

FEBRUARY

Celebrations
this month:

- PBIS Monthly Focus: WE CARE
- Black History Month
- Literacy WEEK
- Valentine's Celebrations
- Pink Shirt Day



Love Lolly Fundraiser

On behalf of Grade 5
Student Council –
THANK YOU!

We were able to raise
nearly \$600 for the
Airdrie Health
Foundation.

Student Council had so
much fun going around
to all of the classes and
learned a lot about
coming up with a plan,
doing the work and will
soon get to deliver the
money raised.



MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMIN TEAM

As we reflect on the February school expectation of **"We Care/Nous Sommes Attentionnés"** we are filled with immense pride in recalling all of the ways our students embraced kindness and supported one another. In the **countless acts of caring** leading up to **Pink Shirt Day**, our students truly embodied the essence of friendship and the significance of advocating for what is right.

Moreover, our celebration of **Literacy Week** was a wonderful week of fun and learning. One special highlight was **Human Scrabble Day**; it is always a joy to watch students make words as a group all day long. Throughout the week, the halls were adorned with beloved **literary characters** as students dressed up to share their favourite books. We reveled in the joy of **Stop Drop and Read sessions**, and the classrooms were illuminated with excitement during reading picnics and reading sessions with flashlights. It was a week dedicated to fostering a

deep-rooted love for reading and literacy; **thank you** Edwards students and staff for your participation.

In our **commitment to community engagement**, our students took part in **Have a Heart Day**, writing heartfelt letters to our local MLA and advocating for the rights of Indigenous children. Their actions exemplified the power of empathy and solidarity in **effecting positive change**.

Lastly, we are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievement of our **Student Council**, who rallied together to raise nearly **\$600.00 for the Airdrie Health Foundation**. Their dedication and hard work serve as a shining example of our school's core values of caring and belonging.

We extend our **heartfelt gratitude** to you all for your support in fostering an inclusive learning environment for our students. Together, we are molding future leaders who grasp the significance of empathy, literacy, and community involvement. - Rachele & Veronica

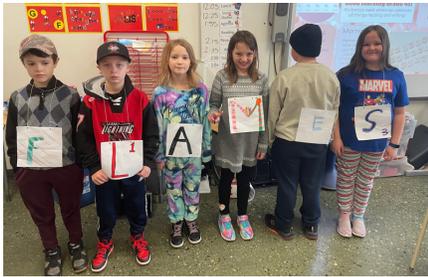


March Reminders:

- PBIS Monthly Focus: WE DO OUR BEST
- G.E.A.R. Month (Gathering Enrichments for Airdrie Residents)
- March 7th School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- March 13-FUN LUNCH-Mary Brown's (for those that ordered)
- Scholastic Book Fair-March 18-22
- 3-Way Conferences - Celebrations of Learning March 20-21 gr. 1-5 and March 20-22 for Kindergarten goal setting - more info to come soon from teachers and the school
- Spring Break-March 29-April 7



Literacy Week!



Pink Shirt Day!

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness and taking a stand against bullying. On February 28th, students wore pink shirts to symbolize solidarity and support for creating a culture of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. It serves as a powerful reminder that together, we can make a difference by promoting empathy and standing up against all forms of unkindness and bullying.



REMINDER SURVEY DUE MARCH 1, 2024

Grade 4 parents and students are invited to complete an annual government survey to support OUR school Goals.

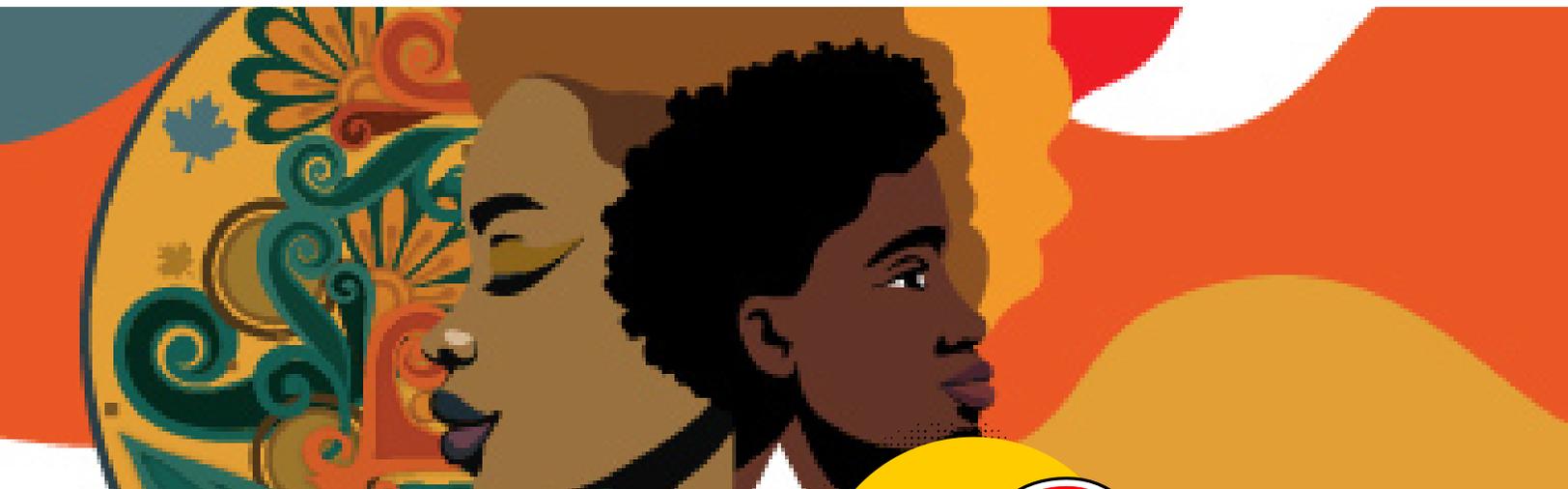
<https://public.education.alberta.ca/APOS/>

ONCE YOU COMPLETE THE SURVEY, CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY EMAIL TO LET US KNOW, AND WE WILL ENTER YOUR NAME INTO A DRAW FOR A

SHAMROCK LANES BOWLING PACKAGE!

WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME FOR THIS.





February is Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

The 2024 theme for Black History Month is: "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build". This theme celebrates the rich past and present contributions and accomplishments of Black people in Canada, while aspiring to embrace new opportunities for the future.

DID YOU KNOW?



Students at Edwards learned about Black Canadian Athletes at the start of gym class every day. Classes completed biographies on black Canadians and a collaborative art poster, as well as read several stories by black authors.

Parent Feedback from January!

In what ways did your child show leadership this past month - at home, in the community, or at school?



Taking extra time to put in a project. Buddies

My daughter has showed leadership at the barn where she rides helping children who just started, and tacking She's also an AMA volunteer

Helping with making lunch

Working with little buddies

Our grade 4 student is a bus leader and takes that job very seriously!

School projects Class presentations

Congratulating their classmates on doing a good job at the Christmas concert

Making his lunch, packing his snack

Helping peers Taking care of their brother

Leadership at home helping a sibling.

What student learning goals do you look forward to for the rest of the school year?

14 responses



Our next Parent Feedback will be presented at our next School Council Meeting in March. If you have feedback and ideas about what to celebrate or improve on as a school community, let us know!

MARCH IS G.E.A.R MONTH

ARE YOU LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

École Edwards G.E.A.R. month is March (Gathering Enrichments for Airdrie Residents), which is École Edwards' turn to help the Airdrie Food Bank.

Our goal for the last couple of years has been to collect at least one item per person at Edwards and we have continued to CRUSH that goal so this year we are asking anyone who is able to please send in **AT LEAST TWO** non-perishable items! With our goal is at least two non-perishable items per person at Edwards we should be able to collect approx. 1500 items to donate!

Non-perishable food items are things that come in boxes or cans and can be kept in a cupboard instead of the fridge. Did you know that non-perishable items can include things like toothpaste, soap, Kleenex, or diapers? The food bank even collects food for pets!

Please be sure that the items are acceptable for donation which means that they are not expired, they have their label, the packages aren't broken, and boxes of items are not opened and sent in separately (ex. granola bars need to be in a box and not separated).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS MONTH HELPING OTHERS!

AIRDRIE FOOD BANK - MOST NEEDED

Thank you for helping us help our community!

STAPLES

- Beans & Legumes
- Boxed Cereal (Cold and Hot)
- Canned Tomatoes, Fruit & Vegetables
- Condiments
- Dry Pasta
- Flour
- Jam & Honey
- Juice (1 Litre Boxes)
- Meat, Canned
- Milk, Evaporated and Powdered
- Milk Alternatives
- Oats
- Pancake Mix
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Side Dishes or meal kits (Rice-a-roni, Noodles, Rice etc.)
- Soup, Dried Large Packages
- Soup, Single Serve Cups
- Sugar
- Sugar free items (for diabetics - Splenda, Diabetic Boost etc.)
- Syrup
- Bathroom Tissue
- Facial Tissue
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Household Cleaning Supplies
- Toothpaste & Bar Soap

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Juice Boxes 250 ml (No Sugar Added)
- Pasta Microwavable
- Peanut-Free, Non-Dipped Granola Bars
- Spreadable Cheese & Cracker Packs
- Tuna & Crackers Packs

BASICS FOR BABIES

- Formula
- Diapers
- Pull-ups
- Baby food

