



# NEWS FROM THE NEST

November 18 – 22, 2024

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(Safe Organized Accountable Respectful)

Dear Parents and Supporters of East Lake School,

I was the student that found math challenging and intimidating through school. I remember vividly in first grade being at the board, alone, and getting the answer wrong in front of the entire class. I felt embarrassed, on the spot and developed a confidence issue with math from then out. I moved through high school and got through- with lots of attempts at memorization, text book repetition, work sheets, teacher led instruction and tests. I wonder if any pieces of this sound familiar with your own school experiences?

Our Building Thinking Classrooms professional development brings a different face to math (and other learning tasks across subjects). We have been engaging in a year long book study of "Building Thinking Classrooms" and working in team with RVS Learning Specialists to have a common staff professional learning experience. I saw many of you attempting math tasks at Student Led's- bravo! Here is a quick run down in case this is a new concept for you.

A Building Thinking Classroom activity features randomized groupings of students. You may see students standing and far more active. The classroom is arranged to promote collaboration and comfort. You could see students working in team at vertical or on non permanent surfaces. You could see students approaching a well developed task that is thought provoking. Students are brainstorming, communicating, recording and testing their ideas. Perhaps they view the work of others out of curiosity. The teacher could be mindfully circulating, supporting and observing learning. The lesson would feature a consolidation process using student produced learning. Assessment is primarily formative and could happen through observation, discussion or product.

Compare these two scenarios for a moment. One feels far more inclusive, active, creative and engaging. I'm excited to see these principles coming alive at East Lake and offering both vertical and horizontal alignment within our school. Interested in learning more? Follow along at @eaglessoar or at East Lake School on Facebook to see evidence of Thinking Classrooms at East Lake or visit <https://www.buildingthinkingclassrooms.com>.

Here is a video of Landry Forand, RVS Learning Specialist who is currently working with our staff, modelling a thinking classroom at Chestermere Lake Middle  
[https://youtu.be/fW5EvyK2rbs?si=kVNe\\_ljvQL5kdWMO](https://youtu.be/fW5EvyK2rbs?si=kVNe_ljvQL5kdWMO)

Yours in Education,

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## **This Week:**

### **November 20**

Parent Council & Friends  
6:00 pm

### **November 22**

Popcorn Fundraiser

## **Upcoming:**

### **November 20**

Friends & Parent Council Meeting  
6:00 pm

### **November 22**

Popcorn Fundraiser

### **November 26**

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser Order Deadline

### **November 27**

Winter Plant Fundraiser Order Deadline  
12:00 pm

### **November 27**

Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conferences  
5:00 – 7:30 pm

### **December 2**

PL Day  
No School

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There will be a minor change to the scheduled  
**Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Council and Friends of East Lake Society meetings!

**6pm** – Friends of East Lake Society meeting to vote & approve expenditures  
**630pm** – Parent Council to immediately follow

*\*Teams link will be provided and available for online participants\**

**PURDYS  
CHOCOLATE  
FUNDRAISER**

Orders Due: November 26  
Pick up: December 13 (Winter Movie Night - Mini Market)  
Order Online: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/2021901-123319>

The advertisement features a purple gift box with a white ribbon and a purple bow, next to an open tray of various chocolates. The text is in a bold, purple, sans-serif font.

GROWING SMILES  
**WINTER  
PLANT  
FUNDRAISER**

Orders Due: November 27 @ 12:00 PM  
Pick up: December 13 (Winter Movie Night - Mini Market)  
Order Online: <https://elsfriends.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

The advertisement features a poinsettia plant in a white pot. The text is in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

**E-GIFT card**

**E-GIFT Cards**  
You can now purchase an e-gift card at <https://healthyhunger.ca/>.  
Purchase an e-gift card for yourself, a friend, family member, or anyone that has an e-mail. The e-gift card will be delivered via e-mail making it an easy way to buy a gift this Holiday Season.

**Deadline to Order: December 20, 2024**

Entertainment, Food, & Retail Gift Cards available for Walmart, Tim Hortons, Bass Pro, Old Navy, Marshalls / Winners / HomeSense, ROBLOX, Ultimate Dining Cards, A&W, David's Tea, Safeway & More.

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