

# Jennie Emery Elementary

# February



## Parent-Teacher Interviews

2021 Newsletter

*Jennie Emery* will once again be hosting COVID-friendly Parent-Teacher Interviews during the week of **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**.

This is an opportunity for you to privately discuss how your child is doing so far this year.

These interviews will take place virtually for the safety of everyone involved.

If you would like to meet with Mr. Hegland regarding any concerns in PE, please email him to set up an interview time at: [cory.hegland@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:cory.hegland@pallisersd.ab.ca)

**Please watch for information from your student's homeroom teacher.**



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 3<sup>rd</sup>**, *Jennie Emery* staff and students will participate in Winter Walk Day.

Classes will head outside throughout the day for a 15-20 minute walk.

***Please have your child dress appropriately for the outside weather on this day.***

The staff and students at *Jennie Emery* would like to invite you to our newest Outdoor Art Gallery entitled:

**“Winter Wonderland”**

Art will be displayed in the school windows from **February 3<sup>rd</sup> - February 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Feel free to enjoy an outside walk around the school and see the amazing art our students have been creating!



There will be **NO SCHOOL** from **February 15<sup>th</sup> – February 19<sup>th</sup>**. We would like to wish all JEES families a safe and healthy week off.

# Message from the Principal

It is Groundhog Day very soon and I am not sure winter has even started. We have been very spoiled. With the days already getting longer, I am confident 2021 is going to be a much better year.

We have some big news! The Kinsmen and Kinettes have donated a combined \$3000 to our school for our 1 Book, 1 School program. We are working on plans to continue with this program in a Covid-friendly manner.

More big news for the month is that we are starting a new kindergarten class. Because numbers have been increasing, we are dividing our three classes into four. Elisabeth Pascal will be the teacher of the new class and we are very excited to have her as part of our staff.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are going on this next week. Please make sure you sign up for a meeting. It is a great opportunity for us to talk about your children and show off what they have been learning this year.

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

Mr. Curtis Uyesugi, *Principal*

This is a reminder to all parents/guardians that JEES uses **School Messenger** as an attendance reporting tool.

The safety of our students is our first priority, and **School Messenger** helps us know our students are safe and where they should be.

There are 3 simple ways parents can report an absence for their student:

- The **School Messenger App** is available for free download for both Apple & Android devices.
- Phone the toll-free number - **1.844.260.7166**
- Go online <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>



More information including helpful step-by-step guides can be found on our website at [www.jees.ca](http://www.jees.ca).



*Jennie Emery Elementary* will once again be participating in **Pink Shirt Day** on **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**.

The focus for 2021 is "Lift Each Other Up".

To learn more about what **Pink Shirt Day** is about, please visit: <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>

## NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS - FEBRUARY

As we move into February we are concentrating on the theme of **KINDNESS AND CARING** in the Learning Commons and what it means to be a **FRIEND**. We are trying to find ways to show kindness to ourselves and others. I have encouraged the students to give me examples of this in writing or in pictures to put on our Kindness Challenge Bulletin Board we will have set up outside the Learning Commons. Please encourage your children to submit these to me before the end of February.

In past years our school has taken advantage of the **ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS TRAVELLING EXHIBITION PROGRAM**. This month our exhibit is titled:

### *Heaven Can Wait*

Heaven Can Wait is a series of works by Medicine Hat-based artist Roy Caussy. The vivid, colourful drawings were generated through an intuitive approach, fulfilling subconscious directives, and the results are lighthearted. User-friendly materials were utilized to create these vibrant pieces. The artist explains, “It was important to me that the drawings be produced with ‘simple’ materials, specifically: crayon, pencil crayon, watercolour, gouache and India ink. The reason for this is because I want my drawings to be both approachable and understandable, giving the viewer a sense that, with enough practice, they could achieve something similar.”



Inspired by Caussy’s love of colour and pop-culture references, these drawings conjure nostalgia for the mid-1990s. At first glance reminiscent of trendy genre posters, they bring a lightness to our society’s current pandemic heaviness. He explains, “I wanted to move away from any attempt to make these drawings important or serious and instead have the works feel fun, and operate on a visual and emotional level. I also wanted the colour palette and content to be as eye-catching as possible so that the work screams for attention, no matter where the drawings are hung.”

As an artist and art educator, Caussy wanted to create a body of work that exhibited uninhibited creativity. He wanted to communicate the freedom of one’s imagination, and the creative confidence that is generated from that freedom. “As a drawer,” he says, “you get to create worlds and build concepts and ideas; you get to grow your imagination.” These works are truly the outcome of the artist’s uninhibited, innate drive to create.

Curated by Xanthe Isbister, Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre, TREC Region 4

**The exhibit will be displayed in the Learning Commons from January 27-February 24, 2021.**

Thank you to all the families who have gone online to place books on hold using our *Destiny Discover* site. If you haven’t yet had the opportunity to use it, the instructions including the calendars can be found on our website. Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding this.

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*Learning Commons Facilitator*

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Parent-Teacher Interviews (virtual)	2 Parent-Teacher Interviews (virtual)	3 Winter Walk! Parent-Teacher Interviews (virtual)	4 Parent-Teacher Interviews (virtual)	5 Parent-Teacher Interviews (virtual) MW Kindergarten
8	9	10	11	12 Red & Pink Day! MW Kindergarten
15 No School	16 No School	17 No School	18 No School	19 No School
22	23 Parent Council Mtg @ 7:00 p.m.	24 Pink Shirt Day!	25	26 TT Kindergarten