

Jennie Emery Elementary

DECEMBER



Newsletter 2019

Jennie Emery Elementary School is excited to present:



The Colours of Christmas



On Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m.

All students from Kindergarten – Grade 4 with last names beginning with the letters **M-Z** will perform on **Wednesday evening**. Students with last names beginning with the letters **A-L** will perform on **Thursday evening**.

Students are asked to be in their classrooms by 6:15 p.m. on the night they perform.

Parents & friends are also welcome to join us for the day-time performance that will be held at **1:30 p.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday**.

Regardless of their last name, **Early Learning Program** and **Kindergarten** students will be performing during the day at 9:30 a.m. (ELP morning classes) and 1:30 p.m. (ELP afternoon classes) on their regular day of classes.



Students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m. on Friday, December 20th for Winter Break. There will be NO SCHOOL from December 23rd – January 3rd, 2020.

Classes will resume on Monday, January 6th, 2020.





The **Hidden Hobbies Holiday Raffle** will take place during the **Christmas concert on Dec 18th & 19th** and proceeds will support school activities through the *Friends of Jennie Emery Society*. If you have a hidden hobby (e.g.: woodworking, sewing, painting, photography, wreath making, etc.), a home business (e.g.: Arbonne, Norwex, Tupperware, Epicure, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, etc.), or anything you'd like to donate to the raffle table please email **Nora at HHJEES19@gmail.com**.

Please drop off your contributions at the School front office by Dec 6th, 2019 or arrange for pick-up via email.

Jennie Emery will also be doing something NEW this year! As the front rows of seats are where everyone wants to be, we will be raffling them off before the evening Christmas concert performances!

\$5 will get your name in the draw. If you are chosen, you and any family members with you will be able to sit front and centre! Names will be drawn until all the reserved seats are taken. Proceeds of this auction will be used for *Friends of Jennie Emery Society* funded activities. Good luck!!



A HUGE thank you to all of the *Jennie Emery Elementary* students, families, classes and staff members who donated **58 boxes** to **Operation Christmas Child**.



There are **58 children** in communities far and wide who will have a once in a lifetime gift because of these thoughtful donations.

We would like to thank Jean Vaselenak for organizing the supplies and doing the pick-up!

Christmas is about giving and our hearts are full!

~The operation Christmas Child Committee

On **Tuesday, December 10th**, The *Friends of Jennie Emery Society* will be hosting a **FREE Hot Dog Lunch** for all students in the school. In an effort to promote community, the students will be eating lunch in the gym with other classes/grades.

Classes will be scheduled to come into the gym starting at 11:00 a.m.

Each student will receive **1 hot dog, a drinking box, a piece of fruit, a bag of chips and a granola bar**. If you think your child will require more to eat for lunch, please send additional food accordingly.



Thank you to the *Friends of Jennie Emery Society* for providing us this lunch!

Message from the Principal

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Can you believe it is already that time? It is incredible how fast time flies. I have a few things I would like to talk about this month. The first is traffic. We are doing our best to try and resolve the issues surrounding the chaos at the beginning and the end of the day, but we definitely need your help. It is important that families please avoid the staff parking lot. With busses pulling in and out along with the playground right there, it is important that we limit the traffic in that area. Most of you are probably aware that we have Safety Patrol set up along 11th St. There is plenty of room for you to park there and you can be comfortable knowing an adult is always there to get your child safely across the street. Thanks again for your cooperation.

With the holidays approaching, we are all guilty of getting in bad habits. It is important that we keep our children's routines as consistent as possible. Regular bed times and meal times are important to keep balance in a child's life.

Two important parts of that are play and reading. During the holidays, make sure to find time to turn off the electronics and send the kids outside to play. Physical activity is an important part of the balance I previously mentioned. It is also necessary to continue to have your child read every day. 15 minutes before bed is a great routine that should be part of every day.

For those of you that are travelling, on behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you safe travels. We would also like to wish everyone a relaxing and joyous holiday season.

Curtis Uyesugi, *Principal*

NOTICE: Palliser Schools is currently updating the school computer systems. **There will no longer be guest access to bandwidth within the school.** We apologize for any inconvenience.

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

The weeks have passed very quickly and we will soon be enjoying some time off to celebrate and visit with family and friends. The **Learning Commons** has been busy so far this year. We have many new titles for the students and teachers to read and enjoy. The time spent in our **S.T.E.A.M. Room** within the **Learning Commons** is always a big hit and we will spend our final library class of 2018 enjoying some hands-on learning activities.

Most of our students have been very responsible about returning library books. Please watch for lost and overdue book notices in your student's agenda and help them to get books back on time. We will not be checking out library books over the December break so **please make sure books are returned the week of December 9-13, 2019**. This is very helpful as we are then able to organize the shelves and have the library in great shape for the New Year.

Have a great holiday and take time to be thankful and grateful for all the wonderful support our school and community provides for our families.

Librarian
Sue Wells



2019-2020 School Fees for all students are now due.

Invoice for outstanding *School Fees* were sent home in November.

School Fees are as follows:

Kindergarten students are \$7 (Agenda)

Grade 1-4 students are \$42 for the year (\$35 Technology fee; \$8 Agenda)

The Agenda is used by all JEES teachers as a communication tool between home and school.

The Technology Fee is paid directly to *Palliser* for every student to cover costs such as laptops, computer programs, and to update technology used to teach our students every day.

Jennie Emery does not charge any fees that stay at the school level.

Fees can be paid online at <https://palliserregional.schoolcashonline.com/>. (A link and instructions can be found on our website at www.jees.ca) If you have any questions regarding School Fees, please phone the office at 403-345-2403.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their school fees this year!!



This is a reminder to all parents that Absences can be reported in the following, convenient ways:

- Phone the toll-free number: 1-844-206-7166
- Go online: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home> (or follow the link our website at www.jees.ca)
- Use the SchoolMessenger app (available for IOS and Android devices) - A help guide found on our website under Quick Links

Please use School Messenger for recording your child(s) absences.

If you are unable to access your child's name, please phone the office at 403-345-2403 to make sure we have the correct information entered, or with any question you may have.

As the weather is getting colder and students are required to go outside during cold weather, please be sure they dress appropriately. Coats, mittens, touques and proper foot wear are necessary. A snowsuit and scarf would provide further cold weather protection. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately before he or she leaves home. We will do our utmost to ensure that students wear their winter clothing when going outside. Please mark your child's clothing with his/her name, as there are numerous students who may have the same colour and make of items.



December

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6 MW Kindergarten
9	10 FREE Hot Dog Lunch for all students	11	12	13 Assembly 9 am Ugly Sweater Day!! TT Kindergarten
16	17	18 Christmas Concert M-Z 9:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm	19 Christmas Concert A-L 9:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm	20 Last day before Winter Break
23 No School	24 No School	25 No School Merry Christmas!	26 No School	27 No School
30 No School	31 No School			

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