



January, 2018

**Message from Administration**

It's hard to believe December is half-over and we will soon be heading into a new year! As the first 4-months of the school year come to a close, we'd like to take the opportunity to extend a heart-felt thank-you to all the staff, students, parents and community members who make East Lake a great place for kids and learning. To our school council who ensure things such as hot lunch and Santa photos happen, to our staff who volunteer their time to support things such as our Christmas Concert, Band Concert and sports teams, to our many students who organize multiple fund-raising events in support of worthwhile charities, and to all staff, students and parents who work tirelessly each day to make East Lake a positive school community, we say thank-you!

As we all get ready to leave for Christmas Vacation, we wish everyone a joyous holiday and all the best in the New Year!



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**2018**

## Up-coming Events (see below for details of events)

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 HOLIDAYS	2	3	4	5
8 First Day Back	9	10 Leadership Assemblies – Problem Solver	11	12
15 Grade 3s go swimming this week.	16 <a href="#">Family Math Games Night</a> 6:00-7:00 pm	17	18	19
22 Battle of the Books Gr 6-9 Round Robin Begins	23	24 Parent Council Meeting 6:00pm	25	26
29	30	31 Carnival Celebration **		
FEBRUARY			1	2
5	6	7 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES 4pm-7pm	8 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES 4pm-7pm	9
12	13	14	15 Battle of the Books Divisional Battle Grades 6-9	16
19 FAMILY DAY NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL Teachers' Convention	23 NO SCHOOL Teachers' Convention
26 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning Day	27	28		

\*\*Needed for Carnival Day—1L and 2L blocks of coloured ice. To make: fill a 1L or 2L milk carton with water and a drop or two of food colouring. Freeze until solid.

## Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Being a Problem Solver

Problems are tough! All of us work through problems on a daily basis. Sometimes they are quick and easy while at other times, they take a lot of time and effort. This month, our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Competency focus is on being a better problem solver. Problem solvers identify strategies and tools to develop, evaluate and implement solutions. In Rocky View schools, students are taught these 5 components of problem solving:

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1. Identify – Problem solvers recognize and define a problem
2. Understand – Problem solvers reflect on possible the problem, and chart a possible course of action
3. Strategize – Problems solvers identify and initiate steps to solve the problem
4. Evaluate – Problem solvers evaluate the results
5. Act – Problem solvers implement or recommend an appropriate course of action

Often when our children face difficult problems, they try a few strategies and then give up. This is not only an issue at school as many of us find that our children face problems at home as well. One thing we have been working on with students at school is developing a growth mindset. This type of mindset encourages students to take risks and be comfortable making mistakes as part of learning. We work with our students to let them know that they can continuously develop and strengthen skills that they may struggle with through hard work and effort. Giving feedback on their effort and encouraging them to continue to work on problems really helps develop resilience and perseverance, which are excellent problem-solving skills!

At home, you can also encourage a growth mindset and help your child become a better problem solver. Ask them lots of questions to get them thinking as they work through problems. Keep it open ended so they are the ones doing the thinking. Give them feedback on their effort as they work and try new strategies. Encourage them to try new things and take risks when learning. Remember that it is okay for them to make mistakes. Lastly, talk with your child about how you tackle problems and model the growth mindset approach. Ultimately, we want our students to see us going through the problem-solving process and giving it our absolute best even if we find it challenging.

### Information for Parents

#### Family Math Games Night

Save the date! We hope you will be able to join us Tuesday, January 16th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm for a Family Math Games Night. Students will be able to teach you their favourite math games. Games are a great, fun way to practice essential math skills. Hope to see you there! Please RVSP your attendance via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/exhpBJnERpBIKHej2> Thanks!

Follow us on Twitter @EastLakeRVS and Facebook @eastlakervs

**Science Fair**

Calling all those parents interested in helping judge our Gr. 5 – 9 Science Fair! If you are interested in helping out, please email Mr. Billings a [jbillings@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:jbillings@rockyview.ab.ca) The Science Fair will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Daily Announcements**

There is always so much going on in a K-9 school! In an effort to keep families better informed about events that are happening at the school, we will be posting all daily announcements to our school website. Please visit <http://eastlake.rockyview.ab.ca/welcome/publications/weekly-update/the-weekly-update> to see what we are doing.

**Accessing the Power School Parent Portal**

RVS has developed a “how to” video to help parents navigate the set-up procedure to access achievement information on Power School. Please follow this link:

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/powerschool/video-how-to-view-student-progress-in-the-public-portal>

**2018-19 Kindergarten Registration**

Please spread the word to new parents of children entering kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Advanced registration will begin Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

To register, parents need to have their child’s birth certificate and proof of address (utility bill, driver’s license, etc.). Parents can register online at <https://rockyview.schoolengage.ca/> or in person at the school. For more information, registration forms and procedures, please visit <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/registration/schools>

**Too Sick for School**

From sniffles to fevers, when is it important to keep your child home from school because they are too sick? Chris Pawluk, lead psychologist for RVS, wrote the following Blog post. It is definitely worth a read! <https://blogs.rockyview.ab.ca/2016/09/22/when-is-too-sick-for-school/>

**Find an Optometrist—Eye See Eye Learn**

Teachers are often the first people in a child’s life to identify a vision problem. It is not uncommon for parents not to be aware that their child has a vision problem because sometimes they can be hard to spot. Statistics show that more than 43% of children who have a problem can pass a basic vision screening or sight test, but have a vision or eye health problem. Eye exams are covered by Alberta Health until a child turns 19. [Find an Optometrist](#) will help you find a specialist in your area.

**Late Bus Information Update**

Please note that we have updated our Late Bus Information Line. To reach this line to hear up to date information regarding all bus routes please call 403-945-4138. In addition to this new

information line, we encourage all parents and students to use the respective outlets provided by your school bus contractor to view your individual routing information.

All **First Student** routes: Late Bus Messenger App

- Available for iOS through the App store: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/late-bus-messenger/id1012074138?mt=8>
- Available for Android through Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.firststudent.busstatus&hl=en>

### **Drop-Off and Pick Up**

Again, we remind families that they should not be entering the school parking lot to drop off or pick up students. With over 850 people trying to access or leave the building at the same time, it is a busy, somewhat chaotic space. The fewer moving vehicles the kids have to be aware of, the better. Little people are NOT looking for vehicles and drivers CANNOT see the little people.

Also, the Kiss and Drop is being used as a parking lot in the morning. When cars are parked in this zone, it really has a negative impact on the flow of dropping students off and makes it difficult for our buses to get into the bus drop off in a timely manner. Please refrain from parking in the Kiss and Drop in the morning.

If you need access to the parking lot at these times, for example, your child has a broken leg, please let Mme Waite know and she will make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **Community Involvement and Partnerships**

### **Cobbs Bakery**

We have started a new partnership with Cobbs Bakery! Cobbs is generously supporting our breakfast program with bread and buns. Students who need a little extra in the morning can now grab a piece of toast.

### **Adopt-a-Family Update**

East Lake School cares! Our students raised just shy of \$3000 to support our adopted family. The funds were used to purchase Christmas gifts and provide gift cards for groceries and other essentials. A sincere THANK YOU to all who contributed.



We raised over \$1000  
taping Mrs. Hirsch,  
Mr. Arnett, Mr. Billings  
and Mme Waite to the  
wall.

Thanks to the  
Leadership Group for  
organizing this event.



### **Chestermere Public Library**

We are so lucky to have a great public library in our community! Our Public Library joins us in supporting literacy development in many ways. One support they provide is to make the selections for our Battle of the Books available.

