



Important Dates

May 2017

5 – Gr 5 Vaccinations
 10 – School Council Meeting
 6:30pm
 11 – Grade 6 PAT LA part A
 17 and 18 – EMJ's 50th Anniversary
 Celebration
 19 – **PD Day – no classes for
 students**
 22 – **Victoria Day – no school**
 25 – Fun Lunch (Subway)
 29 – Group 1 Starts swimming
 lessons (Skill, rm 14, 19, 5, 20, 6)
 June 1 – Group 1 ends swimming
 lessons

Upcoming...

June 2017

1 – PLP and L&L Open House for
 new students to the programs
 5-8 – Group 2 swim program
 7-9 – Inline skating for gr 4/5
 19 – Grade 6 PAT LA Part B
 20 – Grade 6 PAT Math
 21 – Aboriginal Day
 22 – Grade 6 PAT Science
 22 – FunLunch (Booster Juice)
 23 – Grade 6 PAT Social Studies
 27 – Sports day
 28 – 12:00 pm - Kindergarten grad,
 1:00 pm – Grade 6 Farewell
 29 – **Last day of classes - Early
 Dismissal at 12pm**
 30 – Appeals Day – no classes for
 students

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Principal's Message

May is a time in the school year in which planning for the upcoming school year begins to flourish. The process for planning school organization and student placement is well underway. Ethel M Johnson has been projected to decrease in students for the upcoming school year with the opening of Ron Southern School in Silverado. Careful planning is underway to ensure the needs of all students are met as we plan for students coming in the next school year.

I am always so grateful for the tremendous support we receive from our parents and school community. We celebrate our parent volunteers at an encore performance of our Senior Choir June 2 during the Volunteer Celebration. An invitation will be sent home, please join us if you can. At this time I along with our parent council executive are working to enhance the role of the council and parents in our school. With this support many learning opportunities and community events are able to be provided making our school even more vibrant and engaging in support of your child's experience at EMJ School. We need your help. School Council will be looking for parents to participate as representatives on council for the next school year. Please consider attending our final council meeting this year and becoming involved in your school council. Our final meeting is **Wednesday May 10 at 6:30pm.**

Student placement is a multifaceted process in which careful planning and consideration is used to provide all students an opportunity to be challenged, supported and be successful in their educational setting. The responsibility for class and school organization is given to the Principal and staff within the school. Class consideration for students is complex and very important and as a result many factors are considered for placement of students. These factors include class balance for gender, academic ability, behavioral needs, academic support needs and social parameters that would best meet the needs of students. It is our goal to provide each child with an opportunity to reach their potential and be a successful learner in a positive and productive learning environment. Teachers know their students very well and are able to use good judgment with strong reasoning in the student placement process. Parents also provide additional information throughout the school year through phone calls, email and interviews regarding their child's learning as well. **Parents who wish to provide specific input regarding your child's class placement, please do so in writing through email or letter to Mr. McIvor or Mr. Jones prior to May 31, 2016.** Requests after May 31 cannot be accepted due to class placements already completed. **Due to ongoing staffing, requests for a particular teacher will be considered but cannot be guaranteed.** In addition, please include only 1 request/child within a request by parents, multiple requests are very challenging to implement. Parent requests and information will always be taken into consideration, however please keep in mind due to the complex nature of the placement process placements cannot be guaranteed.

In addition the fall teaching staffing process occurs at this time. Staffing is a continual process that occurs throughout the summer months and into the fall as well. In our year end newsletter in June, I will be providing you information regarding school organization and known staffing decisions prior to leaving for the summer break. We always keep in mind what is in the best interest of student learning throughout this process.

On a final note, I would like to invite all EMJ students and staff both current and in the past to join us for our 50th Celebration Evening either May 17 or 18. Volunteers are needed and





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more info can be found on our website. Program information is found on our website as well as tickets for the student performances. Currently families are restricted to 2 with the hope that additional tickets will be released in May for families to use as availability is known. Thank you to our parents and family members who continue to support our school with their presence, kindness and support of learning at EMJ School.

As our students prepare for upcoming year end activities, I hope families enjoy the warming weather and outdoor opportunities that are provided with being outside for sports, leisure and recreation the warm weather provides.

Healthy Choices,
Tracey McJuvor
Principal

EMJ Blog

Please check your child's teacher blog daily for classroom information and updates. Please check our EMJ website to stay connected to our school and receive updated information as soon as it is posted. These communication strategies are a vital part of our effort to keep our parents informed and up to date with school information.

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.





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We Are Rafiki and We Bake for Change Campaign

Me to We leadership students were busy April 24th - 27th, collecting money for Rafiki bracelets and selling baked goods at the Earth Day Dance. We are thrilled at the overwhelming success of these two fundraisers. Over 240 bracelets were sold surpassing our goal of \$1000. The unofficial total is \$2424.05. Bracelets will take about 3 weeks to come. Thanks in advance for your patience. Our bake sale brought in \$388. Way to go students, staff and families of EMJ. Our village in Haiti will have money put towards health and water initiatives. Me to We students and staff are very grateful for your support. Thank you!

SKILL 1 and 2

SKILL 1 and 2 have been thoroughly enjoying our music therapy sessions with JB Music. Not only have we been learning so many great skills such as beat, rhythm, and about different instruments but we have also seen the impact music therapy has had on each child. These moments have become times of calm and provide students with a moment of peace as they engage in the different activities at the levels they are comfortable participating in. We would like to thank EducationMatters for providing us with the grant which enabled us to enjoy such an enriching opportunity! It has made a huge difference to our students and for that we are grateful.

Mr. Sedor Comes to EMJ School

By: Bretta, news reporter, Ethel M. Johnson

On Thursday April 20th 2017, Mr. Sedor came to EMJ in room 8 for an interview. Mr. Sedor used to teach at EMJ and loved it. He came to talk to us about some of his experiences.

One of Mr. Sedor's quotes was, "People made the school-not the school that made the students." He started teaching in 1997 and retired in 2008. He said that he has taught in plenty of schools but EMJ was his favorite. Out of all the schools, he stayed at EMJ for the longest. When the students asked him why he wanted to be a teacher, he responded, "My grade six teacher had inspired me at ten years old. In that moment I knew that I wanted to be a teacher." Mr. Sedor said that he loved teaching grade six and misses it. He was talking about the fun times that he had at Camp Chief Hector and how he's been there fifteen times. When interviewed Theresa Chen, said "I think it is cool how Mr. Sedor knew what his job was going to be at ten years old. I really enjoyed the presentation and I'm glad that he came!"

Mr. Sedor loved coming in and talking to us. The students even wanted him to come back and be a substitute one time. He said that he might consider it and that he had lot of fun at the interview.

Grade Sixes of E.M.J Experience a blast from the Past

-Shaphan, News reporter, Calgary A.B.

On April 20th, 2017, the amazing historian, Mr.Sedor came to E.M.J school to teach the students about how it was like to be a teacher in his time. In 1977, Mr. Sedor started to teach in the C.B.E. program and taught at one school for at least three years. Then Mr.Sedor moved to E.M.J. in 1997 and was a curriculum leader and taught the grade four, five, and six students. Mr. Sedor said that his favorite class to teach was the grade sixes and they did lots of fun things like, dances, parties, field trips, going to camp, and skating.

Sadly on 2008 Mr. Sedor had to retire on February because he faced some illnesses in the middle of the year, but when he got better he started to substitute for two years. When Mr. Sedor was here a lot of things were different like Mr. Sedor said that when he was here



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they only had three hundred and sixty student and they had a lot of empty rooms. Now at E.M.J they have more than four hundred and seventy students and the rooms are overflowing. Mr. Sedor says that E.M.J. was his favorite school to teach at, and he taught at E.M.J for eleven great years. E.M.J. has a very good reputation and Mr.Sedor says “The school doesn't make the students, the students make the school.” He has inspired us to follow our dreams. When Mr. Sedor was in grade six his teacher inspired him to be a teacher too. Before Mr.Sedor came to E.M.J. he still worked for the C.B.E.! Mr. Sedor used to be a maintenance worker, working on desks and other classroom items. Mr. Sedor inspired us to be whatever we want to be when we grow up, and we will always remember him. “We can't wait to see when we get to see him again, and we really hope we will see him again,” Shae, from the grade six class, says.

**From broccoli to strawberries – growing nutritious food in your backyard or neighbourhood**

It's surprising how many types of produce are grown in Alberta. We all know that vegetables and fruit are good for us; but have you thought to try to grow some yourself? Diets rich in vegetables and fruit have been associated with obesity and chronic disease prevention and improved overall health. Here are just a few examples of nutrient-packed vegetables and fruit that can be grown in your own backyard.

- Strawberries: These delicious bright red berries beat out other berries when it comes to vitamin C needed for immunity, healthy skin and gums.
- Broccoli: A type of cruciferous vegetable, this green vegetable can protect against certain cancers. They also are an excellent source of Vitamin C.
- Spinach: Leafy green with a mild taste that can be used in smoothies, omelettes or salad. Spinach has fibre and is a good source of vitamin A, C and K and folate. They also have plant chemicals like beta carotene, lutein and zeaxanthin which are important for eye health.
- Carrots: One medium-sized carrot supplies enough Vitamin A for an entire day. Carrots provide fibre and potassium and are a good source of vitamin C.
- Tomatoes: Red and round, tomatoes have many nutrients like potassium folate and vitamin B6. They also have an anti-oxidant called lycopene which is high in cooked tomatoes and has been linked to reduced risk of prostate cancer.

Do these health benefits inspire you to get growing? You can start your own backyard or balcony garden and it's not too late to sign up for a community garden. For information on how to start or join one, visit albertahealthservices.ca and search [Community Gardens Handbook](#).





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'Real books' or eBooks . . . keep reading happening this summer!

Research shows that children can lose up to three months of academic progress over summer vacation.

This is called 'summer slide'.

Keep in mind: children in Alberta spend 950 to 1,000 hours in school annually, compared to 1,500 to 1,700 hours outside of school over the summer.

Reading a minimum of six 'Just Right' books can help your child maintain their reading level when school is out.

eBooks are an option too!

Parents tell us that setting limits for their child's screen time can be even more difficult during the summer. So, keep in mind that eBooks can be a fun way to keep your child reading—even when they are on a device!

Lots of websites share free children's eBooks.

Here are a few to check out:

www.magickeys.com/books/

www.freechildrenstories.com

<http://www.kidsworldfun.com/ebooks.php>

<https://freekidsbooks.org/>

Books beat 'summer slide'.

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35-40% better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books. Visit your local public library and bring lots of new books into your home this summer!

Sources: Reading Now Network/Government of Michigan and First Book Canada.

*Our school is part of the Alberta Reads Network and we make reading a priority! If you volunteered with our **wee read** program this school year—thank you! There will be more fun opportunities to help children build their skills and love of reading next year too . . . and we hope you'll be involved. www.albertareadsnetwork.com*

How to select a 'Just Right' Book

Open a book to any page and have your child begin reading.

Each time they come to a word they don't know – have them hold up one finger

After they finish the page, check how many fingers they are holding up.

One finger – the book is too easy.
Five fingers – the book is too hard.

Three fingers – the book is 'Just Right'!





Leadership Link



Message from the Board of Trustees

Every four years, citizens of Calgary elect trustees to govern the Calgary Board of Education. Trustees are elected during the municipal election at the same time that our mayor and city councilors are elected.

Trustees hold important roles. They provide leadership for the CBE by defining the vision, Results and Operational Expectations for the organization on behalf of its community.

Our next municipal election will take place on Oct. 16, 2017. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a public school board trustee, an information evening is being planned for June 13, 2017.

More information about the event will be posted on our website. For more information on the municipal election, please visit Calgary.ca.

Message from the Chief Superintendent

It's May and our high school graduation ceremonies are upon us once again. Graduation is a time of reflection and celebration. It is a time for our students to look back on their journey with us, and to think about what they have achieved.

Whether our graduates have joined us for just a short time, or right from kindergarten, I believe that the time they have spent with us has helped them grow as people and to develop a life-long love of learning.

Our graduates can be justifiably proud of their achievements. I would like to express my gratitude to their families, friends, teachers, principals, support staff and their fellow students for the significant role they played in helping each graduate reach his or her goals.

We can all celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our graduates as they mark this important milestone in their lives.

I know I speak for everyone at the CBE when I say we are all extremely proud of our students. I extend our heartfelt congratulations and good luck to the graduates of 2017.

Registration

We are accepting registrations on an ongoing basis for new students for the 2017-18 school year. For more information about how to register, please visit the [registration page](#) on our website.

My 1st Ride

The CBE offers a school bus orientation program for our first-time riders and their parents called My 1st Ride. This year's orientation will take place on May 27 and 28. Registration is required and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Check our [website](#) for more information and to register.

Budget 2017-18

The CBE budget for the next school year will be finalized and approved by Trustees by the end of May.

Information about the budget is being 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



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Ethel M Johnson | Calendar of Events

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Principal | Mr. Tracey Molvor

Assistant Principal | Mr. Dan Jones

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01 	02	03	04	05 Vaccinations Grade 5	06
07	08	09	10 Last School Council meeting of the school year 6:30pm	11 Grade 5 PAT LA part A in AM	12	13
14 	15	16	17 EMJ 50th Celebration Night 1 - Open house at 6pm, Performance at 7:00pm (free tickets are required, see Eventbrite link on our web page)	18 EMJ 50th Celebration Night 2 - Open house at 6pm, Performance at 7:00pm (free tickets are required, see Eventbrite link on our web page)	19 PD day- no school for students	20
21	22 Victoria Day - School Closed	23	24	25 Fun Lunch (Subway)	26	27
28	29 Group 1 swim program starts	30	31	01 June Group 1 Swim program ends	02	03
04	05 Group 2 swim program starts	06	07 Inline skating program for grade 4/5 (June 7-9)	08 Group 2 Swim program ends	09 Kindergarten PLT day - no classes for Kindergarten students	10

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

