



# Lamont Elementary School



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## March 2010 Newsletter

### Principal's Message:

Lamont Elementary School continues to provide outstanding learning opportunities and numerous special events. February was an especially busy month highlighted by our Olympic Day and our Penny Carnival. Students continue to put forth their best efforts and contribute to the positive learning environment at our school.

One of the highlights in February was our Olympics Day. Students participated in numerous Olympic Events including Opening and Closing Ceremonies. In addition, we had a variety of modified Olympic Events including curling and bobsledding. Students enthusiastically participated and appreciated the opportunity to celebrate the Olympics. Thank you to all of the staff who made this event a success and the parents for the delicious Olympic themed snack.

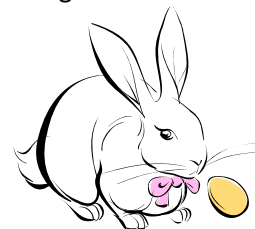
Another school wide event in February was our Penny Carnival. This event is eagerly anticipated every year and proved to be another outstanding day. Students participated in a number of challenging events and enjoyed a number of healthy treats. We appreciate the tremendous parent support we received for this event and thank everyone who supported this activity.

Our School Advisory Council continues to make valuable contributions to our school. We are amazed by the tremendous support we receive for all of our activities. Please join us at our next meeting.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great Spring Break!

### Report Cards/Celebration of Learning:

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting a Celebration of Learning night on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – 8 pm. Students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have learned. **We ask that you phone the school at 780-895-2269 to schedule your Celebration of Learning appointment. Each appointment will be 1/2 hour long.** If you have not contacted the school by Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, we will book a time for you and a note will be sent home in the report card. We look forward to seeing you and your child that evening!



**COUNSELLOR'S CORNER** – submitted by Kari Archer

Daily home reading is an excellent method to promote and develop reading competency. Below are some suggestions for getting your child to read:

- Paired Reading – At home try reading to your child too, by taking turns reading aloud. At times both parent and child read aloud together. At other times your child may choose to read solo. Continue on in this manner.
- Read together everywhere – Remember that reading is not just something that families can do at home. Take books along and read together.
- Play games that involve reading in some way – Word games like Scrabble, Boggle and Spill and Spell are naturals, but so are most board games that involve following directions. Make up your own games too, such as ‘Scavenger’ hunts that entail written messages.

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.

**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. **After Spring Break the first milk delivery day will be April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Policy for Review and Feedback – Policy DFDH: School Fees**

Elk Island Public Schools’ (EIPS) Board of Trustees is currently circulating for feedback *Policy DFDH: School Fees*. A link to the complete draft policy is available from our division home page at [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). Please submit any feedback for consideration to your school principal, or to EIPS Finance through the Contact Us page of our division website by **March 5, 2010**. The proposed policy will be presented to the Board for approval at their regular Board Meeting on March 18, 2010.

We understand this is a short circulation timeframe, but it is necessary to complete policy approval in time for implementation as part of the 2010/11 budget discussions. Many schools will also include information from the approved policy in 2010/11 student agendas that are printed in the spring.

Thank you for your feedback.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Scholastic Book Fair:**

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Total sales were over \$5,800. This will generate over \$3,000 worth of books for the library. Thank you to the students, parents and staff for their tremendous support. A special thank you to Mrs. Diana Sudyk, Ms. Michelle Lindberg and Mrs. Gloria Cossey for their help with the Book Fair.

**Coins for Haiti & Jump Rope for Heart:**

Our final donation to the Canadian Red Cross was \$1,414.00 from our Coins for Haiti campaign. We also raised over \$6,000 in our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Thank you to everyone for generously donating to these causes.

**Lost and Found:**

Our lost and found bins will be emptied during Spring Break and all unclaimed items will be donated to a charity. Please check out all the items that we have accumulated when you come in for our Celebration of Learning nights.

**Lamont Community Playschool cordially invites you to our bi-annual Fundraiser. "Black and White Night – Fun Casino and Dance"**

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Lamont Community Hall

Cocktails @ 5 pm

Supper @ 6 pm

Late Lunch Included

Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Raffles, \$50/50

Draw

Tickets \$35/person – No Minors

Contact: Kristy Davis @ 780-895-2656

**Lamont Figure Skating Club Proudly Presents:****"UNDER THE BIG TOP"**

Featuring Local Skating Talent

Door Prizes, Raffles

An afternoon of Family Entertainment

**Sunday, March 14, 2010 @ 2:00 pm**

**Lamont Recreation Center**

\$5.00 Admission/Family

Come Join Us!

