



# Good News

January 15, 2025



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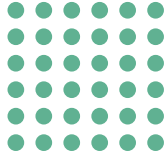
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Art Smith  
Aviation Academy

**01**

# Art Smith Aviation Academy



# Squadron Assembly

## What are squadrons?

House teams where you can help your team earn house points through various activities in the school.

Ex: spirit days, red shirt Friday, Extra-curricular Achievements, Special Events, Acts of Kindness



Paper Airplane Challenge



Our squadrons are:

- Griffon
- Chinook
- Hornet
- Hawk



# A Winter Wonderland Concert 2024





## Mitten Tree

Together, we are spreading warmth and kindness to those in need this holiday season.

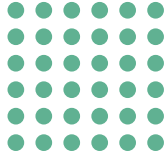


## Stars of the Month

Félicitations à ces étoiles du mois pour leurs efforts excellents à parler français en classe! Bravo les amis!

Congratulations to our December stars of the month for their awesome efforts in speaking French in class. Keep up the great work!





**02**

# Bonnyville Centralized High School



# Santa's Elves



# Connections



- Kindergarten visits from Duclos, Iron River and Ardmore
- Supporting Ecole des Beaux-Lacs' Provincial Volleyball
- The Charity Cup with Notre Dame

**BCHS has been busy connecting with our community schools!**



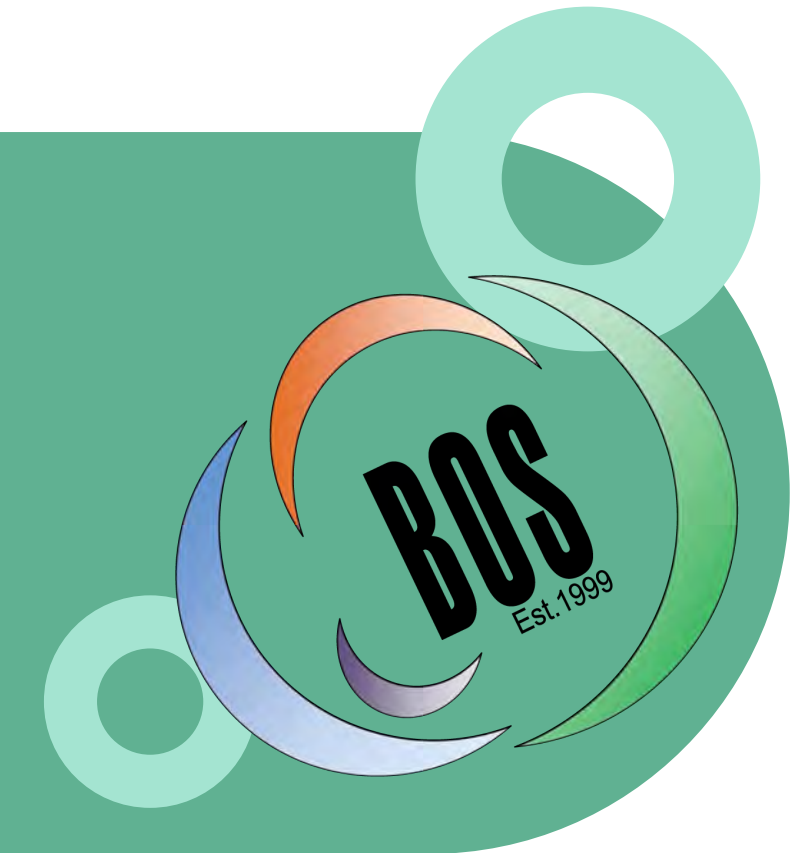
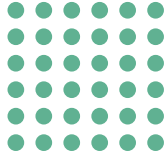
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# Turkey Dinner



We had a school turkey dinner, prepped and served by staff, to celebrate the holidays!





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# Bonnyville Outreach School



# Strength and Growth Through Connection

Rose and Russel, (NLPS alumni), have been actively working to develop connections with Frog Lake and Kehewin Outreach Schools. Through their collaborative efforts, they have been building meaningful relationships aimed at promoting student success.



# Artistic Achievement

Two of our students from BOS were chosen to have their art projects replicated for Thank You cards and Gifts by NLPS.



# Family Connection Night

BOS embraced a new tradition this year by taking advantage of the beautiful winter weather and the power of connection. Our team invited families to join us for an evening filled with winter fun for everyone. A special thank you to Cheryl Edwards for joining us and making the evening even more memorable!



Winter  
wonderland

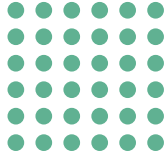
Parents, Students and Family,

Please join our staff at the Firepit & enjoy  
Hotdogs, S'mores, Cider & Sledding!

 Thursday, January 9th  
4:30pm - 6:30pm  
Pontiac Park, Bonnyville AB  
4304 Lakeshore Drive







**04**

**Caslan  
School**



# Grade 8 Community Helpers Participated in the Walk for Hope



The theme for this year's walk was **#WhereToTurn**, focusing on raising awareness about family violence and how we can all help prevent it. This year's special guest was Don Burnstick. Mr Burnstick is an Indigenous speaker from the Alexander First Nation and has a lot of experience talking about important issues like bullying and violence. His presentation, **Dealing with the Bullying Issue**, focused on how we can solve conflicts peacefully, help stop bullying, and empower ourselves and our friends to make positive changes.



# Congratulations to Kiana Cardinal for being a winner in NLSD's Art Contest!

## We are Proud of You!!!



Kiana was presented her  
prize by our Board Trustee  
Debra Lozinski.

# Caslan Christmas Concert!! Celebrating Metis Culture all Through the Year!

As always, our Christmas Concert was a Success!!!  
Not only with our students demonstrating their musical talent but also showcasing their Culture through numerous performances of Metis Jigging!  
Ending off the concert with a performance from a community dance group including 2 of our students!!!





**05**

**Cold Lake  
Elementary  
School**



# December Fun CLES



December was filled with gingerbread house making, escape rooms, visits from the Grinch and of course the concert!



# Buddy Reading @ CLES



Our Grade 2 and 3 students continue to work with our younger students to model reading skills and enjoyment in books.

# Carolling at Christmas



Students in grade 1 spent time before Christmas at the Senior's lodge singing Christmas Carols.

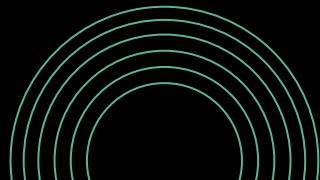
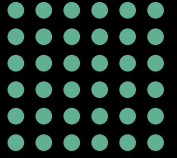
We are inviting our seniors in the community to spend the afternoon with us on January 27th for a Read and Tea time. This will be a whole school event.







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**Cold Lake  
High School**



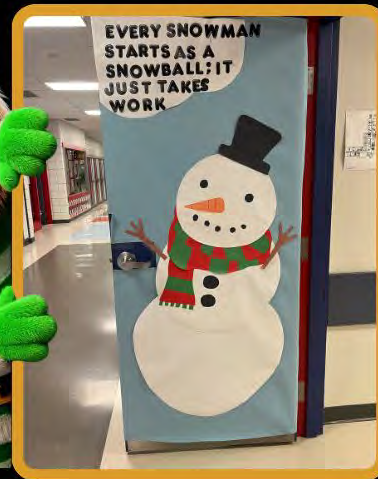


**Students from Mrs. Kean's Cosmetology class visited Long Term Care residents in Cold Lake as part of an amazing service project! Residents definitely enjoyed manicure treatments right before the holidays.**



# The Greatest Door Decorating in Northern Lights!

Cold Lake High School's incredible Spirit Week was accented by our annual portal contest. After staff and students rated all the doors, Mr. Johnson was the clear winner and continues his Door Decorating Dynasty!



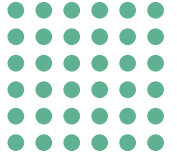


**THE WINNER**



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# Cold Lake Junior High





**The Grade 7's had a great day skiing, snowboarding , and tubing first week back from the winter break.**



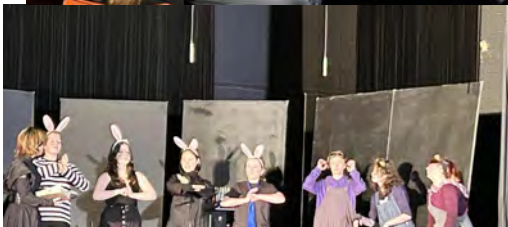


Cold Lake Junior High Student Council visited North Star kinders before the holidays!!! They read a holiday story, made reindeer and snowflakes, and finished off with cookie decorating, thanks to Ms. French's Home Ec classes Christmas baking!!





That's a wrap!! Thank you so much to Ms. Alger, Mrs. Mack, and the whole cast and crew for all their hard work in putting on "Dr. Experimentor and the League of Evil"! It was a very entertaining show, and your dedication and teamwork really showed through!  
#GoCobras #CLJHcobras #DramaClub





**Skills Exploration Day:** Grade 8 students designed sustainable, climate-resilient dwellings for their communities as part of Skills Alberta Exploration Day. Their innovative prototypes tackled real-world challenges like portability, energy efficiency, and affordability, showcasing creativity and future-ready skills! 🛠️🌱

🚩 **Chariot Challenge:** Students across Lakeland raced handmade chariots in the first annual Lakeland Engineering and Science Association Chariot Races, featuring head-to-head races, a "Chariots of Fire" Gallery Tour, and epic Tow Truck-worthy crashes!

🏆 Congrats to:

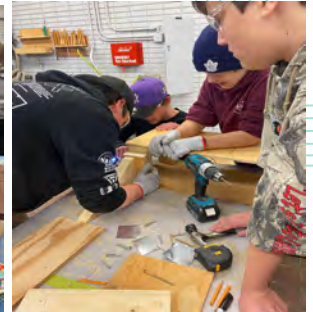
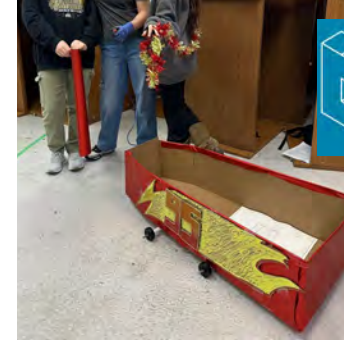
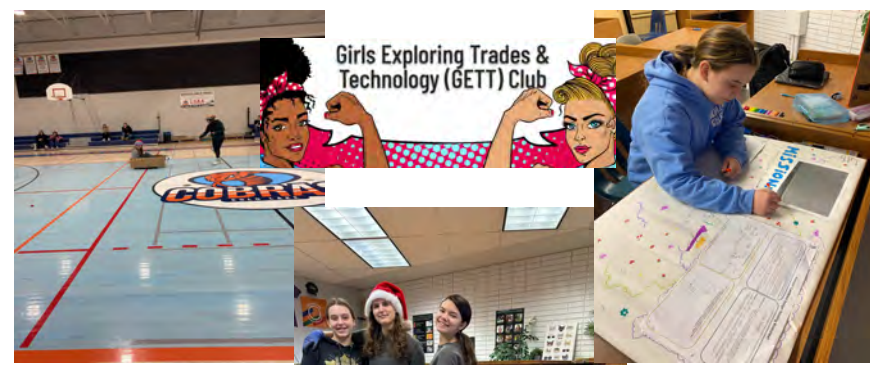
🏆 Glendon School | 🏆 Iron River | 🏆 Cold Lake Junior High

🏆 Chariots of Fire: Glendon | 🏆 Tow Truck Award: H.E. Bourgoin

🛠️ **Girls Exploring Trades and Technology (GETT) Club:** Students gained hands-on skills with kits for leatherwork, sheet metal, and refrigeration, exploring new trades and building confidence. 💪🌟

A huge thank-you to our supporters, and staff: Mr. Dery, Ms. Ludlage, Mr. Backer, Mr. Blake, Mr. Sauve & Miss Shankowski! 🎉

#STEMinAction #HandsOnLearning #GETT #DesignAndBuild #JuniorHighInnovation



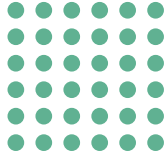


Culture Club students and Mrs. Normand and Mrs. Favel held an afternoon tea for some of our parents and guardians. It was a great way to end 2024 year.



Student council also joined the cookie decorating with Mrs. Cusson.





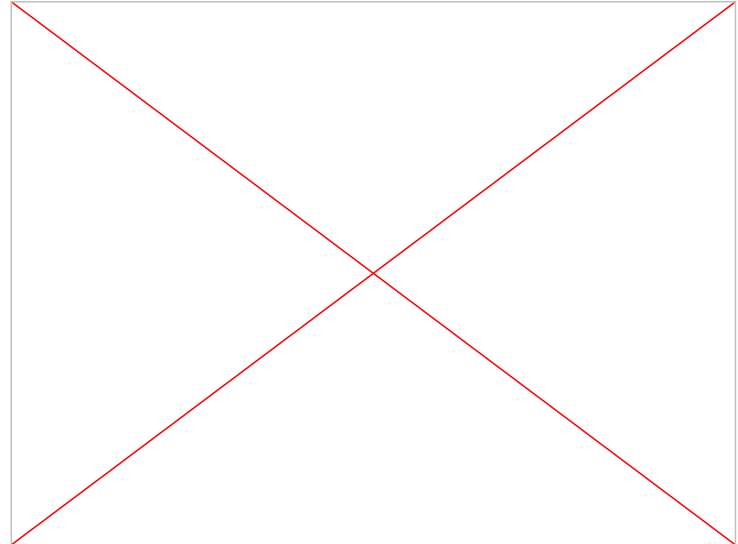
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**Cold Lake  
Outreach  
School**



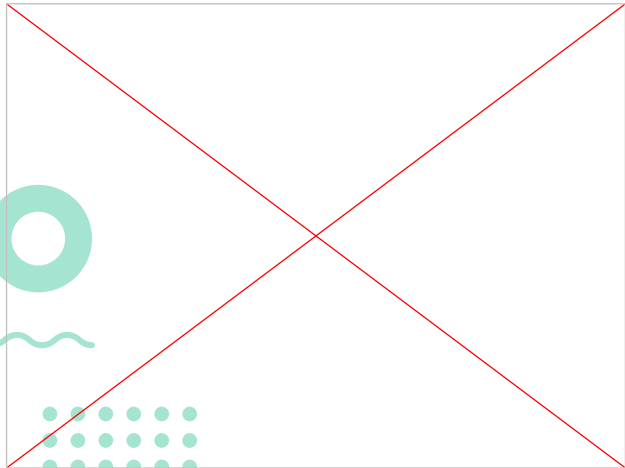
# A Pawsitively Great Time!

Before the winter break, our students worked together to create cozy blankets for the furry friends at the Cold Lake Humane Society. After delivering their heartfelt creations, they spent some time cuddling and playing with some of the animals at the shelter. It was the perfect way to kickstart the giving spirit of the season, spreading warmth and love to those in need!



# A Night of Sparkle and Family Connection

After seeing the dedication our students put into preparing their annual display for the Hearts for Healthcare Sparkle in the Park event, we knew it was the perfect opportunity to invite students and families for a night of Sparkle, Fun, Connection, and Delicious food! Families had the chance to connect with our team, tour the school, provide feedback on upcoming logo changes, and more. Afterward, we enjoyed a cozy cup of hot cocoa and took a bus tour through Sparkle in the Park to experience the magic firsthand! We were also joined by special guest Mandi Skogen, NLPs Trustee, who made the evening even more memorable



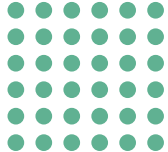
# Art That Speaks

This year, several of our students submitted artwork to the Bonnyville Friendship Centre's MMIW Submission Contest. We are incredibly proud of all our students for using their art as a powerful means of expressing themselves on this important issue. Four of our students were recognized for their exceptional work, with their pieces featured below



Silence No More  
By Destiny W.

They walked in the dawn, with strength in their stride,  
But shadows grew long where justice would hide.  
Daughters and mothers, their stories erase,  
Lost in the silence, their memories displaced.  
Yet the drum still beats in the heart of the land,  
A call for the missing, a united demand.  
Voices rise up, unyielding, unbowed,  
Breaking the silence, defiant and proud  
The rivers remembered the stars know their names,  
The winds carry whispers that ignite the flames.  
A fire of truth burns through the despair,  
For justice, for healing, for a world that will care.  
No longer invisible, no longer ignored,  
Their strength is a force, a spirit restored.  
The MMIWG cry breaks through the night,  
A beacon of hope, a radiant light.  
So let us not falter, let us not forget,  
The lives taken too soon, the pain, the debt.  
For each voice reclaimed, for each story retold,  
We honor the missing with hearts brave and bold.



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# Duclos School





Our kindergarten kids took a field trip to BCHS where they dropped off all of their donations that they collected for Santa's Elves. Some of the students played games with our kinders.







Our buddies group from BCHS would come once a week and meet with our grade 4 classes and do lots of fun activities together.





Some of the creative minds at  
Duclos school.





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**Ecole  
Plamondon  
School**



# Ecole Plamondon Christmas Concert in Collaboration with Trickster Theatre



Thanks to our Parent Council and Alberta Foundation of the Arts that gave financial support to our Artist in Residence performance Christmas Around the World



# Family Games Night

Our First Ever Family Games Night. Parent Council Supported this initiative but providing prizes of games for families. We had a great turnout with over 50 people! Our Library in collaboration with the LLB Public Library created a Candyland scavenger hunt to support our night.





# Athlete of the Month - ASAA

## Lincoln Shulko



Congratulations to Lincoln Shulko from Ecole Plamondon School for being named the Alberta Milk ASAA Athlete of the Month for December in Men's Volleyball!

Lincoln's sportsmanship, leadership, and dedication have made a lasting impact on his team and others. He's not only a key player in his team's victories at Northeast 1A Zones, Lakeland, WowPow, and DigPink, but also a mentor, offering support and advice to teammates and opponents alike. His commitment to improvement and positive attitude inspire those around him, both on and off the court.

Lincoln's contributions as a player, teammate, and coach make him a true role model. We're proud to honour his hard work and sportsmanship!

#SetTheBar #AlbertaMilk #ASAA  
#AthleteOfTheMonth #MensVolleyball  
#EcolePlamondon #Leadership #Sportsmanship  
#Volleyball

Congratulations to all who contributed toward this outstanding accomplishment and honour!



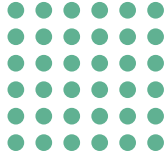
**LINCOLN SHULKO**

Ecole Plamondon School



**Congratulations to  
Kirik Dixon -for  
being selected to  
Representing Zone  
7 in the Alberta  
Winter Games -  
Ice Hockey**





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# Glendon School







**ATCO invited Alberta students in grades 4 to 9 to enter a creative composition on “WHY MILITARY MATTERS.”**

**This contest was for a chance to win one of ten trips for two (student and parent) to attend the Invictus Games in Vancouver Whistler 2025 on February 15-17, 2025**

**Makenna Makaruk in Grade 7 was a winner of this contest. Of the 50 selected entries reviewed by the panel of judges, Makenna’s composition was a top choice!!!**



The Grade 4 Class fried bannock and ate together using fractions and addition strategies while learning about Metis culture. Learning about the history and culture of the Metis is woven throughout the Grade 4 Social Studies curriculum. These hands on activities are centered around Metis ways of learning with one another.



### Senior Nobles:

Despite not having played our first game this season...our boys travelled to Bonnyville to the Road Runner Classic. Being the smallest school there, our boys came through defeating NDHS in the final!! Well done gentlemen!!



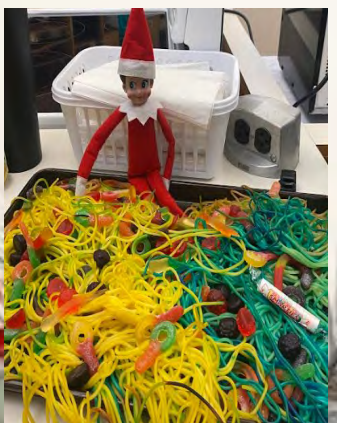
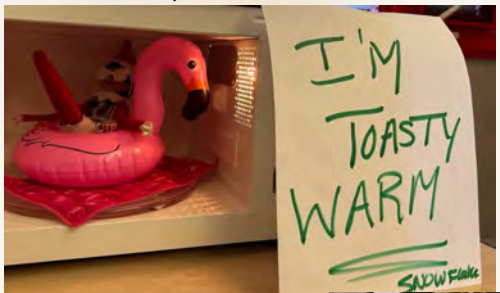
### Senior Marquise:

Our Marquise ladies were dominant on the weekend for their first games winning the three games by a combined 125 points...making for a clean sweep of the tournament! Congrats to our our athletes on a job well done.



# Elf on A Shelf

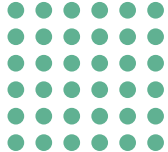
One of the fun whole school activities 12 days prior to Christmas break is finding the ELF of a SHELF. Our students love it and are excited to see the messes made by the elves each day.





# Glendon Christmas Concert and Brunch 2024



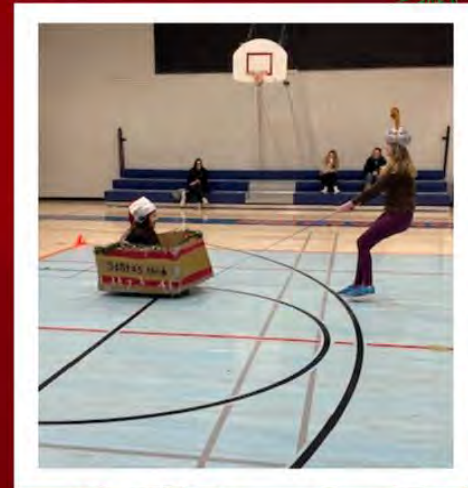


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# H.E. Bourgoin School



# Lakeland CHARIOT RACE



The inaugural Lakeland Chariot Race brought together schools from across the Lakeland area for an exciting STEM competition. Teams of students worked tirelessly to design the strongest yet lightest chariots, competing head-to-head in a series of races. The event was a resounding success, filled with creativity, teamwork, and fun. Students had an amazing time showcasing their skills, and we can't wait to host this incredible competition again next year in collaboration with our partners at CLJH.



**WOW!**  
Our students did a spectacular job performing  
The Nutcracker for the school Christmas concert.

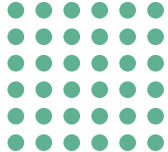






We did a Santa's Workshop where students had the opportunity to go 'shopping' for Christmas gifts for their family members and experience the joy of giving during the holiday season. Each class got to tour through the Workshop to complete their Christmas Shopping. Each item was \$1.00 and all the proceeds went to our Christmas Food Hampers. We were able to make 12 hampers that went back to some of our HEB families.





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# Iron River School



# Christmas Concert

- Our students completely ran and produced our Christmas Concert this year! Wrote the script, conducted the tone chimes choir, played piano and guitar for choir and whole school songs, ran the sound board, emceed the program, etc. So proud of them and it turned out incredible!
- We charged a donated gift item to get into the concert. The next day the kids went shopping and wrapped presents for their parents! Big thank you to the Holoboff Holiday Store at North Star for the idea and inspiration!



# Christmas Craft Day

- Community volunteers donated their time to bring us a beautiful tree, all of the materials to create 6 different crafty decorations, and their expertise to make them! Every student in the school was able to make our tree beautiful and then take home their crafts for Christmas to decorate their own trees. Our Knowledge Keeper Reg Southernsky ran a station and made medicine pouches! We are so grateful and thankful for our amazing community!



# Door Decorating

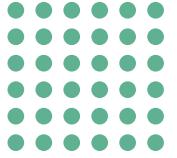
The contest got a little out of hand this year! There was not a door that was left untouched! Not a classroom, bathroom, storage room, or office door was bare for the holidays! These were some of the best!





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# J.A. Williams High School



# Annual Cruisin' For Christmas was a great success!!!

## High school students in Lac La Biche collect items for food banks during 'Cruisin' for Christmas' fundraiser

The event took place at Britton's Your Independent Grocer on Thursday, Dec. 19 from 12:30-7p.m.



Chris McGarry  
Dec 24, 2024 2:30 PM



1 / 5 J.A. Williams (JAWS) High School student Carter Sparklingeyes unloads bags of groceries from a shopping

Cruisin for Christmas was held this evening. Students aimed to fill an RCMP cruiser with food to donate to Portage College food bank and Out of the Elements, and JAWS Students Union. Students performed live music at Independent Grocer. Thank you Mr. Courtney for organizing an event that impacts and benefits our whole community.



# Wildlife students took part in Rabbit hunting

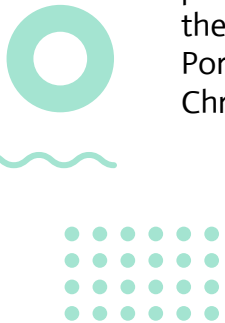


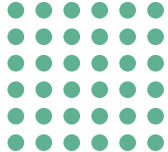


# Nothing Gold Can Stay....



JAWS High School Students presented a stellar show run of the classic, *The Outsiders*, at Portage College prior to Christmas break.





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**Kikino  
School**



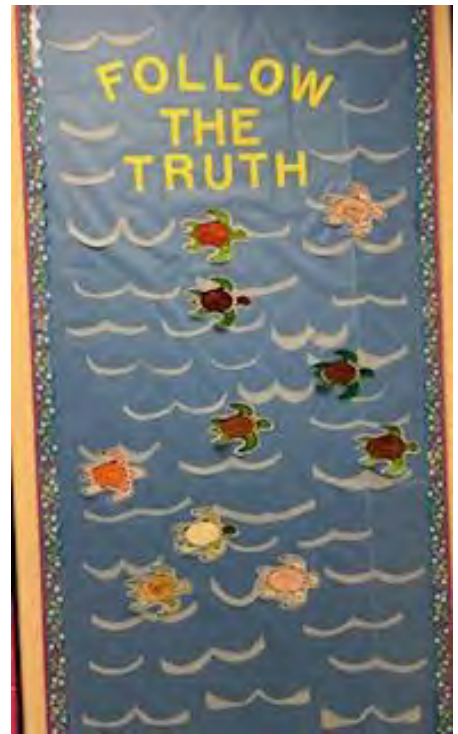


# PBIS

Matrix Implementation!

Grandfather Teachings!





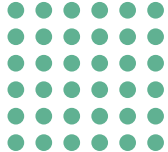
# January

Turtle Teachings: TRUTH

# Implementation Plan

- Make it visible
- Each class: what it looks like, sounds like, feels like in the classroom; playground; lunchroom; bus; gym; online
  - Include a music component
    - Literature component
    - Art, drama, and foods
  - Include a Metis Settlements of Alberta connection





LAC LA BICHE REGIONAL  
OUTREACH SCHOOLS

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# Lac La Biche Outreach School



# Dual Credit Programs



Congratulations to Sean and Noah for successfully completing their first year of trade training at Portage in Lac La Biche! As part of the trial run for this program, Sean has finished his welding training, while Noah has completed his electrical apprenticeship. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing where their skills take them!.



# A Delicious Christmas Feast

Festive smells filled the air at Lac La Biche Outreach for our annual Christmas feast before the holidays. Students and staff came together to share a delicious meal joined by some very special guests, including School Board Trustees Lois Phillips, Deb Lozinski and Blair Norton, as well as maintenance staff and Jeanine Ellis from Division Office.

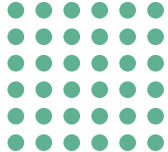




# Fun with the Weaving Wichitowin Program

In December, our students had the privilege of participating in two enriching opportunities through the *Weaving Wichitowin Program*, where they explored culture, learning, and connection. Through hands-on experiences, students were guided in creating beautiful beaded flowers, dream catchers, and sewing projects. These activities allowed them to deepen their cultural knowledge while fostering creativity and community





LEARNING TOGETHER ANYWHERE



**17**

**Learning  
Together  
Anywhere**



# Kinosoo Ridge Ski-Trip



Thanks to Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities and Apple Schools, the kids enjoyed

- Free skiing for all experience levels
- Free Ski lessons for beginners or anyone looking to build confidence
- Free Ski rentals included, so you can just show up ready for fun
- Cookie decorating to add a festive touch to the day!
- Taste Testing different vegetables and fruit



Jumpstart  
Bon départ

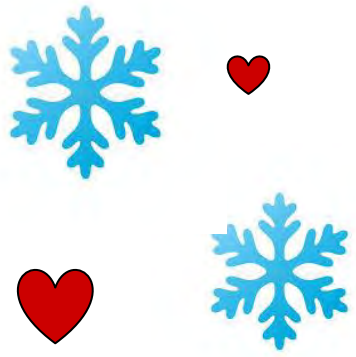


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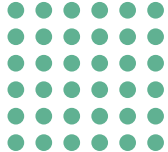
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# Movie Afternoon

LTA enjoyed a Movie afternoon at the MFRC Building, December 19th, to kick off our Winter Break. Students came in their PJs, enjoyed some popcorn and candy treats while watching Frozen





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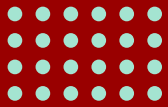
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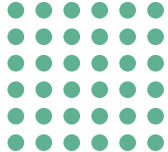
# PBIS Knighted Winners for December





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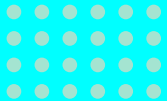
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# North Star Elementary School



# STAFF PD

**Northstar Elementary School had a successful staff professional development day on Monday, December 2nd. Here, we learned strategies for teaching literacy to our students. We look forward to using these in our classrooms! We appreciate our Parent Council, NLPS Central Office Administration, and our Board of Trustees for supporting this initiative!**



# Holoboff Holiday Store

**Our annual Holoboff Holiday Store was a huge success! Thank you for all the donations for the store! Students were super excited to pick out and wrap gifts for their families.**



# December Activities!

We celebrated all of our amazing students who are being Respectful, Responsible & Safe! A few lucky students had their names drawn out of our Star Barrel and won a Sundae Party with Mr. Whaley!

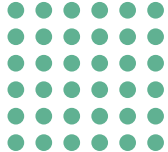


Thanks to our parent Council who bought books for every student in our school! They also outfitted our Newest Bears (Kinders) With NSES TEES!



We had a great turn out for our Christmas Concert at the Energy Centre!!





Vera M. Welsh



Elementary School

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# Vera M. Welsh Elementary School





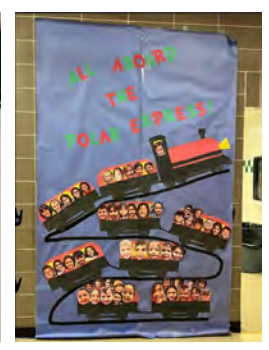
# THE VERA PURGE

As we prepare for our exciting move into the new school, we're taking a trip down memory lane and doing a little "spring cleaning" along the way!

We're sorting through everything we've accumulated over the years and uncovering some *buried treasures*. From old supplies to forgotten gems, it's been a fun mix of nostalgia and laughter. We can't wait to see what other surprises we find as we get ready for the future!



On December 11th, our Kindergarten students at Vera experienced the magic of Polar Express Day! Mr. Wicker returned as the conductor, and tickets were punched as students boarded the Polar Express! Together, they paraded the hallways all the way to the North Pole, where Santa himself was waiting to greet them!

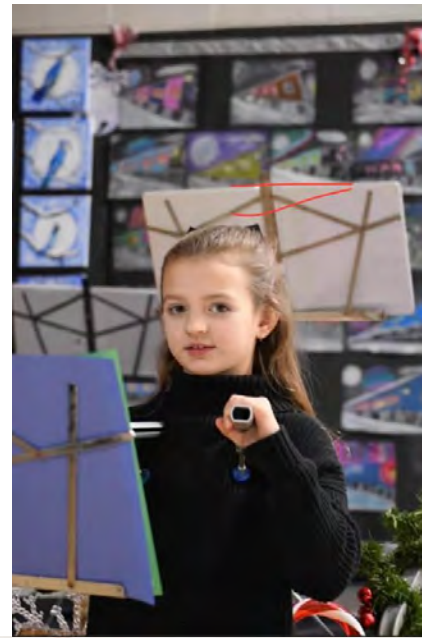


The excitement continued with lots of festive fun: cookie decorating, hot chocolate making, crafts, and of course, the Polar Express movie to cap off the day! It was a day full of laughter, joy, and sheer excitement that filled every corner of our school.





# CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



What a festive season it was at Vera with THREE incredible Christmas concerts! The gym was packed each day, and the energy was absolutely electric! From joyful songs to heartwarming performances, these concerts truly were the *event of the season* for many of our families.

Thank you to all of our talented students and dedicated staff who made this holiday tradition such a memorable one!



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

From donated stuffies and books, to dressing up as Santa and making pancakes, our community will always go the extra mile to bring smiles and joy to every day at Vera, especially Christmas!





# STEVEN HARMER: MERRY CHRISTMAS MAGIC





# Thanks!

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