

Jennie Emery Elementary School

January 2012 Newsletter



Important Dates:

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 9: School Resumes

Jan. 13: School-wide Assembly

-Wear Blue Day

Jan. 17: School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

-Staff Appreciation Lunch

Jan. 20: Dress up "Twin Day"

Jan 27: One School, One Book, Book Launch Assembly @ 11:00 am

Jan 31: PD Day—NO SCHOOL

New Classrooms in JEES

Good news—Jennie Emery gets to create two small half time grade two classrooms and another grade one classroom! While doing this in September would have been nice, Palliser didn't get the additional provincial education funding until mid-November. Effective January 9, 2012, there will be a new grade one classroom and two new grade two half time classrooms.

Welcome!

JEES welcomes three new teachers who will be joining our staff in the new year.

Mrs. Jamie Klein will be teaching

grade 1

Ms. Rita

Wasiliciw will be teaching half time grade 2

Miss. Nicole

Cameron will be

teaching half time grade 2.

January School-Wide Assembly

The Jennie Emery Elementary School assembly will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January

13th, 2012. The grade one classes will be hosting the January assembly. We invite all family

members and friends to join us at our school-wide assembly.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the families who sent the delicious Christmas treats, Christmas cards, and special Christmas wishes for the staff at JEES

to enjoy. Thank you to the Special Events Committee for decorating our foyer and providing the school with a

free special lunch! Thank you to all the parents who helped clean up the gym after the Christmas Concert.



Spirit Committee

The Spirit Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our CUPE sock drive. (465 pairs were collected). As a result of our Christmas concerts,

many non-perishable items were collected for the Coaldale Food Bank. Events for January include our assembly on January 13th, hosted by the Gr. 1's. Everyone is encouraged to wear

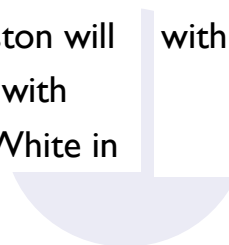
blue but hopefully not turn blue due to the cold. We also encourage students to find someone to “dress the same as” for our Twin Day on January 20th.

Welcome Aboard

The staff and students at Jennie Emery Elementary School extend a warm welcome to our PSIII intern students who will be at JEES from January

9 until almost the end of April. Jessica Zalkenburg will be interning with Mrs. Martens in grade 3A. Ashley Johnston will be interning with Mrs. Neely-White in

grade 3B and Paryn Deeble will be interning with Mrs. Smith in 3C. We look forward to working with you!



Reminders

Bus Reminder - Just a reminder that if buses do not run in the morning due to bad weather, they do not run in the afternoon. The school will still be operating as usual and the office should be notified of any absences.

School Fees Reminder - THANK YOU to everyone

who has remitted their outstanding school fees to the school office. Please remember that these fees are now due! Invoices for those outstanding school fees will be issued in January 2012. Please submit your payment to the school office ONLY and a receipt will be issued.

Absence Reminder - If your child is going to be absent or late please remember to call the office at (403) 345-2403. There is an answering machine available to take messages for calls made outside of office hours. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



School Council Update

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

6:30 PM

JEES STAFF ROOM

Just a reminder, according to our School Council Bylaws, any parent, staff member, board member or

community member who wishes to present an issue to the council on which they are requesting action be taken should submit a written request to the Chairperson (Mrs. Sandra Smith) at least eight (8) days prior to the meeting. Please email these requests to Mrs. Smith at chinook400@ hot-mail.com.

Please ensure your request clearly states the issue and the rea-

son you would like it discussed.

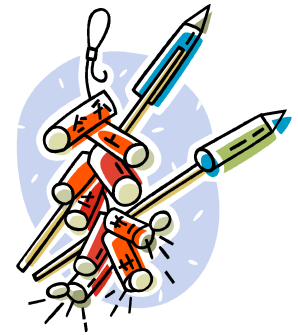
WATCH FOR PARENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES ON THE JENNIE EMERY WEB PAGE UNDER THE PARENT COUNCIL TAB (AGENDA'S, MINUTES, MEETING DATES)

News From the Gym

The first Challenge Run of this school year was a resounding success. The students set goals for themselves and nearly everyone was able to either meet or exceed the number of minutes that they chose to run for. The Gr. 2 students had a cap of 17 minutes, the Gr. 3 students had a cap of 20 and the Gr. 4 students had a cap of 24 minutes. Everyone did an amazing job so if you haven't done so yet,

ask your child how they did. In January, we will be starting up a team based intramural program. Thanks go out to the Gr. 3 and 4 students who volunteered to help choose teams for intramurals. As in previous years, the Gr. 1 and 2 students will be playing 4 ball soccer and the Gr. 3 and 4 students will be playing floor hockey. Stop by at the lunch recess to watch and listen. In January we will finish up our dance units and

begin doing a basketball skills unit at all grades. The kindergarten classes will do some perceptual motor circuits and will also do equipment manipulation skills.



One School, One Book

Please mark January 27th on your calendars! We will officially begin our exciting family-school literacy project that day with an assembly at 11:00 am. Students will learn more about the three-week reading journey, and they will be taking a family copy of the book (currently a surprise) home that day. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

A letter addressed to “Parents” has already been sent home describing what **One School, One Book** is

and about. More information is coming later.

A letter addressed to “Community Members: was attached to the letter for parents. We are still looking for financial support from the business community. We were hoping that some of our families with business connections might be able to help with securing financial support for the project. We are currently without adequate funds in place. Please let Mr. Fender or Miss. Rogerson know as soon as

possible if you are able to make a donation (403-345-2403). Great benefits include *supporting a community of readers, an income tax receipt, advertising (i.e. acknowledgment inside cover of books, bulletin board, school newsletter)*. Additional copies of the “Dear Community Member” letter can be obtained from the office.

CHECK-IT-OUT from the Library

Wow, have we got news! We have a NEW look and I'll have some new "close" neighbours (Gr.1's) and even more friends (Gr.2's) to share some space with. It's all good! I get lonely without my friends. When

you come back in January some of your favorite books may be in a different place, BUT they are still there. It will be "sort of like a treasure hunt". It'll be fun! So, have a great holiday break...be safe and happy, and we will see you

back at JEES on January 9th.



Updated Coaldale Cares Campaign

Here is the update for the Coaldale Cares blood campaign, as of Saturday December 10:
36 regular donors
8 new donors
44 donations in total saving or improving
132 lives this holiday season
We have 3 more weeks of the campaign

to reach our goal of 100 donations.
If you have any questions let me know.

Belinda Tomiyama
Canadian Blood Services
Community Development

Coordinator
Lethbridge

Tel: 403-317-1518

Fax: 403-394-2027

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Because patients need your help. Please donate blood today by calling 1-888 2 DONATE.

Appropriate Winter Apparel

Students are required to go outside during cold weather and therefore must dress appropriately. Coats, mitts, toques, and proper footwear are necessary. A ski suit and scarf would provide further cold weather protection as well as dressing in lay-

ers. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for that day's weather before they leave home. We will do our utmost to ensure that students wear their winter clothing when going outside.

Please make sure that your child's

clothing and footwear are marked with his/her name, as there are numerous students who have the same color and make of clothing/footwear.

Special Events Committee

Special Lunches

More great lunches are being planned, please watch for information and order forms to come home with your child/children.

Staff Appreciation

The Special Events Committee has chosen Tuesday, January 17 to show our staff how much we care. Our Staff Appreciation Committee has been hard at work planning the celebration. Here is a little note from them to you, the parents.

Dear Parents,

On January 17th the Special Events Committee will be putting on a staff appreciation lunch. We understand that many of you would like to have an opportunity to show your appreciation for all that the staff do for our children. Therefore in addition to the lunch we will be putting together a large 'snack basket' for the staff room. It will be filled with treats such as coffee, tea, cider, chocolate bars, chips, mints, and candies of all types. If you wish to contribute, you may drop your treats off in the library (Mrs. Reti has a box set aside) or send

them with your child to drop off. We will also be putting up a display board with all the notes and cards from appreciative parents and children. So please take a minute to express your appreciation for all our staff; Teachers, Learning Assistance, Administrative staff and of course Custodial. There will be a collection box for you cards just outside the office by the fish tank.

**Thank you,
Staff Appreciation
Committee**

Campbell's Soup Labels for Education

Keep all those Campbell's Soup Labels coming in. With this program we are able to order great extras for our school, at no cost to us. Remember to take the ENTIRE label off the cans and to make sure that the **UPC code is intact.** There is a red drop-off can for the labels located in the office.

Head Lice

What are head lice?

Head lice are small insects that live and feed on the human scalp causing and irritation. They range in color from beige to black. Lice lay eggs, called nits, on the shaft close to the scalp. The nits are tiny, oval

shaped and shiny. They range in color from creamy white to brown. Nits normally hatch in 7 to 10 days. The adult lice cannot survive away from the head for much more than 24 hours.

How does a lice infestation spread?

Head lice spread primarily by close head to head contact with persons who have lice and by sharing personal articles such as clothing, hats combs, hair accessories, towels and bed linens.

What to do if you or a member of your family has head lice.

Head lice affect millions of people each year, especially school-aged children. They **do not** transmit or cause disease and are **not** a sign of poor hygiene. A head lice infestation can be effectively treated with proper lice products.

How to help prevent re-infestation.

Cleaning of personal articles is also an important part of head lice management and may help prevent re-infestation. Personal belongings including recently worn clothing, towels and bed linens should be machine washed in hot water and dried using the hot cycle of the dryer for at least 20 minutes. Personal articles of clothing or bedding that

Special Events Committee

cannot be washed may be dry cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag for a period of two weeks. Combs and brushes should be disinfected by soaking in hot water (above 130 F/ 54 C) for 5 to 10 minutes.

Inspect all family members from time to time for any new lice infestation.

The above was taken from the NIX company information booklet.

Pancake Breakfast & Pajama Day:

Looking ahead mark on your calendar **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th, 2012.** We will be holding a **FREE Pancake Breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m.** for the students, staff and volunteers of Jennie Emery Elementary School.

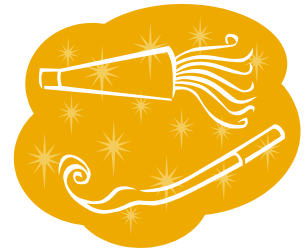
This day does not directly involve all the Tuesday/ Thursday kindergarten students and not all preschool students; therefore we invite them to participate in this

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 volunterrs.

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.



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Coaldale Baseball AGM

Coaldale Baseball
AGM –
Rescheduled

Tuesday, January 17
7:00pm
Boardroom at the

Coaldale Skating
Rink

Message from the Superintendent

Happy New Year,
everyone! The arrival
of a new year is
always an exciting
time, as we embrace
a fresh start and fresh
possibilities. For our
high school students,
it's also a crunch time,
as the first semester
comes to a close with
diploma exams and
finals. I wish our
students all the best
at this critical time.

A new year is also a
time of fresh promise
and potential.

In Palliser, this new
year brings new staff
to our schools as we

reduce class sizes
where needed to
ensure our younger
students receive the
quality time they
need from their
teachers. At every
school additional
resources are
available thanks to
the restored funding
from the province.
We're looking to
these resources to
support school
improvement and
student learning.
This will also be a
year of continued
focus on assessment
for learning, and

continued develop-
ment of skills to
support student
literacy and
numeracy, both
essential skills for
lifelong success.

There's much work
to be done, so I hope
all of our students
and staff returned
from the winter
break re-energized.
We've got a lot to
accomplish before
the end of June, and
let's not forget,
Together Everyone
Achieves More.
Welcome back,
TEAM!

*We Wish all families
A Happy and Healthy New Year
From the JEES Staff*



What is Triple P?

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program ® is one of the world’s most effective parenting programmes. It is one of the few based on evidence from ongoing scientific research, with more than 90 trials and studies around the world showing it works --- regardless of a family’s culture, country or situation.



Triple P works by giving parents the skills to raise confident, healthy children and teenagers, and to build stronger family relationships. It also helps parents manage misbehaviour and prevent problems occurring in the first place. But it doesn’t tell people how to parent. Rather, it gives them simple and practical strategies they can adapt to suit their own values, beliefs and needs. Triple P is also different because it is not “one size -fits-all’. It’s a system that offers increasing levels of support to meet parents’ different needs. So parents can choose anything from one-off public seminars or self-help books to more detailed group courses or individual sessions.

Here’s your chance to attend these FREE valuable parenting sessions!

Palliser Regional Schools is providing an opportunity for parents of children 2 – 8 years old to attend a seminar series of Triple P. It involves 5 evening sessions followed by a wrap-up session. Parents will work through parenting strategies and challenges throughout the 5 sessions. A parent workbook is provided to assist the parent and it is also a resource for working at home with their children. The Triple P practitioners will provide coaching support via phone as well for those implementing the Triple P strategies to address parenting challenges within their own home. We invite couples or individuals to register early as space is limited.

There will be a \$30 deposit for the workbook and to hold your registration spot. This deposit will be returned at the end of the seminar series. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Sessions are as follows:

WHERE? *Palliser Regional School board office*

(located at 3305 – 18th Avenue North in Lethbridge)

WHEN? *6:45pm – 9:30pm on the following dates:*

Tuesday, January 17th

Tuesday, January 24th

Tuesday, January 31st

Tuesday, February 7th

Tuesday, February 14th

Tuesday, March 13th – *wrap up session*



For more information or to register please contact Ann at (403) 308-2513 or email ann.mccallum@pallisersd.ab.ca



Travel Outside of Canada

International travel can expose you and your family to infectious diseases not frequently seen in Canada.

Based on your current health, immunization history, and travel plans, a healthcare provider can assess your health risks and advise you on immunization requirements, your need for preventative medication and how to avoid health risks.

Currently, there is a world-wide risk for red measles.

Please contact your local Public Health office, a pharmacist specializing in travel health, or your physician at least six weeks before departure for an individual health assessment.

Go to www.travelhealth.gc.ca for more information.



Celebrate Family Literacy Day January 27

On Family Literacy Day Canadian families are invited to spend at least 15 minutes a day reading and learning. This could be reading a storybook together, playing word games, singing, writing to family or friends or assisting with writing out simple things like a grocery list.

Reading aloud helps children learn listening, vocabulary and language skills as well developing their imagination and creativity. Time spent reading together increases a child's reading skills, increases their sense of security and gives them a sense of being worthwhile.

To encourage a lifelong reader parents should read to their child daily, have lots of books around, and to let your child see you reading.

For more activities families can do to make learning a part of daily life go to www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca.

Breaking Up is Hard to Do!

National Non-Smoking Week: January 15-21

Most parents hope that their children will choose to avoid tobacco. For parents who use tobacco, it can seem difficult to discuss these expectations with their children. Research indicates that children whose parents talk to them about smoking are less likely to start. **That is especially true if the parent is a smoker.** Parents are one of the greatest influences in their kids' lives and honest conversations about the risks and consequences of tobacco use can influence kids' decisions about smoking.

If you are a smoker and tried to quit at least once before, tell your child about how difficult it is and why you wish you could. If you're thinking about quitting again, or are interested in helping someone else make changes in tobacco use, there are supports available.

For advice on how to "Break-Up with Tobacco", visit www.albertaquits.ca or call 1-866-710-QUIT(7848)

What is "Physical Literacy"?

Just as kids need to develop reading and writing, they also need to develop their physical literacy.

Canada's Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) program, defines physical literacy as "a sound foundation of fundamental movement and sports skills". It means developing agility, balance, coordination and speed; being able to move comfortably in different environments – on the ground or in the water; and mastering skills like throwing, catching a ball, riding a bike and skating. "Many children develop good physical skills by trial-and-error, but many do not," reports the LTAD program's *Developing Physical Literacy* guide for parents. "Children tell us that not having the skills to play is one major reason they drop out of physical activity and organized sport." With physical literacy, kids are more likely to be active, and this will help them stave off health problems such as obesity and chronic disease.

To find out how to enhance your child's physical literacy go to: www.canadiansportforlife.ca

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 School Resumes	10	11	12	13 School Wide Assembly @ 9am Wear Blue	14
15	16	17 Staff Appreciation Lunch School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	18	19	20 Twin Day (Dress the same as your friend)	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 One School, One Book Book Launch Assembly @ 11:00 am	28
29	30	31 PD Day: NO SCHOOL				

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Family Day - NO SCHOOL	21 Day in Lieu - NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL	24 Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29			