

École Charlie Killam School Newsletter

-April/May 2019



Battle River School Division has a long-time practice of moving Administrators to different schools throughout the Division. This practice provides administrators with an opportunity to learn new skills and ensure that administrators, school staffs and students have the opportunity to work with people who have a variety of perspectives.

For the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, Todd Sikorski will be transferring to Jack Stuart School. We wish him all the best in his new placement! Joining our ÉCKS staff as assistant principal will be Lloyd Mackenzie. *Bienvenue Monsieur Mackenzie!*

Before or after your visits with teachers, please be sure to visit our Lost and Found in Room 118. All clothing items in Room 118 will be sent to Goodwill on Friday, May 26. (See pg. 6 & 7 in this newsletter for more information on our Lost and Found)

Parent Teacher Interviews / Celebrations of Learning **Wednesday April 24,** **Thursday April 25**

Gr. 6 Teachers will be hosting Celebrations of Learning. The grade 6 teachers will schedule a day and time for each student.

Gr. 7 and 8 Teachers will be holding interviews in the gym. Parents are welcome to drop in between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 on either night
Note: Mr. Sikorski will be unavailable on April 25th. He will be available for interviews on April 23 and 24th, 4:00 - 7:00.

Under the Sea Dance and Carnival - Thursday April 18th.

7:00 to 10:00 PM

Doors open at 6:30.

DJ

Grade 6,7 and 8 ÉCKS students only.

Bring money for food and games

Dress semi-formal

All proceeds from tickets go to the Children's Stollery Hospital

***"We've been doing it like this
for 24 years. Is it still the best way?"***

The Battle River School Division wards and electoral subdivisions were created at the time the school division was formed in 1995. Lots of things have changed in a quarter century. Is it time to change our ward structure too? Are the wards still serving communities well?

"What do you think?"

The BRSD Board of Trustees is hosting four conversations on this topic. Each one will be at 7 p.m.

Please join us at whichever location best suits your schedule:

Tuesday, April 30:

Central High Sedgewick Public School

Wednesday, May 1:

Ryley School

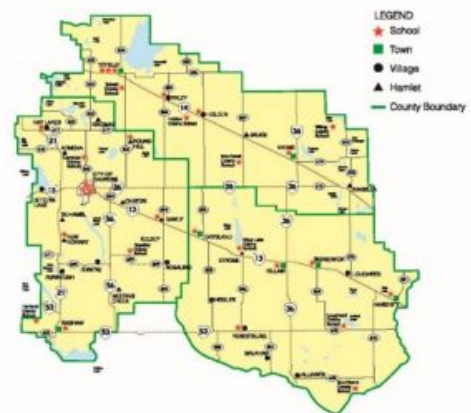
Thursday, May 2:

Ecole Camrose Composite High School

Thursday, May 9:

New Norway School

No pre-registration needed. If you have questions please contact Imogene Walsh, Assistant Superintendent, Business, at 780-672-6131 ext 5235.



École Charlie Killam School OPEN HOUSE 2019

Wednesday May 1st @7:00 pm

Come join **Our House** ...!

École Charlie Killam School invites all interested families to **Our House** to learn more about the exciting programming we have to offer:

- *Early and Late French Immersion*
- *Award-winning Band program*
- *Creative and innovative student options*
- *Competitive Sports teams*
- *Hockey Academy*
- *Middle school approach to learning*



Want to play soccer at school?

Join our team!

If you're in Grade 6, 7 or 8 and love the idea of playing soccer every day in the second half of the school year, we've got a team for you!



École Charlie Killam School is planning a **Soccer Academy** for the 2019-2020 school year. ÉCKS will run a Hockey Academy in the first semester and a Soccer Academy in the second semester. Students can participate in both athletic programs if they wish. The Academy programs cover both Phys. Ed and Health curricula.

Soccer Academy will be offered if enough students are interested.

- Plan to attend the information night at our Open House on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 pm
- Please watch the school website (www.brsd.ab.ca/ecks) for more information about both Sports Academy programs.
- If you have any questions please contact the ÉCKS office at 780-672-7785

On April 24th, our school will be "Lighting It Up Blue" for Autism Awareness. We will be selling hotdogs for 1:00 and all proceeds will go to autism awareness. Additionally, we will be tying blue ribbons on our ÉCKS fence. We are proud to be able to help in spreading awareness and acceptance.



Spring Running Club:

Blue skies and sunny days means it's spring running time. If you are interested in joining our non-competitive running club please speak to Mr. Wizniuk for a permission form. We are focusing on the benefits of training, with the possibility of some smaller, local cross country races starting in early May. Practices are Monday (Mirror Lake), and Thursday (Jubilee Park) from 3:30pm to 4:30pm!

***Toutes les grandes personnes ont d'abord été
des enfants, mais peu d'entre elles s'en
souviennent.***

-Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Un Éléphant et une souris sont dans le désert. Ils ont très chaud. La souris demande:
– Ca te fait rien si je marche dans ton ombre pendant une petite demi-heure ? On pourra
changer après...

April / May 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15 REPORT CARDS (gr. 7 & 8)	16	17	18 Regional Badminton tournament	19 Good Friday - no classes	20
21 Easter	22 Easter Monday - no classes	23	24 Interviews/ Celebration of Learning 4:30- 7:30	25 Interviews/ Celebration of learning 4:30- 7:30	26 Lost and Found Items sent to Goodwill	27
28	29	30 School Council 7:00 pm	1 ÉCKS Open House 7:00 pm	2 Early Dismissal	3 School closed	4
5	6 Gr. 6 ELA Achievement Test Pt. A	7 ÉCKS Track Day @ ÉCCHS	8 Gr. 6 FLA Achievement Test Pt. A	9	10	11

Lost and Found:

ÉCKS has a new location and a new process for students' lost and found items.

Gone are the days of having several tables outside the gymnasium bearing piles of miscellaneous lost clothing, classroom supplies, lunch items, and so on. We are pleased to have removed this unsightly mess from the entrance of our school and we hope that this change contributes to a more welcoming atmosphere for everyone entering our building.

The new lost and found is located in Room 118, which is across from our Learning Commons (library). Misplaced items will still be placed in the two benches located outside the gym and across from the learning commons. Now, usually once per week, these benches will be emptied and the items will be sorted in Room 118 so that students can more easily look for missing binders, gym clothes, outerwear, etc.

As part of the new process:

- Misplaced textbooks will be immediately returned to the learning commons and checked back in. Students can check with Ms. Heck and sign their textbooks back out if they have been returned.
- Food containers or any items that have food on/in them will be thrown away. Water bottles and clean, empty lunch kits and will be sorted in Room 118.
- Clothing will be folded and sorted onto shelves in Room 118.
- The lost and found room will be open for students at lunch time on Mondays and Wednesdays. At all other times, Room 118 will remain locked but students can ask any staff to open it at other times so they can look for lost items under adult supervision.
- At the end of each month, clothing that has been stored in Room 118 for several weeks will be taken to Goodwill. Students are encouraged to make a habit of locating their misplaced items as soon as possible.

Please encourage your students to look for their missing items in the Room 118 Lost and Found and be sure to stop by there during Parent-Teacher Interviews on April 24 and 25.



The ÉCKS flute ensemble performs at the St. Mary's Hospital Tea

BUS TRANSPORTATION NOTES

We have noticed an increase in the number of students riding on other busses. Students will sometimes do this to ride home with a friend, get together for a play date, etc. Whatever the reasons, these unauthorized riders are contributing to overcrowding on our busses and potentially putting other students at risk. As well, when parents expect to receive their child at their bus stop and discover their child is not there, the transportation department has to spend valuable hours tracking down a missing student.

BRSD would like to remind parents that students are only allowed to ride on their assigned busses. Bus drivers cannot give permission for students to ride another bus. If a student tries to get on another bus, he/she will be turned away.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

ÉCKS would like to thank all the volunteers who make our school a better place. From Music Festival, to sports, to chaperons and everything in between, thank you for making a difference

School Council Update

Our next School Council Meeting is on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM.

Over the next several months, School Council projects will be coming to fruition at Our House. We will be installing an outdoor classroom. This will include a 20' X 20' cement pad with metal tables. Additionally, we will be installing Tetherball posts, resurfacing the outdoor basketball pad and we will be putting in a Gagaball Pit. Additionally, we may be purchasing some Chromebooks!

Thanks to all the parents who have been a part of this process!

OUT OF SCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP

Looking for fun, supervised activities for your child this summer? Register for the Summer Day Camp at the Aquatic Centre! The camps run weekly from Monday to Friday starting at 8:30 am to 4:30 pm; the camp will begin on July 2nd and run until August 23rd.

This program enjoy games, crafts, field trips, and swimming.

Please note there will be *NO* program running the week of August 5-9.

Discovery Kids program is for kids ages 8-14 years. This program must be register per week only. They enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, swim on a regular basis and go on a predetermined destination field trip each week, see below for the weekly field trips.

Discovery Kids Field Trips:

July 2-6	Aspen Beach – Gull Lake
July 8-12	International Street Performers Festival – Edmonton
July 15-19	Discovery Canyon – Red Deer
July 22-26	Overnight Campout – Miquelon
July 29-August 2 Edmonton	Queen Elizabeth Outdoor Pool & Kinsmen Spray Park –
August 12-16	Fringe Festival – Edmonton

**August 19-23
Edmonton**

WEM Choice Pass to either Water Park or Galaxyland –

Field Trips are subject to change as needed to accommodate the Summer Day Camp program

Cost: City/County \$185.65/Week

Out of Area \$190.75/Week

Items for kids to bring every day to camp:

- **Clothing and footwear for the weather**
- **Water Bottle**
- **Lunch and Snacks**
- **Swimsuit and Towel**
- **Hat, Sunscreen and Bug spray**

Drop off times available from 8:00-8:30 am.

Pick up times run from 4:30-5:00 pm.

Cancellation Policy: There will be a 20% administration charge for non-medical cancellations.

Multi-Child Discount: If registering more than one child from the same immediate family, receive 10% off for additional children.