

JENNIE EMERY ELEMENTARY

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

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| January 8: | First day back | January 22: | A1 Hot Lunch |
| January 11: | AI Hot lunch ORDERS DUE | January 25: | 6:30 pm Parent's Information night |
| January 12: | TT Kindergarten | January 26: | JEES PD Day - No School |
| January 15: | 7:00 pm Parent council meeting | January 30 | Subway Hot Lunch |
| January 18: | Subway Hot lunch ORDERS DUE | | |
| January 19: | MW Kindergarten | | |
| | 8:45am Assembly | | |
| | Crazy Hair day | | |

IMPORTANT COLD WEATHER INFORMATION

We all knew it would eventually happen, and we should not be surprised that the cold and snow have arrived, all be it later than normal.

With the cold weather in the forecast, we would like to remind families of a few things:

- ✔ Please ensure students are dressed for the weather
- ✔ We will have indoor recess when the windchill is -20C or colder. We may have some optional recess times for students that are properly dressed, at staff discretion
- ✔ There is a strong possibility that buses may not run with cold weather - please watch for information on Palliser website, the bus app, and media outlets



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ELP, KINDERGARTEN,
GRADES 1-3

2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



NEW STUDENTS

RETURNING STUDENTS

ELP Programs available:

M/W 8:30 am - 11:30 am
M/W 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

T/Th 8:30 am - 11:30 pm
T/Th 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Kindergarten Programs available:

M/W Full days
M/T/W/Th Mornings

T/Th Full days
M/T/W/Th Afternoons

All kindergarten classes will have rotating Friday mornings as well

**Please call the office to confirm
day/time preference 403-345-2403

**Program times and availability
may be adjusted according to
needs and enrolments



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Basketball

Grade 3 and 4 basketball club information will go home the first week of January. A thank you in advance to our staff and volunteers who help make activities like this possible. We hope that students have a lot of fun and enjoy learning more about the game of basketball.



We are excited to offer Basketball Club to grade 1 and 2 students as well, starting in March. The focus will be on skill development through games and challenges. Information and a sign up letter will be sent home in February.



CHOIR NEWS



The choir will be singing O' Canada at the Lethbridge Hurricanes game on Saturday, February 3rd at 6:00pm. Choir families, please watch for an email and a paper home with more information. We would love as many Jennie Emery families as we can get to cheer them on!



HOT LUNCH



A1 Pizza:

Orders Due: January 11th
Served: January 22nd

Subway:

Orders Due: January 18th
Served: January 30th

You can order until 10pm on the order due date. Please note that late orders are NOT accepted.

We are very excited to announce a parent/guardian information night with Chris Mattatall

When: January 25, 2024

Where: Jennie Emery gymnasium

Time: 6:30pm

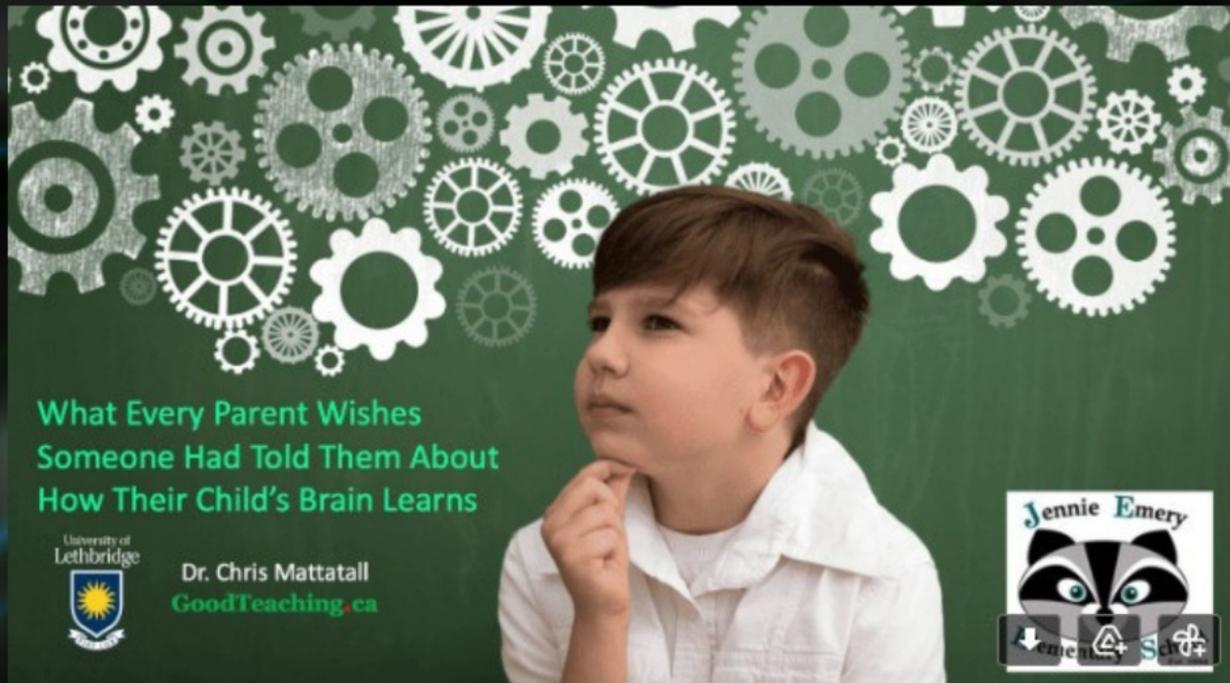
Snacks provided

Unfortunately we will not be able to provide childcare at this time.

Dr. Chris Mattatall

Jennie Emery staff have had the pleasure of working closely with Dr. Chris Mattatall, who is an associate professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge. Dr. Chris Mattatall has been leading our teachers through a book study; focusing specifically on literacy and the art of teaching children to read.

Dr. Chris Mattatall is a clear communicator with a gentle and affirmative style. As a father, grandfather and teacher, he draws from his life experience to bring a sense of relevance and approachability to this session. The information he will share directly relates to his research as it will focus on what families would want to know about their child's brain and how they learn.



Friends of Jennie Emery

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

✓ January 15 at 7:00pm

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

✓ We have a treasurer position available, and would love your help! This position would start as a shared position and move into the full treasurer position next year. If you are interested please contact foje.treasurer@gmail.com

January 2023

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|--|------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| 1 No School New Year's Day | 2 No School | 3 No School | 4 No School | 5 No School |
| 8 First Day Back | 9 | 10 | 11 A-1 Hot lunch orders due | 12 TT Kindergarten |
| 15 7:00pm Parent Council Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 Subway hot lunch orders due | 19 MW Kindergarten Assembly Crazy Hair day |
| 22 A1 Hot Lunch Basketball Club Starts for Gr 3/4 | 23 | 24 | 25 6:30pm Parent's information night | 26 JEES PD Day |
| 29 | 30 Subway Hot Lunch | 31 | | |

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

The staff at JEES would like to say a huge thank you for participating in our annual Angel Tree Toy Drive. The level of commitment from our entire community was heartwarming. The impact of this shared experience was felt by every child who received a gift bundle and by every family who was given the gift of hope. Families who received gifts this Christmas from Angel Tree are our neighbors who we see every day. These children and 4,253 more are the reason why JEES supports the Angel Tree campaign. Thank you so much for your support.





COLD WEATHER

Tips for dressing for cold weather:

- Dress in layers: insulating layers underneath and a wind-protecting outer layer
- Protect your extremities: Feet, hands and heads get cold very quickly. Warm boots, mittens (they keep fingers warmer than gloves), hats and gaiters or scarves are important for very cold days.
- Avoid exposed skin, consider a mask or scarf to protect the face if it's very cold and windy



Transportation Information



Did you know that at around **-34 degrees** Celsius, diesel fuel can turn into gel? This means that our buses may not operate in such extreme cold. While closing schools can significantly disrupt family routines, this decision is always considered carefully. Therefore, there may be times when schools remain open, even though buses are not running.

In situations of severe weather, Palliser School Division respects and supports your family's decision regarding your child's attendance. This could mean opting to keep your child at home if you don't have a safe way to transport them to school, or arranging an alternative method of transportation when bus services are cancelled.

Communication in Severe Weather

Notification of School Closures: If weather and road conditions are bad enough (ie bad visibility or heavy snow) to necessitate school closures, we aim to notify staff and families by 6:45 AM on the day of the closure.

On-Site Staff Presence: In the event of unexpected student arrivals, efforts will be made to ensure at least one staff member is present at the school.

For comprehensive details on how our Division handles inclement weather, including bus cancellations, please visit our Inclement Weather Procedures:

[Inclement Weather](#)

Stay prepared, safe and warm!
Palliser School Division

