



Ethel M Johnson School

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Newsletter | February 2017

Principal's Message

February brings more sunshine, it is good to see the sun when students arrive and later in the day after they head home from school each day.

This year we will have 2 amazing opportunities to work with Artist In Residence. Ms. Roth has returned to give our students an opportunity to create a visual art display using the theme of EMJ 50th Birthday Celebration and Sound Kreations will provide their World Dance program with all of our students throughout the school. Parents will have an opportunity to join their child's class for the last lesson March 2 or 3. Stay tuned for more detailed information coming on your teacher's blogs later this month. **These opportunities are made possible through funds raised by our Parent Council and we want to thank them for providing our students with these outstanding learning opportunities at EMJ School!**

Kindergarten registration has begun and we invite all parents to come into the school to register their child for the upcoming school year. An open house for kindergarten students and parents will be held April 20 6:30pm to share our program and tour the school. Please pass on to those parents in our community our invitation to come into the school to register their children for Kindergarten.

Parents don't forget to check our website regularly for updates and information about school events. Please ask your child to show you the **agenda blog** for your child's teacher, the link is on the main page on our website. This is an important tool used to communicate school information to home. Parents are encouraged to check the blog daily for updates and opportunities to discuss with your child the often asked question: **What did you do in school today?**

We are well into our second term with students working to show their amazing learning throughout the school. Teachers will be sending home a letter outlining curriculum outcomes during this term, as well as, updated Priority Learning Cycles on IPP's (current learning will be included on the final report in June). As you know there will not be report card in March, information inviting parents to discuss their child's personalized learning during interviews scheduled for **Wednesday March 22 4-8pm** (students dismissed at 12:00pm) and **Thursday March 23 8:30am-1:00pm** (no school for students Friday, March 24). In this second term teachers will be building on the learning goals of each child established in the first term. **IPP reports will be sent home with students March 17, 2017.** If you have questions regarding your child's progress I encourage you to contact your child's teacher.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Council for their support of the many learning opportunities and social events sponsored throughout the year. Our next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday February 8 at 6:30pm**. Thank you for your support for each child to reach their potential!

Healthy Choices

Tracey McJuer
Principal

February 2017

2 – Celebration of Learning
9am

3 – PD day – no classes for students

6-9 – PM Kindergarten Swim program

8 – School Council Meeting
6:30pm

16-17 – Teacher's Convention – no classes for students

20 – Family Day – School Closed

23 – Fun Lunch (Taco Time)

Upcoming...**March 2017**

8 – School Council Meeting
6:30pm

16 – Fun Lunch (Edo)

22 – Early dismissal 12:00

22 – Parent Teacher Interviews 4-8pm

23 – Parent Teacher Interviews 8:30-1pm – **no classes for students**

24 – Non instructional Day – no classes for students

27-31 - Spring Break- School Closed





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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.



Kindergarten

January has been a busy month in kindergarten! One of our highlights was completing the Mission Impossible obstacle course. We have gone on some winter walks, looking for animal tracks and observing the season of winter. We have done some winter-themed artwork that connects to our journal writing activities. We are learning about Chinese New Year dragons, colors, important foods and traditions. As a class, we worked on a book together based on Jan Brett's "The Mitten."

Rooms 5/6

Happy Groundhog Day!

Room 5 and Room 6 have been learning about our local weather. We, with the help of our little EMJ Groundhogs, have made a prediction about the weather for the next 6 weeks.

We predict that the Groundhogs will not see their shadows and therefore we will have an early spring!

Room 16 - Mrs. Mintenko's Class

Throughout January we have been studying the Acadians of eastern Canada. We have taken a special interest in the fishing industry and lifestyle. The students of room 16 have been working to research and develop presentations about different aspects of the topic. We have developed a great appreciation for this culture and its unique way of life. The students took a special interest in the most valuable catch, lobsters! They were so interested in them that we decided to do an art project about them! Please feel free to come see the lobsters outside room 16!





Leadership Link

**Message from the Board of Trustees**

Trustees are elected by you, the citizens of Calgary. A locally accountable Board of Trustees is important. This connection to our community allows us to focus on advocating for what our students and our system needs most.

We've heard from you about the importance of learning space for schools close to where our students live, funding for modernizing our existing schools, about transportation service and about the need for resources to support students in our diverse and complex system. These discussions help us focus our efforts so we are advocating for what matters most to you.

Please visit the Trustees section of our website, cbe.ab.ca, under the "About Us" tab to learn more about our advocacy priorities and activities.

Message from David Stevenson, Chief Superintendent

When the provincial government announced several years ago that they would be building more than 20 new CBE schools in Calgary, we were very pleased. Many of our existing schools were operating at or beyond capacity, and we simply needed more learning space for students.

With 15 of those new schools opening in the 2016-17 school year, we knew thousands of students would be able to attend school in their own communities, and that many of our existing schools would be impacted.

A year ago, we started planning how we could make the best use of student learning space across our system. We connected with employees, parents and community members to gather feedback on possibilities for use of available school space. Feedback was gathered through meetings, open houses and an online survey. What we heard helped us develop possible scenarios for impacted schools in several areas of our city.

Students, parents and community members came out to numerous meetings in the fall to provide input on the scenarios. Many more responded to a second online survey. That input, along with our planning principles and student accommodation regulations, shaped the proposed plans that were made available to communities last month.

While we have always strived to involve students, staff, parents and community members in decisions that affect them, this past year has seen an unprecedented level of involvement with our communities. The plans presented at open houses and on our website in January reflect what was most important to our students, staff, parents and communities overall, and demonstrate what we can achieve when we work together in the best interests of students.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed time and effort over the past year to help us plan how to best use our schools for the benefit of our students. Your voices matter, and contribute significantly to the choices we make.

We've heard positive feedback about the process and know that we have difficult choices to make. Please visit cbe.ab.ca/dialogue to keep up to date on current community engagement projects and learn more about how you can share your perspectives with us.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Kindergarten opened January 9. Registration is not determined on a first come, first served basis, so it is not necessary to register on the first day. However, registering your child as soon as possible helps our principals plan and prepare accordingly for the new school year. Visit cbe.ab.ca/kindergarten for more information.





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Ethel M Johnson | Calendar of Events

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Principal | Mr. Tracey McIvor

Assistant Principal | Mr. Dan Jones

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02 Celebration of Learning 9AM	03 PD day - no classes for students	04
05	06 PM Kindergarten start Swim program	07	08 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	09 PM Kindergarten Swim program ends	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Teacher's Convention - no classes for students	17 Teacher's Convention - no classes for students	18
19	20 Family Day - School Closed	21	22	23 Fun Lunch (Taco Time)	24	25
26	27	28	01 March	02	03	04
05	06	07	08 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	09	10	11

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

Recess

Lunch

PM

8:09am - 11:32

10:15-10:29

11:32-12:27

12:27-2:53pm

