



JEES NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Principal's Message:

Hello JEES Families.

The snow and cold weather has finally arrived to welcome us into the month of December. Our playground addition was completed just in time to open for students to enjoy throughout the winter. There will be a few landscaping items to finish off once the warm weather returns in the spring. We appreciate all the support from our parent association and community to bring this project together.

Thank you to all our families for contributing to our JEES Food Drive to support the Coaldale Foodbank. The initial count, including food count and monetary donations, has us over 1500 items. It looks like Mrs. Kerr and I will be preparing for some 'Pie' time at an upcoming event. We're looking forward to celebrating all the items our school donated. Next month, our focus will transition to the Angel Tree Campaign - more information will be shared with everyone about supporting this toy drive.

As we shift into December, we are excited for the many upcoming students opportunities and events. Choir club has started for the grades 2s and 3s as well as the grade 3 auditions for parts in the Christmas Concert. The grade 1 students are looking forward to participating in their first field trip opportunity to the Galt Museum. Our grade 2 students will be hosting our next Student Led Assembly on December 6th, which will also be our Colour Spirit Day (K:Blue, gr.1:Red, gr.2:Green, and gr.3:White). Also this month, our parent association is offering a Hot Lunch for all students on December 10th. The list of December excitement will continue to grow as we move towards our JEES Concert days on December 18th (A-L) and 19th (M-Z).

Enjoy the joyful and fun-filled month of December.



A-L

WEDNESDAY,

DEC 18

CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

M-Z

THURSDAY,

DEC 19

Jennie Emery Elementary School is excited to present

COLD SNAP

on Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 PM each night.

All students from kindergarten to Grade 3 with last names beginning with the letters A-L will perform on Wednesday evening. Students from kindergarten to grade 3 with last names beginning with the letters M-Z will perform on Thursday evening. Students are asked to be in their classrooms at 6:15 PM on the night they perform. The front doors of the school will open at 6:00 PM. Gym doors and side doors to classrooms will open for drop off and seating at 6:15 PM.

Parents, family and friends are also welcome to join us for the daytime performance that will be held at 1:30 PM on their respective dates.

Regardless of their last name, students in the Early Learning Program will be performing during their regular day of class at 9:30 AM (morning classes) and 1:30 PM (afternoon classes). Parents of ELP students are welcome to join us for their child's performance.

Choir students are invited to come BOTH nights of concert so we have strength in voices for our songs. We understand that this might not be possible for all families. On the night your child performs with their class, they will go to their classroom as usual and we will get them from there. On the night they don't perform with their class, Mrs. Wells will have the library open for quiet activities while the choir members wait to perform their songs.

More information will be sent home on classdojo or from classroom teachers closer to the concert with any other needed details. Can't wait to see you there!

FOOD DRIVE

WE DID IT!!!

We are so impressed and excited to announce that our JEES Food Drive to benefit the Coaldale Food-Bank was a huge success! With everyone's help and generous donations we were able to donate 640 food items and \$1100 to the Coaldale Food Bank!

This means that students of JEES have earned their prize to PIE A PRINCIPAL!

BUT WAIT . . . since our Food Drive was such a success we've decided to **PIE A PRINCIPAL, a VICE PRINCIPAL and a TEACHER!** That's right, at our November 6th assembly Mr. Spanos, Mrs. Kerr, and Mr. Wilson will all get pied!

Students to do the "pie-ing" will be chosen by random draw.

Great job Jennie Emery Community! Thank-you for making our food drive so successful, and supporting your own community. Every item and every dollar donated goes directly to the Coaldale Food-Bank.



A special Thank-you to South Country Power for contributing \$1000 to the JEES Food Drive to benefit the Coaldale Food Bank.



PARENT COUNCIL

Corner

As the holiday season approaches, we want to take a moment to thank all the wonderful parents who volunteered their time in October. Your support helps make our school a better place for everyone! December is shaping up to be an exciting month, and we'll be needing more helping hands to bring the magic of the season to life. Keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved—we'd love to have you join us!



MEETING

No meeting in December!
We will see you
January 29th 2025.

VOLUNTEER

Come volunteer at the school with us. We are always looking for parents and guardians to come and be involved with fun activities in the school.

Email:
friendsofjennieemery@gmail.com

WANTED

Parent Council is still on the lookout for a secretary position. If you know how to type and have the availability to attend one meeting a month, we NEED you!
Come to a meeting and try it out.

50/50

Link is still live!
Draw will be December 20th, just in time for Christmas.



Purchase 50/20 Raffle tickets at:
<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/fjes>

ANGEL TREE

JENNIE EMERY ELEMENTARY TOY DRIVE 2024

Our school is excited to participate in the Angel Tree Campaign again this year! Jennie Emery will be participating in a **toy drive** from November 25th–December 17th. Because this is a toy drive there will be **no angels on the tree to take**. The Angel Tree Christmas Campaign began in 1992. In 2023, Angel Tree gave gift bundles to over 3,500 children. Only with community support and the spirit of generosity and kindheartedness can Angel Tree make miracles happen. We will need a lot of help this year. Lethbridge Family Services estimates the number of babies, children, and youth in need of support to reach over 4000 for this year.

We would like to collect **NEW, unwrapped** toys for kids ages 0-18 years old. If you are able to help out, please send a toy to school between November 25th and December 17th. We have an Angel Tree set up in the foyer to collect donations.

Some suggestions are listed below:

Babies: blocks, bathtub toys, soft-cloth books, rattles, or teething toys

Elementary School Kids: Barbies, arts & crafts, books, PlayDoh, Lego, board games (like Monopoly), puzzles, stuffed animals, farm animals, Hot Wheels cars or trucks, action figures, dinosaurs, science kits, fidget toys, Minecraft items, DC Comic/Marvel action figures, art supplies, UNO, Minecraft, Pokémon, magnetic and Kinex building sets, draw your own comics, Anime figurines, Pokémon, NHL items, Lethbridge Hurricanes items, Ripley's Believe It or Not books, Guinness World Book of Records

Middle School/High School kids: gift cards of any kind (movies, clothing stores), bath & body items, hair tools, journal and pen, art supplies, puzzles, key chains, backpack, stainless steel water bottle, candy, and snacks

If you wish to participate in this project, simply have your child bring a new, unwrapped toy to school. They can then place it under the Angel Tree which will be located in the atrium. The toys will then be picked up before Christmas and distributed to children in need. What a heart-warming way to begin the holiday season!

If your family would like to make a monetary donation instead, please click on the link below.

<https://www.lfsfamily.ca/content.php?p=88>

Thank you everyone for participating in this project!

Merry Christmas!!



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

WINTER IS HERE

Please make sure your child has warm winter gear with them at school, as well as a full change of clothing.

Students will be expected to go outside for recess unless the temperature is colder than -25C or in the case of extreme weather conditions.

In the case of extreme cold, doors will be open at 8:15 am, so students can come inside.



We would like to give a huge THANK-YOU to:

Barrel Oil Corp for making a donation of \$500 to the JEES Breakfast Program.

Jacob and Verdell Andres for making a donation of \$333 to the JEES Breakfast Program *(they donated a total of \$1000 to Coaldale Schools for food for students!)*

JEES GEAR WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN JANUARY!



An ONLINE STORE will be set up with Public Image Co. after the Christmas Break, to purchase JEES gear!

The Link will be shared as soon as it is available.



Come Check out our Lost & Found! Items left by Christmas Break will be donated to charity.

VOLUNTEERING & Criminal Record Checks

A Criminal Record Check, with Vulnerable Sector Check is required for any parent or guardian who wishes to volunteer for a field trip.

There is a form available from the JEES office, to take to the Police Station to request your CRC. There is no cost associated with obtaining a CRC from the Coaldale RCMP. If you think you may be interested in volunteering at any time during this school year, please consider getting your CRC completed and submitted to our office sooner than later.

A CRC is valid in our office for 2 years, however we must receive it within 3 months of it being issued.

Learning Commons News for December! 🎄

Dear Students and Families,
As we prepare for the holiday season, here are a few important updates and reminders from the Learning Commons:

Returning Books Before the Break

All library books need to be returned during the week of December 9, 2024 to ensure that our shelves are ready for the new year. Please help us by checking your backpack, desks, and at home for any books that may still need to come back to school.

✗ **No Book Check-Outs Over Christmas Break**

To keep everything organized during the holiday season, students will not be able to check out books to take home over the Christmas break. However, don't worry! We encourage you to explore other options for reading during this time.

Reading Over the Holidays

The break is a wonderful opportunity to curl up with a good story!

Here are a few ways to keep reading fun during your time off:


- ~ Visit your local library to borrow books.
- ~ Read as a family—holiday stories are extra special this time of year!
- ~ Share your favorite book with a friend or family member.
- ~ Use favorite online reading platforms to listen to audio books.

🎄 Wishing You a Joyful Break

We hope you have a restful and happy holiday season filled with family, friends, and of course, a little reading! Thank you for being part of our literacy family, and we can't wait to see you in the new year.

Warm wishes,
Sue Wells

Your School Learning Commons Facilitator

P.S. Don't forget to tell us all about the books you read over the break when we return!  ✨



Jennie Emery Elementary School

2025-2026 REGISTRATION

Starts on January 15, 2025

for students in
ELP (Early Learning Program)
and Kindergarten

ELP

for children who turn 4 years of age before December 31, 2025

Morning programs

M/W or T/Th from 8:30-12:30

or

Afternoon programs

M/W or T/Th from 12:30-3:30

fee of
\$80 per Month

KINDERGARTEN

for children who turn 5 years of age before December 31, 2025

Full Day Programs on either

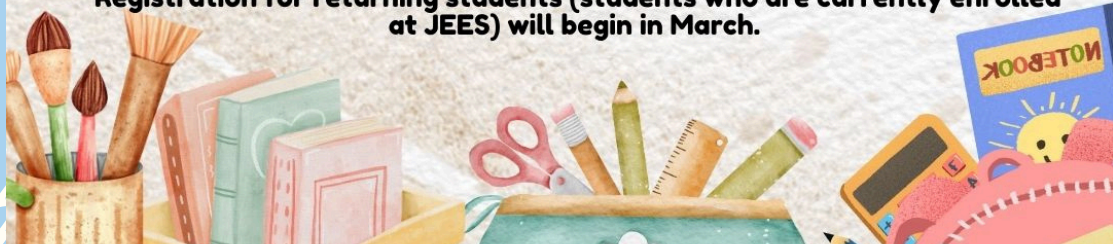
Mondays/Wednesdays and some Fridays

or

Tuesdays/Thursdays and some Fridays

Watch our website for the registration link to become live in January.

Registration for returning students (students who are currently enrolled at JEES) will begin in March.



The Kinette Club of Coaldale 2024 Kids Christmas Shop



The Kinette Club of Coaldale will be hosting their Christmas shopping event for kids on December 6th, 2024 from 1-6pm at the Coaldale Community Centre.

Children will be able to shop for their parent/caregiver with the help of a Kinette or a volunteer (NO PARENTS ALLOWED). Kids will be sent home with their chosen gift to surprise their parent/caregiver with at Christmas.

All gifts are priced at under \$10.
Santa will be making an appearance.

Please reach out to coaldale.kinettes@gmail.com or visit the Kinette Club of Coaldale on Facebook with any questions.



PRONGHORNS GO GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

Sunday, December 8
@ University of Lethbridge
Centre for Sport and Wellness



GRADES 1-3
3-4 PM
\$25 PER ATHLETE

GRADES 4-6
4-5:30 PM
\$35 PER ATHLETE



[GOHORNS.CA/
WBB-GOGIRLSCAMP](http://GOHORNS.CA/WBB-GOGIRLSCAMP)





FRIDAY DECEMBER 6 IS

COLOUR DAY!

**WEAR THE HOLIDAY COLOUR
ASSIGNED TO YOUR GRADE!**

KINDERGARTEN: BLUE

GRADE 1: RED

GRADE 2: GREEN

GRADE 3: WHITE

OFFICE STAFF: GOLD



Think globally collage contest

Open to all Alberta students!

Contest closes January 15, 2025 | www.alberta.ca/international-education-programs

Alberta

2024

DECEMBER

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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Grade 1
Field Trip to
Galt Museum

M/W
Kindergarten

COLOUR DAY!

Assembly @
8:45 am

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VIP Hot
Lunch Day!

T/Th
Kindergarten

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Christmas
Concert: Last
Names A-L

Christmas
Concert: Last
Names M-Z

M/W
Kindergarten

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NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS BREAK

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NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS BREAK

COMING UP IN JANUARY:

January 6, 2025 - First Day Back!

January 17 - Assembly @ 8:45

January 17 - TROPICAL Day!

JOY

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

