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JANUARY 2019

Welcome to January 2019! We hope that everyone had a wonderful break surrounded by loved ones. On behalf of the entire office staff, we would like to take the opportunity to thank our families for the gifts and well wishes received leading up to Christmas; your generosity does not go unnoticed and we appreciate your many acts of kindness.

January promises to be a very busy month, please refer to our weekly vlog and the school calendar for important dates. This week, on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 – 7:30pm we will be hosting a French Immersion information evening. This event is intended for parents who are considering registering their child(ren) in the French Immersion program for Kindergarten or grade 1. We request that parents arrange for childcare at home due to the nature of the evening. In the spring, we will be providing additional opportunities for children and parents to tour the school and to attend a Kindergarten orientation session.

Should you have friends or family who are eligible to register for French Immersion Kindergarten in September 2019, please pass this information along to them. This is a very exciting time for families. We are happy to host this event to help families make informed educational decisions for their children.

In addition, we are offering a tour of Elbow Valley School on Thursday, January 10th, from 1:15 – 2:15pm. All parents of children that are potentially registering their child in our school in either English or French Immersion programs from kindergarten to grade 4 are welcome to attend. Advanced registration week occurs January 14th through to the 18th. Registration continues throughout the year.

Students coming to Elbow Valley in September of 2019 are encouraged to register during advanced registration week. This helps the school administration create balanced classes and staff the school appropriately.

Our French Culture Week begins Monday, January 28th. Please stay tuned for details regarding the many exciting events planned for this year!

As we make our way through the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, please know that you are always welcome to contact your child's classroom teacher should you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help and will gladly make time to help our students reach their fullest potential.

Yours in learning,

Mme Lindsay Adams
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Backpack Drive -The backpack drive was a terrific success! We should also thank the parents that generously volunteered their time to organize the Backpack drive and delivered them to Calgary Immigrant Society and Cochrane Boys and Girls Club.

School Council - Please join us on **Tuesday, February 12th** at 1:00 PM for our next School Council meeting.
(NOTE: NO MEETING IN JANUARY).

If you are unable make it to the school, you can use ZOOM to attend remotely by installing the zoom.us application on your devices. For those of you who can't make it, you can still participate in the meeting remotely

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an awesome 2019!

Link: <http://evalley.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/school-council-zoom-instructions>

January's Character Focus is Sportsmanship & Fairness - Sportsmanship means playing fair, agreeing and following the rules of the game, respecting the judgment of referees and officials and treating opponents with respect. Children who demonstrate good sportsmanship tend to be more respected by their peers and have a larger circle of friends. We need to teach our children the importance of having fun and focus less upon competition and winning. Fairness comes down to one simple rule: others should be helped, never hurt, by the things you do! For more on fairness check out page 23 in your child's agenda.

Yearbooks are currently available for purchase through school cash online for \$25.

Visit schoolcashionline.com and sign into your account to purchase yours today. We have sold 156 so far with a goal of 350.

The Yearbook Committee is looking for someone to take over creating the book for the 2019/20 year. The Lifetouch program is easy to use and our rep is a great source of knowledge and help. Unfortunately, if we are unable to find someone to take over this role, this will be the last year EEVE will be creating a yearbook. If this is something you might be interested in, please let us know at elbowvalleyyearbook@gmail.com

Yearbook Cover Contest - We are now accepting submissions for the 2018/19 yearbook cover. What do you love about being a student at Elbow Valley Elementary? Is it the rural setting with the mountain backdrop? Is it our commitment to the environment? Maybe it is all the activities you get to experience here like inline skating and hip-hop dance. Or maybe it is the community of people you share it with. Use your imagination and creativity to come up with this year's cover.

Entries are encouraged and welcomed from all grades, K-4. Please submit them on an 8 1/2x11 piece of white paper. To be eligible for the front cover, your picture must include the full name of the school (École Elbow Valley Elementary) and the school year (2018-2019). Please include your full name and class on the back page of your submission. All entries are due at the office until Feb. 1, 2019.

Good luck!

KINDERGARTEN ENGLISH & FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMS

École Elbow Valley Elementary

High Quality Kindergarten Programs in both English and French

Kindergarten provides learning experiences that are developmentally appropriate to meet the diverse needs of children and to promote a positive attitude toward life-long learning.

Kindergarten Registration:

Monday, January 14th, 2019 beginning at 8:00am at École Elbow Valley Elementary.

Registration will be ongoing throughout the week and the rest of the school year. Registration forms can be found on the RVS website or completed at the school. All children living in Elbow Valley School's catchment area will be guaranteed a placement. Out of attendance registrations are recorded on a wait list. Acceptance is based on room and resources.

Families will be notified of their child's placement in an AM or PM class by mid-June to August. Please note that when determining AM/PM placement, we consider requests as well as other factors required to create balanced classrooms.

See link for attendance area: <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/registration/attendance-areas/springbank-area/elbow-valley-elementary-school-k-4>

To register online or for more information: <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/registration/schools>

French Immersion Information Evening

French Immersion Information evening – January 9, 2019 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

Parents considering French Immersion for their child(ren) will have an opportunity to meet with French Immersion teachers, a representative from Canadian Parents for French, and parent and student leaders. A

School Tours

School tours are offered to new students and parents on the following dates: (Please sign up when registering at the school)

Thursday, January 10 at 1:15 pm

Monday, January 21 at 9:30 am

Thursday, January 24 at 1:15 pm

January 2019

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Sportsmanship & Fairness	1 Vacation No School	2 Vacation No School	3 Vacation No School	4 Vacation No School	5	6
7 Classes Resume K-4 Fairness is sharing and taking turns.	8 Subway Lunch Fairness is playing by the rules.	9 Kindergarten F.I. Info. Night 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fairness is doing your share of the work.	10 School Tour @ 1:15 p.m. Fairness is not blaming others for your mistakes.	11 Pizza Lunch Fairness is treating others with kindness	12	13
14 Kindergarten Registration 8:00 a.m. Sportsmanship means following the rules of the game.	15 Kindergarten Registration 8:00 a.m. Sportsmanship means working with your teammates.	16 Kindergarten Registration 8:00 a.m. You are showing good sportsmanship when you congratulate the winners.	17 Kindergarten Registration 8:00 a.m. Having fun is much more important than winning.	18 Kindergarten Registration 8:00 a.m. Subway Lunch When you show good sportsmanship, others will want to play with you.	19	20
21 School Tour @ 9:30 a.m. You are showing good sportsmanship when you encourage others.	22 You are showing good sportsmanship when you pick fair teams.	23 You are showing good sportsmanship when you include everyone who wants to play.	24 School Tour @ 1:15 p.m. You are showing good sportsmanship when you use your manners.	25 Pizza Lunch You are showing good sportsmanship when you use kind words.	26	27
28 French Culture Week! Whatever game or sport you play, remember to have fun.	29 French Culture Week! You are being a good sport when you do not brag or boast.	30 French Culture Week! You are being a good sport when you take turns.	31 French Culture Week! Sportsmanship mean playing fair.	1 Mucho Burrito Lunch	2	