



## Important Dates

### October 2017

4 – Peter Puffin Concert 1pm  
**9 – Thanksgiving Monday – school closed**  
 10 – Picture Day  
 10 – School Council Meeting 6:30pm  
 13 – Vaccinations for grade 1 & 5  
**16 – non-instructional day – no classes for students**  
 19 – Outdoor School Parent Meeting 6pm in Gym  
 26 – Fun Lunch Little Caesars (order online at Healthy Hunger before Oct 20)  
 26 – Family Dance  
 27 – non- instructional day for **kindergarten only**

### November 2017

8 – Picture Retake Day  
 17 – non-instructional day – no classes for students  
 21-24 – Grade 6's to outdoor school  
 30 – fun lunch Subway (order online at Healthy Hunger before Nov 24)

## Ethel M Johnson School

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## Newsletter | October 2017

### Principal's Message

What a great start to the school year! It has been a pleasure getting to know the staff, students, and families of Ethel M Johnson School over the course of the past month. This is a wonderful school community, and I am honored to be a part of it.

Over the course of the month, students at Ethel M Johnson have been collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our students have really put in a lot of effort into raising money this year, and we have raised close to \$400 as of the end of September. On Thursday, September 28, we celebrated Terry's legacy with an assembly, followed by a school-wide run out in the field. It was a perfect morning, and our students are very proud of their fundraising efforts. We had the honor of hearing Mr. Don Cowie speak to us, who is a cancer survivor himself, being diagnosed with osteosarcoma (the same kind of cancer that Terry Fox had) nearly 50 years ago. Mr. Cowie was truly inspirational, and living proof that cancer can be beaten.

In September, we also had the opportunity to meet with parents during interviews. It was great to meet many new parents, and have the chance to share in your child's learning.

We have many opportunities coming up for our students during the month of October. Some classes have booked in school field trips, we have some community walking trips planned, and some of our students will be going on other adventures beyond the school.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 in the afternoon, we have Juno award winning Peter Puffin here to perform for our students.

There will be a family Halloween Dance on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will also start preparing our grade 6 students for their big outdoor school trip in November, with a parent meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate parent involvement at the school, so if you are ever looking for a way to get involved, please let us know in the office so that we can begin the process of a police clearance. If the day does not work, we are always looking for more people to join our School Council. Our next meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Looking forward to more exciting things to come!!

Chris Radu

Principal, Ethel M Johnson School

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### School Communication – Sign Up for Email Messages

EMJ will continue to use a CBE system wide communication tool called 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 the school. We see this as an opportunity to better communicate with our parents.

### Safety and Security at the School

The safety of our students is our number priority at EMJ School. Moving forward, we will be keeping our front door locked while students are in the building. If you are picking up your child early, or need access to the school for any reason, please ring the bell and we would be happy to let you in. We would also ask that all visitors to the building (including parents and caregivers) please check in at the office so that we know you are in the building, and can provide you with an ID tag to wear. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation in working together to keep everyone safe!

### Illness at School

When a child becomes ill at school, we immediately contact the parent and ask for pick-up. We know that it can be very hard for a parent to simply pick up and leave work. If you have another contact person who could help you out with an emergency, please make sure the office has that information.

### Attendance

If your child will not be in school, please remember to give the school a call. We welcome short messages left on our answering machine (403-777-8500). An absence not reported means time spent by our office staff to call out to your home. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Grade 6 Outdoor School 2017

The grade 6 Outdoor School Meeting will be held **Thursday, October 19th at 6 pm** in the school gym. A representative from the YMCA will be here to give a presentation on the camp and answer any of your questions. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.



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**Ethel M Johnson | Calendar of Events**

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Principal | Mr. Chris Rodu

Assistant Principal | Mr. Dan Jones

# OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04 Peter Puffin Concert at 1pm	05	06	07
08	09 Thanksgiving Day - No school 	10 Picture Day ***** School Council Meeting at 6:30pm	11	12	13 Vaccinations Round 1 for Grade 1 and 5	14
15	16 Non Instructional Day - No classes for students	17	18	19 Grade 6 Outdoor School Parent Meeting in Gym 6pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Fun Lunch (Little Caesars)	27 Kindergarten PLT day - no classes for Kindergarten	28
29	30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN	01 <i>November</i>	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11

**Important Notes:**

**EMJ School Hours September 2017-2018**

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

**Grades 1-6**

**Monday-Thursday** 8:00am - 10:15am

Recess 10:15-10:30

Lunch 11:35-12:20

PM 12:20-2:30pm



**Message from the Chief Superintendent**

We have had a very busy and successful start to this school year, and I would like to share some of the highlights.

We opened Manmeet Singh Bhullar and Marshall Springs Schools in August and September, and Ron Southern and Griffith Woods Schools are set to open later this year. These four schools will create 3,000 exciting new learning spaces for students.

Our communities keep expanding, and we expect to report another record year of student enrolment. To support our more than 120,000 students, we hired an additional 240 teachers this year.

I hope that many of you were able to attend a welcome back or meet the teacher event at your schools. We encourage families to be a part of their school communities and I look forward to working together for student success.

David Stevenson  
Chief Superintendent of Schools

**Election Day is October 16**

Calgary's civic election is October 16. Remember to get out and vote for your school trustee, mayor and city councillor.

This is a system-wide non instructional day and many of our schools will be used as polling stations.

**Non-instructional days**

Ever wondered what happens during a non-instructional day at your school? Students are not in attendance, but staff are working.

Non-instructional days may be used for parent/teacher/student conferences, professional learning for staff, appeals or organizational work. They provide opportunities for school and system

staff to work together as well as provide cost-saving measures for transportation. Individual schools may have the ability to include additional non-instructional days, depending on the circumstances.

Speak to your school's principal for more information on the professional learning opportunities happening at your school!

**Classroom Improvement Fund**

The CBE has been allocated \$13 million through the Classroom Improvement Fund grant. Through a grant application approval process, each school may be eligible for the following (for example): hiring of an additional part-time teacher or non-teaching staff, cost of new or augmented professional development initiatives to address student specific needs, or material or equipment for the classroom.

Principals and staff are collaborating on grant proposals to improve the student experience in the classroom.

**2017-18 School fees**

CBE fees for the 2017-18 school year have been finalized and approved. Fees are loaded into parents' [My CBE Account](#) during September and October. A confirmation email will be sent in October to all parents/guardians who pre-registered for yellow school bus service. The email will include transportation fee information and payment options. You can cancel your transportation pre-registration with no financial penalty using My CBE Account or replying to the confirmation email before Oct. 31, 2017.

No child is ever denied access to an education in the CBE because of an inability to pay. The CBE has a waiver process for families who can't afford to pay the fees. Visit our [Waivers](#) page for more information and the documents required as proof of income.