

WELCOME BACK!!!!

Jennie Emery School News

September 2011

Dear Parents,

It is with considerable pleasure and anticipation that we welcome you and your children to a new school year at Jennie Emery Elementary School. We trust you have enjoyed a happy and productive summer. Please take note of the following important information.

WELCOME:

Jennie Emery Elementary School welcomes all of the new students who will be attending our school this year, and their families to our school community. We would

also like to welcome all new staff members:

Ms. Carol Ens will be teaching grade 4

Mrs. Bev Smith will be teaching grade 3

Ms. Anita Lanham will be teaching grade 2

Mrs. Shari Rogerson will be our new Vice-Principal and Music Teacher

SCHOOL VISITOR

PROTOCOL:

ALL visitors to Jennie Emery Elementary School are required to report to the school office upon their arrival

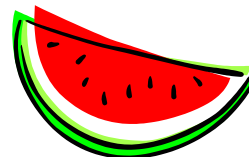
inside the school.

REMINDER: All outside doors to the school other than the front doors will be locked during instructional time.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES:

School-wide assemblies are held the **first School Friday of every month at 9:00 a.m.** in the gymnasium.

Parents, friends, and relatives are all welcome to attend these assemblies.



Our Website

We'd like to remind everyone that JEES, as well as all schools in the Palliser School District, have websites. Our website is:

www.jees.ca

Monthly Newsletters - Please subscribe to our monthly newsletters online. This means that as soon as newsletters are posted, they will be automatically emailed to you. Simply go to our website, look at the right hand column,

type in your e-mail, and hit 'subscribe'. If you have already subscribed to our monthly newsletters you do not have to subscribe again.

Please note: If you do not have access to a computer, please let the homeroom teacher know and we can send a paper copy of the newsletter home in your child's agenda.

Calendar of Events -

On the top 'menu' bar, if you click on 'calendar of events' it will take you to a calendar page. Near the top, on the left hand side will be a 'drop down box'. The 'general' calendar will have school wide events posted.

What's Happening -

These are up-to-date postings of events occurring in our school throughout the year.

Important Dates:

- ♦ **August 30** - *First Day of School*
- ♦ **Sept 2** - **NO ASSEMBLY . JEES's FIRST ASSEMBLY WILL BE OCTOBER 7.**
- ♦ **Sept. 5** - *Labour Day—NO SCHOOL*
- ♦ **Sept. 13** - *Meet the Teacher Night*
- ♦ **Sept. 19** - *PD Day—NO SCHOOL*
- ♦ **Sept 20** - *School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm (Annual General Meeting)*
- ♦ **Sept. 28 & 29** - *Picture Day*

School Fees

School fees for the **2011-12** school term for **Grades 1 through 4** students will be **\$40.00** for **each student**. It is broken down into the following denominations:

- 1) \$7.00 – Local Levy (used to purchase extra supplies needed for the Art and Science programs at the school),
- 2) \$8.00 – Agenda book (Every student in Gr. 1 - 4 will receive an agenda book, this book is used extensively as communication tool between school and home), and
- 3) \$25.00 - Technology User fee.

The fees for the **Kindergarten** programs are **\$30.50**: \$10.00 – registration fee (paid at the time of registration or



if it was not paid at registration, please submit it to the school office), \$12.50 - Technology User fee - ECS, and \$8.00 - for Agenda.

Please make all Kindergarten to Grade 4 payments payable to JEES.

All school fees are to be paid by September 30, 2011.

The fees for the **Preschool** program are as follows: \$10.00 – registration fee (paid at the time of registration or if it was not paid at registration, please submit it to the school office, **PLUS** \$80.00/month for two mornings or two afternoons per week. If your child registered in the Preschool programs at Jennie Emery Elementary School and

has been documented as having challenges in areas such as: fine or gross motor skills, or speech delay, there is full funding through Alberta Learning. **Please make all Pre-school payments payable to Palliser Regional Schools.**

If you anticipate financial difficulties in remitting these fees to the school, please contact the school office to make arrangements for payment of these fees. We are also open to assisting you with setting up a monthly payment schedule - it is easier to handle a smaller monthly payment than to make a complete payment at one time.

Meet the Teacher Night

“Meet the Teachers Night” will be held in the school gymnasium on **Tuesday, September 13th, 2011**. The evening will take place as follows: Kindergarten from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium, General Information @ 7:00



p.m. in the gymnasium. Beginning at 7:15 p.m., there will be grade level presentations in the library. Teachers from the grades that are not involved in the library presentations will be in their classrooms for a general open

house. The schedule for the grade level presentations is as follows: 1) Grade 01: 7:15 p.m., 2) Grade 02: 7:30 p.m., 3) Grade 03: 7:45 p.m. and 4) Grade 4: 8:00 p.m. We hope to see you all there!

Student Agenda Books

Student agenda books for each Grade K – 4 student will be used once again as a communication tool between the school and home. It also includes the school handbook, school calendar, volunteer information and forms. At the end of **each** school day, students will complete their daily

agenda book to take home to share with their parents. Parents will be expected to sign the agenda to acknowledge that they have reviewed the contents of the agenda with their child. Students are required to return their agenda to their teacher **each** morning. Individual teachers will

explain the use of the agenda within their classrooms. The cost of the student agenda is **\$8.00 per student which is included in the school fees; should your child’s agenda get lost or damaged, an additional agenda can be purchased for \$8.00 at the office.**

Important Information

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

We have a very active volunteer program at Jennie Emery School and we encourage you to become involved in your child's education. A "**Calling All Volunteers**" questionnaire is included in your child's agenda. Please indicate on the form any areas that you would be willing to help, and ***then return the questionnaire to your child's classroom teacher or the school office if indicated.***

A "**Volunteer Orientation Tea**" will be held in October. Please watch for further information to be available in the next few weeks regarding this event.

NUT AND NUT

PRODUCT ALLERGIES:

There are staff and students in our school who are extremely allergic to peanuts and other nuts. Given this, please ***DO NOT SEND NUTS or PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS*** to school with your child. An allergic reaction to nuts can be life threatening! Please assist us as we attempt to be a "Nut-free School"!

SCHOOL PICTURES:

Arrangements have been made through Lifetime Canada Ltd. for individual and class photographs to be taken. School pictures will be on a PREPAID program. This means that you will pay for your package at the time of your child's

sitting. The pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29**. Further information will follow.

THE TERRY FOX RUN:

The students and staff at Jennie Emery Elementary School will be participating in a "Terry Fox Marathon of Hope Walk". As a staff we have decided to ask each child to **donate \$1.00** towards this very worthwhile cause. Watch for further information to come in your child's agenda.



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE:

There is a reasonably priced student accident insurance plan available for parents to purchase. A form will be sent home with your child. You will receive one option for Student Accident Insurance this year through Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance Company - "The IAP Kids Plus Program". These forms are not to be returned to the school, please follow the instructions for application included with the form.

WALKING FIELD TRIP FORMS:

Walking field trip forms must be completed and returned to the school PRIOR to the "walk". Kindergarten classes will participate in a teacher-led walk on a regular attendance day. Please watch the classroom newsletters for more information.



Jennie Emery Elementary School Council

Notice of Annual General Meeting (ALL PARENTS ARE ENCOURGAED TO ATTEND)

Date: September 20, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: JEES Staff Room

This is notice that the following business requiring amendments to JEES Operating Procedures will be brought forth at this meeting.

First Motion - that JEES Operating Procedure be changed:

Current

5. MEMEBERSHIP

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(a) Six (6) parents or guardians of students enrolled in Jennie Emery Elementary School, elected by parents at a meeting called for this purpose. One parent shall represent the Early Childhood Program.

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Second Motion – addition of the following to the JEES Operating Procedure

17. CODE OF ETHICS

All school council members shall:

- Abide by the legislation that governs them
- Be guided by the mission statement of the school and school council
- Endeavour to be familiar with school policies and operating practices and act in accordance with them
- Practice the highest standards of honesty, accuracy, integrity and truth
- Recognize and respect the personal integrity of each member of the school community
- Declare any conflict interest
- Encourage a positive atmosphere in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued
- Apply democratic principles
- Consider the best interests of all students
- ~~operations of the school council~~ Respect the confidential nature of some school business and respect limitations this may place on the
- Not disclose confidential information
- Limit discussions at school council meetings to matters of concern to school community as a whole
- Use the appropriate communication channels when questions or concerns arise
- Promote high standards of ethical practice within the school community
- Accept accountability for decisions
- Not accept payment for school council activities

September 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		30 First Day of School	31	1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day - NO SCHOOL	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Meet the Teacher Night: Kindergarten @ 6:00 pm Gr. 1-4 @ 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17
18	19 PD Day - NO SCHOOL	20 School Council Annual General Meeting @ 6:30pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 School Pictures	29 School Pictures	30	