

June 14, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

June is a very busy month within a school, where events, dates, and deadlines can quickly come up for students and their families. As indicated in the Albert Lacombe BEAR Bones week-at-a-glance on Sunday June 13, we wanted to send out our year-end reminders to our parents and guardians as we get close to wrapping up another school year.

1. IPPs

If your child is on an IPP, homeroom teachers will be sending your child's IPP via email on June 14th (today). Please sign the IPP electronically and forward it back to your child's homeroom teacher by no later than Friday June 18th. If you are not able to sign it electronically, you may print it off, sign it, and send it back to school with your child.

2. Library/Textbooks:

Textbooks will be returned to the library either as a class or individually by students during the last week of school.

Although library books were not signed out to go home this year (they were kept in the homeroom classes), please have a quick look around the home to check to see if some inadvertently made it home.

3. Bringing Home Personal Belongings:

Beginning on June 21, students will be encouraged to bring home items they no longer require for school. This is to alleviate the need to carry so much home on the final day of the school year.

4. Locker Clean Out - Grade 3M, 5K, 5/6L and 6M students

Although the dates listed below are the scheduled locker clean outs, **it is encouraged that students begin to take items home that they are not currently using such as extra clothing and personal items that they are no longer using.** This way there is less to carry home on the date: locker clean out will be June 24.



5. Lost and Found:

Our lost and found has filled up. During the week of June 21st, students will be brought down by homeroom teachers to have a look to see if there are any items that belong to them. On June 25th, we will be packing up these belongings and sending them to local charities.

Please note that any jewellery, glasses, technology, or other high-value items are kept in the office. Please encourage your children to have a careful look at items to see if any belong to them!

6. National Indigenous Peoples' Day - June 21

At 11:00 AM, grade 1-6 students will be joining the liturgical celebration from Sacred Heart Parish in Edmonton. In 1993, Archbishop MacNeil of Edmonton designated Sacred Heart Parish:

The official Parish for the Catholic First Nations Peoples of Edmonton and surrounding communities... Sacred Heart Parish is a Catholic community of Indigenous peoples and settlers who pray together using symbols, music, and rituals which are meaningful to Indigenous People and to their culture... The interior of our Church is designed to illustrate the Indigenous journey in faith using Native and Métis culture.

We will share the links with parents and guardians once it is made available

Other activities for the day:

- Students will participate in an Indigenous Art Project
- Art Walk Unveiling - We have acquired many different Indigenous representations of the "Bear" that will be permanently on display in our school. As part of Catholic Education Week in May, students learned about the 7 Ojibwe Grandfather/Sacred Teachings - one of which is the Bear.
- Homeroom teacher will incorporate other activities that align with the day as well as regular learning outcomes

Although there are a number of activities planned for the day related to indigenous history, culture, and spirituality, this is a regular instructional day for students as these outcomes are embedded throughout the curriculum. Therefore, students are expected to be in attendance as they would on a regular day of school.

7. Wrap Up BBQ:

We are hosting a hotdog lunch on Tuesday June 22 for all of our students to recognize their great work over the last year and for their efforts to follow the health and safety related protocols due to COVID-19. **This is no cost to our families.**



Menu items include:

- One hotdog (grade 1, 2, and 3 students) and 2 hotdogs (grade 4, 5, and 6 students)
- Bag of Chips
- Juice Box
- Granola bar
- Fruit

All items will be served according to food service requirements as outlined by Alberta Health Services

8. Grade 6 Farewell:

On June 24 at 9:00 AM, we will be saying farewell to the grade 6 students as a school community. We will be hosting the event virtually for families to join in for the event. If you cannot join us during the time of broadcasting the farewell, we will leave the event link live and accessible through your child's google classroom. We will share the link for the event closer to the date of the event.

Each grade 6 family will be provided a 'celebration package' to enjoy the farewell celebration together to make this event special for our students and their families. These packages will be prepared the week of June 14 and sent home at the beginning of the June 21st week for the required quarantining of items before distribution. Each grade 6 student will also receive a farewell gift and remembrance token for their time at Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School.

For families wishing for photo opportunities, parents and guardians will be able to schedule a time (just as you have for parent-teacher interviews) to come to the school after school on June 23 and 24. The sign up will be sent out to grade 6 families mid-week.

9. Report Cards:

Report cards will be sent out to parents and guardians Thursday June 24 after school. In the event your child's report card is not received, this allows the opportunity for the office and administration to get a copy out to you prior to the summer break.

All report cards that are sent will be encrypted to assure privacy and document security where they can be opened using a password. The password will be your child's birth date entered as follows (MM/DD/YYYY). For example, if your child's birthdate is March 6, 2010, you would enter **03/06/2010**.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to download copies of the report cards for future reference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



10. Last day of classes - June 25th:

June 25th is a scheduled early dismissal for our students. Students will be dismissed at 11:41 AM.

11. Summer Newsletter:

No later than Sunday June 27, a final BEAR Bones will be issued with information regarding fall start up. This would include the most current staffing information, school opening times, school supply lists, etc...

On behalf of the faculty and administration, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to setting your children up for success throughout a challenging year as a result of the Pandemic. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 780-459-4478.

Yours in education,



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