



Important Dates

Upcoming...

September 2017

5 – Classes resume

21 – Early dismissal at 12:15pm

21 – Parent teacher interviews

4:30-8pm

22 – Parent Teacher Interviews

8:30am- 1:00pm (no school for students)

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Newsletter | End of School year - June 2017

Principal's Message

What a fantastic school year 2016-2017 has been. There have been many events and activities of learning that we have celebrated throughout the school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school leadership team for their ongoing work and support of teaching and learning in the school. Mr. Dan Jones, Assistant Principal, Ms. S. Dafoe Learning Leader K-1, Ms. J. Farrell Learning Leader Gr. 2/3, Ms. J. Higgs Learning Leader Gr. 4/5, and Ms. Naomi Mabbott Learning Leader Gr. 6, have provided outstanding educational leadership for our school.

This year we celebrated and explored EMJ's 50th Anniversary through learning activities that explored "What is 50"?

As our work for the current school year winds down, our staff look forward to the fall and the upcoming school year.

We wish our Silverado students and families all the best as they begin their new journey as a school community at Ron Southern School this Fall.

The school office will be open for parents August 30 at 9:30am. **Please check the website for school start information.** EMJ is looking for School Council Representation. Please consider joining our committee in support of students this fall at our meeting on Wednesday Sept. 13 at 6:30pm. Have a wonderful restful, fun and safe summer break and we look forward to returning **September 5, 2017 for the first day of classes** of the school year.

On a personal note I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the wonderful EMJ School community. I will be moving on from my role to a position in Teacher Staffing this summer. I want to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and parents of EMJ for their continued support and know that it has been my pleasure and honor to serve you these past 8 years.

Healthy Choices

Tracey

Detailed information can be found at Ethel M Johnson School website:

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Staffing – We at EMJ wish the following staff all the best as they leave Ethel M Johnson School. We appreciate and thank each for their commitment to learning and contribution to the students of Ethel M Johnson School.

Ms. K. Burkell – Teacher	Ms. E. Lim – Teacher
Ms. S. Christie – Teacher	Ms. P. McCallum – Ed. Asst.
Ms. C. Falkenberg – Lunch Sup.	Ms. M. McCosh (Retired) - Teacher
Ms. S. Carr-Peterer – Lunch Sup.	Ms. K. Milliken-Morrow - Teacher
Ms. N. Feeney - Ed. Asst.	Ms. C. Mintenko - Teacher
Ms. L. Flore (Retired) - Ed. Asst.	Mr. B. Pike - Tech
Ms. B. Gibb – Teacher	Ms. H. Reid - Teacher
Ms. G. Houston – Teacher	Ms. R. Ruberto - Teacher
Ms. J. Jager – Ed. Asst.	Ms. E. Ulveland - Teacher
Ms. D. Leslie – School Asst.	Mr. T. McIvor - Principal
Ms. K. Hardie - Teacher	Ms. N. O’Keefe – Lunch Sup.

School Staffing 2017-18 – Subject to change

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>Gr. 1</u>	<u>Gr. 2/3</u>	<u>Skill</u>
Ms. Watterberg	Ms. Greenwood	Ms. Farrell (Learning Leader)	Div 1 Ms. Rowntree
	Ms. Warbeck	Ms. Stringer/Ms. Vanderwel	Div 2 Ms. Katyal
		TBD	
<u>Gr. 4</u>			<u>PLP</u>
Ms. Higgs (Learning Leader)/	Ms. Shank		Ms. Peterson
Ms. MacAulay			Ms. Percy (on leave)
<u>Gr. 5/6</u>		<u>ELL</u>	<u>Music</u>
Ms. Mabbott (Learning Leader)		Ms. Bell	Ms. Dafoe
Mr. J. Stringer/Ms. Somers			
Ms. Wheelhouse/Ms. Dick		<u>L&L Resource</u>	
		Ms. Faber	

Administrative Assistant – Ms. Milkert
Assistant Principal – Mr. Jones
Principal – TBD

School Communication – Sign Up for Email Messages

EMJ will be using a CBE system wide communication tool School Messenger to provide messages to parents. School messenger will comply with Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation and will require parents to opt in to receiving email and text messages. Please see our website to get signed up and in touch with your school. We see this as an opportunity to better communicate with our parents and students throughout the school.





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Don't Miss the Bus

Reminder to register for the bus through MY CBE ACCOUNT (link on our website) to ensure access to bussing in September.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is an ongoing process and we encourage our families in our communities of Southwood, Canyon Meadows and Silverado to register their Kindergarten children to school as soon as possible. We would like to welcome each to Ethel M Johnson and the Calgary Board of Education and look forward to beginning the education journey with you in this Fall.

Moving?

If you are moving and your children will not be attending EMJ in September, please contact our office at 403-777-8500 with this information. We can help you with the process of changing schools and this is helpful in our planning for the upcoming school year.

Remember to Call

Do **WE** know where your children are?? Call in for safety. In the unlikely event that a child is missing, our goal is to notify the parents as quickly as possible and take action in locating him/her. Unfortunately, the process of accounting for all children is slowed down each morning when we have to call parents who have not advised us that their child will be late or absent. So even though YOU know your child is safe with you, please advise the office, so that WE know and can account for every student in a timely fashion. **Please take the time to advise the office by leaving a message on our 24 hour absence line each day that your child will not be in school, by 8:30am.** Our telephone number is **403-777-8500 and press 1** for the absence line.



Grade 1 Poems

The Grade One's in Room 14 have been working on writing poems. They have learned how to write Haikus, Cinquains and Diamontes. This has also been a great opportunity to talk about different parts of speech (i.e. action words, describing words and object words). We hope you enjoy reading them!

Insect
Little, long
Eating, walking, sticking
Lives on green leaves
Caterpillar

By Andreass

Baby
cute, cuddly
crying, crawling, yelling
crib, toy, bed, schoolwork
reading, biking, sleeping





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bored, mean
Teenager

By Cori

Insect
Red, six legs
Marching, Walking, Eating
Really like to squish them
Ant

By Rayden

Valentine's Day
happy , kind
giving, friendly , exciting
hearts , red, dead , costumes
Frightening, scaring, trick-or-treating
spooky , candy
Halloween Night

By Sophia

Moon
Shiny, circle
Dreaming, calming, sleeping
Shine, quiet, star, ball
Glowing, lighting, waking
Hot , ball
Sun

By Jayden

Cat
Whiskers, pointy ears
Eating, chasing, running
Jumping, leaping, meowing, playing
Kitty cat

By Cali





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Baby
Cute, chubby
Playing, Crawling, Yelling
Toy, Food, read, draw
Colouring , sitting, writing,
Eat, music
Kid

By Anne

Wild Dog
Orange, white
Howling, Scaring, Running
Hunting in the dark
Fox

By Damian

SKILL

SKILL has been wrapping up our music therapy sessions and have had such a blast with our therapist. Thank you so much JB Music and EducationMatters for making this opportunity possible for us! We also had Office Patti come into our classroom to talk about safety. She let us touch hold her flashlight, handcuffs, and even let us try on her police officer hat! We enjoyed going for lunch to thank our grade six buddies for all of their help with our different projects this year. We had lots of fun every Thursday and will miss our buddies. SKILL is excited for summer break and hope everyone has a relaxing and safe holiday!

Congratulations to Our Grade 6 Artists

Three students took home honours and prize money on Tuesday May 24 at the Local chapter of the Royal Canadian Legion on Horton Road. Many Grade 6 students entered the annual poster and literary contest.

Maida F. won 1st place and \$60 in the Grade 4-6 category Coloured Poster competition, Cole D. won an Honorary Mention and \$30 in the Grade 4-6 category Black & White Poster competition, and Violet G. won 2nd place and \$45 in the Grade 4-6 category poetry competition. All three students happen to be in Mr. Stringer and Ms. Somers class. Congratulations to all the winners!

For more information about the contest please check out:

<http://www.legion.ca/youth/contests/>





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Stay Safe in Summer Weather

July is a month made for BBQs, outdoor sports, and relaxing on the deck. It's a time where most Albertans spend as many hours as possible outside enjoying the warm weather. As temperatures soar, it is important to keep a few things in mind as you head outdoors.

Though most people can handle moderate summer weather without issue, even healthy Albertans need to keep heat safety in mind during warmer months. When temperatures are high, make sure to take frequent breaks from the heat, spending some time indoors at home, or in a cooled public building— like a mall or indoor pool. Ensure that sunscreen of at least SPF 30 is applied 20 minutes before heading outdoors (be sure the product blocks both UVA and UVB rays), and reapply frequently. Rescheduling outdoor activities to cooler hours of the day is also smart way to beat the heat.

When spending time outdoors, what you wear makes a big difference in keeping your body cool. If you know you will be out in the heat, light colored clothing is suggested. A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses (with a UVA/UVB CSA- certified seal) along with long sleeves and pants can help protect you from the sun's rays. A water bottle is a much needed accessory with any summer outfit— make sure to drink plenty of water and other non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages to stay hydrated.

Albertans are also urged to keep an eye out for heat warnings issued by Environment Canada. The warnings are posted online at http://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=ab to keep residents informed and prepared during periods of extreme heat.

Visit www.ahs.ca/heat for more information on heat safety.





Leadership Link



Message from the Board of Trustees

It has been an incredible year. Our students have shown excellence in each area that we as a Board measure: personal development, character and citizenship.

Every week we hear outstanding stories of our students contributing in their schools, their community and their world. We would like to thank each student and staff member who visited us in the board room and represented student voice for our system. You continue to inspire us. Have an excellent summer!

Budget 2017-18

The CBE budget for the next school year will be finalized and approved by Trustees by the end of June and then submitted to the Province.

Information about the budget is shared on our budget information page as it becomes available. You can also share your feedback with us through the form online at www.cbe.ab.ca/budget

Transportation Registration

Pre-registration for Transportation service for the 2017-18 school year is open until June 5.

Transportation pre-registrations can be completed using [My CBE Account](#). To be included in the yellow school bus route planning for September, parents must pre-register by June 5. Any registrations received after that date will not be considered until route changes are done after Thanksgiving. The more registrations we receive by the deadline, the more efficient route planning will be for September.

Message from the Chief Superintendent

As we near the end of an outstanding year of teaching and learning, I want to express my appreciation to students for the significant effort and enthusiasm they have brought to their learning and to creating a positive environment in their school communities.

I also want to thank each employee for their commitment and dedication to student success, and for providing our city with an excellent public education system.

Parents also make very important contributions to their schools. That involvement and support is key to our children's success, and I want to recognize and honour this partnership.

Finally, I want to thank the community for working with us in countless ways to support our students. Together, we have done great things. Our students have accomplished remarkable things in all areas of learning. Thank you for your continued support of public education.

Congratulations to all students and especially to our graduates. We wish you all the best for the future. I hope all of our families and staff have a wonderful summer.

David Stevenson
Chief Superintendent of Schools

Check out more than books at the Library

The CBE has a long-standing relationship with the [Calgary Public Library](#). In 2014, all CBE students received a free library card. CPL offers a wide variety of resources and programming for students and families to access, both in person at a library branch and online.



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Ethel M Johnson | Calendar of Events

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Principal | Mr. Tracey McIvor

Assistant Principal | Mr. Dan Jones

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 No classes - Office open at 9:30am	31	01	02
03	04 Labour Day - School Closed	05 Classes start at 8:00am Kindergarten Staggered entry 	06 Kindergarten Staggered entry	07 First regular day for Kindergarten - Kindergarten bus starts	08	09
10	11	12	13 School Council meeting 6:30pm	14	15 Kindergarten FLT day - no classes for Kindergarten	16
17	18	19	20	21 Early dismissal at 12:15 pm Parent Teacher Interviews at 4:00-8:00pm	22 Parent Teacher Interviews at 8:30-1pm (no classes for students)	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
01 <i>October</i>	02	03	04	05	06	07

Important Notes:

EMJ School Hours September 2017-2018

Kindergarten AM Monday – Friday 8:00-10:43am

Grades 1-6

Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 11:35am

Recess 10:15-10:30

Lunch 11:35-12:20

PM 12:20-2:30pm

