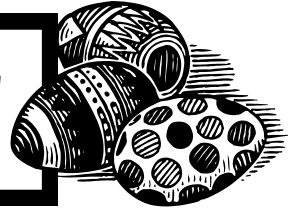


MILK RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #9– April, 2024



Mini-Basketball Wind Up—The teams had a fun season playing games against each other and Warner! We sure have some enthusiastic mini-ball players and would like to thank the Warner School for hosting the mini-ball wind-up on Thursday, March 28! A good time was had by all!

On behalf of Erle Rivers School, we would like to thank everyone for all the support we received during the basketball season! Thank you to our coaches, players, referees, parents, concession workers, etc. We couldn't have achieved such a successful season without all the help – greatly appreciated.

Celebration of Learning—We will celebrate learning at Milk River School on Thursday, April 11 from 3:30 to 6:00 P.M.

All students from Kindergarten to Gr. 5 will be hosting their parents, in a “Student-led Conference/Open House.” This will give you the opportunity to see how they are doing with real hands-on activities and show samples of their work.

Your child's teachers will be on hand to answer any quick questions you may have. If you wish to speak at greater length with a teacher please phone to set up a time for an appointment on a different day.

Please join in our “Celebration of Learning” any time between 3:30 and 6:00 P.M. as there are no specific times set up for each student, they will be able to move around to the different stations on their own. Teachers will be available to help guide the conference if necessary. We look forward to a fun filled evening with our parents and students.

Developmental Check-ups—Thursday, April 11 at Milk River School—Registration for Early Learning closes on May 1. Late registrations may be accepted based on availability.

Children with an identified developmental delay, or if they are learning English as a second language, may qualify for funding support and additional program services.

Our Early Learning programs offer a play-based approach with many hands-on experiences for young children. Each day the children have the opportunity to create, observe and explore, listen to stories, move, and sing. These activities are guided by staff who offer a safe and positive first school experience for children. We also strive to work together with families to best meet the needs of the children.



Friday, April 12 – “Green Shirt Day”—Milk River School will participate in a joint event in honor of the Logan Boulet Effect, supporting organ donor awareness and registration across Canada. Green is the official color of organ/tissue donation, symbolizing the hope organ donors provide to patients in need!

There will be a 3 on 3 hockey tournament starting at 8:45 A.M. for students, staff and community members! **Come out and cheer on the teams!**

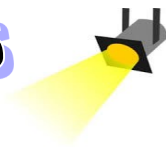


Milk River Watershed Poster Contest- Congratulations!! to the following students:

Grade 1: Brynlee Balog, Leo Rodrigues & Zane Noble

Grade 6: Hadley Chapman & Kira Hoytos

Spotlight Kids



Featured “Spotlight Kids” for the April theme “Kindness & Caring” include:

Kindergarten: Brody Reese & Hayze Wynder

Gr. 1: Colton Miller & Kata Morales

Gr. 2: Eva Cote & Rowan Smith

Gr. 3: Isla Losey & Caleb McCoy

Gr. 4: Damian Cooke & Kaleb Johnson

Gr. 5: Hailey Reese

Gr. 6: Romeo Morales & Bently Thompson



National Volunteer Week—April 14—20. The theme for the 2024 campaign is “**Every Moment Matters**”, it highlights the

importance of every and each volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when we need support more than ever. The sharing of time, skills, empathy, and creativity is vital to the inclusivity, strength, and wellbeing of our communities.

Volunteers are fundamental to meeting this challenging moment. By coming together, committing support, and increasing our collective efforts and impact, we contribute exponentially to the quality of life we all strive for. During National Volunteer Week 2024, we come together to recognize and celebrate the importance of each and every volunteer’s impact from coast to coast. Now more than ever, Every Moment Matters.

Volunteers truly are the “HEART” of our community!

Education Week—April 15—19— “**Learning Uplifts All**”. Education week is a great time to celebrate public education and work toward an inspired future that includes:

- Optimal learning conditions for every child
- Creative and innovative learning programs
- Students who enjoy learning and who achieve their learning goals

- Parents and communities that are involved and supportive of learning
- School leaders who are also teachers
- A well-thought out curriculum delivered by well-prepared professionals
- Opportunities for teachers to continue developing their skills as professionals



Pitch-In Week—April 29—May 5 is the 57th Annual PITCH-IN CANADA WEEK. PITCH-IN is the largest environmental improvement campaign in Canada and is dedicated to the preservation and sustainable growth of our natural ecosystems and communities.

PITCH-IN Canada represents hard working Canadian volunteers and consumers who care about making environmental change in their communities nation-wide, for generations.

Thank you for your hard work in helping to keep our community, and our province, clean and beautiful for all to enjoy! Each year, our enthusiasm inspires us to continue our commitment to creating clean, green and sustainable communities across Canada. We will do our part by participating in a school and community clean-up!

We are very proud to recognize these events, as we are forever thankful for our clean environment and to all the volunteers who take their time to provide us with the many extras that enhance our learning environment and make our school such a great place to be—what a great community we live in . . . thanks so much!

Southern Alberta Art Gallery—April 18—May 5—“**Patch Portraits**” will be on display in our hallways. Patch Portraits showcases artwork by two artists who employ the fabrics and materials of their respective cultural heritage to explore the genres of portraiture and identity. Stitching, hand dyeing, block printing and collaging together found and fabricated textiles, the resulting bodies of work showcase multiple ways threads and fabrics can be displayed in contemporary art practices.

Please stop by and have a look!