

November 2020

Principal's Note:

A big thank you to our students, parents, staff and community for being flexible and willing to work together to make the best of trying times. We couldn't be more proud of everyone for following the many Covid 19 rules. I am amazed at the adaptability of our children, and feel blessed that we have had two terrific months so far of learning.



photo retakes are happening as is Jersey

Day. We are also hosting a Bookfair - for more information read the Learning Commons update. Metis Week takes place from November 15-21. During Metis Week we will learn about the Metis people, hear their stories, history and culture. A November calendar with all these events is included at the end of the newsletter.

Although we cannot celebrate together, we are finding ways to continue to celebrate the many blessings virtually. This year for Halloween, we had a virtual costume parade. Miss Kim and Mrs. Rebkowich went classroom to classroom on October 30th and took pictures of all the amazing costumes. Then a slideshow was quickly uploaded to share with our student so they could see each other. The teachers also found their youthful spirit and dressed up for Halloween. The teachers celebrated Fall Fun on Friday.

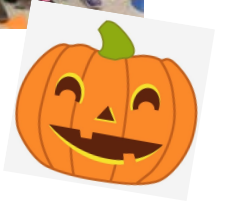
This month's virtue is Empathy. Merriam Dictionary defines empathy as "the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another" (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/empathy>) Many of November's events help us practice empathy. As we pause to remember the fallen soldiers and those who still serve at our Remembrance Day service we demonstrate empathy. As we learn about Louis Riel and his desire for Metis rights, and the Metis culture, we learn about empathy. Please take time this month to reinforce this virtue with your child(ren)

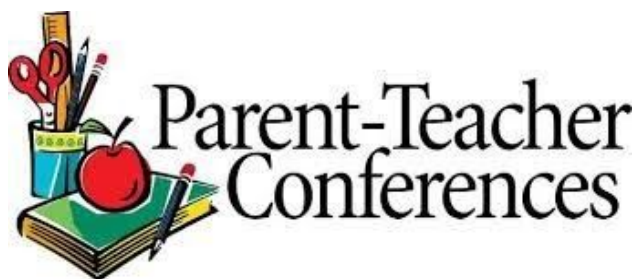
November is a very busy month. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held, we will have a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony, Quarter One ends with finals for our high school students, and Quarter Two begins,

Playing outside helps our students mentally and physically. This year, more than ever, children need to spend time outside enjoying the fresh air. Winter decided to come early ... and then again this week we are supposed to see beautiful fall temperatures. Alberta living means fluctuating temperatures. Please remember that we continue to have outside recesses regardless of the weather. It is important that students have winter jackets, gloves, toques, and boots. For the younger students, snow pants are a great idea too! Please help us make this an enjoyable and warm time for our kids.

We're looking forward to another great month of learning and growing together!







The teachers are excited to visit with their students' parents regarding your child(ren)'s progress. This year we will not be able to meet face to face. Instead, teachers will be calling parents at pre-arranged times. Please be available at your scheduled time and please answer your phone if a **private caller or unknown number** is calling - chances are it will be an EPS teacher. Some teachers may use the school phones, others will use our school cell phones, and others will be calling through Google meets. Our high school teachers and parents already met earlier this year and we feel the process worked well.

We will be emailing you a link early next week to sign up for your meeting time.

We will be sending your child's report card home with him/her prior to the meetings. Please ask your child for the report card on one of the following dates listed below. Then, when the schedule is sent to you, please sign up for a time that is convenient for you to meet with the teacher.

November 10 - High school report cards sent home

November 12 - Parent Teacher conferences for grade 10 semesterised courses (Math 10C, Math 10-3, PE 10)

November 12 - Junior High Report Card sent home

November 16 - Grade 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Conferences

November 17 - Grade 9 Parent Teacher Conferences

November 19 - Elementary Report Cards sent home

November 23 - Grade 5 & 6 Parent Teacher Conferences

November 25 - Kindergarten to Grade 4 Parent Teacher Conferences.

We will send you reminders too! Please make sure your contact information is up to date so we will be sure to connect. Looking forward to our visits!

New Report Cards

This year NLPS Division is revamping report card formats for all students based on feedback from parents across the area. For this reporting period you will see changes to the grades 1 to 4, most noticeably the length of the report. Also, you will notice that the layout is more user friendly, with information about your child's learner attributes being highlighted on the first page. Please provide feedback about the changes to your child's teacher.

The rest of the report cards formats will be updated throughout the remainder of this year so that there is consistency throughout all schools in the Division as well as across the grades.



Thank you to the parents who attended our two meetings in October. We now have an executive team.

EPS School Council Executive

Bailey Walsh - Chair

Connie Williams - Vice Chair

Chasidy Bourassa (with Kim Gauthier assisting) - Treasurer

Christine Tredger - Secretary

We are still looking for **division reps**. This position is important as you will provide insight

and perspective for students/parents in your child's division. There are four divisions in our school: K-3 (Division 1) Grades 4-6 (Division 2), Grades 7-9 (Division 3) , and Grades 10-12 (Division 4). Part of the representatives duties may include calling parents in their division to ask for volunteers or provide information.

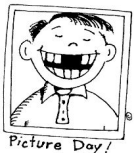
We are excited to work together to steer through this year of Covid, move forward in our planning and continue to improve EPS. Thank you for donating your time and energy to this important council.

We would like to invite all parents to join our next meeting on **November 19, 2020** at 6:30 in a ZOOM meeting. The invitation will be on our school website and our Facebook page on November 12th.

School clothing is available to purchase throughout the year and there are many items and sizes. The items can be seen by visiting: [Buy School Swag Here!](#)

Picture Retakes

If you missed picture day or need retakes, photographers will be at EPS **November 17th**. Bring your best smile!



Student Illness Guidelines

There have been changes to the daily symptom checklist by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health. The new [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist \(For Children Under 18\)](#) comes into effect starting Monday, November 2. Please ensure you are completing the checklist with all of your children prior to sending them to school.

The new checklist applies to **students ONLY**. The symptoms and requirements for adults have not changed and are different from the ones for children. Adults should refer to the

[Symptoms and testing](#) page of Alberta's COVID-19 website for guidelines.

The biggest change is that runny nose and sore throat have been removed from the mandatory isolation checklist. According to the Chief Medical Officer "This means that any child who only has one of these symptoms will no longer be recommended for COVID-19 testing and does not need to be kept home for 10 days. Instead, they should stay home for 24 hours and monitor their condition. If they are feeling better after 24 hours, they may return to school and/or activities. If they are feeling worse, or if additional symptoms appear, they should be tested for COVID-19 and stay home until all symptoms are resolved."

Thank you for continuing to follow these guidelines.

High School Exam Schedule

In the first week of November, High School Students are completing their first quarter and writing finals on November 5th and 6th. Quarter 2 begins on November 9th.

A final exam schedule is attached at the end of the newsletter, on our Facebook page and website. Please note: Thursday and Friday are exam days. Regular class schedule is not in effect. Exams are written in the morning. Students may choose to stay at school for the remainder of the day; however, they need to remain in the assigned classroom with their cohort. Students leaving the building for the day need to sign out, and provide a note from their parent that states the parent is aware the student is going home and with whom the student is travelling.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Good luck to our students writing their exams!





Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program is up and running again! Thanks to our Educational Assistants, the breakfast carts travel from classroom to classroom providing cereal and other breakfast



foods to any student who wishes to eat. We have received support from NLPS and have also received a grant. However, if you would like to support this program, we would be grateful for any donations. Cereal, cups, and spoons are always in need.

Concession Cart

Just like the Breakfast Program deliveries, we are working on a plan to offer snack items to our students. Due to Covid restrictions, we can only offer prepackaged foods. We are asking that parents/students pre-order and pay through School Cash. Older students will be able to purchase items with their bank cards.

Preschool News

This was an amazing month!! We have been busy learning about so many things: fall, Thanksgiving, pumpkins and how to smile for the camera on photo day :) Our science turned into an interest for spiders

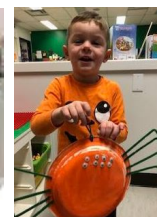


The kiddos made many versions of creepy crawlies to take home. We started working our fine motor or "pincher" skills with HWOT.

Our individual sensory bins were a huge hit, filled with rice we coloured and tiny treasures.



The month ended with a wonderful day of costumes and treats



Kindergarten

Kindergarten is studying Nesting dolls. We are going to talk about size, seration (small to tall & tall to small). We also are going to read books about: The Littlest Matryoshka, Five Sisters, and Masha and her sisters. We will talk about the history of the dolls. If families have special nesting dolls feel free to send pictures in for sharing.



Grade 1-2

Learning about bats!



Grade 2

We spent the month of October learning about turkeys and pumpkins by reading stories, making observations, writing sentences and making great art. The grade 2 students are working on numbers to 100 in math - skip counting and counting money are part of our activities as we move on to place value. We had a fun end of the month party on Friday where we made some spooky brew, shared lots of treats and played games - everyone had fun sharing the afternoon with their classmates laughing and visiting.

Grade 3

The grade three class has been busy building for their Building Unit in Science. They have had lots of fun creating animals and a project of their choice.



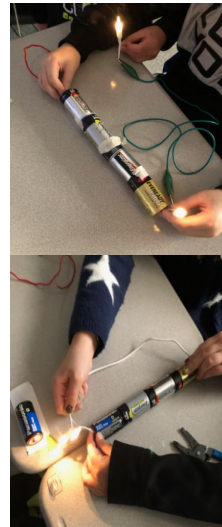
Grade 5

The Grade 5 class has been busy practicing new techniques to learn to write stories in English Language Arts and they have been learning about the different regions of Canada in Social Studies. For Halloween on Friday, the students played Kahoot - an online quiz style game. They chose topics like "Minecraft" and "Among Us" this time, but now that they have

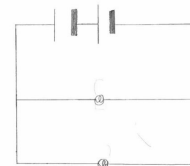
learned how to do it, the next one will be a way to practice for their Social Studies test. Some students also worked on creating their own Kahoot quiz - learning how to create questions is an important skill in learning how to answer them.

Grade 5 Science

Grade 5 Science Students have been working hard to build electric series circuits and parallel circuits, and to use symbols in their schematics to represent what they are constructing.

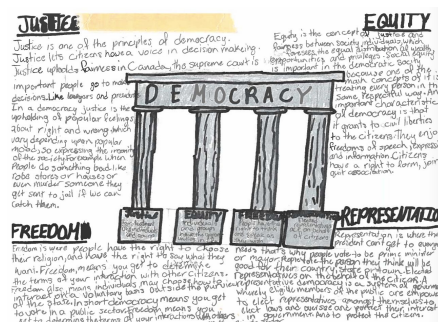


Parallel circuit



Grade 6 Social Studies

Grade 6 students have been actively engaged in researching the Principles of Democracy and comparing platforms of Federal and Provincial Political Parties.

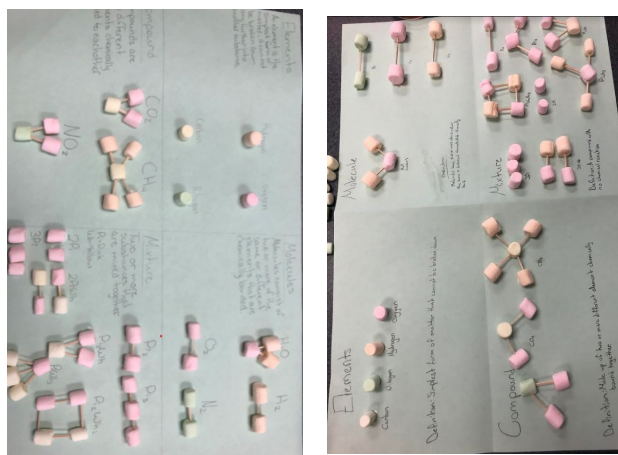


First Snowfall Fun



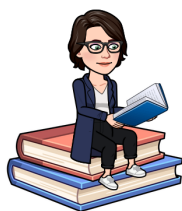
Grade 5 and Grade 6 students are enjoying the weather and making the best of all situations, including our recent snowfalls!

Science 9



Mrs. White's Science 9s (and Mrs. Parent) got into the Halloween candy early and created models to show the similarities and differences between atoms, elements, compounds, and mixture. This was a mini project the students did for their Chemistry Unit.

Learning Commons News



The Book Fair is coming this month! As with all things, it will look a little different this fall. We will be hosting a Virtual Book fair as well as a travelling Book Fair, November 9-16th. We will be heading into classrooms during each grade's scheduled

library time, following AHS Covid-19 protocols, where students can purchase books.

Anyone can purchase books through our link here: [EPS Bookfair](https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5142715) or you can copy and paste the following link:

[:https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5142715](https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5142715)

Anything purchased through the virtual Book Fair will be sent to your address, any orders over \$35 will receive free shipping and every purchase earns Book Fair Rewards that can be used for resources to support our school!

International Travel



Our initial date has changed but our trip to Scotland/Ireland/England is supposed to run during the spring of 2022. International travel students are fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier, just in

time for Christmas! If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/773185-75787>

Ice Safety

Some students have had a scary story or two tell about being out on the ice when they have heard big cracks. Just a reminder that although the ice may look like fun it really isn't safe yet. Please talk to your kids about ice safety and staying away from the ice without you or another adult supervising. Keep safe while we enjoy the pleasant weather.



Dress for Alberta - We Are Canadians But...

Mother Nature has a way of sneaking up on us, especially during this time of year. We are sitting at +5 in the morning, but can have freezing rain or a blizzard by the end

of the day. Just a reminder to plan for the worst during this time; ensure that you have mitts, touque, and a warm jacket for the bus ride home or that surprise at afternoon recess. Remember we are always going to try to get you outside as much as possible so be ready to go.



Hawks Athletics

EPS Athletic Awards 2020

We would like to acknowledge the many athletic achievements of our Hawks Teams and individual athletes

from the 2019 - 2020 school athletic season. Although our annual Awards Night was not able to go ahead, we want you to know how much we appreciate your efforts and applaud your athletic excellence!

Due to the continued cohorting restrictions we face at school, the following awards were presented to students in their respective grades among their peers. We anxiously await the full return to school athletics and look forward to cheering our Plamondon Hawks teams on to victory!!

Golf Team - Coaches: Mr. White & Mrs. White

- ☐ Outstanding Performance: Markiann Egoroff

Rookie 5/6 Volleyball (Ms. Nevill & Mrs. McCullough) CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO ALL ATHLETES

Junior Girls Volleyball (Ms. Delorme & Ms. Babcock)

- Rookie of the Year: Vassilisa Basargin
- ☐ Most Improved Player: Ekaterina Egoroff
- ☐ Sportsmanship: Saede Franz
- ☐ Most Valuable Player: Sarah Menard

Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball (Mr. Reid & Mrs. Coonan)

- ☐ Rookie of the Year: Anna Ambanoudis
- ☐ Most Improved Player: Alyvia Williams
- ☐ Outstanding Performance: Heoniya Basargin
- ☐ Outstanding Performance: Kira Reutov

Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball (Helly Kim & Jaici Hebert)

- ☐ Rookie of the Year: Dawson Plamondon
- ☐ Most Improved Player: Braden Reid
- ☐ Best Offensive Player: Dallas Hankinson
- ☐ Most Valuable Player: Trysten Kim

Senior Girls & Boys Volleyball (Étienne Vaillancourt & Cory St.Jean)

- ☐ Most Improved Player: Tammara Bourassa
- ☐ Sportsmanship: Ty Thompson
- ☐ Leadership: Abby Hilligas

Rookie 5/6 Basketball (Mr. Evdokimov) CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO ALL ATHLETES

Junior Girls Basketball (Mrs. Shapka, Ally Shapka and Mrs. V. Alagoz)

- ☐ Rookie of the Year: Hannah Watson
- ☐ Outstanding Performance: Kilikia Anufriev

- ☐ Coaches Award: Anastacia Ambanoudis
- ☐ Most Valuable Player: Alyvia Williams

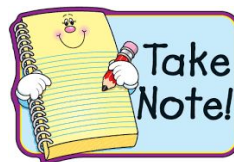
Junior Boys Basketball (Mrs. Rebkowich & Jonah Ganovicheff)

- ☐ Rookie of the Year: Maxim Ambanoudis
- ☐ Most Improved Player: Makary Barsukoff
- ☐ Best Offensive Player: Safron Egoroff
- ☐ Most Valuable Player: Maxim Egoroff

Senior Girls Basketball (Babcock & Anya Kusnetsov)

- ☐ Most Improved Player: Jade Kupchanko
- ☐ Sportsmanship: Fotinia Barsukoff
- ☐ Coaches Award: Anna Ambanoudis

Dates to Remember



Please check out our November Calendar at the end of the newsletter for important dates and fun activities.

December Dates:

























December 4: Family Friday - No School
 December 7-18: Twelve Days of Christmas
 (Details to follow next newsletter)
 December 18: Last Day before Holidays
 December 19-January 3: Christmas Break
 January 4: School Day - Welcome Back

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| AM | 2 | 3 Social 30 PDE Part A* 8:45-3:00 - students can choose to write this exam if they wish. If they do not write the diploma, there is an in class final. Social 30 Part A Classroom Final Regular Classes for grades 10-11 Regular afternoon classes for grade 12 (as long as exam is completed) | 4 Regular Classes | 5 Social 30 PDE Part B* 8:45-3:00 - only students who wrote PART A of the PDE can write this exam English 20 Social 30 Part B Classroom Final *Exam Day | 6 Science 10 Mrs. White's Room Science 14/24 Room 150 Math 20-1 Ms. Pelton's Room *Exam Day |
| PM | | Regular Classes | Regular Classes | No Classes or Exams for Grades 10-12 | No Classes or Exams for Grades 10-12 |

- All exams begin at 9:00
- **On Exam Days students not writing an exam do not attend school (grades 10-12)**
- Students may choose to leave the school after their exam - they will need a note from their [parent](#) stating they can leave the school and stating how they are being transported home.
- Study rooms - if students are in the school, they must remain in the study room until school ends.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 HS Final Exams English 20 Social 30 | 6 HS Final Exams Science 10/14/24 Math 20-1 | 7 |
| 8 HS Quarter 2 Begins Virtual Book Fair Begins  | 9 | 10 Red & Black Day Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony HS Report Cards Sent Home  | 11 Remembrance Day  No School  | 12  Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grade 10  Grade 7-9 Report Cards Sent Home | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16  Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grade 7 & 8 Virtual Book Fair Ends  | 17  Photo Retakes  Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grade 9  | 18 Metis Week  | 19  Jersey Day Elementary Report Cards Sent Home School Council ZOOM Meeting @ 6:30 | 20  Family Friday  | 21  |
| 22  | 23  Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades 5 & 6 | 24 | 25  Parent/Teacher Conferences – K-4 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 December | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Family Friday  | 5 |