## ÉCOLE EDWARDS ELEMENTARY FAMILY EXPRESS



Monthly School News October 2024

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# Celebrations this month:

Monthly PBIS Focus! WE CARE

- Socktober! Citizenship Challenge!
- SoundKreations Virtual Dance Residency
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- Scholastic Book Fair! Oct. 7-11th
- 3 Way Conferences & goal setting Oct. 9 & 10th
- 4:30-7:30pm (Student/Teacher/Parent)
- Kindergarten Open House Style Conferences Oct 9 & 10th Halloween Parade at 3pm families
- welcome

## **3-WAY CONFERENCES**

Student/Parent/Teacher conferences are happening on October 9th and 10th!

Check your teacher e-mails for specific grades and times.

FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

What a busy month September was, it is an absolute pleasure getting to spend time visiting classrooms and seeing kids at recess - watching learners and leaders in action! Here are some highlights from our time together over the past month that we're excited to share with you.

## Clubs

Thank you to Mme Smith and Mme Simon who started choir in September; many grade 4&5 students joined. Mme Danielson, our physical education teacher, will begin indoor gym games for grade 4-5 classes at lunch recess. Merci! Other student clubs will begin, including coding club with Ms. Ferguson, in the coming weeks.

## PBIS

We will have a virtual Student PBIS assembly for October's focus of We Care/ Nous Sommes Attentionnés thanks to some awesome wisdom from grade one students!

### Terry Fox Donations

Our Edwards community has raised \$2900.60 (blowing away our Toonie for Terry per student hope) for the Terry Fox Foundation. We will accept donations online and at school until October 4th.

## Truth & Reconciliation Week

During the last week of September students learned about the devastating legacy of Canada's past with the residential school system. Students learned from a guest Indigenous performer and storyteller, Chantal Changnon, who showed us how to celebrate her culture and the stories that have she learned from her ancestors. We also learned from classroom activities, videos, artwork, and books.

### SOCKtober

All month long we have been collecting socks and other items for those in need in support of Socktober! Thank you for your help with these donations, and thank you to Ms. Wigmore for organizing this school citizenship activity!

## How is my child doing?

Now is also the time to start to look at your child's marks in PowerSchool. If you ever have questions about your child's learning, reach out to their teacher as we are always happy to facilitate a meeting to work together to support your child!

Yours in Education, Ms. Prud'Homme & Mme Berger



## **MONDAY OCTOBER 28:**

Socktober Day! Wear your best, craziest, funniest, funkiest socks of your choosing (on your feet, hands, head... it's up to you) Let's celebrate Edwards SMASHING the goal for sock collection this year!

It's that time of year again! October is SOCKtober here at ÉcoleEdwards and around the world. Socks are in style year-round.But October is extra special! SOCKtober is a time for reaching out to those in need starting from the feet up - making a difference in our community by giving them to those in need!

One of the most requested items at homeless shelters is, you guessed it, socks! Who knew such a small thing could make a huge difference? And with winter and the holidays coming, it's especially important for us to do what we can to keep hearts and feet warm.

This year our goal is to collect AS MANY pairs of NEW socks as possible. Did you know that last year we collected 2367 pairs of

NEW socks (and some other wonderful items) and made a HUGE difference to two different amazing community services!

## How to Help:

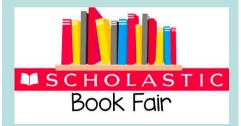
- Collect SOCKS! Send them to Ms. Wigmore's room as you collect them for safe keeping and counting! Simply have a student bring them down each day or save them and send them at the end of each week! \*Please be sure to send them at least every week so we can keep a running record.
- We will celebrate at the end of the month with a grand total of pairs of socks collected!



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**OCTOBER REMINDERS!** Student, Teacher, Parent Conferences October 9 & 10th

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming October 7th to 10th! All funds raised will be used to purchase new books for the Learning Commons.







Follow us on Facebook and sign up for reminders from the school, too!

**School Council October** Fundraiser is Cookie & Muffin Dough!!! YUM YUM See your email for details!

**Our next School Council Meeting** is on October 19th at 6:30pm featuring grade 5 teachers!



## Final order date is OCTOBER 17th

### Pick up date is November 5th

Please note: These products arrived frozen on Nov 5th. Pick up is require that day as we have no storage. Please make arrangements for someone to pick up if you can't. Any remaining will be donated.

## It's that time of year when students are getting sick at school

Please review AHS's recommendations for a safe return to school after illness:

• Respiratory Illness: Stay home until all symptoms have improved, feeling well enough to resume normal activities, and be fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications.

• Gastrointestinal Illness: Stay home until 48 hours after all symptoms have resolved.

• Rash Illness: Stay home for the length of time recommended by the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team. How long to stay home depends on the cause of the rash.

Please make sure your contact information is up to date, including an emergency contact in case we need to call you for a pick-up if your child is sick at school.



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École Edwards **Elementary School** 





Our school goals were shared with parents during our first School Council Meeting on September 19th, which is offered in-person and on Zoom, and the recording is posted on Facebook.

Below is our draft set of goals to work on over the next 3 years, in support of the RVS 3-year plan, which focuses on:

1. Advancing students' literacy and numeracy skills 2. Building future-ready students

Creating inclusive, engaging, healthy, learning opportunities for all students



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN UPDATE

1) How Might We engage students in their literacy and numeracy success?

School Goal: Students are performing math and reading at or above grade level.

2) How Might We build student leadership across the school community?

*School Goal:* Students have a sense of purpose in life, understand their own and other cultures, and are goal oriented, building leadership skills.

## 3) How might we create inclusive, engaging, and healthy learning opportunities for all students?

**School Goal:** Students are happy, healthy, feel they belong and are safe, and experience success in learning environments that are inclusive of every learner.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?

1) Come to our literacy and numeracy games stations on Conference Nights October 9 & 10th! Last year we hosted a literacy and numeracy games night in November, and it was a hit, but this year we hope to have literacy and numeracy game stations during conferences! This way there is more time for students and families to learn and practice literacy and numeracy games at home, too.

2) Come to School Council to learn about how you can be part of your child's school experience and how your voice matters.

We also have special presentations from teachers and the principal each month - sharing about our school goals and news from classrooms!

3) Encourage your child to be independent and responsible as a learner and leader at home. This can look like taking on new responsibilities, owning our actions, and finishing what we start, talking through a problem and finding a solution or resolution, reading daily, and practicing math & writing!





## September 2024 Photo Highlights







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## October 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <u>Caokie Dough Fundraiser</u> <u>Starts!</u> <u>Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch</u> <u>PBIS Expectation for</u> <u>October: We Care</u> <u>SOCKtober Citizenship</u> <u>Challenge all Month!</u>	2	3 <u>Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch</u> <u>Board of Trustees Meeting</u> 10:00 am	4 <u>AM Kindergarten Classes</u> <u>Only.</u> <u>Healthy Hunger orders are</u> <u>DUE TODAY BY NOON</u>	5
6	7 October PBIS Student Assembly - link will be shared with classes Scholastic Book Fair Soundkreations (Dance)	8 <u>Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch</u> <u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> <u>Soundkreations (Dance)</u>	9 <u>Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch - Taco Time -</u> <u>https://healthyhunger.ca/</u> <u>Soundkreations (Dance)</u> <u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> <u>GR 1 - 5 Goal Setting 3-Way</u> <u>Conferences (teachers.</u> <u>parents.students)</u> 4:30 pm <u>Kindergarten Conferences -</u> <u>Open House Style (book online)</u> 4:30 pm	<u>No School for Kindergarten</u> students - Conferences all day Scholastic Book Fair	11 <u>Professional Learning Day</u> <u>(No classes)</u>	12
13	14 <u>Thanksgiving Day (No</u> <u>classes)</u>	15 <u>Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch</u> <u>Soundkreations (Dance)</u>	16 <u>Soundkreations (Dance)</u>	17 Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch Edwards School Council Meeting 6:30 pm Soundkreations (Dance) Last Day for Cookie Dough Fundraiser Orders Board of Trustees Meeting 10:00 am	18 <u>PM Kindergarten Classes</u> <u>Only</u> <u>Soundkreations (Dance)</u>	19
20	21 <u>Soundkreations (Dance)</u>	22 <u>Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch</u> <u>Soundkreations (Dance)</u>	23	24 Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch Joint Board/School Council Meeting 5:30 pm	25 <u>AM Kindergarten Classes</u> <u>Only</u>	26
27	28 Picture Re-Take Day	29 Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch	30	31 Diwali Grade 4-5 Choir at Lunch Board of Trustees Meeting 10:00 am Halloween Parade in GYM - families are welcome! 3:00 pm		

For the latest calendar events and school news - see our website calendar, and check your emails!