



Jennie Emery Newsletter

February 2012

Important Dates:

February 2 - Groundhog Day

February 3 - School Assembly @ 9:00am
- Red Day

February 9 - 100 Days of School

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 20-24 - NO SCHOOL this week

February 29 - Pink Shirt Day!

One School, One Book

Thank you to those who attended our special assembly to launch "One School, One Book" project on January 27th. Our family and school community is excited to be reading "Feather Brain" by Calgary author, Maureen Bush. The project will run until February 17, with an author visit on February 16.

The "One School, One Book" project

was made possible through generous donations from:

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Special Events Committee - Jennie Emery Parent Council

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As shared last month, One School, One Book is a different reading program that involves all the families in the school reading the same book together over several weeks at home. At school, the students will be answering trivia questions, have class discussions and participate in activities based on the book. It's kind of like one big book club!

The project tries to encourage family participation in literacy and school related activities. We hope that the project will get students, parents, families and the community excited about reading – and have conversations about what is happening in the book. Some children may be exposed to new vocabulary words and sentences to help them become better readers. We are hoping that a greater sense of community will occur from a huge

number of children, parents, families, and teachers reading the book. And maybe... families will get excited about the simple pleasure of reading and spending time together!

The One School, One Book initiative has already made a difference! Students from Mrs. Ainscough's room have formed an outside noon hour reading club. It was their excitement about the One School, One Book project that prompted them to for this club on their own.





Valentine's Day Parties

Individual classroom "Valentine's Day Parties" will be held on **Tuesday February 14th, 2012.**

Your child's classroom teacher will provide further details.



**Jennie Emery
Elementary School's
18th birthday is
Sunday, February 6!**

2012-2013 Kindergarten/Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2012-2013 Kindergarten and Preschool programs at JEES began on **Monday, January 16th, 2012** and will be continuous as space permits. Registration will take place on regular school days from 9:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. Children are eligible to attend Kindergarten if they will be five years of age by December 31st, 2012, and are eligible to attend Preschool if they will be four years of age by December 31st, 2012. Please bring your child's Alberta Health Care card and birth certificate/

citizenship card/passport with you to register your child for either of these programs. The school requires a copy of your child's birth certificate/citizenship card/passport to be kept in your child's student record file. Every child registered at the school will have a student record file created and this file will follow them throughout their school years.

A \$10.00 **non-refundable** registration fee is required at the time of registration for each of these programs.

Please have the registration fee for Kindergarten made out to: Jennie Emery Elementary School, and the registration fee for Preschool made out to: Palliser Regional School Division. The registration fees are utilized to purchase classroom materials for the programs. School fees for the 2012/2013 Preschool program will be \$80.00/month made out to Palliser Regional School Division. Should you have any questions about either of these programs, please call the school office @ (403) 345-2403.

News From The Gym

I would like to start off by thanking all the parents who helped with the Teacher Appreciation luncheon. The work that went into that day and all of the wonderful food items were greatly appreciated. Thank you so much! As was mentioned at the assembly, we have started up the semi-competitive portion of intramurals. Students who wanted to play in Gr. 1 to Gr. 4 were put on teams. In Gr. 1 and Gr. 2

the students play indoor 4 ball soccer with the points coming from participation and sportsmanship. The Gr. 3 and Gr. 4 students are playing floor hockey with the points coming from participation, sportsmanship and for winning, losing or tying games. Everyone is invited to come out at lunch and cheer on their favorite team or player. In February, all grades will be taking part in a balances and rolls

gymnastics unit. The idea is to improve and train body space awareness with an eye on using equipment safely, cooperation, demonstrating a willingness to participate and being able to listen to and follow directions. The kindergarten classes will also be doing gymnastics with the focus being balancing and rolls using efforts, shapes and levels.



School Council Update

Wednesday February 8, 2012

7:30 PM JEES Staff Room

Conference call with Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education

Parent representatives on School Councils are invited to participate in a conference call with the Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education to continue the discussion on priorities for

Alberta's education system. Parents play an important role in their child's learning and the Minister is interested in directly hearing their ideas and perspectives.

The call will begin at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 and will take approximately 1.5 hours. The Minister will open the conference call. He will make his remarks which will be followed by a question and answer session with callers.

All questions and responses will be heard by all participants and the Minister will answer as many questions as possible in the time allotted.

If you would like to listen in on this call please confirm your attendance at chinook400@hotmail.com or with the School Office at 403-345-2403.

The next School Council Meeting will be on March 20, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the staff room.

CHECK-IT-OUT From the Library

WOW, we're into our 1st week of our One School , One Book and I'm having fun...how about you???? Did you know that I have the book " Make-a-Saurus" by B. Cooley and Mary Ann Wilson, that is mentioned in the book ...that Luke makes his dino's from. Yes, and did you know that it is signed

by the authors and that I made a dino from the book as well...Oh yes!!! You can see it in the library...does it come to life...you be the judge!!

We have many, many prizes to celebrate our reading of Feather Brain...3 prizes are given to lucky students who answer the

daily question... and on our final day we have a "blow-out" prize give-away. So, enjoy reading Featherbrain and we'll talk about it for weeks!!

Accountability Pillar Survey

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be

completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child

is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports





Special Events Committee

Pancake Breakfast & Pajama day:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th, 2012 we will be holding our FREE Pancake Breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m. for the students, staff and volunteers of Jennie Emery Elementary School.

This day does not directly involve all the Tuesday/Thursday kindergarten students and not all preschool students; therefore we invite them to participate in this event. We are inviting parents to bring their kindergarten or preschool child on the morning to participate in this event. We just ask that parents bring these children and supervise them accordingly. Please DO NOT send them on the bus. The teachers of these children will be involved with the students that attend on this day, as this is still a normal instructional day. We also ask that once your child has finished breakfast that you take them home, as the rest of the school will be returning to regular classes.

Many volunteers are

needed for this day (25 - 35). If you can please keep it open on your calendar. There are many jobs to be done from cooking to serving and don't forget clean up. You can contact Mrs. Jen deJager at dejagerj@telus.net to be added to the list of volunteers, or call the school office and leave your name and number.

Mrs. Jen deJager would like to offer some special pancakes to the students that have Celiac. Her pancakes are gluten / egg / corn / soy / dairy free. If you would like your child/children to have this type of pancake please contact Mrs. Jen deJager at dejagerj@telus.net.

Campbell's soup "Labels for Education":

Please keep those Campbell's Soup labels coming in. Send the labels to the school office and place them in the

bell's Soup Drop off Can. All labels **Must** have the front panel and the UPC code intact in order for them to be accepted. Should you need information on what products count, go to www.labelsforeducation.ca.

Head Lice Committee

Remember that lice cannot fly or jump from one person to another they can only crawl (fast). They spread by head to head contact or by sharing personal items like combs, headbands, hats etc. The colder weather does not get rid of them; they stay nice and warm on the scalp at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. If we keep checking our children regularly, and properly treating (if needed), we can keep the number of head-lice in our school down. Keep up the great work!



Campbell's soup "Labels for Education":

We are still collecting the Campbell's soup labels for our school. Lists of the products that qualify for this program are listed in this newsletter or you can go to www.labelsforeducation.ca for all the information. Look for the little "pencil" and words "Campbell's labels for education" Labels can be sent to the school with your child and dropped off in the school office where there is a Campbell's Soup label drop off can. Please remember that ALL labels MUST have the front panel and the UPC code intact in order for them to be accepted. All products are worth 1 point unless otherwise stated.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

EATING



CAMPBELL'S® condensed soup
10 oz / 284 mL, 28



HABITANT® soup
227 mL, 398 mL, 796 mL



CAMPBELL'S® CHUNKY® soup or chili
10 oz / 284 mL, 14 oz /



CAMPBELL'S® CHUNKY® bowls



CAMPBELL'S® Ready to Serve soup
19 oz / 540 mL



CAMPBELL'S® GARDENNAY®



CAMPBELL'S® HEALTHY REQUEST® bowls



CAMPBELL'S® SOUP AT HAND®



CAMPBELL'S® HEARTY NOODLES®



CAMPBELL'S® Créations soup
500 mL



V8® SOUP
500 mL

COOKING



CAMPBELL'S® Easy Cooking



CAMPBELL'S® Ready to Use broth



PREGO® Pasta Sauce
375 mL, 645 mL,

SNACKS



PACE® salsa



GOLDFISH® crackers
28 g, 168 g, 180 g, 190 g,



Campbell 's®

BEVERAGES



V8® vegetable cocktail
156 mL, 250 mL, 340 mL, 354 mL, 950 mL, 1.36 L, 1.89 L

V8® V-FUSION® beverage
354 mL, 1.36 L

V8® SPLASH® beverage
473 mL, 1.89 L

= 1 point

When you submit the labels:

* All Labels are eligible if they are a Campbell's product – record beside "other" and in the "note" field identify the product.

* Labels from the United States are not eligible in Canada.

All labels add up, but if you are working in the food serves industry and have access to the food serves products listed below. Could you look into saving them for our school? These labels get us to our goals a lot faster.

Foodservice Products

Institutions such as school cafeterias, hospitals, and restaurants use **Foodservice Products**. Case UPC can be found on the cardboard box that **Foodservice Products** are shipped in.



<u>Product</u>	<u>What to Save</u>	<u>Label Value</u>
48oz / 1.36L Condensed Soup	Case UPC	36 points
Verve Exceptional Soup and Sauces	Case UPC	40 points
Pace Salsa	Case UPC	40 points
Frozen Condensed Soup (3/case)	Case UPC	30 points
Heat'n Serve Tubbed Entrées (3/case)	Case UPC	30 points
Frozen Panned Entrées (4/case)	Case UPC	40 points





School-Wide Assembly

The Jennie Emery Elementary School assembly will be held at 9:00 a.m. on **Friday, February 3rd 2012.** The

Grade Four classes and their teachers will host the February assembly. We invite all family members and friends to

join us at the assembly. School spirit will be dress in red on Friday, February 3rd!



Students Outside

Parents please remember that all students are encouraged

to go outside at recess and noon. Please ensure that your child is dressed

appropriately for the weather. If the weather is too cold (as

Family Day Week

There will be **NO SCHOOL** from Monday., February 20—Friday., February 24. The "Family Day" holiday will take place on **Monday, February 20, 2012.** There is **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF** on this day.

There will be **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF** on **Tuesday, February 21.** There will be **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF** on **Wednesday, February 22.** as this is a day in lieu for evening Student-led Conferences. The South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention will be held on **Thursday, February 23, and Friday, February 24, 2012.** There is **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THESE TWO DAYS.**

Shave, Cut or Spray

One of our students, Ethan Meyer, has been growing his hair for cancer. It has taken him over two years to get his hair long enough so that when it is cut it can be turned into a wig. We are inviting you and the media to our February 3 assembly at 9:00 a.m. where Ethan will have his head

shaved. Many of our other students at JEES have joined in this spirit of goodwill and will show their support in one of three ways; shaving their hair, cutting at least ten inches from their hair or spraying their hair pink. The money raised will be donated to the

Pediatric Unit at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital.





Traffic Safety At Jennie Emery Elementary School

Jennie Emery Elementary School Council has brought several traffic concerns forward to the Lethbridge Regional Police Service in regards to the daily dropping off and picking up of students at the school. The School Council is looking into solutions to reduce some of the problems that are occurring. In addition to proposed changes to the roadway, the police have been requested to increase traffic enforcement and education.

The following Traffic Safety Act sections address some of the more common offences that have been observed on the roadways near Jennie Emery Elementary School. Please keep in mind that the safety of the children is paramount and the Lethbridge Police will continue to actively enforce these laws and increase police presence to ensure the children’s safety.

U-turns:

- U-turns made between intersections or at an alley intersection **\$115 fine**

U-turns made where prohibited by sign- **\$115 fine**

Crosswalks:

- fail to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk- **\$575 fine**

driver fail to stop/allow pedestrian to use crosswalk - **\$115 fine**

Stop Sign

fail to obey stop sign before entering intersection - **\$287 fine**

Merging

drive from parking lane into driving lane unsafely- **\$172 fine**

Passing

pass / attempt to pass in school / playground zone when speed limit in effect- **\$172 fine**

Parking / Stopping

- stop/park on roadway side of another motor vehicle that is stopped at the curb- **\$57 fine**

stop/park within 5 meters of marked crosswalk- **\$57 fine**

Pedestrians

- pedestrian proceed onto roadway into path of motor vehicle- **\$57 fine**

pedestrian crossing outside of crosswalk fail to yield to motor vehicle- **\$57 fine**

These laws are just a few of the more common offences that occur in the area of Jennie Emery Elementary School. There are several more offences that may result in violation tickets being issued. Please utilize, and encourage your children to use the crosswalks and drive safe.

S/Sgt. Z. Leavitt

Community Policing Support Section



School Bus Safety: Reminder to Motorists

Use caution and be alert when driving near buses and in school zones

A quarter million Alberta students start and end their day with a ride on a school bus. But children aren't the only ones who need to be taught about school bus safety, because most injuries happen before or after the bus ride.

Motorists need to respect the flashing lights on a school bus, which create a safety zone for children around the vehicle and are often the children's only defense when they get on or off the bus. Motorists should remember the following when approaching a school bus:

- Watch out for alternating flashing amber lights, which means a school bus is slowing to stop where students will either be getting on or off the bus.
- Slow down and stop when the school bus activates its alternately flashing red lights. This means you must stop whether you are approaching an oncoming bus or following one. The only exception to

this rule is when the bus is on the opposite side of a two-way highway that is physically divided by a median.

- Proceed only when the red lights on the bus have stopped flashing.
- Watch for school buses loading and unloading children, even if the lights aren't flashing.
- Be on the lookout for children crossing the road.

When travelling in school zones, drivers must pay attention to the posted signs. School zones have a speed limit of 30 km/h in both urban and rural areas. These limits are in effect on school days from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or unless otherwise posted. The fine for passing a school bus with its red lights flashing is \$402 and six demerit points.

Some municipalities have bylaws that do not require school buses to use their alternating flashing lights when stopping. In this case, drivers do not need to stop but should still be cautious and watch for pedestrians when the buses are loading or unloading students.

According to Transport Canada, school bus travel remains the safest mode of transportation to and from schools. It is 16 times safer than the family car. Maintaining this level of safety requires motorists to do their part too.

For more information about traffic safety, contact the Traffic Safety Office at (780) 422-8839 or visit <http://www.saferoads.com/>.





Friendship

February is here and what a better time to talk about friendship. Parents as you talk to your child about healthy relationships, encourage your child to :

Talk- to others about his/her interests

Listen to what each other have to say.

Praise each other for what he/she does well

Use manners- saying please and thank you

Be helpful- do things for your friends without keeping track of what they have done for you.

Be honest about each others feelings

Handle Conflict. Be clear about what you want and how you will compromise

Friendship does not include bragging about yourself, talking behind someone's back, or putting someone down. For more information, go to:
www.albertahealthservices.ca/2622.asp



Eating Disorders

Eating Disorder Awareness Week: February 5-11

Eating disorders are characterized by a preoccupation with food that interferes with life and keeps children from enjoying life and moving forward. Children learn attitudes towards food and weight at a very young age, so make a positive difference in your child's life. Here are some tips to help prevent eating disorders:

- Give children healthy choices
- Emphasize positive aspects of healthy eating
- Teach children that their worth is not related to how they look
- Encourage children to take responsibility for their own well-being
- Do not use food as a reward or punishment
- Be aware of advertising and toys aimed at children

Make family meals a peaceful time

For more information on eating disorders, visit www.nedic.ca or call Community Mental Health at (403) 381-5260.

Get Healthy and Celebrate Heart Month!

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, "families who eat nutritious food together, are physically active together, and live smoke-free lives are well on their way to reducing their risk of heart disease and stroke."

Without a balanced, nutritious diet and regular physical activity, children can gain weight and harm their heart health. Studies show that children who are obese are more likely to remain obese, leading to serious risk factors for heart disease and stroke. They may be prone to developing high blood pressure or Type 2 diabetes. Here are some helpful hints to encourage heart-healthy habits in your children and in yourself:

- Eat nutritious, balanced meals and snacks
- Make sure children are getting 60 minutes of physical activity **every day**

Talk to your children about how tobacco use can effect their health

To find out how to improve your families heart health visit www.heartandstroke.com

Greetings from the Superintendent's Office

Hello, everyone,

It's difficult to believe, but we're now through one half of the school year. This time of year marks the end of the first round of diploma exams and of the first semester. It also marks the beginning of "survey season," at schools across Alberta, as Alberta Education takes the pulse of parents, students and staff. They do this using Accountability Pillar surveys, mailed to the homes of select parents of students in public, separate and Francophone schools, and online surveys (where

possible) of select students and teachers as well.

If your household receives one of these surveys, please take a few minutes to respond. The information you provide is valuable to your school, our division and to Alberta Education. The surveys and other data in the Accountability Pillar help us celebrate what's going well in our schools and focus resources on areas that could do better. This effort helps us better serve our students, support our staff and meet the expectations

of our parents.

In Palliser, all parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 should receive a survey. If your school has fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12, parents of all students in grades 4 and up will receive a survey. Please put your survey back in the mail by Feb. 24, 2012.

Thank you for being part of this important initiative.

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent

Explorer If there is more than one adult, have one of the adults go ahead and find certain objects in the exhibit. Then provide a list of these objects to the child and ask the child to find them. It is important to make this game about finding the objects but NOT about racing to find the objects.

This one is the Absolute _____
Which item in the museum do you find most interesting? Prettiest? Ugliest? Strangest? Brightest? Oldest? Youngest? Why do you think that object was chosen to be in a museum?

Story Starters Pick an object, photograph or area of the exhibit and see who can create the most complex and believable story about it. For example, if you see an area that has pioneer objects, maybe the story might be: *There once was a girl named Mary who had to support her family by doing laundry and making butter. She got up every morning at 6 and...*

Check the label for the object. Does it provide information about the previous owner that could be used in the story?



Once upon a time, there was a little man with an egg-shaped body...

ABC Game The object of this game is to complete the alphabet (either as a group or by seeing which person can do it first). As you view objects and areas in the exhibit, point to something that starts with that letter of the alphabet that you require.



You can increase the difficulty of this game by making it a memory game. The first person starts with the letter A and says "A is for..."

The next person has to find something that starts with letter B and must say "A is for (and repeat the first person's object) and B is for..." until your group has gone through the entire alphabet.

A more complete document, that provides more ideas for before, during and after your visit, can be downloaded from the Galt's website on our Programs page.

Written by Bellinda Crosson, 2011



www.galtmuseum.com



IDEAS FOR VISITING the Galt Museum & Archives WITH CHILDREN



Who's In Your Community ?

Come and meet the people
who provide support and resources to families !



New!

Children's D.A.R.E. to Care Fair : Development And Resource Expo

Date:

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

Time:

9:30 - 5:30

Location:

Lethbridge Public Library
810 - 5th Avenue South
Theatre Gallery &
Presentation Room

To pre-register for FREE presentations:

helen.irwin@pallisersd.ab.ca

or

403-892-9755

Meet a representative from each
agency between 11:30 - 1:30

Brought to you by the Southern Alberta Autism Consortium

■ FREE resource fair open to ALL !

■ A great event for parents, teachers
and service providers !

Pre-register for FREE presentations

■ 10:00 - 11:00 Discipline for
Children with Complex Needs

[Ray Hoffarth, M.Sc., Behavioral
Solutions]

■ 11:30 - 12:30 Effective Teams
for Student Success

[Lori Litke, LACL Plan Coordinator]

■ 1:00 - 2:00 Children with
Disabilities: Understanding Sibling
Needs and Influences

[Deanna Presley, MSW, RSW, Key
Connections Consulting Inc.]

■ 2:30 - 3:30 Inclusion: All
Students - All of the Time

[Dr. Noëlla Piquette, Assoc. Prof & Reg.
Psych, U of L]

■ 4:00 - 5:00 Triple P: Positive
Parenting Program [TBA]

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3 School-Wide Assembly @ 9 am Red Day	4
5	6	7	8	9 100 Days of School	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Family Day - NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Day in Lieu - NO SCHOOL	23 Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL	24 Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29 Pink Shirt Day			

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Student-Led Conferences	7 Pancake Breakfast	8 Student-Led Conferences	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 Spring Begins PD Day - NO SCHOOL	20 School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	21 Lifetouch Spring Pictures	22 Lifetouch Spring Pictures	23 Report Cards	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31