

# Jennie Emery Elementary

# SUMMER

## 2020 Newsletter

### Message from the Principal

What a year! When I came to Coaldale, I didn't think you would all make it so exciting. We faced things we never thought would happen. But through it all, we had a staff here at Jennie Emery that continued their high level of dedication to the school and expectations for the students. I'm sure we would all agree that it wasn't the same. We miss seeing the students' smiling faces every day. During our grade 4 farewell and our year end parade, I was both happy and sad. It was great to see everyone again, but it made me so aware of how much I have missed all of you.

Moving forward, who knows what September is going to bring. I was the optimistic one thinking students would be back in June, so don't ask me what is going to happen. We have been busy working on scenarios and making plans for what might happen. One thing I know for sure, we will be very excited to see all of you and I know this staff will continue to put their heart and soul into providing a solid education for your children. Even if it is from a distance, it will still be coated in love.

You should have received a link to a survey. This link can also be found on our website for your convenience. This will give us some feedback on your thoughts about this year and ideas of how we can make improvements. Please take a few minutes to fill it out. It would be greatly appreciated.

As the last few minutes tick by on this year, I need to take a moment to thank all of you for all your support. From the welcome I received on the first day to the parade on the last, you have made me feel like a part of the community.

Thanks again and have a great summer!

Curtis Uyesugi, *Principal*

**During the summer months, be sure to keep an eye on our website ([www.jees.ca](http://www.jees.ca)) for information and updates.**

With the uncertainty regarding the upcoming school year, we appreciate your patience. We will be posting the most up to date information as AHS guidelines and Palliser protocols progress.





### Important Dates for Fall 2020

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** – School Office opens.  
Class lists will be displayed.

**Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** – First day of classes for the 2020-2021 School Year.

### Farewell Grade 4s

The staff and students at *Jennie Emery Elementary* would like to wish our present Grade 4 students the best of luck and future success in Grade 5!

**We will miss our fantastic leaders!!**



## Ideas for Fun Summer Activities to do with your Kids this year



Ride your bike	Go to the Park	Go on a Nature Walk	Star Gaze at Night
Walk	Plant a garden	Homemade Play-doh	Family Fondue Night
Chalk your Walk	Make a Fort	Write a letter	Read a Book
Picnic	Have a pizza party	Slip N Slide	Go for a Hike
Fly a Kite	Bake Cookies	Visit a New Playground	Go to a local lake
Family Game Night	Learn how to Juggle	Make a Bird Feeder	Go swimming
Build with Lego	Go on a Bug Hunt	Play Charades	Go to Waterton
Have a Water Fight	Watch a Movie	Play Soccer	Go to the Movies
Camp in your backyard	Blow Bubbles	Homemade Spa Day	Go fishing
Hunt	sprinklers	Course	Camping
Go on a Scavenger	Run through the	Create an Obstacle	

**Additional local summer resources can be found on our website at [www.jees.ca](http://www.jees.ca).**

## **NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS**

Another great year at *Jennie Emery* is quickly coming to an end. I wish the best to all of the students heading off to RIBMS in September!

All library books should have been returned by now but if not **please return before June 29, 2020**. If your child has an outstanding library book you should have seen several messages from teachers and a \$5.00 replacement charge has been issued through School Cash Online. These charges should be paid before the end of the year.

Thank you to all the students who checked out books, kept them safe and returned them on time every week. There are some big changes coming up in the Learning Commons and I am really excited for all of you to see what we have been up to while you have been away!

We all know it is important to keep kids reading over the summer. I have included a letter to parents from **Scholastic** with some great Summer Reading Tips. Enjoy the break and I will see you in September! Click on the link below for more great Summer Reading ideas!

<http://www.scholastic.ca/summerreading/>

### **HELP YOUR CHILD READ THIS SUMMER!**

Dear Parents,

Summer reading—it's important! Research shows that kids who read four or more books over the summer are better prepared for the coming school year and do not go down the 'summer slide'—the loss of reading and learning skills during the summer break. Reading over the summer months really does make a difference to your child's learning.

Here are five easy ways you can help your child reduce summer reading loss:

- **Make reading important.** Be a role-model for reading. Let your child see you reading throughout the day and use daily routines as reading opportunities. Cooking, reading TV listings, looking for information on-line, reading directions, or following a map all provide authentic reading experiences.
- **Give your child the power of choice.** Having reading materials available is key to helping kids love to read, and the reading materials kids choose themselves are best. In fact, 92% of children and teens say they are more motivated to read and are more likely to finish a book they have picked out. Help your child find texts that appeal to his or her interests, yet are age appropriate and 'just right' in difficulty.
- **Set aside time to read every day.** We know that the more kids read, the better they become at reading and the more they will enjoy reading. During the summer, encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day. Make reading 'down-time'—an opportunity for family members to read together, either aloud or quietly to themselves. Keep track of progress by recording book titles, pages read, and minutes spent.
- **Talk it up.** Talking about books during and after reading helps improve comprehension. Encourage kids to share their ideas and opinions by asking open-ended questions. Talk about what you read to let them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you— soon they might start doing the same.
- **Be part of a reading challenge.** Most local libraries have summer reading programs that help engage and motivate readers. Kids set a goal, track books they read, and receive incentives for achieving goals. Summer programs also promote reading club opportunities where children can discuss and share books with others, either online or in person. You can even create your own family reading challenge.

**Have a great summer, and happy reading!**

*Librarian Sue Wells*

**SOUTH**

**JENNIE EMERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR - BOARD APPROVED - November 26, 2019**

Approved: April 24, 2020

August 2020				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
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31				

September 2020				
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October 2020				
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November 2020				
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December 2020				
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January 2021				
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18	19	20(D)	21(D)	22(D)
25(D)	26(D)	27(D)	28(D)	29

February 2021				
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March 2021				
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April 2021				
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June 2021				
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28(D)	29	30		

July 2021				
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**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS**

Division-Wide PD Days
Opening Ceremony August 31, 2020
September 21, 2020 (Summit Day)
November 20, 2020
March 19, 2021

Collective Agreement Teacher Directed Days
August 28, 2020 and June 29, 2021
Site PD Days
August 26, 27 and September 1, 2020
January 29, 2021
May 21, 2021
June 28, 2021

Prof. Development (ATA)
Teachers' Convention - February 18 and 19, 2021
School PD Days
October 2, November 2, 2020, April 30, June 4, 2021

School year begins: August 26, 2020  
 First day for students: September 2, 2020  
 Semester 2 begins: February 1, 2021  
 Last day for students: June 25, 2021

- XX No Staff/Students
- Prof. Dev. Days (Palliser Directed)
- Site Based Prof. Dev. Days
- Summer Break
- Collective Agreement Teacher Directed Days
- Teachers' Convention - ATA PD
- School PD Days