

**Ethel M Johnson School**

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## Newsletter | November 2017

### Principal's Message

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all of our parents that helped to organize the Halloween Family Dance. What an incredible event! It was amazing to see so many families come out and have fun at the school. I greatly appreciate the partnership between the school and the community, and I look forward to many more opportunities to continually build the community spirit! This is a great community to be a part of!



### Important Dates

#### Upcoming...

#### November 2017

8 – Picture Retake Day  
 10 – Remembrance Day assembly  
 9:00 am  
 14 – School Council meeting  
 6:30pm  
 15 – Grade 1 – in school field trip  
 with Teacher's Pet  
 17 – *non-instructional day – no  
 classes for students*  
 21-24 – Grade 6's to outdoor  
 school  
 24 – Deadline for fun lunch orders  
 30 – fun lunch Subway (order  
 online at Healthy Hunger before  
 Nov 24)

#### December 2017

5 - Choir Field trip  
 8 – *Non-Instructional day – no  
 classes for students*  
 12 – Choir Field trip  
 14 – Primary Concert (Time TBD)  
 15 – vaccinations round #2  
 15 – Report cards go home  
 21 – Last day of classes  
 21 – *Early dismissal at 12:15pm*  
 21 – Parent Teacher Interviews 4-8  
 22 – *no classes for students*  
 22 – Parent Teacher Interviews 8-1  
 25 to January 5 – *Winter Break –  
 school closed.*  
*School Resumes on January 8,  
 2018*



impact all of our students.

Our grade 6 students will also be heading off to Outdoor School, where they will have the opportunity to work together and experience learning in a different environment throughout the day (and evening) from November 21-24.

November is also a time where we honour our Veterans, and take time to appreciate the freedoms that we currently have living in Canada. Our annual Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. All students will be provided with a poppy; any donations will be accepted at the office.

Looking forward to a great month!

Chris Radu  
 Principal, Braeside School  
[cradu@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:cradu@cbe.ab.ca)

November is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month with many great opportunities for students! Many of our grade six students will have the opportunity to attend "We Day" on the first of November. This is an incredible experience for those in attendance, as students get to hear from some inspirational speakers about how to make a difference in the world. The students that attend will then be able to bring their learning back to the school to





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### Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Friday, November 10th at 9:00 am, Ethel M Johnson School will be hosting a Remembrance Day ceremony for students and their families. Poppies will be available at the school for all students and a small donation is always welcome.

### Parking

We would ask that parents dropping off and picking up students please be aware of the buses coming and going through the front driveway. This is especially important during drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. A reminder that the school parking lot is not to be used for drop off or pick up as it is a safety concern for students. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping students safe!

### 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 and students throughout the school.

### 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.



### Parents as Partners-School Council

The next meeting of the school year is Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The EMJ School Council is key to organizing school wide events and is a primary 'sounding board' for school wide programs and events. Attendance at these meetings offers parents the opportunity to link with other parents and school administration in a very collegial manner. Whether you have the time to attend one meeting this year or want to book it into your calendar for a regular outing, your attendance is appreciated. Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month.

### Skill classes

The SKILL program has been working on a community unit in Social Studies. We have been learning our addresses as well as discussing who lives at our homes with us. We have explored places in our neighborhood including the school which is an important part of any community. SKILL 1 was fortunate enough to walk to the Southwood Library where





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they enjoyed a story time with the librarian and also toured the library itself. SKILL 2 continues to walk on Wednesday afternoons and have been learning about what places make up the community around our school. One of these places is the pet store and we have booked Petland to come and give a presentation for both SKILL 1 & 2 on November 8th. We are all looking forward to that!



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### Report to Parents on Provincial Achievement Exams

All students in Alberta in Grades 6 and 9 wrote Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) last year. Students in Grade 12 wrote Provincial Diploma Examinations. Generally, all eligible students are expected to write the exams, which are scheduled during May and June of each school year. Occasionally the Chief Superintendent of Schools, at the school's recommendation, may exempt students from writing the tests. The primary reasons for this would be:

- 1) The student is in a special education program where curriculum modifications are so significant that it would not be appropriate for the student to write.
- 2) The student is a beginning English as a Second Language student, generally with less than one year of exposure to English.

We are proud of the results our students have demonstrated. Results do ebb and flow over time and significant changes are reviewed carefully. A plan is put into place to address significant gaps. Individual student profiles for PATs will be distributed when they are available, most likely in early November. The ranking of schools is not supported by the CBE or Alberta Education.

#### OVERALL RESULTS: STUDENTS WHO WROTE THE TEST

2017	Gr 6 Language Arts % n=67	Gr 6 Math % n=72	Gr 6 Science % N=71	Gr 6 Social Studies % n=69
EMJ Acceptable	<b>Total-95.7</b> <b>Writing-92.9</b> <b>Reading-90.0</b>	<b>Total: 77.8</b> <b>Part A: 65.3</b> <b>Part B: 79.2</b>	<b>Total- 90.1</b> <b>Knowledge-</b> <b>94.4</b> <b>Skills-88.7</b>	<b>85.5</b>
Province Acceptable	Total-91.5 Writing-90.3 Reading-90.0	<b>Total: 76.2</b> <b>Part A: 65.1</b> <b>Part B: 78.5</b>	Total-86.0 Knowledge- 90.8 Skills-82.7	81.3
EMJ Excellence	<b>Total-12.9</b> <b>Writing-7.1</b> <b>Reading-32.9</b>	<b>Total: 11.1</b> <b>Part A: 18.1</b> <b>Part B: 11.1</b>	<b>Total-22.5</b> <b>Knowledge-</b> <b>25.4</b> <b>Skills-26.8</b>	<b>15.9</b>
Province Excellence	Total-20.9 Writing-12.3 Reading-43.8	<b>Total: 13.7</b> <b>Part A: 29.6</b> <b>Part B: 14.6</b>	Total-33.2 Knowledge- 35.9 Skills-36.9	25.1

**These tests are a snapshot in time and one part of a comprehensive assessment process. Results will be further discussed at the November School Council meeting.**



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From homemade chicken soup to a hot shower—everyone has their own remedy for a cold or flu. If you get sick this winter, health management nurse Tracy Mullen has seven tried-and-true suggestions to help you feel better.

1. Get lots of sleep. "It's your body's way of healing itself," Mullen says. Shoot for at least six to eight hours a night, and nap if you can.
2. Drink lots of water to prevent dehydration and loosen mucus.
3. Gargle with salt and warm water to relieve pain, Mullen says.
4. When you have a stuffy nose, try a humidifier. "It hydrates and loosens the secretions in your sinus," Mullen says. Visit [Facebook.com.applemap.ca](https://www.facebook.com/applemap.ca) for tips on cleaning your humidifier. You can also use a saline nose mist.
5. Talk to your pharmacist about safe over-the-counter medications for you.
6. Give your body time to heal.
7. Get the free flu shot to prevent future colds and flus.

**Protect yourself from the cold**

There's a reason the phrase "Jack Frost nipping at your nose" is so relatable.

When the temperature drops, skin and the tissue underneath—most commonly on the hands, feet, nose and face—can freeze or get frostbitten. From tingling hands to frozen feet, frostbite becomes more severe the longer you're outside and the colder it is; if you think frostbite is severe, seek immediate help.

The best way to protect yourself from the elements is to dress for the weather. Remember these four layers before heading outside.

1. Inner layer: choose socks, long johns and long sleeves made of merino wool or synthetic fabrics to wick moisture away from the skin.
2. Middle layer: choose sweaters and pants made of fleece or synthetic insulation to trap warm air against your body.
3. Outer layer: add a jacket with material that cuts or blocks wind and repels rain and snow.
4. Final layer: wear boots, hats and gloves that can wick away moisture and insulate, and add a balaclava or scarf to cover your face.





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**Ethel M Johnson | Calendar of Events**

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Principal | Mr. Chris Radu

Assistant Principal | Mr. Dan Jones

# NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01 Me to We to We Day at Saddledome	02	03	04
05	06	07	08 Picture Retakes	09	10 Remembrance Day Assembly	11  Lest We Forget.
12	13	14 School Council meeting 6:30pm	15 Grade 1 - Teacher's pet Inschool field trip	16	17 Non-instructional day - no classes for students	18
19	20	21 Grade 6 students to Outdoor school 	22	23	24 Grade 6 students return from outdoor school (approximately 1pm) ***** Deadline for Fun Lunch Orders	25
26	27	28	29	30 Fun Lunch (Subway)	01 <i>December</i>	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09

**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





## Leadership Link



### New Board of Trustees

The Calgary Board of Education is pleased to introduce the newly elected Board of Trustees.

Wards 1 & 2 – Trina Hurdman  
Wards 3 & 4 – Althea Adams  
Wards 5 & 10 – Marilyn Dennis  
Wards 6 & 7 – Lisa Davis  
Wards 8 & 9 – Richard Hehr  
Wards 11 & 13 – Julie Hrdlicka  
Wards 12 & 14 – Mike Bradshaw

The trustees were sworn in on Oct. 27, 2017 by the Honourable John D. Rooke, Associate Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

The CBE welcomes two returning trustees, Trustee Hurdman and Trustee Hrdlicka, and five new trustees, Trustee Adams, Trustee Dennis, Trustee Davis, Trustee Hehr and Trustee Bradshaw to the Board.

You can learn more about all of our trustees and find the public board meeting schedule on the CBE website.

#### Did you know?

You can watch the public board meetings at home. All public board meetings are live streamed and videos are archived online. Watch for the link on the CBE website.

### CBE Celebrates Student Achievement

Calgary Board of Education students achieved high standards on the 2016-17 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams.

The hard work of students and teachers is once again evident in our Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test results.

Teachers, students, parents and our community partners continue to work together to support student learning and academic success. As always, we review the results, analyze the data and look for areas of future improvement.

Provincial achievement testing is one of several ways the CBE measures student success. Other measures include report card data, student survey data and the province's Accountability Pillar. Full student results are available on the CBE website. Individual school results will be posted on your school website.

### Grade 6 and Grade 9 PAT Results

- CBE student results in Grade 6 were equal to or better than the province in all measures at both the Acceptable Standard and the Standard of Excellence. In Grade 9 our results were equal to or better than the provincial results in French Language Arts, Science and Social Studies at the Acceptable Standard and in French Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies at the Standard of Excellence.
- While the CBE is 4.3 percentage points above the province in Grade 6 mathematics, our Grade 9 result at the Acceptable Standard shows a point from which we can improve. Our K-12 Mathematics Strategy is being implemented this year and is designed to support student success in mathematics.

### Grade 12 Diploma Examinations

- CBE results were above provincial results in all but three of the Diploma Exams and in 10 out of 11 at the Standard of Excellence. More than 40 per cent of CBE students writing the Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 Diploma Exams have achieved the Standard of Excellence. In Physics 30, more than half the students achieved the Standard of Excellence this year.

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