



March, 2018

Message from Administration It Takes a Village...

East Lake is truly a community of students, their families and the school staff with a common goal of working together to ensure all students learn and reach their full potential. As a staff, each and every day, we endeavour to provide all students with an education that meets their needs. Teachers work to get to know each child's unique learning needs as they aim to create lessons, activities, and programs to help them grow as learners. In order to ensure all students are successful, it is important for the school and parents to work together to educate each child.

Parents play an important role in the education of their child as you are your child's first teacher, and learning does not begin and end at the school doors. As a school, we realize families are busy and sometimes find it difficult to carve out time sit down and work with children on school tasks. Ensuring your elementary child reads each and every day at home should be as important, if not more so, than any other activity they participate in as should ensuring children develop number sense by being exposed to math in their everyday lives. Reading broadly is important as it is a strong predictor of academic success across all subjects. Developing number sense is the foundation for all higher-level mathematics.

While it may sometimes be a challenge to find even a moment for this, it does not need to be an arduous task that requires lots of time. We hope the following unique ideas provide you with strategies for those days when there just isn't enough time.

- As you're driving, ask your child to read any signs they see out loud.
- Look for posters, advertisings, anything with print and ask your child to find words they know and read them to you.
- Make a game of finding license plates with different letters and numbers in them. Use the letters in the licence plates to make up words. Try to make different numbers using the numbers in a licence plate, using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division.
- Have your child count things they see...cars, people, animals, etc. How many more red cars are there than blue cars?, etc.
- As you're shopping, help your child estimate how much money they will need to pay for things.
- Listen to audiobooks in the car. Pause the story every so often to talk about what is happening and what might happen next.
- Play rhyming games. (The ability to rhyme is an extremely important pre-reading skill)
- Sing songs—alphabet, number concepts, rhyming, etc. There are lots available on YouTube! Or, ask your child's teacher about the songs they sing at school.

- If at the hockey rink, talk about the numbers on the jerseys. Can you make 100 with the players on the ice? Which player would have to join to get closer to the target number?
- Talk about 2-dimensional shapes (triangles, squares, circles, hexagons) and 3-dimensional objects (cubes, prisms, spheres, pyramids) they see around them.
- Skip count by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, 25s. Start from random numbers, once your child is proficient from 0.
- Look for patterns—words, numbers, objects, colours, etc.
- Get in the habit of always having a book or a deck of cards with you. A quick game of Go Fish! Or Addition War is a great way to practice numeracy skills.

This is not an exhaustive list. There are many ways to infuse numeracy and literacy into our busy daily schedules.

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

March 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Leadership Assemblies	2 Saturday, March 3- Bottle drive for the Band (see below)
5	6	7	8	9
12 Professional Learning Day NO SCHOOL	13	14	15	16
19	20	21 Parent Council Meeting 8:15 am	22	23
26 Term 3 Begins	27	28 Grade 6 Band Camp	29 Report Cards go home Grade 6 Band Camp	30 GOOD FRIDAY Spring Break begins (students return Tuesday, April 10 th)

April 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5 NO SCHOOL
9 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning for Staff	10	11	12	13
16 Grade 7-9 Band Trip	17 Grade 7-9 Band Trip	18 Grade 7-9 Band Trip	19	20
23	24	25 Spring Concert Kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 6:30	26	27 Battle of the Books East Lake VS PWE
30	MAY 1	2	3	4

Volunteers Needed for WEE READ

Do you have 30 minutes a week to read with kindergarten and grade one students? We are implementing a program called Wee Read. This eight-week program was designed by Calgary Reads (www.calgaryreads.com) to help kindergarten and grade one children strengthen the foundations for reading and school success, and help children develop a love of books.

This important program helps children to...

- Develop a love of reading
- Expand their imaginations
- Grow their oral and listening comprehension
- Realize that print makes sense
- Surface their prior knowledge and make connections to the text
- Deepen their vocabulary, background knowledge, and ability to predict
- Learn how to ask questions
- Believe in themselves as readers

If interested, please contact Ms. Berno at sberno@rockyview.ab.ca or by calling the school at 403 248 1091.

Pop Can Tab Drive

The leadership team will be collecting pop can tabs from February 27th to March 27th. For every pound our school collects, 40 cents will be donated to *Free the Children*. A pizza party will be given out to the class that brings in the most pounds of tabs. So, let's get collecting!

Band Fundraisers

Thank you to all the families of our band students who donated yummy treats for the bake sale. It was a great success!

BOTTLE DRIVE for the BAND

Our Grade 6-9 Band students will be running a Bottle Drive on Saturday morning, March 3 from 9 am - 12 pm. We kindly ask if you could set aside your recyclable containers to donate to our bottle drive on that Saturday March 3. We will do our best to come and collect from all the neighbourhoods where you reside. If you prefer, you can also drop off your recyclable containers at this address on that Saturday morning March 3 between 9 am - 12 pm: 677 East Chestermere Drive.

This address is the home of one of our Band parents who will be hosting this event from that location. Proceeds from this Bottle Drive will go towards lowering the cost of the Band trips to Camp Chestermere and Edmonton this Spring. Thank you!

Reminder to all Grade 6 Band parents/students: Our Band Camp Retreat at Camp Chestermere will be held Wednesday, March 28 – Thursday, March 29. Further details including the final cost of this trip will be forthcoming by the second week of March, once we have completed our Bottle Drive fundraiser. Thank you.



Basketball

Grade 6 boys and girls took part in a Basketball tournament against other schools. They practiced hard for two weeks after school. They gave it their best and made us proud to be East Lake Eagles. Congratulations to the girls' team for going undefeated in all 3 of their games!

Science Fair Success!

On February 7th and 8th, East Lake hosted the Grade 5 – 9 Science Fair. Over the two days, approximately 200 projects were judged. Students worked very hard on experiments, tri-fold preparations and oral presentations. Staff, students and parents were very impressed with the projects. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding projects:

5W – Ayman, Mya and Cassidy,

5T – Rory, Owen and Chris

5B – Dina, Erina and Bailey

5/6 – Jayden and Evan, Cecilia and Mikayla,

6V – Ahna and Spencer, Kayden and Serenity

6B – Alexis and Chahatdeep, Ryan and Ilyas

7G – Kyran and Danica, Riyad and Warren, Brie, Isabella and Sumer

7C – Sydney, Grace, Mackaylin and Jacey

7/8 – Nimrit and Kristina, Aneesh, Maryam and Joty

8F – Tarndeeep, Maya and Malak, Simrat and Maha
8L – Ella and Ava, Brianna
8/9 – Victoria and Morgan, Mercedes and Kiah
9P – Joban
9W – Harvir and Simran, Wassim

We are also pleased to announce that the following students will be representing East Lake at the Calgary Youth Science Fair in April:

Vaneet and Abbey (5W), Liv and Bryce (5T), Kaden and Luca (5B), Alexandra and Samantha (5/6), Simran (6V), Jalal (6B), Jenna (7G), Janessa and Sydney (8L), Esha (8/9), Harkiran (9P), Keelin and Lauren (9P), Dalia and Natasha (9W)

Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with judging and to parents and staff for helping students create their projects.

21st Century Leadership focus for March and April

We will be hosting our next Leadership Assembly on March 1st. Our focus this term is Seeking First to Understand, Then Be Understood: Being a Strong Communicator. This 21st Century Leadership Competency encourages students to listen respectfully and empathetically to others while responding to each other using language effectively and competently. It also includes learning how to read an audience through their interactions and using communication tools to connect with them in a variety of ways.

One of the most important things that we can do as parents/educators is engage our children in conversations regularly. We can demonstrate active listening and strategies for keeping conversations going. This can be done by rephrasing some of what was said and asking follow up questions. Another big area that our children need to understand is body language. Talk with your child about how they can show that they are actively listening and what it looks like when people really aren't giving their full attention. Role playing conversations are another great way to help students become better communicators. You can role playing challenging conversations that they may have with peers or how they can speak with their friends during a conflict.

Although we seem to rely on technology a lot these days for communication, nothing compares to our face to face interactions with each other. Working with our children to help strengthen their communication skills is an excellent way to prepare them for school and real life.

Grade 6-9 Divisional Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our two teams: Ceili Gilbert-Webster, Keira Kawula, Kesley Andrews, Anya Khadim, Riya Prasad, Miranda Radunske, Claire Bushfield, Lauren O'Bertos, Evelyne Johnson, Kiran Bajwa, Ethan Bryant, and Keelin Balla. Our students represented the school well at the Divisional Battles.

Grade 3-5 Battle of the Books

The next round of Battles is about to begin! Teams in grades 3-5 are reading the following novels:

Grade 3-5 Books	
<i>Twister on Tuesday</i> by Mary Pope Osborne	<i>Lemonade War</i> by Jacqueline Davies
<i>Freckle Juice</i> by Judy Blume	<i>The Tiger Rising</i> by Kate DiCamillo
<i>The Trouble with Chickens</i> by Doreen Cronin	
<i>Ordinary People Change the World: I Am Amelia Earhart</i> by Brad Meltzer	
<i>Face Off</i> by Jake Maddox	<i>Everything on a Waffle</i> by Polly Horvath
<i>Double Dog Dare</i> by Lisa Graff	<i>The Breadwinner</i> by Deborah Ellis
<i>El Deafo</i> by Cece Bell	<i>Charlotte's Web</i> by E.B. White
<i>Rain Reign</i> by Ann M. Martin	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid-book 1</i> by Jeff Kinney
<i>The Watson's Go to Birmingham</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis	

The Battle Bracket will be posted to the school's website. All preliminary rounds will take place during the lunch break in the Foods Room. Feel free to join us to cheer on our teams.

Sleep and Mental Health

Alberta Health Services will be putting on a FREE session on Tuesday March 6 @ 6:30-8:30 at the ReidBuilt Centre for Community Leadership (in Chestermere) on "Understanding the Relationship Between Sleep & Good Mental Health". This is to help understand the importance of sleep, the consequences of sleep deprivation and how to promote adequate sleep in young people. For more information please email ces@ahs.ca or call 403-955-4747. Register at <http://community.hmhc.ca/>

Skates to Donate?

The kindergarten classes are looking for skates. If you have skates that would fit kindergarten children and want to donate them to the kindergarten program, please contact Mme Carter at mecarter@rockyview.ab.ca or by calling 403 248 1091.