

## JEES NEWSLETTER

October 2024

#### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **NO SCHOOL:**

Friday, September 27th (Division-wide PD Day)

Monday, September 30th
(National Day for Truth & Reconciliation)

Monday, October 14th (Thanksgiving Monday)

Friday, October 25th (PD Day)

#### **SPECIAL DAYS:**

TERRY FOX Walk/Run
Wear Red & White/Toonies for Terry
Thursday, September 26th

ORANGE Shirt Day
Tuesday, October 1st

PICTURE Days
October 7 & 8

(Schedule attached to this newsletter)

JERSEY Day
Assembly @ 8:45am hosted by 3B & 3C
Friday, October 11th

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Please make sure to report your child's attendance <u>TO THE OFFICE</u> if they will not be attending school or will be picked up early, etc.

You may phone the office at 403-345-2403 or report an absence through Edsby. Voicemail is checked regularly, so please feel free to leave a message if it is before school begins.

Teachers may not see messages regarding attendance on Class DOJO if they have sub or it is reported during the school day.

#### VISITORS TO JEES

## ALL VISITORS INCLUDING PARENTS MUST CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE.

Please do not head directly to your child's classroom when you visit JEES.

The office is happy to get your child for you or help you with whatever you need.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello JEES Families.

It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of September. What a wonderful start to the school year we've had at Jennie Emery. While it was disappointing that we had to call off our Welcome Back BBQ, it was nice to connect with so many families during our Open House! Supply Drop Off before school started this year. We hope that the back to school days over this first month has been a positive experience for your family.

Please take a look at the calendar dates in the monthly newsletters, and the Dojo and Edsby posts sharing information about upcoming activities, including assemblies, spirit days, and special events such as the Terry Fox Run/ Walk and Orange Shirt Day. We also encourage families to attend our upcoming School Council meetings. These meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

In partnership with our school council, we will be offering an ADHD Parent Information Session on October 2nd from 6:00-7:30pm. This presentation will be led by Impact Parenting staff - come join us to learn about types of ADHD, common struggles, and executive functioning. Please RSVP using the link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FA4AC22A6FEC16-51553489-adhd

We are looking forward to starting up our after school Volleyball Club for our grade 3 students next month. This will be a fun opportunity for students to build their skills, develop friendships, and learn more about volleyball. Later this year, we will offer a similar basketball club program for grades 1, 2, and 3.

The choir program will also begin later in October. This is another excellent opportunity for students to get involved in school clubs with their friends, and extend their music and singing abilities. Watch for more information from Mrs. Kerr.

Please reach out or stop by the school for a visit if you have questions or anything to discuss. Have a wonderful October.

Chris Spanos JEES, Principal





## Tuesday, October 1st **Orange Shirt Day at JEES**

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Monday, September 30th. As there is no School on Steptember 30th, JEES will honour ORANGE SHIRT DAY on Tuesday, October 1st.

Wearing an orange shirt on this day is a way to recognize and grow awareness of the impacts of **Residential Schools.** 

There will also be activities for students planned to promote discussion and awareness around **Truth & Reconciliation.** 

There are already a number of items in our Lost & Found. Jackets. sweaters and water bottles make up the bulk of these items. Please feel free to stop by or ask your child to have a look for their lost items. just outside of the office.





## **JEES** TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

**SEPTEMBER 26 @ 8:45 AM** 

Just like Terry, JEES Students are LITTLE HEROES that can make a difference in our world. Small changes can have Big Impact!

We will be collecting TOONIES FOR TERRY. Donations will be collected by classroom teachers.

Students are encouraged to dress in RED & WHITE. K-Gr. 3 students will gather in the gym briefly at 8:45, then head out as a group for the Terry Fox Walk.

All Toonies/donations collected will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation to benefit cancer research.



### **JEES CHOIR**

## CHOIR WILL BEGIN MID-OCTOBER. PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION!



### **GRADE 3 VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

Wednesday's after school until 4:30pm. Please watch for more information to come home with your Grade 3 student if interested!



Thank-you to the **Coaldale United Church Thrift Shop** for donating clothing to JEES for students and for their contributions to our Student Breakfast Program!

## ADHD PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

6-7:30 PM

#### RSVP:

HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0A4FA4AC22A6FEC16-51553489-ADHD

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF INFORMATION HOSTED BY IMPACT PARENTING ON ADHD PRESENTED BY THE JENNIE EMERY PARENT COUNCIL!

FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND!

#### **LEARN ABOUT:**

WHAT IS ADHD?
TYPES OF ADHD
COMORBID DISORDERS &
OTHER CHALLENGES
COMMON STRUGGLES
STATISTICS
THE ADHD BRAIN
EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING
MEDICATIONS







The first JEES Hot Lunch of the school year will take place on Thursday, October 24th.

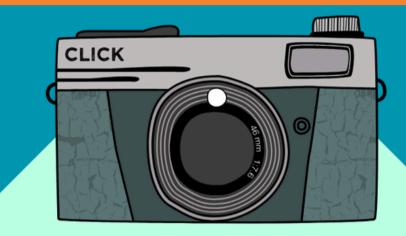
ORDERS ARE DUE via SchoolCash Online by midnight on Thursday, October 10th.

LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

(This will be added to SchoolCash Online during the first week of October)

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on October 24th and 25th. Sign-up will be through Edsby and more information will be available in early October.





## JEES PICTURE DAYS! CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

M/W Early Learning Program
M/W Kindergarten
Grade 2, 1A & 1B



#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

T/Th Early Learning Program
T/Th Kindergarten
Grade 3, 1C & 1D

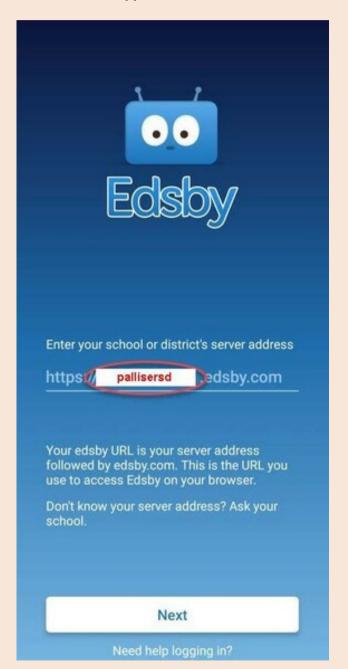


PICTURE RETAKE DAY: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

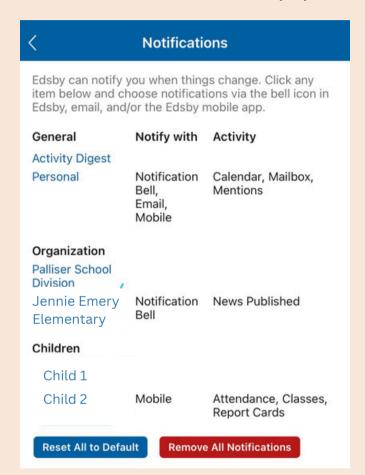
We have been using Edsby at JEES for the last few years, and in an effort to streamline communication and eliminate the use various systems/communication tools, the Palliser School Division is moving to use Edsby to relay information, schedule Parent/Teacher Interviews, complete and share Report Cards in addition to student attendance reporting.

Parents can set up an account, by accepting an invitation to join that they receive from the school. If you have not received an invitation to Edsby, please advise the office by phone or email to kristy.darby@pallisersd.ab.ca.

There is an app for Edsby to make it easy to use from any device. The server address is simply pallisersd.







You can also customize how you receive **NOTIFICATIONS** from Edsby.

If you are in the Edsby app, click on the "3 lines" on the top left hand menu. Go to Settings, then Notifications. In here, you can customize exactly what you'd like to receive notifications for - for each student - or update all at once.





## Parent Council Corner

### ~ Welcome Back ~

As the new school year has started, we want to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents, and staff! The Parent Council is a dedicated group of parents working alongside the school to support our children's educational experience.

We invite all parents to attend our monthly meetings, whether in person or virtually, to share ideas and stay involved. Your voice matters, and we would love to see you there!

#### Board Members 24/25

Chairperson - Danie Lawrence Vice Chairperson - Toni Klassen Treasurer - Fallon Ritchie Secretary - OPEN

Currently we have a one year secretary term open! If you would like to (or have thought of being involved) but want to test the waters first...Secretary may be for you! Attend the meetings, take notes and be involved!

## Important Dates:

#### October 2nd:

ADHD Parent information session. (See information below)

### October 24th

SUBWAY Hot Lunch

#### October 30th

Parent Council regular meeting

## Parent Council Corner

#### NEXT MEETING

Please Join us at the school OR online for our next meeting October 30th 7:00pm.

**GOOGLE MEETING LINK:** 

**HERE** 

## Hot Lunch

We're excited to announce that our hot lunch program, hosted by the Parent Council, is starting up again! This is a great way for your kids to enjoy a delicious meal while supporting school initiatives. Stay tuned for details on upcoming dates, menus, and how to place your orders. We can't wait to make lunchtime even more fun for our students!

All information will be in School Cash Online when available.

#### Contact us:

Email:

friendsofjennieemery@gmail.com

Phone: 403-345-2403

· School office, they will get us the message

## ADHD Parent Information Session:

October 2nd, 2024 6:00-7:30pm Jennie Emery School. (Snack provided)

#### Learn About:

- · What is ADHD?
- Types of ADHD
- Comorbid Disorders & Other Challenges
- Common Struggles
- Statistics
- The ADHD Brain
- Executive Functioning
- Medications

Join us for an evening of information hosted by Impact Parenting on ADHD presented by the Jennie Emery Parent Council!

Feel free to bring a friend!

Please RSVP Click the link below:

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#### Canadian Dental Care Plan - applications now open for children under 18!

Did you know that poor oral health causes more than two million missed school days per year? In Canada, 57% of children 6 to 11 years of age have had a cavity, while tooth decay accounts for onethird of all day surgeries performed in hospitals for kids between the ages of 1 and 5.

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) helps cover the cost of several oral health care services that can help keep your children's teeth and gums healthy. This includes services such as examinations, cleanings, fluoride application and sealants, and restorative work (fillings).

Applications for the CDCP are now open for children under 18—find out if your child is eligible and apply

today at Canada.ca/dental.





## Coaldale **Clothing Fest**



Clear Out Your Closet!

Coaldale Mennonite Church is holding a Fall Clothing Fest ...

Sat. October 19, 2024 (10:00am - 1pm) When?

Where? Coaldale Mennonite Church Gym

(2316 - 17 Street)

Why? To help support our community

From the generous donations and support of How? our community

The clothing fest is a recycling program, which benefits many families in our community.

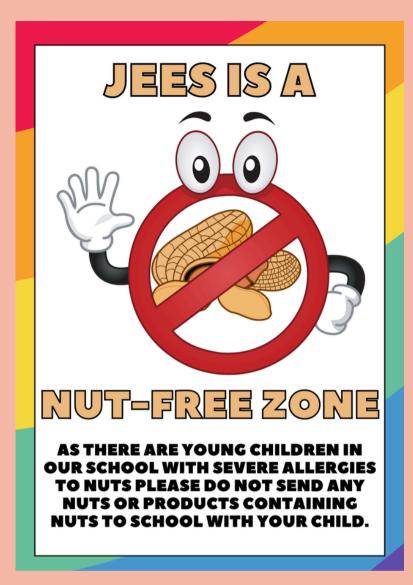
#### Pick out clothes at NO CHARGE.

Donations of clean clothing of all sizes in good condition are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Coaldale Mennonite Church weekdays from 9am-12pm, starting October 1st - Oct 16th.

Remaining items will be donated to local charities.

For more information or special arrangements or if you would like to help, contact Jodi Reed at (403) 345-5956







Do not park in/drop children off in the staff parking lot (directly west of the school on 22nd Avenue). This lot also serves as the bus loop before and after school, as well as throughout the school day for field trips and the accessibility bus.

NO PARKING

Have you checked out www.jees.ca? You can subscribe to our calendar to stay up to date on everything going on at JEES!

#### Welcome Back! Jennie Emery's Learning Commons 2024 - 25 School Year



Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you of our Learning Commons procedures for the upcoming school year. Please read and become familiar with the policies we will follow regarding book borrowing for your child. We will review these items with the students as well during their library classes.

Library Classes will begin the week of September 16, 2024 for Grade 1 - 3 students. Kindergarten will begin the week of October 7, 2024. Students will visit the Learning Commons on a weekly basis.

Grade 1 - Mondays

Grade 2 - Tuesdays

Grade 3 - Wednesdays

#### Kindergarten - Monday or Tuesday (depending on their scheduled day to attend)

Students in Grade 1-3 will be allowed to check out 2 books per week and must return both each week. They will be allowed to renew for an additional week if they wish but must have the book at school in order to renew. There will also be 'Open Time' in the morning before first recess for students to exchange books if they need new reading materials or missed a library class. This activity will be at the discretion of the home room teacher.

Kindergarten students will be allowed one book per week and must also return each week in order to be able to take out a new book.

\*If books are lost or damaged beyond repair a charge will be assigned to the student through School Cash online and a letter/email will be sent home to the parents/guardians requesting payment to replace item damaged. This must be paid in order for your child to continue borrowing privileges in the Learning Commons. If a lost book is found and returned to the Learning Commons before the end of the school year a refund will be issued.

I am looking forward to another great year of learning and exploration in our beautiful Learning Commons. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sue Wells Learning Commons Facilitator Jennie Emery Elementary School sue.wells@pallisersd.ab.ca



#### FROM THE

# LEARNING COMMONS

(Library)



As partners in your child's education, we wanted to take a moment to emphasize the importance of instilling responsible book care habits in our young readers.

Taking Care of Library Books:

The library is a wonderful resource for our students, offering a diverse range of books to nurture their love for reading and learning. However, it's crucial that we remind our children to treat these books with care and respect. Encourage them to:

Handle books gently, turning pages carefully to avoid tearing.

Keep books away from food, drinks, and other potential sources of damage such as wet clothes in their backpacks.

Store books in a safe place when not in use, away from younger siblings or pets who may inadvertently damage them.

#### Avoiding Loss:

We understand that children can sometimes misplace things. However, losing library books not only deprives others of the opportunity to enjoy them but also incurs replacement costs by the family to continue borrowing privileges.

Please remind your child to:

Keep track of their library books, designating a specific spot at home for them when not being read.

Double-check backpacks and study areas regularly to ensure books are not accidentally left behind.

#### Returning Books Promptly:

Consistent return of library books is essential for maintaining a healthy circulation system. It ensures that all students have equitable access to our library's resources. Please encourage your child to:

Return library books on time, as per the designated borrowing period. Make a habit of returning books every week, even if they haven't finished reading them.

By reinforcing these habits at home, we can collectively foster a culture of responsibility and respect for our school's library resources. Together, we can ensure that all students have the opportunity to benefit from the enriching world of literature.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in nurturing lifelong readers and learners.



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