12 students is on January 21st. Teachers expect all students to attend regular classes as important review and preparations for exams takes place during this time.

Provincial Diploma Exams follow strict rules set by Alberta Education. The dates and times must be adhered to. All exams across the province begin at the same time, exams are secured until the exam begins, and students must remain in the exam for a minimum of one hour. Exams have been written to be completed in three hours; however, students are allowed up to six hours to write the exam. If a student is late for an exam, they can only enter the exam if they arrive prior to the one hour mark. After 10:00 am, they are not allowed to begin the exam as the exam is no longer secured. Please assist us in ensuring your child is at school on time and prepared to write the exam. We do call home if students are not present.

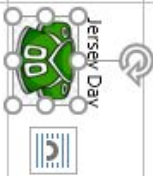




School based exams have a little more flexibility, but the dates have been set and students have been informed about the schedule prior to Christmas holidays. Students are expected to be at school by 8:45am and they will have three hours to write the exam. Once the exam is over, students are allowed to leave the school. Signing out is still required and parents need to inform the school that their child has left the school - it's a safety thing.

Happy studying and good luck on your exams! Semester 2 begins on January 31st.

Please note: If students do not have exams scheduled, they do not need to attend school after JANUARY 21ST unless they have an exam to write. If students do come to school, they are here to work/study and are not allowed to leave to go visit friends in town.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	Merry Christmas!	8	9	10	11
12	English PD Exam	13	14	15	16	17
		Social Studies PD Exam	Student Voice Division Event	Jersey Day 00 	Family Friday No School	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Last Day of Classes for High School Students	High School Exam Week Begins 			Jr Boys Basketball Tournament 
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Motivational Magic! 			PJ Day 	High School Exam Week Ends	Second Semester Begins Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament	Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament Bogotownville 