



Lamont Elementary School



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February 2010 Newsletter

Principals' Message:

The especially cold January weather did not dampen student enthusiasm at our school. Students are eagerly participating in classroom activities and are focused on completing their work. The positive referrals students are receiving and bringing to the office are wonderful to see! Students have also embraced our theme days and overall participation has been fantastic. In addition to school wide events, we have participated in a number of special classroom activities to enhance the programs we offer. This has included special "Penguin" snacks for the grade ones and "Orange Ya Glad it's Friday" for everyone. This month has kept everyone engaged in the programming offered at Lamont Elementary School.

February also appears to be packed with a number of wonderful events highlighted by a two day extravaganza of activities featuring a school wide Olympic day and our Penny Carnival. We are busily planning for our Olympic Day which is based on many of the Olympic events and activities. Olympic Day will be immediately followed by our Penny Carnival. Our Penny Carnival will follow a similar format to previous years. Thank you to all of the staff who are planning these events.

The continued support we have received from our parent council is amazing. Your involvement is crucial for many of our activities and we definitely appreciate your support and assistance. Please join us at our next parent council meeting.

Our "Coins for Haiti" initiative was a tremendous success. We are currently counting the funds you have so generously donated and will be forwarding the money to the Red Cross. Thank you to all that participated in this initiative.

Have a great month!



Counsellor’s Corner: – submitted by Kari Archer

February is ‘Kindness’ month. Kindness is that ability to show others you are concerned about their welfare and feelings. Whether children achieve kindness is far from guaranteed: research is clear that the traits of compassion and kindness must be inspired, nurtured and taught and the sooner we do so the better. Children who have achieved this virtue share one characteristic: they are guided by an internal moral compass deep in their hearts that tells them that treating others kindly is just the right thing to do.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Allergy Alert:

A reminder to everyone that we are a nut-aware school. Please ensure your child is not bringing anything to school with nuts in it or labeled as “may contain nuts”. Thank you for your vigilance reading labels.

Reminders to Parents:

- Students are encouraged to leave electronic devices at home. They may be lost or misplaced at school and are not allowed in class.
- Please ensure your child is not arriving at school before 8:35 when our supervision begins.
- That your children have appropriate winter clothing and be dressed for our winter weather every day.
- To call the office if you child is absent. (You may leave a message at anytime)

Milk Program:

If you would like to have your child receive milk you can send \$12.00 to begin the program at any time. **Please include a note indicating your child’s name and class with payment.** When the milk card is all used up it will come home with your child to remind you to send money for a new card if you wish to continue with the program. **There will be no milk delivery from February 8th – 11th.**

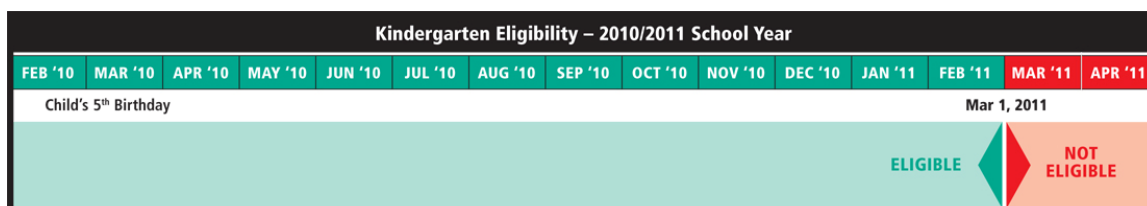
Register for Kindergarten

Do you have a child who will start Kindergarten in fall 2010? Registration for the 2010/2011 school year is underway. Your child is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten for the upcoming school year if he/she will be five years old on or before March 1, 2011.

Join us for our Kindergarten Open House on April 15th at 6 – 7 pm for an opportunity to meet the staff, take a school tour, and register for 2010/2011.

For a complete list of Kindergarten Open Houses throughout the division and details about registration, visit the Elk Island Public Schools website at www.eips.ca.

Give us a call and be a part of Kindergarten at Lamont Elementary School. Start your child’s school years with us.



EIPS Announces Important Changes to Boundary Exemption Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has implemented changes to the Boundary Exemption process in an attempt to increase efficiencies and ensure the process is both fair and equitable for all involved. Parents/guardians/independent students who may be considering attending a School of Choice are asked to note these important changes, paying particular attention to the revised process and application deadlines:

- The new Boundary Exemption request form is available on the EIPS' website (www.eips.ca).
- Students and parents will be asked to provide a reason for the Boundary Exemption request.
- In order to have the request considered for approval, parents/guardians/independent students must ensure the form is completed in full and submitted to the **Designated School** by **March 15, 2010** for sign off by the principal.
- The form must then be submitted to the principal at the receiving (**School of Choice**) prior **April 15, 2010**.

In keeping with EIPS' *Policy IC – Attendance Areas*, when a student attends a school outside his/her designated attendance area, transportation becomes the parent(s)/guardian(s)/ independent student's responsibility. Please contact EIPS' Student Transportation for details at (780) 417-8151 or e-mail studenttran@ei.educ.ab.ca.

Use School Locator on the EIPS' website to find your designated school.

If you have questions regarding changes to the Boundary Exemption process, please contact your school principal.

Penny Carnival:

Our annual Penny Carnival will be held on Thursday, February 11th. Your child will need to bring coins (quarters, dimes and nickels) to participate in all of the fun activities.

Book Fair:

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held February 17th – 19th. More information on the book fair will be sent home with your child.

Skiing:

Our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students are scheduled to ski at Sunridge on February 25th. Information and permission notes will be coming home soon.



Jump Rope for Heart:

Once again, Lamont Elementary School is participating in the Heart and Stroke's Jump Rope for Heart school campaign through the month of February. Students are participating in skipping activities during the month and are encouraged to ask family and friends for pledges to the Heart and Stroke foundation in recognition of their efforts. Our official skip-off day will occur on Friday, February 19th when students will be required to skip for a minimum of 20 minutes in order to meet their pledge requests. Not only are the students learning about the skill of volunteering for a worthy cause, but they are also getting the benefits of becoming more active in the process. We thank all families for their donations to this worthwhile cause and for your participation in this campaign.

Winter Olympic Activities: (Wednesday, Feb. 10th)

In order to get into the spirit of the "Winter Olympics" hosted by Vancouver from Feb. 12th to Feb. 28th, Lamont Elementary School students will be participating in a Winter Olympics Day.

Students will be learning about the Olympics in a variety of ways. They will take part in an "Opening Ceremonies" where a torch relay will occur. Each class will make a flag representing a country that attends the Winter Olympics. In the afternoon students will participate in modified Winter Olympic events. Then a closing ceremonies celebration will prepare students to cheer on Team Canada at the Winter Olympics! Please join us for some fun!

Go Canada Go!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition:

All boys and girls ages 10 – 14 are invited to participate in the local level of this competition. It will be held on Tuesday, February 9th at 11:45 at Lamont High School. If your child would like to participate, please return the form signed by a parent/guardian. (Proof of age is required.) If your child will be participating they will be accompanied to the high school by one of our staff members. If you have any other questions, please contact Larry Koziak at 895-2081.

