

May 2023

Principal's Note:

Can you believe there is less than a month of school left for the 2022-23 school year? There are times when it feels like time is standing still, but right now, it feels like time is flying by.

Where did the last nine months go?

I do know that the month of May was a busy month. We began with our Preschool and Kindergarten Open House. If you have a child Preschool or Kindergarten age and are planning on attending Ecole Plamondon School, please register soon. When we know the number of children who will be attending, we can better plan for next year. Please spread the word that registering early is important! In May we celebrated Literacy Week (thanks, Mrs. Plamondon), Mental Health Week (thanks, Miss Patti), Spring Tea, many field trips for all ages, the first of many Provincial Achievement Tests, and Track and Field. We have been busy.

Our students continue to work diligently on their school work. EPS has a variety of locations, including just outside the library, with comfy or versatile seating. Thank you to PAC for these unique seating arrangement! The kids love it!



June continues to look busy. We have many field trips for various grades, swimming lessons for our Grade 4 & 5 students, final exams (including Provincial Achievement Tests and Provincial Diploma Exams - please see exam schedule at the end of the newsletter), Sports Awards, Kindergarten Graduation and High School Graduation and end with our Awards Gala.

We look forward to a great final month of our school year. We know your days are busy and there are lots of extra curricular activities taking place right now. We thank you in advance for your continued commitment to student learning and having your kids follow a good sleep schedule. Only one more month ... and then it's summer holidays!

New Assistant Principal for Ecole Plamondon School



Northern Lights Public Schools is pleased to announce that Adrienne Peoples-Sprecker has been appointed Assistant Principal of Ecole Plamondon School for the 2023-2024 school year.

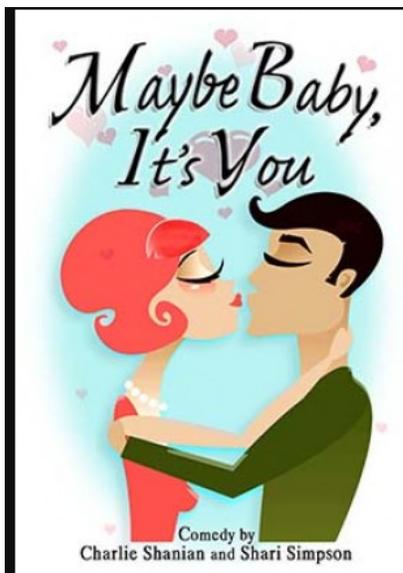
"Throughout her career with NLPS, Adrienne has demonstrated a dedication to fostering collaborative relations that focus on the needs of students," said Superintendent Rick Cusson. "She is committed to continuous learning to improve instructional practice and sharing her knowledge with others to benefit students."

Peoples-Sprecker has worked for Northern Lights for over 25 years in a variety of roles including teacher, assistant principal at Vera M. Welsh Elementary School in Lac La Biche, and as an Early Learning Consultant for eight

years. She holds a Masters of Education Studies - Educational Leadership from the University of Alberta. In 2020, she was presented with the Early Childhood Education Council Award from the Alberta Teachers' Association in recognition of her contributions to early childhood education.

"I am excited to share my passion for learning with staff, students and parents; and I am delighted for the opportunity to collaborate further within such an amazing school community," said Peoples-Sprecker.

High School Drama



June 1st, 6:30 PM
Doors open @ 6:15 PM
Tickets \$5

The EPS Drama program will be presenting their One Act Performance, *Maybe, Baby, It's You* on June 1st at 6:30, with doors opening at approximately 6:15. Tickets are \$5 and will be

available for purchase at the door. There will only be 75 tickets available, so act fast.

Maybe Baby, It's You is a comedy about the search for that most elusive of entities, the soul mate, and is told in a series of vignettes that cover ground from the first kiss to the not-so-golden years of marriage. We take a raucous ride through male-female relationships with two searchers with a laundry list of must-have qualities for a mate that swiftly dwindles down to "warm and breathing" as the only prerequisite; a mild-mannered Midwesterner whose blind date turns out to be the Greek goddess Medea; a film noir couple who realize that their razor-sharp banter is hiding their fear and vulnerability; a gorgeous, charming brain surgeon who is always "Mr. Wrong" due to his penchant for spastic, arrhythmic club dancing; a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary who realize that marriage may not have ended their search for a soul mate; an elderly divorced couple who entertain the fantasy of a reconciliation at their grandson's soccer game; and other would-be and shouldn't-be couples trying to find each other. *Maybe Baby, It's You.... Or maybe...it isn't.*

Hawks Athletics Awards

The Hawks Athletics Awards will be taking place on *Tuesday, June 13th* starting at 2:00pm in the EPS Gymnasium. We are hosting the Athletic Awards during the



school day to ensure all students in Grade 4-12 can take part in celebrating our many athletic



achievements in 2022-23. Parents, guardians and community members are also invited to attend, and we hope you can join us for the celebration. Additionally, we are planning to stream the

event on the EPS Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support of Hawks Athletics, and we hope to see you on June 13th!

Hawks Awards Gala

Our Annual Hawks Awards Gala will be held on June 27, 2023 starting at 5:30 pm with a light dinner and snacks for families to enjoy. This will be followed by the awards ceremony to celebrate the academic achievements of our grade 5 to 12 students. Please join us for our celebration!

Spring Tea

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Spring Tea in May. It was truly a group effort. We had presentations from K- Grade 6 classes with a few students from PreSchool joining in. Our high school drama class gave us an exciting snippet of their performance. Student art lined the walls - such an array of various talents. And our students' culinary arts were a treat for all. Thank you to our student

hosts, too! A big thank you to all our staff for making this event possible.



Thank you PAC!

May was the month of thanking teachers for all their hard work. PAC and their kiddos delivered treats to our teachers. A big thank you to Miss Colleen for making all of this happen. Thanks to the PAC kids for delivering the goodies, class supplies and \$25 Amazon gift cards. Your kindness was greatly appreciated!





Positive Ticket Awards

Our School Liaison Officer, Officer Ismael, came to our school to acknowledge four of our kiddos. Way to go Steffany, Anna, Archer, and Piotyr.



ALPAC and Forestry Days

Our grade 10-11 students were hosted by



Careers Next Gen, AIPAC and forestry at the BOLD Center for a day of career exploration on May 9th.

Students who were interested in seeing ALPAC were invited



for the day for a day-long tour. We had 15 students attend that day. And on May 31st, three students spent a day exploring four different trades. What a great learning opportunity. Thanks ALPAC and Careers!



Preschool

Wow Preschool was busy the month of May. We have been learning about and dressing up as Community Helpers. The favourite is firefighter, police officers and hairdressers. Ms Colleen loves getting her hair shampooed and styled. We are almost done our ABC's and our favourite story this month is Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.

Since Earth Day preschoolers have been continually picking garbage off the schoolyard. Library time is the best. We have fun building and constructing with Mrs Plamondon and all her maker space materials! We made our moms a hand painted potted spider plant. We had our grad pictures taken, thanks Ms Sue

and huge thanks to the Cookie Monster (Ms Parent) who brought us outside toys! Congratulations to Blake, who read 400 books this year! Our older preschoolers are working hard to get ready for kindergarten in the fall. Only 3 more weeks of school for us, June 15 is our last day of class.



Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students have been busy going on field trips this month! Our first field trip was to the local co-op store. The students got treated to cookies, participated in a scavenger hunt, and were surprised with a goodie bag to end their trip!

The students also visited the local Fire Hall this month. They learned a lot about firefighters and were able to tour the fire hall and the fire truck!

A special thanks to all of our parent volunteers for joining us on both of these trips!

We are looking forward to our final field trip next month to Sir Winston Churchill park and the splash park.

Last Day of Kindergarten is June 28th!



Grade 1

In Mrs. Sprecker's grade one class we have been observing and learning about chickens

and reading some non-fiction books about life cycles in Language Arts. A special thanks to the Canning family for providing this opportunity for the students, bringing in the incubator and eggs and helping us monitor the process. The students and I really appreciate the extra miles, and support to have this fantastic opportunity for us. We had 7 chicks hatch and watched them grow over 48 hours and then they went to enjoy their life back on the farm. Our focus in Math has been on learning to read a clock with understanding each of the hours with the long hand on the 12. We will begin our unit on non-standard measurement, utilizing different kinds of measurement language and having fun measuring different things in different ways around the school.



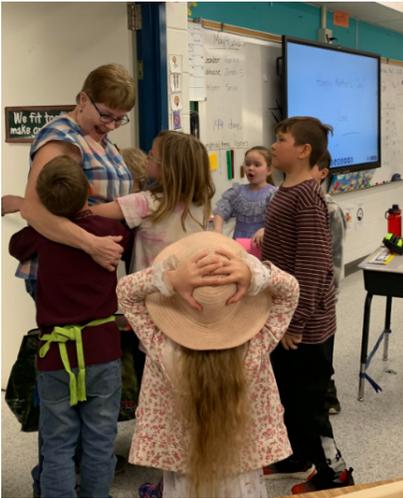
Mrs. Ross

The month of June will be a busy month for Grade Ones. We are going to be learning about our community by exploring our town. We are planning a visit to the fire hall and the Plamondon museum. We will be ending our month with an exciting trip to the Telus World of Science! There we will be going to the Lego display and seeing an IMAX movie. We are looking forward to all of the exploring we are going to do in June!

Grade 2

May was a busy month in the Grade 2 classroom! We really enjoyed Literacy Week, especially when Mr. Edward Plamondon shared with us some of the oral stories told to him by his father and grandfather. We had a special visitor: Mrs. Snydmiller stopped by to see us! We worked hard to polish up our songs for the Spring Concert. We are learning about the community of Iqaluit and look forward to making our own inukshuks.





Grade 3

The students have been busy this month. From the bake sale the grade 2 and 3 class raised \$ 582.55 for their field trip in June. In science we are learning about rocks. In the first picture the students are organizing a variety of rocks to determine where they would fit on the poster. In the second picture the students are participating in the music festival. In the third and fourth pictures the students are smashing rocks to examine what they look like on the inside. They are also comparing and contrasting what they look like on the inside and the outside of the rocks. In the last picture the students were demonstrating the various landscapes they learn about in social studies when they study the countries of Tunisia, Peru, Ukraine, and India.



Grade 4/5/6 Field Trip

We had a 4/5/6 field trip! A HUGE thank you to our parent volunteers and Mrs. Mccullough for doing the planning. We were able to ride in comfort to the Telus World of Science in two coach buses. While there, students were able to take in an Imax and planetarium show as well as demonstrations. Overall, it was a great experience for everyone involved. Thank you to those who contributed to the fundraising efforts, this field trip could not have happened without you.



Grade 4

May has been an eventful month in grade four. We started the month by kicking off our Plant Growth unit in science. Students germinated bean seeds, planted them and now have beautiful bean plants sprouting on our



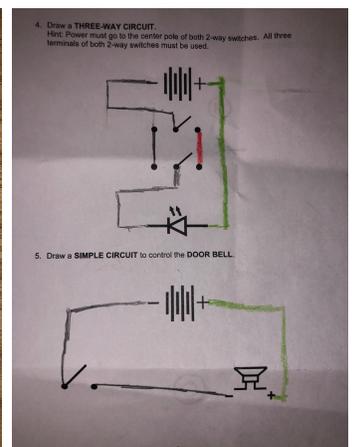
classroom windowsill. Last week, we took a trip to the community garden and planted potatoes, carrots and onions which we will continue to monitor and water throughout June. In September, the now fours (but will then be grade fives) will harvest their bounty to bring home with them.

In language arts, we've been researching animals. Students have chosen their animal and are currently in the process of constructing a written and visual arts project. One of the animals that is being studied is a chicken and by chance, we had three stop by the class! Everyone had a great time interacting, feeding and sharing chicken stories.



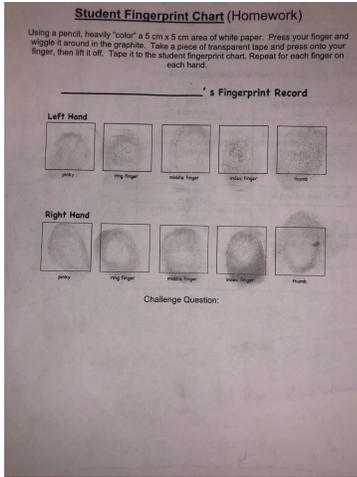
Grade 5

Grade 5 students have been learning how to perform translations and rotations in mathematics, and their work toward symmetry was masterfully completed through origami and using knowledge and skills to build amazing projects.



Grade 6

Grade 6 students are completing their final unit of study learning how to read fingerprints and how to determine identity through the use of chromatography when investigating evidence. Students are also learning how to write checks, and the importance of



maintaining security with their financials to avoid becoming victims of cybercrime.



School Council

School Council - We Need You!
Join us in supporting the students and staff of EPS!

Executive

President - Connie Williams

Vice President - Anntonina Martushev

Secretary - Lindy Forbes
Treasurer - Colleen Shapka

Division Representatives

Div 1 - Heather Gauthier

Div 2 - Debbie Nipshank-Johnson

Div 3 - Destiny Alisby

Div 4 - Charlene Rutledge

Thank you to the parent volunteers listed above who have taken on positions. Although all positions are filled, we invite and encourage all parents to be a part of EPS School Council and PAC so you can be kept up to date on what is happening at our school and help guide our decision making.

The last meeting of the year was held on **May 31st**.

EPS PAC has several **Bingos** to work throughout the year. If you are able to work one of the Bingos listed below, please contact Connie Williams at connie.williams@nlsd.ab.ca or at the school office 780-798-3840. Start time is 5:00pm at the Lac La Biche Bingo Hall.

June 4 (Sunday)

July 7 (Friday)

August 11 (Friday)

September 22 (Friday)

November 30 (Thursday)

EPS PAC is amazing! Thank you PAC for helping support our students and bring fun activities to our building!

Learning Commons

From Mrs. Plamondon

Hello, Everyone!

May was a very exciting, fun month in the Learning Commons!



Our Star Wars Literacy Week activities included special guest Edward Plamondon, who entertained us with some local folk tales and storytelling. The students enjoyed tales of Petit Jean and his mischievous adventures. We had lightsaber duels, treasure hunts and obstacle courses, and of course reading competitions. Finding Lost Luke in exchange for candy was also a big hit. Those with a lot of Star Wars knowledge enjoyed the Star Wars I Spy game, and we educated everyone else on the names of all the creatures and spaceships. Ms. Watson, there may be a test later!



Mr. Edward Plamondon was our special guest . He entertained many students with local legends and folktales. Thank you, Mr. Plamondon!



Star Wars lego building competition, with our winners being Luke, Aleksey and Matthew! Congrats, guys and thank you for participating!



Our dress up day brought a visit from a Galactic Princess ! Perfect costume, Elah!



Winners of our Star Wars scavenger Hunt from Grade 5!



Our Jedi Academy training school was attended by many potential Jedi. They were tested to their limits by the Jedi Master, to see if they have what it takes to defend the galaxy. The force is strong here at EPS!



One of our main events was a Lightsaber showdown for Junior and Senior High, organized by Mathew Batiuk, President of the Students' Union. Thank you to Ms. Stromquist for your help as well. The winner, C-Jay Palpalatoc, got a chance to take on Mrs. Grygus!



We wrapped up our festivities with the winners of Grogu's Galactic Reading Race being the Grade 4 class! They will receive a bonus lunchtime in the Library and makerspace time! Way to go, Grade 4!



We have also received a bunch of new building sets in the Learning Commons that we are anxious to try out. Thank you for your support of our Book Fair, which allows us to purchase all these great learning opportunities. Wow, I can't believe how fast this year has gone! Summer holidays will soon be here! Last day for book check-out will be **June 7th**. **Please have all items returned by June 17th**. The Public library will be open on Wednesdays during the summer vacation.



Mayflower Fun

Thanks to all the students who participated in our Mayflower events! Students' Union ran an obstacle course, a multiple grade game of clothespin tag with 55 participants, a talent show, and a dance! Congratulations to Peter Serebrekoff for getting the quickest time on the obstacle course, Carleigh Reid for winning the game of tag, and Owen Pitcher for his brilliant drum performance at the talent show.

At the Blossom Bash we crowned two Mayflower Monarchs, chosen by the Students' Union for their awesome moves on the dance floor. Congratulations Gage Sehn and Vern Kuzmin!



June Spirit Days

June 5th - Opposite Day: Wear your clothes inside out, or backwards, or dress like a teacher instead of a student!

June 7th - Cultural Clothing Day: Wear clothing that represents your culture!

June 15th - Goth Day: Wear your punkest, edgiest clothing today!

Graduation 2023

Graduation is 23 days away as of June 1. Please note the following requirements in order for you to attend graduation and for

us to have a successful event.



Grad Meal Tickets: Tickets cost \$35.00 each; Mrs. Rebekowich will be reaching out to each graduation family

this week in order to ensure you have paid your graduation fee and purchased all the tickets that you need. You will have the opportunity to buy extra tickets if you require them during this call. You will also be able to let her know if you have purchased too many tickets.

Course Completion: All graduates must be working on completing their graduation requirements of a minimum of 100 credits and specific courses outlined by Alberta Education. Students who are at a risk of not graduating will have a letter sent home to inform students and parents what they are missing and how they can cross the stage.

Hall Decoration: Decorating the hall will take place on June 23rd starting at 11:00 am. All students not writing final exams are expected to help set up and decorate the hall.

Dress Rehearsal: There will be a dress rehearsal of the procession and expectations of the graduates at 4:00 pm. Graduates and their

escorts, if possible, will walk through the procession, walking and sitting on the stage, receiving their diplomas, having their parent switch their tassel, etc. Please ensure that you discuss the tassel movement with your parents so they are aware of what is expected.

Hawks Athletics

The junior track team competed at wards on Tuesday, May 30th at the Bold Center. It was a great day as 16 athletes placed 1st or 2nd in their categories, qualifying them for districts next week in Bonnyville. Great job Hawks! A special congrats goes out to Gabby Pippard who was Tyro Girls West Ward Champion and Ilay Biegler was the Jr. Boys West Ward Champion as both of them earned the most points in their age categories. Way to go!



Our small High School Track & Field has enjoyed some big success this season, with 2 of our 4 athletes moving through Districts and Zones to earn a berth in Provincial Track & Field Championships this weekend in Edmonton. Both EPS Athletes will be competing on Friday June 2nd - Safron Egoroff in Senior Boys 3000m at 10:20am and Abby St. Jean in Jr. Girls Javelin at 3:10pm. Live Streaming of events is being offered and available through the host website: [ASAA Provincials - Athletics Canada Live Stream](#) . Go Hawks!!



Upcoming Date in July and August

Please see the opportunities for summer time fun and learning advertised below

Summertime Fun!

JOIN THE CIRCUS



Join world-class instructor Flyin' Bob, for circus camp. You will learn how to juggle, walk on stilts, ride a unicycle, use a rola bola and even how to walk a tight rope.

To wrap up, a show will be held for family and friends!

AGES 8-13 • July 31 - Aug 3
9:30am - 3pm
BOLD CENTRE • \$75

To register: Call the Bold Center at 780-623-3829 or stop in at the front desk.
 For information: call 780-520-7183 or email christine.martin@laclabichcounty.com





TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP!

TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP 2023

The Teen Leadership & Team Building camp is designed to develop:

- Communications skills
- Confidence
- Creativity
- Accountability

A big part of the camp is the volunteer component that will allow participants to give back to the community at the end of the week!

Registration opens May 1!
 Register soon! Spots are limited!

For more information: Contact 780-520-7183, or email christine.martin@laclabichcounty.com

To register: stop by the Bold Center front desk, or call them at 780-623-3829

AUGUST 21 - 25 • AGES 13 - 18 • \$100



Summer Literacy Program

LLBCL provides
 free tutoring
 for K-5 students
 July & August

Registration
 opens May 1st








TEEN SOCIAL CLUB

July 6, 13, 20, 27 • August 3, 10, 17
 Ages 13-18 • Times will vary *Keep an eye on our facebook page.

Join other teens in a variety of fun activities while connecting, socializing, and developing new friendships. Snacks and supplies included.

Teens must pre-register before the day of the event.
 To register or for more information: Call or text 780-520-7470 or email cadence.kruk@laclabichcounty.com




Partnership with:
Successful Families-Successful Kids



The Art of Conversation



A program for youth aged 10+ and their parent/guardian/grandparent to create, connect and communicate in a welcoming and supportive setting. Participants will complete a different art piece each week, as a Wellness Coach from Successful Families-Successful Kids leads a conversation on a variety of topics that will help you connect and strengthen your relationship.

Cost: Free
Dates: Wednesday, July 12, 19, and 26 (Deadline to register is two days before each class)
Times: 7:00-8:30 pm at McArthur Place. Snacks, refreshments and all supplies included.

to register call 780-520-7183, or email christine.martin@laclubichecounty.com



Fun & Creative Indoor/Outdoor Activities for Kids Age 4 and Above

PWRCRS KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMP

Cost \$25/day per child, first 2 siblings. additional siblings \$12.50

JUNE 30TH - SEPTEMBER 1ST

*excluding July 3rd and August 7th
From 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

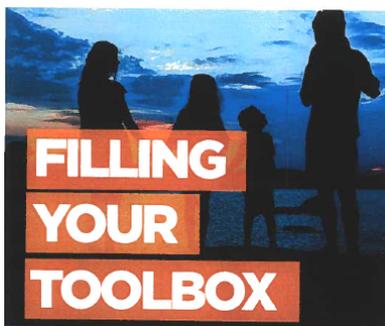
Activities

- Outside Fun
- Movie Events
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Crafts
- Fort Building
- Scavenger Hunts
- Fun Games
- Music & Dance
- And so much More!

REGISTER 780-307-5459

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

LOCATION: PLAMONDON ARENA, UPSTAIRS
Remember your bagged lunch, snacks and a water bottle

FILLING YOUR TOOLBOX

Strategies to promote emotional development and connection in children.

TOPICS:
This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about child development and to gain practical strategies that promote emotional connection.

REGISTER:
Pre-registration is required 780-623-3829
Visit us online at ACTIVEVLLBC or call 780-623-3829
Paid childcare available by pre-registration, limited spots.
Supper will be provided.

JUNE 16 • 5:30 - 7:30PM • BOLD CENTER • FREE



June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
4	Opposite Day!	5 Jr. Track & Field LSAA Championship in Bonnyville	6	7 Cultural Clothing Day	8 Grade 7 Field Trip to Fort Edmonton	9 No School Friday	10
11	12 ELA 30 PDE Part A Grade 4 & 5 Swimming	13 Social 30 PDE Part A Grade 4 & 5 Swimming Athletics Awards @ zPM	14 Grade 4 & 5 Swimming ELA 7 Part A Final	15 Last Day of Preschool Grade 2-3 Field Trip to Churchill Park Goth Day	16 Math 30 PDE Grade 4 & 5 Swimming	17	
18	Father's Day ELA 30 PDE Part B English 10-1 Part A Final Social 10-2 Part A Final Math 7 Final Math 8 Final	19 Social 30 PDE Part B ELA 6 PAT Part B ELA 9 PAT Part B Social 7 Final ELA 8 Final School Assembly @ zPM	20 Social 30 PDE Part B ELA 6 PAT Part B ELA 9 PAT Part B Social 7 Final ELA 8 Final School Assembly @ zPM	21 National Indigenous People's Day K-9 @ Buffalo Lake	22 Last Day of Regular Classes 9-12 Bio 30 PDE Math 6 PAT Part A Math 9 PAT Part A Science 7 Final Social 8 Final Kinderg	23 Chem 30 PDE Math 31 Final Math 6 PAT Part B Math 9 PAT Part B ELA 7 Part B Final Science 8 Final	24 Graduation 2023
25	26 Physics 30 PDE Social 6 PAT Science 10/14 Final Science 24 Final Sports/Water Day K- Grade 3	27 Science 6 PAT Science 9 PAT Sports Day Grades 4-6 Grades 1 & 2 Tellie World of Science Field Trip Awards Gala: BBQ @ 5:30 Gala @ 6	28 Last Day of School for Kindergarten Students	29 Last Day of School for Students	30 Last Day of School for Staff		

June Exam Schedule 2023

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5	6	7	8	9 Family Friday
12 Eng 30 PDE Part A	13 Social 30 PDE Part A	14 ELA 7 Part A	15	16 Math 30 PDE
19 Eng 30 PDE Part B English 10-1 Part A (pm) Social 10-2 Part A (pm) Math 7 Math 8	20 Social 30 PDE Part B ELA 9 PAT Part B Social 7 ELA 8 final ELA 6 PAT Part B	21 National Indigenous Peoples' Day No Exams	22 Bio 30 PDE Math 9 PAT Part A Last Day of Regular Classes for grades 9-12 Science 7 Social 8 Math 6 PAT Part A	23 Chem 30 PDE Math 9 PAT Part B Math 31 Social 20 English 10-1 Part B Social 10-2 Part B ELA 7 Part B Science 8 Math 6 PAT Part B
26 Physics 30 PDE Science 10/14 Science 24 SS 6 PAT	27 Science 30 PDE Science 9 PAT Science 6 PAT	28 Make up exam day (for students who were unable to write on scheduled exam day)	29 Last Day for Students	30 Last Day for Staff

All exams for 9-12 during exam week begin at 8:45. Students must remain in the exam room for a minimum of 1 hour. Once the students have completed their exam, they are allowed to leave the school. Students need to present a parent note to the office stating that they have parent permission to leave the school. Students who stay at the school need to be in the designated space and may only leave the school during break times.