



NEWS FROM THE NEST

June 24 - 28, 2024

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Supporters of East Lake School,

Throughout the week we have had the opportunity to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day (Friday, June 21). This is a day to reflect on the heritage, traditions and foundational knowledge of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples. June is a great time to reflect on our personal commitments to Truth and Reconciliation. We are all learners on the journey of understanding, learning and unlearning.

Highlights included an incredible performance by Krazy Creek Drummers, a Nakota Sioux group from Bighorn, Alberta. We were fortunate to share Friday morning with Dancers brought in by RVS Indigenous Learning. We also took part in an Indigenous Games Day today where students participated outside in teamwork. These events are in addition to the daily work of decolonizing the classroom.

Often people think of historical content when considering what Indigenous teachings look like at school. We do teach historical content and we also look at ways to decolonize structures within the school and classroom. We invite learners into the learning experience, learn in community, use storytelling, land-based learning, prioritizing the domains of the medicine wheel (intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical), honoring perspectives and viewpoints and reflecting together.

We have been fortunate enough to have four teachers work through a cycle of learning with RVS Indigenous Learning Specialist, Dawn Granley. When observing a lesson with decolonization in mind, you might observe the following. Starting the lesson with an invitation to participate in a circle to give all an opportunity to participate, connect and respond to a discussion. Circles have no end or beginning, and all are equal. You may also see an activity where students interact and communicate with each other in groups or as individuals with the teacher acting in the role of observer or facilitator. Coming back to close with a discussion to share findings, observations and responses to the learning activity.

After a recent Parent Council meeting we realized there is an appetite for further parent learning on this topic. Next fall you can look forward to an invitation to come and learn about what foundational learning looks like at East Lake and how you can support as parent advocate.

Yours in Learning,

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This Week:

June 25
Sports Day

June 26
Grade 6 Farewell
11:00 am

June 26
Last Day of School

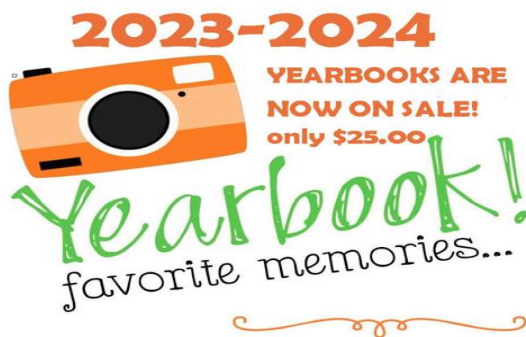
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Order by Wed., June 26, 2024

The 2023-2024 Yearbooks are now on sale. Cost \$25.00 per year book and are available to purchase in School Cash Online.

They will be delivered in the Fall of 2024.

Volunteering at East lake School for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity at our school, you will need to complete a Volunteer Orientation, as well as, provide a Vulnerable Sector Check from the RCMP.

Please watch for our Volunteer Orientation session(s) in September 2024 and throughout the year. Our orientation takes about 30 minutes to complete. It is important that all volunteers receive the same information about our school. It is also a way to meet other parents within our school community.

Volunteer forms received at the Volunteer Orientation must be signed each school year (FOIP, Confidentiality, etc).

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BACK TO SCHOOL

AT EAST LAKE 24/25



Tues, Sept. 3rd Grade 5 & 6
(full day)
Weds, Sept. 4th Grade 3 & 4
(full day)
Thurs, Sept. 5th Grade 1 & 2
(full day)
Friday, Sept. 6th- All Grades
(full day)



Kindergarten students will
attend either morning or
afternoon on September 4
or 5th and full time on
Friday, September 6th.
More information to follow
in the teacher welcome
email.



Your child's classroom
teacher will reach out with
a "Welcome Email" August
28th, 2024.



K-4 Supplies included

Gr 5/6 Supplies on web
page

All: indoor shoes, water
bottle, nutritious snack and
lunch.



Meet the Teacher:
Wednesday, September 11
from 3:00-5:00pm

Please reach out to our
office team with questions.

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Register Now for 2024/25 Bus Transportation

Time is running out to receive a discount on your transportation registration! Families who register before June 30 will receive an early registration discount of \$40. This is extended to each of the first two students in a family, with additional students receiving \$20 off if registering early. A minimum payment of 50 per cent is due at registration. Bus service may be cancelled up until Oct. 31, 2024 to receive a full refund. A step-by-step guide to registration is available on [Transportation Registration & Fee Payment](#).

To guarantee service for the first day of school, registration must be received before Aug. 1. Students registered after this deadline may experience delays of two to three weeks before they can ride the bus as late applications will be processed with a start date after Sept. 18.

Transportation fees for 2024/25 will remain the same as 2023/24.

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