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Next week is Truth & Reconciliation Week Sept. 26-30th

This is an important week of learning and reflection to support the work of truth and reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous Peoples. Throughout the week, students are staff are encouraged to wear orange, and will have stickers or ribbons to wear, classes and hallways will have flags and banners for Every Child Matters. The week will start with an assembly to teach about Truth and Reconciliation Week and include a moment of silence to honour the children and families who suffered in the residential school system. Teachers will have a variety of books, resources, and activities to choose from to help with reflections and learning. Each day students will have a sharing circle about a specific focus or question, to deepen their understanding. On Friday, while there is no school, visit Nose Creek Park for a Day of Healing with elders and knowledge keepers, to help stay connected and involved.

Terry Fox Run!

Yesterday, Edwards students ran The Terry Fox Run. Our students showed great leadership and enthusiasm for continuing Terry's legacy. Through your generous donations we have already been able to raise over \$3100 online and about \$2100 was brought to school to support the Terry Fox Foundation! Thank you for your tremendous support for cancer research. Please pass on our sincere thanks to your friends, families or other community members who made donations on behalf of your student(s). The funds collected will help to continue the advances that have been made over the vears in cancer research and treatment. We are very excited to announce that we have reached our \$5000 goal. Now, Mme Berlin will cut her long hair short, our students and staff will enjoy a special theme day (date to be determined), Mme Prud'Homme and Mme Hooper will give all students and extra recess and will match the donations of the highest fundraising class!!!

Terry Fox National School Run 2022



We will continue to accept donations online and at school until October 6th. Donations can be made online at: <u>https://schools.terryfox.ca/6459</u>

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Supporting Students in Learning:

Parents, please remember to check your emails as teachers have sent home a note regarding IPP collaboration for those students with Success Plans. Please reach out to your child's teacher for questions.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

The first meeting is on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 pm. Join Zoom or in person at the school. https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/91853099325 PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR INPUT! Please click this survey link to help the council in year planning. https://forms.gle/Eu92CUis5supNQ3k9

EDWARDS SPOTLIGHT!



Important

Meet our Office Staff:



Every day we welcome students, parents and staff through our doors, and we are so happy to help you in our office.

Miss Rhonda: I am the receptionist and the "first face in the office", my day-to-day responsibilities include a variety of tasks, but my main role is brightening the day of those around me ^(C)

I enjoy getting to know the students and families at Edwards, so make sure you stop in to say "hi". When I'm not at work, I spend time with my family, watching my kids play soccer & enjoying time at the lake and trailer.

Miss Debbie: I am the Secretary II and the "second face in the office." My main duties are making sure all the student & parent information in PowerSchool is complete and accurate. Please send me any updates on addresses, phone numbers, and medical information. I can also answer any PowerSchool or SchoolEngage questions you may have.

Since I can't see over my computer behind Miss Rhonda, please come back and say "hi" if you need anything.

When I'm not working, I'm walking my dog Waylon or watching my son play hockey for the Pentiction Vees.

Miss Wendy: Hi! I am the Finance Secretary and the "third face in the office", I handle all finance-related items for the school as well as helping with the needs of all of our awesome Edwards students. I love working at Edwards we have the most amazing staff and students!

In my personal time, I enjoy time with my family, friends, and pets, I love to read and enjoy long walks and travel!

LOST & FOUND CORNER



STAY HEALTHY!

Student and staff Illness is on the rise again! Please keep your child home if they are sick, as many students and staff are away right now with various illnesses. If your child is home sick, please mark them 'Absent Health' in the absence system, this way we have accurate records for Alberta Health Services. Thank you!

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Family Activities & Resources

Learn more: https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/campaigns/national-day-truthreconciliation.html

Visit Nose Creek Park on Sept. 30th



A Day of Healing

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 | 10 AM TO 4 PM Nose Creek Regional Park, Airdrie AB

A Day of Healing - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Join us for a day of healing with Elders and Knowledge Keepers from Stoney Nakoda Kainai and Tsuut'ina First Nations and the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 bringing our communities together in reconciliation and honouring Survivors their families and their communities.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the raising and lowering of the tipi and trapper's tent; listen to Elder prayers teachings stories songs music and join in a round dance. Enjoy a cup of tea and a taste of bannock made over an open fire. Come and visit with First Nation and Métis Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

Helpful Videos

What is Orange Shirt Day? https://www.cbc.ca/kids/ articles/what-is-orangeshirt-day

We are All Treaty People https://www.youtube.com /watch?v=TePIVr2bgCY

Have an open mind and an open heart. Have conversations at home. Share. Listen. Reflect.

Canadian Residential School History https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=yFbLMNgTXel&t=6s