



## Ethel M Johnson School

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## Newsletter | April 2017

### Principal's Message

As I write this warmer weather is just ahead and the excitement of being able to spend time outdoors is growing as the weather improves. In April planning has begun for the next school year. With this in mind we have begun to plan for September while keeping our attention keenly focused on the achievement of our students in the final term of this year. This year we will be including the transition for students from Silverado to move to their new designated school Ron Southern School this Fall. Information will be posted on our website and Ron Southern School's website beginning in April. Parents are asked to keep checking often for updated information as it comes available.

In March Ms. Gibb celebrated our dance unit with the Green Day dance March 17. What a wonderful site, watching students dancing having fun, filled with laughter and excitement. Later this term Division 1 students will be participating in swim lessons and more field trips to enjoy. Our PLP students are off to Aggie Days in early April, while Grade 2/3 students will be visiting the Bird Sanctuary. Grade 4/5 students have been busy getting ready for their overnight trip to the Tyrell Museum in Drumheller coming in April. Thank you to our Parent Council for their support of experiences such as these by providing funds to reduce costs to parents from our casino account. Our next council meeting is April 12 at 6:30pm where we will provide information about our school plan for the Fall this year. Please attend if you can.

As the year begins to wind down, many parents and students turn their attention to the opportunity to maximize achievement for this school year. Our Parent/Teacher Interviews March 22 and 23 provided an opportunity to share information and set goals for the upcoming and last term of this school year. Result 2 Academic Success provides the guide for our work each day in this regard. Academic Success – Each student will possess the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for academic success and be prepared for life, work and further learning. Students in Grade 6 will be participating in Provincial Achievement Exams again this year and have been working hard in preparation for these in May and June.

Keeping this in mind I encourage all parents to review the successes and areas for improvement from the past term and set goals using the SMART model for upcoming term this school year.

S – Specific – Goals are specific.

M – Measurable – Use a measure so it is known when the goal is achieved.

A – Achievable – The goal is reasonable and achievable. Set a goal for success!

R – Realistic - A realistic goal is one that is possible if we do our best.

T – Time Frame – A time frame is set to achieve the goal. I.e. Term 3 Report

Effective goal setting has been proven to be one of the most effective ways to improve achievement. The partnership with home and the school will support each child with their academic, social and emotional goals by helping monitor, guide and help students as needed from now to the end of the term.

Healthy choices everyone!

*Tracey McIvor*

Principal

### Important Dates

#### April 2017

- 3 – Classes resume
- 5 – PLP and Skill classes to Aggie Days
- 6 – Rm's 19/20 to Inglewood Bird Sanctuary
- 10 – Rm's 17/18 to Inglewood Bird Sanctuary
- 11 – Rm 16 to Inglewood Bird Sanctuary
- 12 – Rm's 9/10 (gr 4/5) to Royal Tyrell Museum overnight field trip
- 12 – School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 14 – Good Friday – no School**
- 17 – PD day – no classes for students**
- 19 – Rm's 11/12 (gr 4/5) to Royal Tyrell Museum overnight field trip
- 20 – Kindergarten 2017-18 Open House
- 24 – Class Picture Day
- 27 – Fun Lunch (Little Caesars)
- 27 – Earth Day Family Dance

#### Upcoming...

#### May 2017

- 5 – Gr 5 Vaccinations
- 10 – School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 17 and 18 – EMJ's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- 19 – PD Day – no classes for students
- 22 – Victoria Day – no school
- 25 – Fun Lunch (Subway)
- 25 – PLP and L&L Open House
- 29 – Group 1 Starts swimming lessons (Skill, rm 14, 19, 5, 20, 6)
- June 1 – Group 1 ends swimming lessons





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### 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.

### Illness

Calgary has been affected by virus/flu extensively this winter and EMJ is no exception with unusually high numbers of students who are ill and going home from school. We ask parents to keep students who are ill at home so they can become well and help to prevent the spread of illness throughout the school. Thank you for your support with maintaining public health at EMJ.

### 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.



### Music

Senior Choir is hard at work practicing new songs. They are meeting every Thursday at lunch in room 8. Please remind your students to bring their lunch to room 8 at the bell so they are ready to sing at 11:50. We have only a few more weeks prior to our big May 17/18 50th anniversary celebration so it is vital that all choir members attend all remaining rehearsals.

To celebrate the year the school opened, we researched and found that the Monkeys had the top pop song in 1967. You might recognize it as one that Smashmouth remade for Shrek - "I'm a Believer." We started working on our second song this week. To celebrate 50 years having gone by, we chose Justin Bieber's "Love Yourself," as it was the top pop song in 2016. Ms. Houston rewrote some of the lyrics to make them more age-appropriate and to celebrate EMJ.

### Events From Me To We

From April 24- 27 the Me to We Leadership Club at EMJ will be taking orders for Rafiki bracelets to support the We organization. This organization empowers youth to become active in the global community. These grade 6 students are creating change and providing a hand up to others. We hope you are able to help us raise funds towards our goal of \$1000 to support health and clean water initiatives in our adopted village in Haiti.

In Swahili, the word for friend is "rafiki". Thinking ahead to Mother's Day, these are great gifts to give! For \$10 each you can choose from 7 different bracelets. Each one has a theme: Health, Water, Income, Food, Education, Besties and We are Canada. You can order as many as you like. All orders must be prepaid. We accept cash or you can pay visa/debit in the office. There will be a form that will come home with each child as well as link on the EMJ homepage so you can see what they look like. Wearing your Rafiki





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bracelet is a fashionable way to say that you care about improving the quality of life for those who are less fortunate.

The Me To We Leadership club is also hosting the concession at our spring Earth Day school dance on Thursday, April 27th. They will be providing baked goods and bottled water, each costing \$1. Students are planning, organizing, baking and running the event. We look forward to your support. If you have any questions, please contact Naomi Mabbott [ninagai@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:ninagai@cbe.ab.ca) or Marnee Somers [msomers@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:msomers@cbe.ab.ca). Thank you for your support.

### Grade 2/3

The Grade 2/3 students in Room 17/18 have been learning about different regions in Canada this year. Lately we have been focusing on the Maritimes. We have been specifically learning about Prince Edward Island, the geography, industries, natural resources and culture. Here are what a few students have to say about their learning.

In PEI, there are a lot of strawberries and blueberries and I bet they are very yummy and very healthy. There is a lot of food to eat in PEI. They fish for fish like salmon, tuna, clams, crabs and mussels. They use lobsters to make lobster rolls. Fishermen catch fish on their fishing boats.

Sebastian, Grade 2 Room 17

In Social Studies, we have been learning about the natural resources of PEI land and sea. Salmon is very popular in PEI. There's also mackerel.

Marley, Grade 2 Room 18

I learned that in PEI they get most of their resources from the sea. I learned that they eat fish like halibut, mackerel, tuna, trout, crab, lobster, mussels, clams, oyster and even scallops. They only eat the meat in the scallop. Resources from the land are strawberries, blueberries, oats, wheat and potatoes. You can eat a lobster dinner in PEI that has potato salad and a bun.

Tavion, Grade 3 Room 18

In PEI they have a lot of natural resources. One of them is fish like tuna, salmon, halibut. They also like to catch lobster in lobster traps and crab. Some of the other natural resources are from cows and strawberries and blueberries from farms and gardens. What we have also learned about in PEI is that they get big money for fish. Fish is very popular in PEI. Any type of seafood is very popular in PEI. They use strawberries for a strawberry shortcake. This is how you make it. You get a biscuit and put strawberries on it and whipped cream from the cow's cream, but more in July because that is when strawberries are ripe. In August the blueberries are ripe so you can make blueberry shortcake instead. We got to have strawberry shortcake in class! YUM!

Peyton, Room 18 Grade 3

### SKILL 2

SKILL 2 has been hard at work in all areas of school! We have been focusing on learning to spell new and familiar words and the kids have been doing awesome on their spelling tests. In math we are learning about time and what it means to us during our days. We have played fun games like "What time is it Mr. Wolf" to help further our understanding. Students have been learning all about Canada and what a great country we live in. We are excited to show what we have been working on at the 50th celebration in May. We hope you'll stop by!





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### Grade 6

#### A Visit From Detective Sweet

By: Kaitlyn

Detective Dave Sweet gave the students of Ethel M. Johnson school a presentation about solving crimes and detective work. Thursday, March 16th, 2017 Detective Sweet visited the Ethel M. Johnson school gymnasium to teach the students more about detective work and solving crimes. In science the students began the crime and investigation unit. The grade 6 teachers requested Detective Sweet to come in and teach the students more about crime and investigation. The grade 6 classes really enjoyed Detective Dave Sweet's presentation. Detective Sweet told us his knowledge about what he has learned from being in the homicide unit for 19 years. Surprisingly, there are more Calgary Flames than detectives in Calgary. He has seen 1000 dead bodies and he has solved more than 450 crimes. The students learned the 5 different types of deaths: accidental, suicide, natural, homicide, and undetermined. A fact that surprised the kids was that blood could tell a story! "Don't climb a fence, find a gate." Detective Sweet told the students. The Calgary Police Service solves about 80% of homicides. Detective Dave Sweet was a very interesting detective.

#### A Visit With Detective Sweet

By: Autumn

On Thursday March 16, 2017 we had a detective come to our school and teach us about the homicide unit. The detective's name was Dave Sweet. This took place at EMJ's gymnasium. The reason why he came to our school is because the grade 6's are learning about evidence and investigation. The grade 6 teachers requested Detective Sweet to come and he did. This was really cool.

Detective Sweet has been working in the police department for 19 years, and including the investigation unit. Detective Sweet has seen over 1000 dead bodies and has solved over 450 crimes. When Detective Sweet was training, his said to him "Don't climb a fence, find a gate." Detective Sweet is a really cool detective.

#### Aggie Days Field Trip

The PLP and SKILL classes went to Stampede Park to enjoy agricultural activities at Aggie Days. We saw cow and goat milking, sheep shearing, farm dogs herding ducks and were treated to a big rodeo show at lunch. The rodeo show had bareback and saddled bronco riding, barrel racing and bull riding. Many of us went on a wagon ride pulled by a team of horses. We learned where food comes from and even planted sunflower seeds and beans.





# earth day dance



**“Be the change you want to see in the world!”**

**Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>, Doors Open at 6pm!!!**

Bring the whole family to our Earth Day Spring Dance!

Please purchase your tickets by Monday April 24th. Only a limited number of tickets will be available at the door. All kids must have parental supervision. Dance prices are set to cover expenses only.

EMJ's Me To We leadership group will be hosting the concession. This 'We Bake for Change' event is raising money to help provide clean water for a village in Haiti. Students will be providing homemade baked goods and bottled water for \$1 each.

Our theme for the dance is OUR EARTH! Please come in **BLUE OR GREEN** to celebrate our planet! For more information about the dance please contact Kelly Fornataro at

[kelly.fornataro@hotmail.ca](mailto:kelly.fornataro@hotmail.ca)

**Order Tickets:**

Adult \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2 each:

Child \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1 each:

Total Cash Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Oldest Child's First/Last

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Room \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please Note: Tickets will be sent home prior to the dance

**Volunteer**

To help our event be the best it can be we are looking for volunteers. If you are able to help out please fill out the information below.

Set up: 5-6pm \_\_\_\_\_

Clean up: 8-9pm \_\_\_\_\_

¼ hour shift: Circle One

6-6:30 6:30-7 7-7:30 7:30-8

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Oral Health: it's about more than the Mouth

Most of us know that diet and exercise play an important role in keeping us healthy. Did you know that a healthy mouth is also an important part of your overall health? With April being Oral Health Month, it's a great time to think about the importance of keeping your teeth and gums healthy.

Although the mouth is part of the body, we often think of it as something separate. Mounting evidence tells us otherwise.

Poor oral health is not only associated with potentially significant and lifelong health problems as diabetes, heart disease and respiratory illness, it has also been linked to pre-term and low-birth-weight babies.

Anyone who has experienced poor oral health can also attest to the negative impact it has on overall quality of life. Mouth pain, missing teeth or oral infections can influence the way a person speaks, eats and socializes, affecting their physical, mental and social well-being. Oral health problems can also be a sign of something more serious, including oral cancer.

The good news? Good oral health is something we can all maintain. Make it a habit to brush teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste (in the morning, and before bedtime), drink tap water with fluoride to prevent tooth decay. Be sure to visit an oral health professional regularly and ask about additional fluoride treatments to keep your teeth strong..

If you are experiencing signs of oral health concerns, including bleeding gums or irritation or pain in the mouth, don't ignore it. Visit an oral health professional.

To help prevent tooth decay in children at higher risk and in financial need, AHS delivers a preschool fluoride varnish program for eligible children aged 12 to 35 months, and a school-based fluoride varnish and dental sealant program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 2 and Grades 1 and 2, respectively.

For more information on oral health and AHS oral health services, visit [www.ahs.ca/oralhealth](http://www.ahs.ca/oralhealth).





## Leadership Link



### Provincial Budget Announcement

We received the provincial budget on March 16 and are pleased that the Province continues to prioritize public education.

We are the largest school board in the province, representing about one-sixth of all Alberta students. Next year alone, we will welcome over 2,000 new students into our classrooms, bringing our enrolment to over 121,000 students. Each of our students deserves the high quality education that Calgary families have come to expect.

This government has stated it wants to protect and improve public education. Providing funding for each and every child is the responsibility of the provincial government. Even with funding for enrolment growth, we will still have a gap between the amount we receive, and the amount necessary to maintain current educational service levels for our students. Therefore, we are worried that government funding may not be able to protect and improve public education.

We are committed to working with the provincial government and our staff and parents to continue to make decisions based on our values; students come first, learning is our central purpose and public education serves the common good.

We support the government's intention to make life more affordable for all families with the introduction of Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees. We also have some concerns about this. Our initial analysis indicates that about one in four students who currently ride a yellow school bus will benefit from Bill 1. The rest could see fees increased and services reduced or eliminated.

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With Bill 1, the government has taken over responsibility for setting service levels and the related fees. We are worried that we will be required to make decisions contrary to what we heard from parents last year during our transportation engagement.

We look forward to working with the government to ensure we protect and improve public education for each and every student.

More information about the CBE's budget will be 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](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/budget)

### School Calendars Engagement

Please watch your email and the CBE website in mid-April for your opportunity to participate in our school calendar guidelines survey.

We want to hear your opinions on how we create our instructional calendars. The survey asks about items such as winter break placement and the first day of school in the fall. You will find the link on the CBE homepage beginning April 12, or watch your email.

### Canada 150

Schools across the country are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canadian confederation in 2017.

Throughout the year, we'll be sharing stories from CBE schools that highlight how students and teachers are marking this milestone. Check our website regularly, as we will be posting stories throughout the year.



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**Ethel M Johnson | Calendar of Events**

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Principal | Mr. Tracey McIvor

Assistant Principal | Mr. Dan Jones

# APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03 Classes resume	04	05 PLP and Skill Classes to Aggie Days	06 Grade 2/3 room 19/20 to Inglewood Bird Sanctuary	07	08
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30	01 <i>May</i>	02 	03	04	05 Vaccinations for Grade 5	06

**Important Notes:**

**EMJ School Hours September 2016-17**

**Kindergarten AM** Monday – Thursday 8:09-11:03

Friday 8:09-9:51

**Kindergarten PM** Monday – Thursday 11:58-2:53

Friday 10:18-12:01

Friday Early Dismissal 12:01pm

**Grades 1-6**

Monday-Thursday

8:09am - 11:32

Recess

10:15-10:29

Lunch

11:32-12:27

PM

12:27-2:53pm