

December-January

Monthly Theme:

WE DO OUR BEST & INDEPENDENCE



*What does it look like when we are doing our best?
Why is it important to build independence?*

Edwards School Goals Workbook Presentation at Council meeting by Rachelle Prud'Homme

School Population – Quick Facts

- 707 students, 29 classrooms K-5
- 27 teachers, 13 support staff
- 107 students or 14% are identified with specialized or exceptional needs (IPPs/PLPs)
- 35 students or 5% are English Language Learners
- 47 students or 7% self-declare as First Nations, Inuit or Metis
- Students in English programming: 333
- Students in French Immersion programming: 374

Highlights:

- K-2 Christmas Concerts were a huge success!
- Christmas Spirit Days and special activities were lots of fun in December
- Skating for classes started in January! Thank you for all volunteers who have helped for additional supervision and skating on the ice!
 - Please donate gently used helmets and skates to the school for the future student use. We will always be in need of these items. Thank you!
 - We are purchasing more helmets to help ease the stress this year of many students needing helmets, and it being required for skating.
- Grade 4 Ski Trip Jan. 24 was a success!
- Gearing up for Literacy Week fun activities, including Human Scrabble Day!
- Literacy Week Jan. 25th-Feb. 1st with classroom literacy challenges and activities!

Staffing Updates

Our New Learning Assistant Position will be covered by substitutes this year who are familiar with our school, staff, and students.

We welcomed a student teacher in Ms. Sell's grade 2 class during the month of January, his name was Mr. Sage.

Upcoming School Happenings:

- Have a Heart Day Feb. 14th
- Pink Shirt Day Feb. 16th
- March is GEAR! Gathering Edibles for Airdrie Residents
- March 6-10th French Culture Week
- 3Way Student Led Conferences March 8-9th
- March 9th Grade 5 Ski Trip

Continuous Improvement – Updates 2022-2023 Areas of Focus

Our School Goals will be primarily focused on the following areas:

INCLUSION & ENGAGEMENT	LITERACY & NUMERACY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Belonging and Care ▪ Strong Teams & Learning Walks ▪ Indigenizing Teaching Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Independence and Doing Our Best ▪ Digging Into Data & Instructional Design ▪ Making Learning Visible

School Goal #1:

How might we design inclusive learning experiences with a sense of belonging and care, supporting all students to succeed?

School Goal #2:

How might we design instruction to promote student independence and mastery in literacy and numeracy?

Learning Supports Update!

How are we supporting students in various ways across the school?

# of students supported in literacy groups	Fl 29 Eng 51
# of students supported in numeracy groups	25
# of students supported in life skills and social emotional groups	14 + peer guests (20)
# of students supported with success plans	107
# of students supported with modified, specialized programming	10
# of students receiving one to one assistant support	7
# of classrooms receiving assistant support	9 classes
# of students supported by Speech Therapist	17 referrals
# of students supported by Occupational	11 referrals
# of students supported by CDA	58
# of classrooms supported by CDA	8

**Students show independence in their skating, reading, writing, numeracy and more!
Celebrate your child's efforts when they challenge themselves, try hard things, and when they make good choices. Especially when they are able to own their own actions and words and make goals for improvement. We are always learning and growing!**



PARENTS

How can you build INDEPENDENCE at home with your children?

- Encourage children to do things on their own, and help them to not give up.
- Talk about how to make good choices and celebrate when good choices are made.
- When there is a problem or conflict, talk about it together, share perspectives, and help children own their words and actions.
- Be a role model by setting goals, challenging yourself, being responsible, and talking openly about your learning.



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Today we kicked off our Literacy Week with Human Scrabble Day!!!! So. Much. Fun. Thank you for the idea @WindsongHeights Classes have a choice board of fun activities to try all week long. Stay tuned for more fun pics this week! #rvsed

