

Madonna Catholic School

JUNE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents;

As we approach the end of another glorious school year, I want to extend my thanks for all that you have done over the year to support our school and for the beautiful children you entrust us with to educate, and care for. Although this is the last official school newsletter of the year, I will continue to send out the weekly SMORE to keep you informed of the upcoming weekly events and activities.

God Bless

Mrs. Littlemore arlenel@eics.ab.ca



A Year End Prayer

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Bless our families as we take our holidays,
may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
and guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to a new school year
with a new spirit and a new energy

Amen

Important dates in June:

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| June 2 | Kindergarten goes to International Children's Festival of Arts |
| June 7 | 1M goes to Arabian Horse Literacy Program
Grd 4's 1800 School Day |
| June 8 | 9:00am Student led Farewell Assembly in the MPR
For Mr. Harmata, Mrs. Mittelsteadt, Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Jacobs
All are welcome to attend!
1K goes to Arabian Horse Literacy Program
St. Theresa Grade 5 Parent Transition Presentation at St. T's in the evening |
| June 9 | Grd 2's to Ft. Saskatchewan Museum |
| June 10 | Soccer Camp (1's and 2's)
Free Hot Dog lunch for grade 1 to 4 students from Parent Council |
| June 13 | Grd 2's building bird houses |

June 15 4LH to Strathcona Care Centre
 June 17 Soccer Camp (3's and 4's)
 Grd 2M Energy Fair in the afternoon
 June 21 Aboriginal Day School Activities
 Grd 2's to Festival Park
 Write-On School Supply Orders due today
 Kindergarten students last day
 June 24 Grade 3's go Kinsmen swimming in the am and bowling in the pm
 Grade 1's to Strathcona County Museum in the pm
 Grd 4 swimming and library visit



On Wednesday June 8th during our 9:00am school assembly, we invite you to join us in the celebration of Mr. Harmata's, Mrs. Mittelsteadt's and Mrs. McKinney's retirement after their many years of service with EICS. Please come share with us as we honour our friends and colleagues on this special occasion

We need you! Noon Hour Supervisors needed for Next year.

We love you and we need you!

Noon hour supervisors allow teachers to run clubs for students and/or work with children to help them with their school work. Can you help us out? Pay is approx. \$22.00 per hour, and the hours are 12:20pm – 1:15pm each school day.

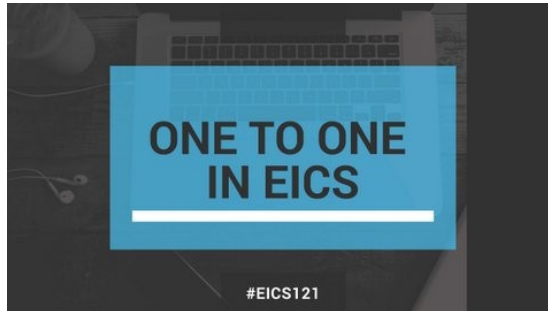
If you can help out, Please contact Mr. Harmata; johnh@eics.ab.ca or call him at the school at 780-467-7972. There is some paper work to complete, so if we can get that started you can begin the first day of school. Thank you!



Free Hot Dog Lunch

Parent Council would like to thank everyone for their support this school year by offering a free lunch for all the staff and grade 1 to 4 student on **Friday June 10th**. Students will receive a hot dog, frozen yogurt tube, juice box and each class will get a platter of watermelon. If your child requires extra food please send it from home along with their morning snack for this day.





As we move closer to the implementation of the One to One computer initiative, just a reminder that our School Division has a process ***if you wish to lease*** a computer for your child in *grade 4 next year or higher* .

To enroll in the lease program (which must be done by MAY 31) you may go into PowerSchool,(you will indicate YES to the program) or let the school know that you would like to participate in the lease program.

Late enrollments may result in a delay for a student to receive the device.

If you are leasing, your child's chromebook will be available for them on the first day of school.

All the Information and forms on One-to-One can be found at

<https://www.eics.ab.ca/programs/learning-technologies>

Be sure to ***scroll to the end of the page*** to see all the links and information.



Madonna Catholic School will be using Write-On Stationery Supplies again this spring as an option for parents to purchase students' school supplies for the 2016-2017 school year.

Students will bring home an order form June 7th

applicable to their fall grade. Parents will be able to order directly on-line at www.write-on.ca by choosing the "Shop" option and then entering our school name or by returning the completed order form with payment attached to the school office prior to the deadline of June 21st. Supplies will be available for pick-up on Friday, August 26 at the school. This service is provided for parents as an ***option only***. Class supply lists will be included with your child's final report cards and are also posted on our Madonna web site. Please call the office at 780-467-7972 if you have any questions.

St. Theresa Grade 5 Parent Transition Presentation

When: June 8th, 6:30 to 7:30

Where: St. Theresa theater

Enter through the front doors which will open at 6:00 pm. See you there!

5th Grade

Earth Club News

The Earth Club will say good bye to Mrs. Mittelsteadt at our June year end picnic. Over the past 25 years, Mrs. Mittelsteadt has worked to inspire all students to be ethical thinkers and see beyond self-interests, becoming stewards of the earth by minimalizing environmental impacts and demonstrating respect, empathy and compassion for all. Her message to the students has been that one person can make a difference – “The Power of One”.

In 2001, under Mrs. Mittelsteadt and a colleague’s leadership, Madonna was recognized as an Earth School having completed 1000 projects. Over the years, Mrs. Mittelsteadt has continued to have our Earth Club members be involved in many projects supporting many organizations such as the WWF, the Humane Society and the SPCA to name a few. The students have entered many contests, made arts and crafts and had many guest speakers, many of whom brought along their furry or feathery friends. They wrote letters to the minister to “Save the Wildies”, to have our government continue with the “Grizzly Bear Recovery Program” and supported the Beaver Hills UNESCO Biosphere initiative. They have involved the school community of Madonna with Earth Week, Earth Hour and Family Day Unplugged.

We say a big thank you Mrs. Mittelsteadt for her commitment over the years to our Earth Club members and to our planet Earth. To quote one of our current Earth Club members, “Mrs. Mittelsteadt is special because she shows us how to take care of the Earth”. We will all miss you!



On May 18, 2016 at the Strathcona Care Center our Grade 4S Religion class went outside with the Residents and ate ice cream. It was vanilla, we had little cones pink and brown cones. There were different colours. We went on a walk with the Residents. We sang some songs together with the Residents. We sang sunshine, 10 000 reasons, once again, Molly Malone, my bonnie. We also saw some birds with different colours and fish. It was our last trip and we really enjoyed it! Thank you to Parent Council for helping with the bussing cost.

By: Madden, Sarah and Johnny.



TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Another year is approaching completion and our department is planning the 2016-2017 year. Please take the time to read through the bullets below. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Office by calling 780-449-6480, via fax: 780-449-6481 or email transportation@eics.ab.ca.



Thank you!

- If your child's transportation address(es) will be changing, the Transportation Request form must be completed indicating the alternate address information. The form is located on line at www.eics.ab.ca under "Transportation".
- If your child ***did not*** access the yellow bus this year and will require busing for 2016-2017, please complete the Transportation Request form located on line at www.eics.ab.ca under "Transportation".
- If your child accessed the yellow bus this year, busing will be automatically assigned and the 2016-2017 invoice, where fees are applicable, will be mailed to you in May.
- If your child accessed the yellow bus this year and ***will not*** require the service for 2016-2017, please advise the office immediately. This will allow for the planning of more efficient services.
- If you are contacted by a driver in August and your child ***will not*** be accessing the yellow bus, please let us know so that we may remove his/her name from the list and cancel the invoice if one has been issued.
- *The deadline for payment to ensure your child receives bus service for August 30th is July 31st.*
- ***Students who reside within the Hamlet of Sherwood Park*** who are entering Grade 9 this fall will be using Strathcona County Transit for school transportation. Route information is available on the County website at www.strathcona.ab.ca or by calling 780-464-7433. Passes will only be provided to eligible students and are distributed by the school. Payride students can purchase their own transit pass from Strathcona Transit. All students who ride Strathcona Transit must display their Transit pass whenever they are boarding the bus (except for the first 3 days of school in September). *There will be no exceptions.*
- We are looking for Spare Drivers for the 2016-2017 school year. If you or someone you know might be interested, please submit your resume to apply@eics.ab.ca. Class 2 Training will be provided and costs reimbursed.