

Principal's Message

Hello JEES Families,

March was a month filled with a number of highlights and celebrations. Thank you to our families for joining the spring conferences to meet with teachers and discuss your child's growth this year. Thank you as well for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair – this was a successful week again this year and we were pleased to see so many students interested in shopping for some new books. During that week, we also had a number of families stop by for our Early Learning Program Open House. If any families missed the Open House, please contact us if you would like to set up a visit and tour. New kindergarten families are also welcome to come tour our school. Registration for next year is available on our website (<u>https://www.jees.ca/</u>). Please give us a call or you stop by the office if you have any questions.

Also last month, our grade 1 students enjoyed participating in the basketball club. It was wonderful to see so many students join the few weeks of fun, learning, and mini games. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping to lead these sessions for our students. Our Western Spirit Day was another fun day for students, which included the grade 1 B & C led assembly, a line dance, and then a sock hop to wrap up the day and celebrate the Sock Drive campaign (total of 676 pairs of socks donated).

Westwind Thunders was another highlight last month. We appreciate that Mr. Jerry First Charger and the Westwind Thunders returned to our school to share their dance performances with our school community. They offered a variety of creative contemporary dances along with traditional and hoop dances. We are hopeful that this will continue to be an annual event at JEES.

We are currently in the midst of the One School One Book – A Boy Called BAT. It has been an exciting week of reading, naming the class pet skunk, and completing some common artwork. Next week, we are fortunate to have a parent volunteer from Green Acres Animal Hospital present to our classes and teach us about how they care for pets.

Our next school assembly will be hosted by our other two grade 1 classes (A & D) on April 11th, which will also be our Neon Spirit Day. We look forward to having you join us.

Enjoy the month of April. Have a wonderful Easter holiday week.

Jennie Emery Elementary School April 2025 Newsletter

Reminders from Emery Raccoon!

There will be no school April 18–25 for Easter Break! If you are visiting the school, please stop at the office to let us know you are here and which classroom you are visiting!

Please report through Edsby, or phone the OFFICE, if your child is going to be late or absent. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the changing weather. We go outside daily for recess!

Harmony in Hues

Coaldale Public Library's Student Art Show April 8 - May 26, 2025



This show will feature art from preschool to grade twelve from 5 schools in Coaldale. Hopefully you can attend to view the artwork and celebrate the talent of many Coaldale students, including some of our very own!

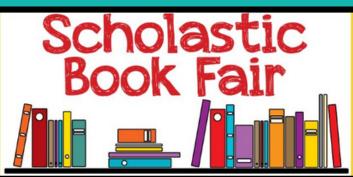
Congratulations to the following JEES artists who will be showcased

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- Fraser (Kindergarten) Grace (Kindergarten) Finn (Kindergarten Bradley (Kindergarten)
- Izzy (Grade 1 Mason (Grade 1) Caleb (Grade 1) Andrea (Grade 1) Haelynn (Grade 1)
- Ellie (Grade 2) Maisie (Grade 2) Leo (Grade 3) Lakelyn (Grade 3)



Thank you to all who donated to the JEES Sock Drive! 676 pairs of new socks were brought in and will be donated to those who need them!



Thank you to everyone to supported our Scholastic Book Fair! The total sales were an astounding \$9132! Half of that will go towards new books and resources for the Learning Commons!

Congratulations to Miss Warchola and a student from her class for winning the door prize!

Elementary School Library Newsletter Thank You for a Successful Book Fair!

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

We are thrilled to share that our recent book fair was a tremendous success! Our goal was \$6000.00 but ended up with a total of \$9132.00 half of which comes back to our school. Thanks to your enthusiasm and support, we were able to provide students with exciting new books while also raising funds to enhance our library collection and literacy programs.

A huge thank you to our wonderful students for their eagerness to explore new stories and expand their love of reading. Your excitement filled the library with joy, and we hope you enjoy the books you selected.

To our amazing parents and families—your participation, whether through volunteering, shopping, or simply encouraging your children to read, made all the difference. Your dedication to literacy helps create a lifelong love of books in our students.

And to our dedicated teachers and staff—thank you for promoting the book fair, volunteering your time and incorporating the joy of reading into the classroom. Your support ensures that students see reading as an essential and enjoyable part of their education.

Because of this incredible community effort, we are able to purchase new books and resources that will benefit all students for years to come. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to more literary adventures ahead!

One School, One Book: A Boy Called Bat

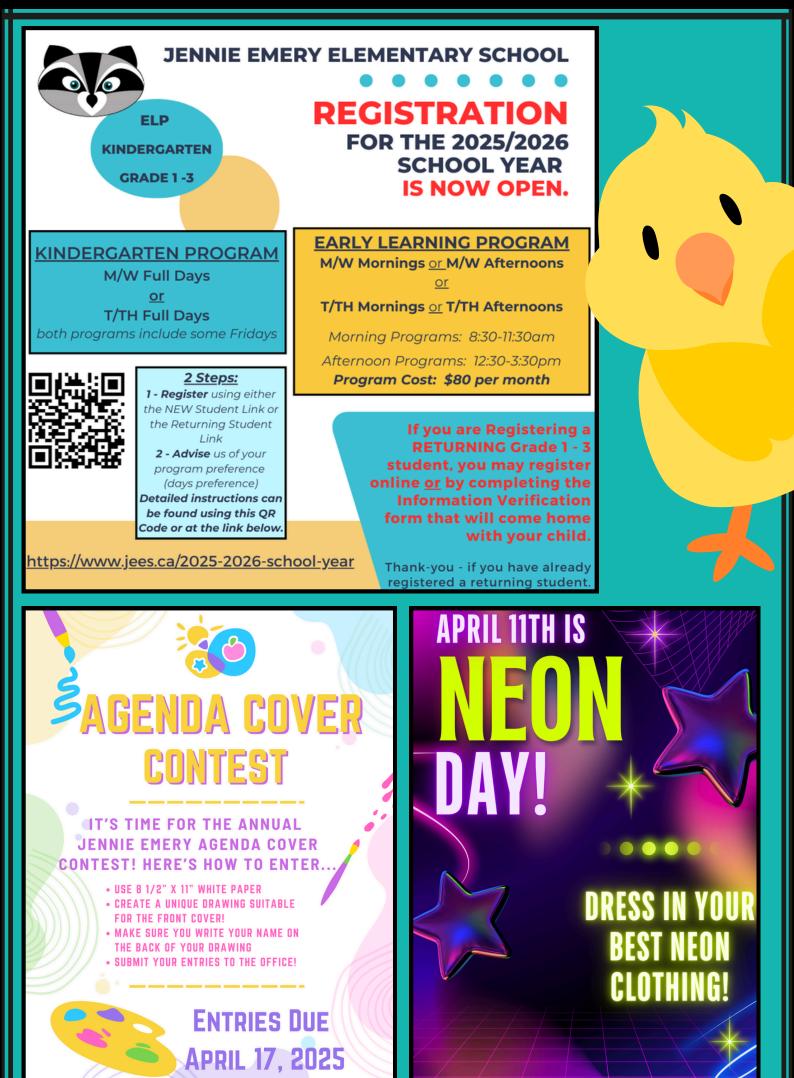
We are excited to be participating in the One School, One Book literacy project! This year, our entire school community is coming together to read *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold. This heartwarming story follows Bat, a young boy who forms a special bond with a baby skunk, highlighting themes of empathy, understanding, and perseverance. Through shared reading experiences, discussions, and activities, we aim to foster a love of reading and strengthen connections between students, families, and educators. We encourage everyone to join in the journey and celebrate the power of storytelling!

Happy reading,

Sue Wells (sue.wells@pallisersd.ab.ca)

Learning Commons Facilitator

Jennie Emery Elementary School



Pone to attend our onu, please Parent Council is still looking for someone to attend our meetings and take notes! If this interests you, please contact us @ friendsofjennieemery@gmail.com

<u>Upcoming Events & Info</u>

Our Bake Share Care Sale will be on April 15th. Keep an eye out for upcoming sign ups for baking and volunteer positions!

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 5-9! We have a committee formed, but please reach out if you would like to contribute or volunteer!

Did you know we have a bin at the bottle depot? Just let them know if you'd like your bottles donated to us! Funds go towards field trips and special activities!

Our spring 50/50 fundraiser is live! Draw date - June 20, 2025 Scan the code below and get your tickets now! Our last winner took home over \$2200!

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Our Next Meeting is April 30 at 7pm

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JEES Lost and Found is overflowing! Any items remaining after the Easter Break will be donated to the Coaldale Clothing Fest!

Coaldale Clothing Fest Clear Out Your Closet!

Coaldale Mennonite Church is holding a Spring Clothing Fest ...

when? April 26, 2025 (10:00am - 1pm)

Where? Coaldale Mennonite Church Gym (2316 – 17 Street)

- Why? To help support our community
- How? From the generous donations and support of our community

The clothing fest is a recycling program, which benefits many families in our community.

Pick out clothes at NO CHARGE.

Donations of clean clothing/shoes (of all sizes), toys & books in good condition are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Coaldale Mennonite Church weekdays from 9am-12pm, starting April 7⁶ – April 23rd (except Good Friday, April 18⁶)

Remaining items will be donated to local charities.

For more information or special arrangements or if you would like to help, contact Jodi Reed @ (403) 345-5956



Location: Civic Square Atrium (1801 20th Ave) Date: April 19, 2025 1:00pm to 3:30 pm What is the Easter Event?

The Coaldale Easter Event is a free event that will consist of fun, family friendly activities.

Day-of Activities (1:00 pm - 3:30 pm)

- Photos with the Easter Bunny
- Wagon Rides
- Petland Petting Zoo (Furry Little Animals)
- Baby Chicks
- Mini Games
- Birds of Prey Display Hosted and Sponsored by the Alberta Birds of Prey Nature Centre
- Firepit & Marshmallow Roasting



March 17, 2025 Dear School Parents/Guardians, Staff and Volunteers; Measles cases are

increasing globally, with numerous countries and travel destinations reporting outbreaks including the United States, Europe and Canada. So far in 2025, Canada has seen a significant increase in measles cases and a number of jurisdictions have reported measles outbreaks. Cases of measles have been reported in Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba and most recently, Alberta.

There are no confirmed measles cases at your school at this time; however, it is important that

parents are aware of the risk and are supported by Alberta Health Services (AHS) Public Health. Measles Illness:

Measles is very contagious and is easily spread through the air. Some people who get measles can have serious health problems. In rare cases, measles can lead to death.

Measles is a viral illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and a blotchy rash. Symptoms usually start 8-12 days after exposure but can take as long as 21 days to appear.

Measles may cause complications including ear infections, pneumonia, seizures, or inflammation of the brain. Complications are more common among children under five years and people who are pregnant or immunocompromised.

A person with measles symptoms should stay home, avoid contact with others, and call Health Link at 811 before visiting any healthcare facility or any healthcare provider.

Protection against Measles:

The best protection against measles is to get immunized. Measles vaccines are highly effective. In order to be adequately protected against measles, individuals born in or after 1970 need two documented doses of measles-containing vaccine.

In Alberta, measles-containing vaccines are available free of charge for eligible individuals. The routine childhood immunization program includes two doses of measles containing vaccine.

For more information about measles-containing vaccines please go to ahs.ca/immunize or talk

to your/your child's healthcare provider. Parents and guardians can check that their child has received two doses of measles vaccine by calling Health Link at 811 or by contacting their local public health or community health center. Individuals who are 14 years of age and older can check their My Health Record account immunization record.



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Measles Case Response:

If measles is confirmed at your school, Public Health will immediately begin working with the school to keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of measles spreading.

To reduce transmission of measles, provincial Public Health guidelines require those with

infection and their contacts who are not immune to measles to stay at home and away from others until the risk of spreading the disease is over.

Further, we encourage you to keep children home when showing any signs of illness.

Two doses of measles vaccine given before a school measles exposure provides protection against measles and avoid<u>s pos</u>sible exclusion.

Next Steps:

If your child is not immunized, or you are unsure about you or your child's immunization status, please call Health Link at 811.

You can also learn more from MyHealthAlberta about the risks of measles here, find frequently asked questions here, or text 'measles' to 88111 for more information by text message. Thank you for your support.





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We had been thinking about fostering for a while when a friend of ours stopped by for a visit. She shared with us the story of her sister, who just started fostering a sweet little girl. After hearing her story, we immediately said, *'we need to foster,'* and that's how it all started.

-Closer to Home Foster Parent



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