

Jennie Emery Elementary

FEBRUARY

Newsletter 2020



As part of the ongoing communication between teachers and parents/guardians, *Jennie Emery* will be hosting Parent-Teacher-Interviews in February.

These interviews will take place on:

Wednesday, February 5th for **Grades 3s & 4s**
and
Thursday, February 6th for **Grades 1s & 2s**

Please watch for information coming home from your child's teacher.



There will be an Assembly on **Friday, February 14th** at **9:00 a.m.** in the school gym. Parents, guardians and community members are welcome to attend!

This will also be **Red & Pink Day!!** The spirit committee invites you to show your spirit by wearing red or pink or both!!



On the first Wednesday of February each year, thousands of Albertans celebrate winter by getting outside for Winter Walk Day. Walking is great for our health, the environment, reducing traffic and building community.

On Wednesday, February 5th, Jennie Emery staff and students will participate in Winter Walk Day.

At approximately 1:00 p.m. we will head outside for a 15-20 minute walk. Please dress your child appropriately for the outside weather on this day. We will then return to our classrooms to enjoy a small snack.

Parents and guardians are welcome to join us on this lovely Winter Walk.



There will be **NO SCHOOL** for the week of **February 17th – 21st.**

We would like to wish all students and their families a safe and restful week off!

Message from the Principal

I'm sure I am already noticing the days getting longer! Not to mention the nicer weather. . . much nicer weather. I am definitely itching to put the golf clubs in my trunk.

Here at school, we have come back from holidays and everyone is working hard in 2020. This month will be no exception. We have a number of things on our calendar that we have to squeeze into three weeks. Grade 4 students, families, and teachers will be completing the Accountability Pillar survey. I am also looking forward to seeing all of you at Parent/Teacher conferences. It is a great opportunity for us to talk about your children and show off what they have been learning this year. This will give us information on how to improve what we are doing for all our students. We have a few special events planned for this month as well.

Our second round of Sharpening the Saw will be starting by the end of the month. I am excited about the opportunities our students have to learn about different things. If any community members have hidden talents they would like to share with the students, please contact me at the school. We would greatly appreciate you sharing your talents with a small group of students.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.

Curtis Uyesugi, *Principal*

The *Learning Commons* is excited to host another art exhibit from 'The Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program'. This art exhibit will be in the *Learning Commons* from January 22nd – February 19th, 2020.

We would like to invite all families to come into the *Learning Commons* to see this amazing art!

Heather Buchanan is an artist from Calgary who has painted realistic renditions of famous people in this exhibition. The use of pop culture imagery in 'Eating' stems from a desire to use painting as a vehicle for human connection. We connect with objects and characters through the fiction of the screen. Dramatic scenes elicit real human emotion because they capture and isolate the truth of the matter, we can empathize with the scenarios in which the characters are placed. For better or worse, we identify with characters in pop culture, unconsciously shaping our understanding of the media-saturated world.

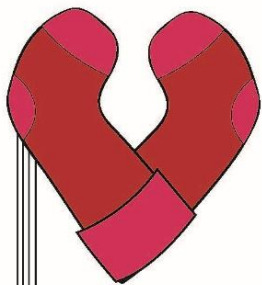
Consumption, or "eating" has a double meaning when it comes to pop culture. We consume images in film and television, and they become part of our identity. Consuming food can be a means for sustenance or comfort, whereas our everyday consumption of media culture has other implications.

When we look at each painting we see the cultural landscape of the time in which it was produced from the 1990s to the 2000s to today. Food can mean friendship, comfort, hedonism, rebellion, weakness or the release of tension in an awkward moment.

How does our consumption of media culture, through film and television, shape our own identity and understanding of the world around us?



8. *Eaten Eats an Egg*, 2017-18.
Acrylic on Canvas, TV: *Stranger Things* (2016 -)



Jennie Emery Elementary School
SOCK DRIVE

"Warm hearts... warm toes!"



WHEN?

From January 27 - February 13

WHAT?

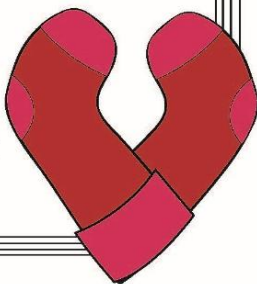
We will be collecting new, unused socks as donations for local people in need of them.

We will celebrate with a sock hop at the end!

WHO? Everyone!

WHERE?

Bring them to our donation box in the atrium



Jennie Emery Elementary will once again be participating in **Pink Shirt Day** on **Wednesday, February 26th**.

The focus for 2020 is "lift each other up"

To learn more about what this day is about, please visit

<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about>



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER



February's *Hot Lunch* will be held on **Thursday, February 13th** for those who order.

Please watch for order forms coming home soon.



The next School Council/Friends of Jennie Emery meeting will be on **Thursday, February 27th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Mezzanine above the Staff room.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts and ideas regarding the activities funded by the *Friends of JEES Society*.

The **Jennie Emery Elementary School Choir** will be performing **O Canada** at the *Lethbridge Hurricanes* game on **Saturday, February 29th** at **7:00 p.m.**

They invite you to come and support the choir and cheer on the Hurricanes!



Registration for the **2020-2021 Early Learning & Kindergarten** programs at *Jennie Emery Elementary School* are open.



You may register between the hours of **9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Children are eligible to attend Kindergarten if they will be five years of age on or before December 31st, 2020. To be eligible for the Early Learning Program, your child must be four years of age on or before December 31st, 2020. Registration forms are available at the school office.

Please bring your child's birth certificate or citizenship card/passport with you when you register for either of these programs.

For the **2020-2021 school year**, *J.E.E.S.* will again be offering a **full-day Kindergarten program**. The full-day program will consist of classes on either Mondays & Wednesdays with some additional Friday classes or Tuesdays & Thursdays with some additional Friday classes. All programs are filled on a **first come, first served basis** so please make sure to register as soon as possible if you require a specific day/program. *****Please note: There is currently a wait list for Tuesday/Thursday program.**

The **Early Learning Program** will again be offering **four half-day programs**, two days per week as follows: Monday & Wednesday mornings **or** afternoons as well as Tuesday & Thursday mornings **or** afternoons. All programs are filled on a **first come, first served basis** so please make sure to register as soon as possible if you require a specific day/program.

The cost for the **Early Learning Program** is **\$80.00 per month**. Please make post-dated cheques made payable to *Palliser Regional Schools* OR payment is available online beginning in September.

February

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 Winter Walk Parent Teacher Interviews Gr. 3 & 4	6 Parent Teacher Interviews Gr. 1 & 2	7 TT Kindergarten
10	11	12	13 Sock Drive Ends Sock Hop @ lunch recess Hot Lunch (if ordered)	14 Assembly 9 a.m. Red/Pink Day! MW Kindergarten
17 Family Day No School	18 No School	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School
24	25	26 Pink Shirt Day!	27 Parent Council @ 7 pm	28 MW Kindergarten