

School Council Principal Report

Belong. Learn. Succeed. Appartenons. Apprenons. Réussissons. Rachelle Prud'Homme, Acting Principal Veronica Hooper, Assistant Principal

February-March 2023

Monthly Theme: WE CARE & WE DO OUR BEST





What does it look like when we are taking care of one another and showing care to our world, community, or school? How do we know when we are doing our best?

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

Highlights:

- Have a Heart Day brought the school together to write letters to our government officials about equality for all children, and more supports and services for First Nations communities. Grade 4 and 5 students walked to deliver 700 letters, visiting our local MLA's office and local chiefs.
- Pink Shirt Day to stand up against bullying was recognized on Feb. 16th
- March is GEAR! Gathering Edibles for Airdrie Residents, we have a goal to bring in 1500 items this month!
- French Culture Week was full of exciting activities, songs, assemblies and learning! March 6-10th
- Open House Student Led Conferences March 8-9th was an excellent way for students to share their learning, progress, and growth with their parents, taking pride in and having ownership in their learning
- Grade 4 and Grade 5 Ski Trips were a huge success. The ski hill raved about how well-behaved and wonderful Edwards students are. Well done!
- PBIS assemblies! We Care in February, and We Do Our Best in March!
- Paul Davis Internet Safety Presentation was very informative for gr. 3-5 students and parents see the recent email from the school for helpful links.

School Population – Quick Facts

- 705 students, 29 classrooms K-5
- 27 teachers, 13 support staff
- 2 Admin, 2 Learning Support Teachers, 1 Child Development Advisor (CDA)
- 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: 335
- Students in French Immersion: 375

Staffing Updates

We are working on hiring a part time Intervention Teacher to work with small groups to help boost students in literacy and numeracy skills.

Question: Before and After School Care...

Did you know?

- Student leaders help with morning announcements
 - Mondays gr. 4-5 weekly video news!
 - Wednesdays and Fridays gr. 1-3 on the school intercom
- 2. Grade 3-5 Gym Games are at lunch time T, W, TH with house team groupings, as an alternative activity!

Upcoming School Happenings:

- March -April In-line skating for students in gym classes
- Jump Rope for Heart health and Annual Ride the Mustangs with GMHS coming soon
- May 15-18 is Concert Week gr. 3-5
- June 1st Family Dance!

Continuous Improvement – Updates 2022-2023 Areas of Focus

INCLUSION & ENGAGEMENT

- Belonging and Care
- Strong Teams & Learning Walks
- Indigenizing Teaching Practices

LITERACY & NUMERACY

- Independence and Doing Our Best
- Digging Into Data & Instructional Design
- Making Learning Visible