

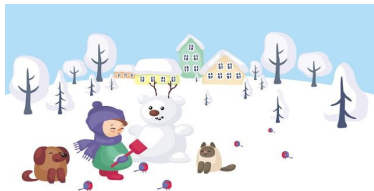
Enchant School

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January 31, 2022

February



Winter Walk - February 2 pm

Please remember to send warm clothes with your child. Toque, mitts, winter boots and coat as we will be outside for 15-20 minutes.

A great big **Thank You** to the Jr. High who designed and built several skating aids for our school to use while at the rink. Great Job Jr. High!



Dates to Remember

- Feb. 2 Winter Walk Day
- Feb.2 Jr. High Skills Canada
- Feb. 4 NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 10 Hot Dog Day
- Feb. 10 Super Hero Day
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day
- Feb. 15 Jr. High Leadership
- Feb. 16 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 18-27 NO SCHOOL READING WEEK
- Mar. 1 Pancake Breakfast / PJ Day

Kid by Day Superhero by night

While we think all of the students and staff at Enchant School are super, this months Spirit day is Super Hero day. Dress up as your favorite super hero or make up your own.



Family Day

Did you know that we have been celebrating Family day in Alberta since 1990. We were the first province to make the day a statutory holiday. The Day is used to celebrate all the diverse families there are in the world. If you get a chance, get out and do something fun with your family.



Pancake Breakfast/PJ day March 1



Pink Shirt day originated in Nova Scotia in 2007, after a ninth-grader was bullied for wearing a pink t-shirt to school on the first day of school. Two Grade 12 students from the same school heard about the bullying incident and took it upon themselves to stand up for the younger student. They bought 50 pink shirts to distribute, went online to advise their classmates of their intentions, and the next day, the school turned into a veritable "sea of pink" by students, who had decided enough was enough and it was time to take a stand against bullying.

Remember to always **BE KIND** to everyone!

Principal's Message - January 2022:

January is always an exciting month as we get to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we get to see everyone return from the Christmas break. This year is no exception, but with some different wrinkles. Now all our students are back after the first week of school was delayed with the governments announcement of extending the winter break until January 10th. On behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome everyone back to school!

Cold Weather/Warm Clothing - The weather that has occurred during the past couple of months is not normal for winter here in Alberta. Although we had a very cold couple of weeks, it is a good reminder for parents and students to make sure your child is wearing warm clothing to school. Whether on the bus or walking to school, a good and well fitting winter jacket will keep your child warm. Toques, mitts/gloves and boots will also be good as the weather changes to become colder; so bundle up to stay warm!



COVID-19 Information - I would like to remind parents to continue with the following safe practices:

- Daily student self-checks using the AHS guidelines sent out by the Horizon's Superintendent in a January 7, 2022 email.
- Keep sick kids home and following the isolating guidelines from Alberta Health Services, based on your child's COVID-19 vaccination status:
 - o If fully vaccinated, 5 calendar days at home or until the symptoms resolve whichever is longer. Students may return to school after 5 days if symptom free but must always wear a mask for 5 more calendar days after their isolation period if they are outside the home in a public place (no exceptions while in the school). Students who fit into this category will eat their lunch in a separate place so that they can remove their mask to eat.
 - o If not vaccinated, 10 calendar days at home or until the symptoms resolve whichever is longer.
- Use of rapid tests provided by the government.
 - If you did not get any rapid tests on Friday January 14th, and would like to get them now, please contact the school office. These should be used twice a week, (Sunday and Wednesday or Monday and Thursday). There is no requirement for parents/students to report a positive rapid test result, but students are required to stay home as described above if positive.
- **Phoning the school before 9:00am to let us know that your child(ren) will be absent and the reason why (sick, appointment, family matter, etc.) is always appreciated.**
- Properly wearing masks in the common areas of the school (over their nose and mouth) to protect yourself and others
- Following Social Distancing guidelines, 6 feet, and wear a mask if you cannot keep that spacing
- As a school we continue to limit interactions between cohorts to keep all of us safe

If we reach a point where we do not have enough staff to operate the school due to illness, and we have large number of students sick, we may need to shift to at-home learning. If this needs to happen we will let you know but are working hard so that we do not need to take this step.

BUS STUDENTS – a reminder to parents to remember to contact the school and your bus driver to let them know your child was picked up from school early and will not be riding the bus home at the end of the day. Thank you.

New Staff Update: The school has hired Mr. Jon Zook to work with our Grade 1,2,3 classes to provide some extra Literacy and Numeracy help and support for our students. He began on January 11 and will be at our school until the end of May. He will also be teaching our Grade 1/2 gym class along with Mr. Schmidt. Welcome Mr. Zook!! Also, our Early Learning program has a new program leader, Mrs. Catrina Howg who is now our Early Learning program leader. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Mrs. Lynn Rattai for leading our early learners for the first part of our school year. We are now in the process of looking for an Education Assistant for our Early Learning program. The position is posted on the Horizon School Division website. The position is for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 12:15 to 3:45pm for a total of 7 hours per week. If you are interested, please go to the Horizon website and check under employment opportunities for support staff.



Skating – A big thank you to everyone for their help in providing the opportunity for all our students to go skating across the street at the rink across from the school. An even bigger thank you to Mr. Josh Wiest and Mr. Darren Emelson who have been getting the ice ready for us to use. Unfortunately, the use of the skating rink depends on the weather conditions. With the recent warm weather, we can't go right now, but we hope it will get colder again and we will plan for our classes to go over and skate as part of our Phys Ed program. Please make sure your child has some mitts or gloves to bring with them for skating as they keep their hands warm!



Winter Walk Day – Our Winter Walk Day will take place on **Wednesday February 2nd** during the afternoon. Students will go for a walk outside around the school yard or around town for about 20 minutes and will return to the school for Hot Chocolate. The walk will take place during their gym class that day. Please remember to send your child to school that day with warm clothing as it looks like we will have some cooler weather this week. A toque, gloves or mitts, boots and snow pants will definitely help to keep your child warm on our walk.

Student Pancake Breakfast – Our pancake breakfast will take place on Tuesday March 1st. In order to follow the guidelines that are still in place, the school will be preparing the food to meet those guidelines and provide a wonderful breakfast for all of our students. Staff, following the proper protocols of wearing gloves and masks, will be preparing the meal, while other staff will set up the plates, cutlery (pre-packaged), juice box, and napkins will all be waiting on each student's desk in their cohort (classroom). After announcements during Period 1 of the day, the food prepared by the staff will be delivered to the classroom for their teacher to distribute to their students. After eating in their classrooms, all used items will be placed in the garbage and taken away and desks will be cleaned properly and the day of learning will begin. Students are invited to wear their pajama's to school that day as well.



BUS LANE (DROPPING OFF STUDENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL) – Parents are reminded to use the school parking lot or the area by the mailboxes to drop off their children at the beginning or end of the day. The bus lane is designated just for buses in the morning to provide a safe drop off for students, and then for students to board the bus safely at the end of the day. Best practice would be to use the staff parking lot to the north of the school as it will not interfere with the buses or students when outside at recess times as well. Safety of our students is of utmost importance here at our school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!!

2021/22 Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey – Around mid-February, the Alberta Education Assurance Survey will be coming out for all teachers, parents, and students in Grades 4 – 9 for our school. Students and staff will complete their survey's here at the school. Parents will receive information about the survey in the mail and are invited to complete the survey online. If parents would prefer a paper copy of the survey, then can make a request to do so through the System Assurance Branch or by contacting the principal at the school. Although schools do not administer the parent survey, parents/guardians may contact their child's school with questions upon receiving their survey package in the mail from Alberta Education.



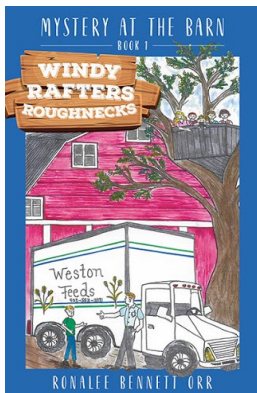
NEW Draft Curriculum - From January 31 to February 28, 2022, Albertans can participate in virtual engagement sessions to have their say on the draft K-6 curriculum. You can sign up for notifications about upcoming engagement and register for sessions at alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.

Wishing you a wonderful month of February,

Mr. Kelly Schmidt
Principal



Jersey Day



Author Ronalee Orr virtually visited all of our classrooms recently to talk about writing and to answer any questions the children may have about being an author. The kids couldn't stop talking about her books which she read a part of for each class. If you are interested in giving them a read they are the **Windy Rafter's Roughnecks** series.



Reminder:

If your child is not feeling well we encourage you to keep them at home.

If your child show signs of **any one** of the following they **must** stay home:

Fever
Cough
Shortness of breath
Loss of smell or taste



If your child is fully immunized keep them home for 5 days from when symptom started or until symptoms resolve* themselves. Your child must wear a mask at all times outside of the home for the next 5 days.

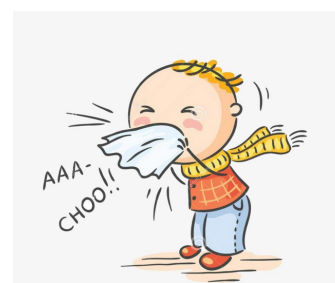
If your child is not immunized keep them home for 10 days from start of symptoms or until symptoms resolve*.

* Resolved symptoms means that the symptom has improved and the child is without fever for 24 hours **without** the help of medication.

Reminder:

If your child is showing any one of the following symptoms keep them home and monitor them. If the symptoms improve after 24 hours as long as they do not have a fever they may return to school once they feel well enough to come back.

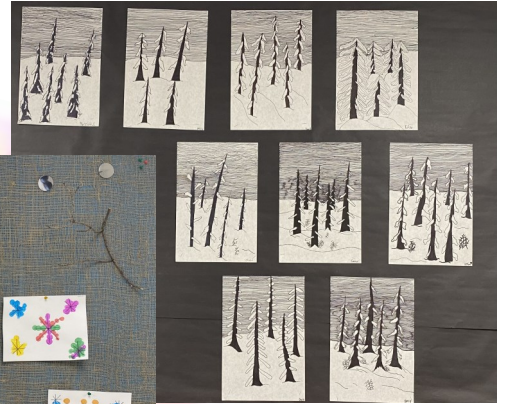
Chills
Runny Nose/Congestion
Sore throat/Painful Swallowing
Feeling Unwell/Tired
Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
Unexplained Loss of Appetite
Muscle/Joint Aches
Headache



*If they have two or more symptoms they should stay home until all symptoms have resolved.



Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.



"Every artist was first an amateur."
Ralph Waldo Emerson





Kindergarten has been learning about winter and we had the opportunity to go skating at the Enchant rink, and enjoy the igloo built by Mr. O'Connor and his junior high students! It was pretty "cool" to be able to sit in a real igloo! 😊
 Students also enjoyed "jersey day" and the pizza hot lunch.

In February, kindergarten students will be learning how to sort, categorize objects to form simple graphs. We will compare amounts and print numbers. Our theme will focus on friendship and valentine's day. Letters /L/ and /V/ will be out letters this month.

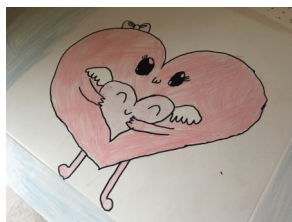
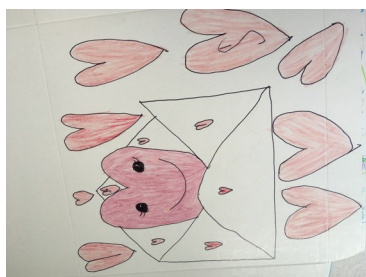


Student Leadership, Mentorship and Wellness Series

As always Jr High have a very busy month coming up. From Skillz in the Classroom to the Student Leadership, Mentorship and Wellness Series Summit. They will be immersed in virtual presentations to help them decide what path they wish to take in the future and how to be good leaders and positive influences in their communities. We already see these skills on display every day with all the help the Jr high are at getting hot lunches and healthy snacks made and distributed to the rest of our school community.

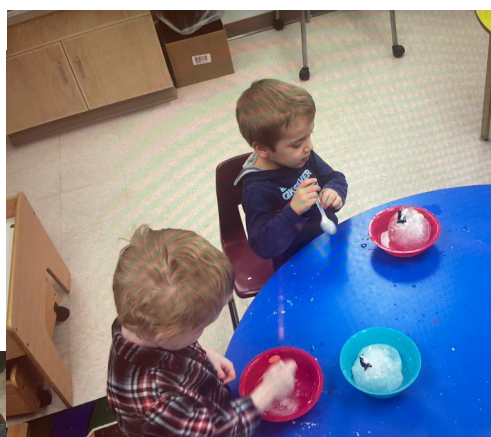
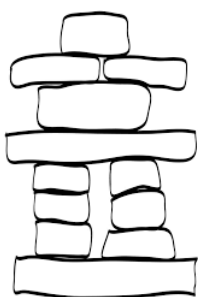
YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

January has been very busy and fun in the grade 1/2 classroom! It has been lovely having our student teacher Miss. Machacek in the classroom. She has been doing a "winter" theme during language arts and the kids have been reading many interesting books. They each researched a winter animal and made a poster. It is so nice to have Mr. Zook back in the afternoons. He has been doing some reading and math work with students. Math class has been busy and the grade 1's are adding and subtracting to 10. The grade 2's are playing math games and adding and subtracting to 100. We have been studying "responsibilities" in social and we are "building things" in science class. I am looking forward to a great 2022 in the grade

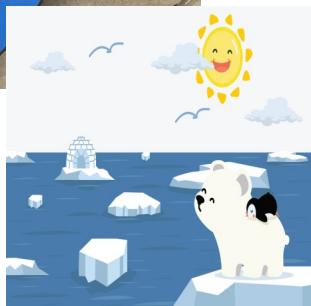


The 3/4 class is getting geared up for February by designing Valentine's Day Boxes in Art. It will be the perfect place to hold all of their valentines. A class list will be going out the week of February 7th so the students will have all the names/spellings of their classmates! We are also working on our story writing this month. The students are practicing story starters, and are working to add details to their work. It is going to be so fun to read all of the creative ideas!





The grade 5/6 just finished a study of Indigenous people of Canada. We looked at each region and chose one nation to talk about. Students learned about the Haida from the Cordillera, the Siksika from the Interior Plains, the Anishinabe from the Canadian Shield, the Haude nosaune from the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Lowlands, the Mi'kmaq from the Atlantic region and the Gwich'in from the Arctic region. We were even able to do a few art projects that were connected to this unit like totem poles and Inukshuk.



In Pre-K this past while we've been learning about polar animals. Where they live, how they move around and the different sounds they make. Painting pictures, and building homes out of blocks for them. Breaking them out of ice and putting them into slime. It's been the most fun running like a polar bear and waddling like penguins in gym!



February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Kindergarten	2 Winter Walk Jr High Skills Canada (Virtual) Early Learning	3  Kindergarten	4 No School	5
6	7 Early Learning	8 Kindergarten	9 Early Learning	10  Hot Dog Day/ Super Hero Day Kindergarten	11 Kindergarten	12
13	14  Valentines Day Early Learning	15 Jr High Leadership (Virtual) Kindergarten	16 Pink Shirt day Early Learning	17 Kindergarten	18 No School	19
20	21 Family Day 	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School Teachers Convention	26
27	28 Early Learning					