

September

Grandin Gazette

Faith, Language and Culture in the  of the City

WELCOME BACK

Excitement is in the air as we get ready for a new school year. It is so heart-warming to hear students tell us that they can hardly wait for school to begin. We have missed the children and look forward to hearing about their summer adventures.

We also extend a warm welcome to those who have joined our Grandin family. We will do everything we can to help you feel at home.

This year, we have morning and afternoon kindergarten classes in both our Spanish Bilingual and French Immersion programs, as well as two 100 Voices classes – a great foundation for the future. There are still a few spaces, especially in the afternoon classes, so be sure to let your friends and neighbours know. It is thanks to the “good talk” of our families that Grandin continues to thrive.

Our new parish priests, Father Simmy and Father Wilson, have already met Grandin staff and are working with us to plan another faith-filled year of joy and love.

Our theme for the year is *Walking Together in the Light of Christ*, inspired from Matthew:

...LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY
MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS. (MATTHEW 5:16)

We will be exploring this theme throughout the year - reflecting upon how we can let the light of Christ within us *shimmer and shine!*

The new school year is looking bright!

Lorelei Hironaka
Principal

Amanda Hammermeister
Assistant Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of Classes 1-6
Tuesday, September 3

**100 Voices Drop-In
Kinder Staggered Entry**
Tuesday, September 3
Wednesday, September 4

Mass Fieldtrip Forms Due
Friday, September 6

Barbecue Orders Due
Friday, September 6

Opening Mass - Basilica
Tuesday, September 10
9:30 a.m.

Welcome Barbecue
Wednesday, September 11
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Online Verification Due*
Friday, September 13

ECSD Cross Country Run
Monday, September 16

Meet the Staff Night
Wednesday, September 18

Terry Fox Run
Friday, September 27

**Parent Society/Council
Meetings**
Monday, September 30
6:00 p.m. – library

School Fees Due
Monday, September 30

GRANDIN STAFF 2019-2020

100 Voices – Amanda Rhoads (Teacher) Ashley Santos (Early Learning Facilitator)
French Kindergarten – Lisa Bussière Spanish Kindergarten – Maria Juan Garcia
French Grade 1 – Lorraine Champagne Spanish Grade 1 – Raquel Aviles Torres
French Grade 2 – Natalie Kuhn Spanish Grade 2 – Alan Rivas
French Grade 3 – Ariane Hossack Spanish Grade 3 – Emmy Obén
French Grade 4 – Raquel Karam Spanish Grade 4 – Marianella De Merchant
French Grade 5/6 – Hélène D’Astous Spanish Grade 5 – Luis Garcia Argueta
Spanish Grade 6 – Nancy Pinto

Music Grades 1-6 – Athena MacGregor
Learning Coach – Amanda Hammermeister



TA-OT – Marnie Babiy
Emotional Behavioural Specialist – Janisa Tonsi
Education Assistant – Katherine Porta
Education Assistant – Evelyn Astorga
Education Assistant – Coco Barnett
Education Assistant – Norma Currie



Head Custodian – Ruby Mayta
Light Duty Custodian – Etalem Getachew

Administrative Assistant – Colleen Segin
Assistant Principal – Amanda Hammermeister (Madame Thomson!)
Principal – Lorelei Hironaka

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: *Thursday*

First Bell: **8:25 a.m.**

Recess: 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Lunch Recess: 12:05 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.

Lunch: 12:25 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Afternoon Recess: 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.

First Bell: 8:25 a.m.

Recess: 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Dismissal: **11:28 a.m.**

No classes for Kindergarten/100 Voices

Morning Kindergarten 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

Afternoon Kindergarten 12:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Morning 100 Voices 8:15 a.m. – 11:23 a.m.

Afternoon 100 Voices 12:07 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Supervision outside starts at 8:15 a.m. each morning. ***Please do not leave your children unattended on the school grounds before staff wearing an orange or pink safety vest are outside supervising the children.***

Students should not arrive at school before 8:15 a.m.



LUNCH-HOUR ROUTINE

Children will be **playing outside first at noon**, and then coming in to eat their lunch.

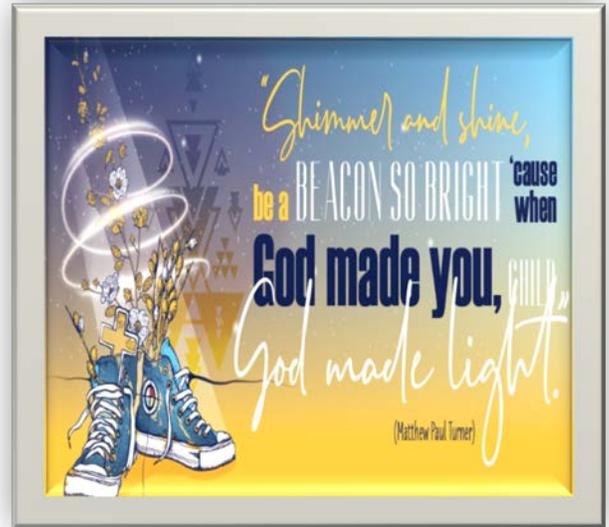
12:05 p.m. Bell and Outside Recess

12:25 p.m. Bell and Return Inside to Eat Lunch

Please ensure that your child has a good snack for morning recess, as **no food will be taken outside at noon recess**. This will ensure that children are sitting down eating during the 20-minute lunch period. This will also maximize fresh air time as students head outside promptly at the first bell!

SCHOOL CONDUCT POLICY

Attached to this newsletter you will find an updated version of the Grandin School Conduct Policy. Please read it over carefully with your child(ren). As we work together to create a safe and caring environment, it is important that everyone understands the expectations of the community, and the consequences of certain actions. We don't expect children to be perfect all the time. We are here to help them learn from their mistakes, knowing that forgiveness and reconciliation are at the core of who we are as a Catholic school. We look forward to working with you to help your children develop into healthy, confident individuals.



COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

In an effort to save both money and trees, Ecole Escuela Grandin has gone paperless. Please ensure that your emails and cell phone number are up to date in the office to ensure that you receive important announcements and the monthly newsletter.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees can be paid through PowerSchool starting September 1st. Please visit our school website for a full description of school fees. www.grandin.ecsd.net

Kindergarten \$30.00

Grades 1-6 \$50.00

All fees should be paid as quickly as possible. Due date is September 27, 2019.

Please feel free to contact Mme Hironaka directly if circumstances make it impossible to pay for school fees at this time.



ONLINE VERIFICATION FORMS DUE SEPT 13

Edmonton Catholic Schools is digitizing all student records over the course of this school year. It is imperative that parents complete the Online Verification check, and press submit, by September 13th in order to confirm your registration at Grandin. Instructions will be sent out via email to all parents the first week of school. There is a station set up in the school office for parents to complete this important process.

REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Any student who requires medication or specific medical treatment must complete a *Request for Administration of Medication or Medical Treatment* form. This form must be **renewed each school year**.

For **non-prescription** medications, only a **parental signature** is required on the form.

For all **prescription medications**, a **medical doctor's signature**, as well as **parental permission**, is required.

Forms are available by request from the school office.

AIR QUALITY AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

The health and safety of our students is of paramount importance. Weather conditions including continuous rain, extreme wind, extreme cold and air quality will be taken into consideration for all outdoor activities, including recess.

Edmonton Catholic Schools has a *guideline* of -20° C (with the windchill) for determining when children will stay indoors. Grandin School will endeavor to get children out in the fresh air as much as possible, so please ensure that your children are always dressed for the weather!

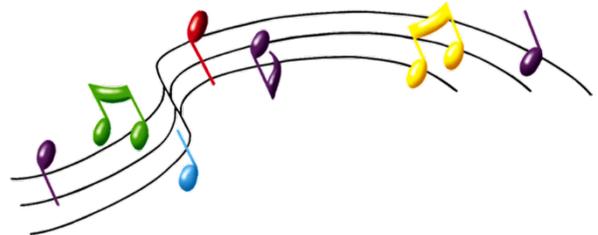
Children will also stay indoors when the Air Quality Index is 7 or more.

FREE MUSIC LESSONS

Ecole Escuela Grandin has applied again this year to participate in the Heart of the City Music Program. This organization offers free piano [possibly guitar] lessons for students in our Music room after school.

Music students from the University of Alberta volunteer to give lessons to *those children who may not otherwise have a chance to take private lessons* due to financial hardship.

If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity for your children, please call Mme Hironaka at school.



BUS PASSES

There is now an option on PowerSchool to pay for all bus passes for the year. This saves our wonderful Admin Assistant, Colleen, time at the end of each month. If you choose to pay monthly, please ensure your fees are paid by the end of the last Wednesday of each month.



IMMUNIZATIONS – CHANGES FOR 2019-2020

In the 2019-2020 school year, Alberta is moving from a three-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 5 to a **two-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 6** for both HBV and HPV.

The Grade 6 Immunizations will be held in the morning of Tuesday, November 12th and Tuesday, May 12th.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Parents are welcome to join us for our Opening School Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica on Tuesday, September 10th. Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. Students will be walking to the Basilica from school, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. **A fieldtrip form for all school masses at the Basilica this year** will be sent home the first week of school. Please be sure to **sign and return this form before Friday, September 6th**.

FAMILY BARBECUE – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Come and celebrate the new school year at our Opening Barbecue. Please place your orders in advance on PowerSchool. **Orders are due Friday, September 6th**. Please be sure to pay in advance.



ECSD CROSS COUNTRY RUN – MONDAY, SEPT 16TH

Members of our Running Club will be participating in the ECSD Cross-Country Run on Wednesday, September 17th at Rundle Park. This is an event for grade 4-6 students. Fieldtrip forms will be sent home the second week of school. Students will take a bus to the venue just before the end of the school day and return to school around 5:30 p.m. for pick up by parents.

MEET THE STAFF – WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

On Wednesday, September 18th, all parents are encouraged to attend our Curriculum Information Night from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Your child's classroom teacher will be reviewing classroom routines and expectations. They will also share important grade level information for the year.

This is an **adult-only event**. Please arrange for child care in advance so that you can attend this important information session.

Basilica staff will also be here to help families who wish to sign up for sacramental preparation courses at St. Joseph's Basilica.

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Introductions and PowerTeacherPro Presentation

6:35 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. First Round of Classroom Presentations

7:05 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Second Round of Classroom Presentations



POWERSCHOOL!

On our Curriculum Evening, parents will also receive information about our new system for reporting student progress.

Rather than waiting for report cards in November, March and June, parents now have access at any time to student progress reports and final grades through PowerSchool.

There will be a *Demonstration of Learning*, as usual, at the end of November and in March, but no formal report cards will be sent out at that time.

Parents will receive a more formal PDF document at the end of January and June, which will outline student progress and marks on key assignments/learning outcomes. These documents, along with 24-7 access to PowerSchool, will ensure that parents receive clear, timely and descriptive feedback on student learning – a key ingredient for success in school!



TERRY FOX RUN – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

Our entire school community will be participating in this worthwhile fundraiser for Cancer Research on Friday, September 27th.

Last year, we raised a record-breaking \$3 100!

Please support our students as they join school children across Canada in the battle against Cancer.

PLEASE SPONSOR
GRANDIN SCHOOL - EDMONTON, AB

Amount Raised Online
\$50.00

SPONSOR US!
STUDENTS: SET UP YOUR PAGE

Donations can be made online at

www.terryfox.ca/grandin

Thanks Wendy Bosch for making sure our front lawn got some TLC this summer!



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents may use the drop-off zone on 111 Street (just west of the school field) for drop-off and pick-up. **Please do NOT use the parking lot to drop-off or pick-up your children at any time.** This poses a serious hazard for our staff, their cars, and your children. Thank you for putting safety before convenience.

With our expanded lot, we can now make arrangements during the year for volunteers to have parking spaces. Please let the office know if you need a place to park while you are volunteering at school.

VISITOR SIGN-IN / STUDENT SIGN-OUT

A reminder to sign in and out when coming into the school. In the case of an emergency, this allows us to ensure the safety of everyone in the school. Also, please remember to sign your children in and out when leaving early or for an appointment during the day. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

BUSING ISSUES AND STUDENT PICK-UP

Throughout the year, there are bound to be bussing issues from time to time. If you have a question or an issue specific to bussing, please call the number below. Our transportation department is in direct contact with the bus company and is in the best position to assist you.

Parents picking up their children, who are registered for bussing, are asked to **contact the office directly** so that this can be recorded on the **bus attendance sheet**. Otherwise, busses can be held up as they wait for school staff to find your children. Many thanks.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Unfortunately, the rainy weather has delayed our roofing upgrade project, which was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

For the first week of school, the roofing crew need to close off access to entrances 5 and 6. They hope to complete the work which requires the large bin, presently on the tarmac, by September 10th. Then the bin can be removed from the tarmac and we will again have access to all the entrances on the west side. The bin is fenced off for safety – which is why the entrances are blocked.

Our Facilities department has strict regulations regarding safety for children during construction and have consulted with school administration to ensure the best solution to the inconveniences caused by the delay. Please feel free to call the school if you have any questions for concerns.

In the meantime, staff will be out to help students use alternate entrances on Tuesday, September 3rd.

100 Voices – parents may enter the school through door 8 (buzzer) – on the east side of the school, or door 3 by the park, (which has a temporary buzzer installed)

Morning Kindergarten – will line up beside the park and be escorted by staff to door #2 on the north side of the school (daycare entrance).

Grade 1B - will line up beside the park and be escorted by staff to door #2 on the north side of the school (daycare entrance).

Grades 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B – will enter through door #3 (tarmac)

Grades 4A, 4B, 5B 6B and 5/6A – will enter through door #4 (on the tarmac) which goes down into the basement.

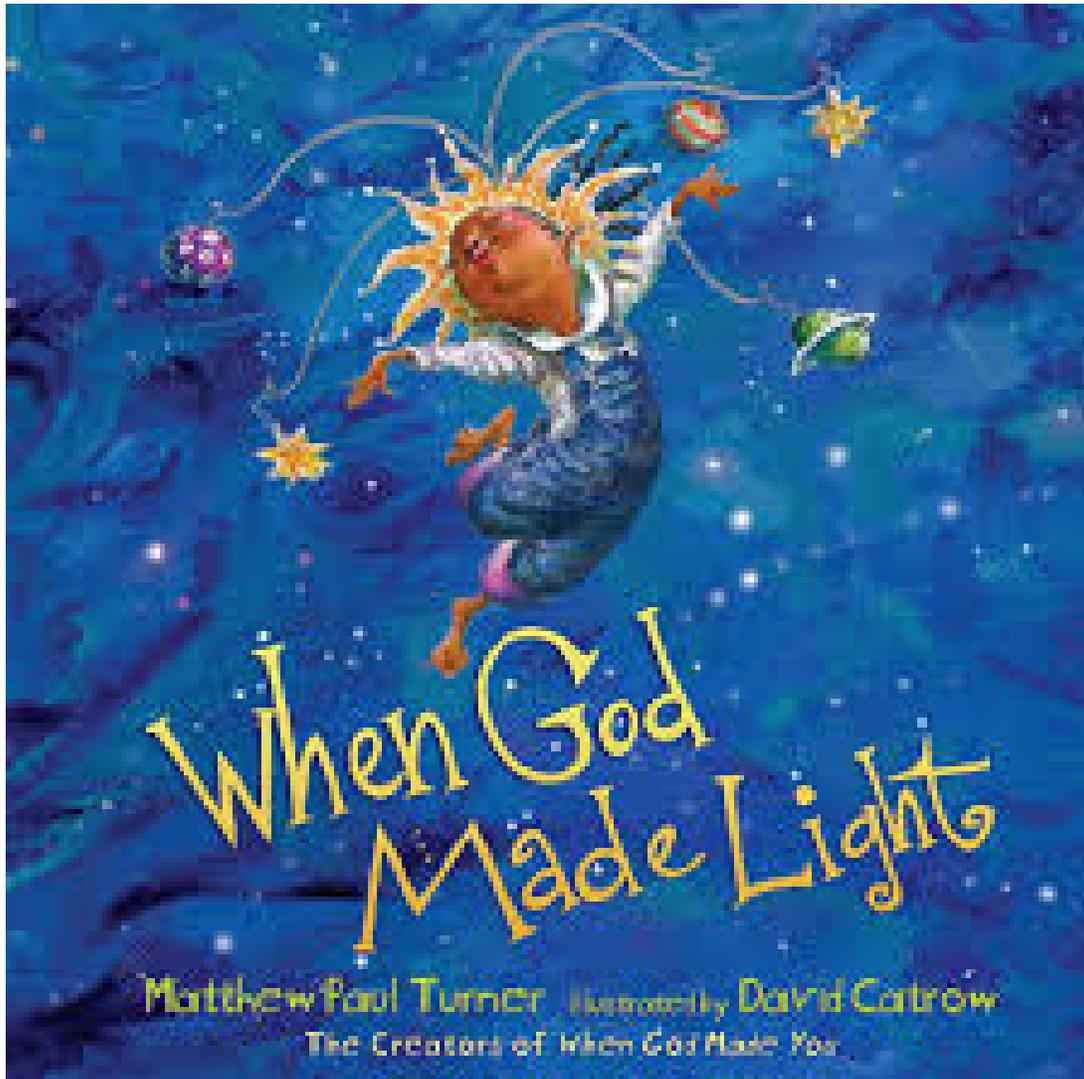


The roofing delay also put a “hold” on our new front and back entrance project. Once the roof, and new skylight, are completed, work will begin on these new “storefronts”. Facilities Services anticipate this project to be completed by January 2020.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Please find attached an updated Year At A Glance for parents. Changes from the version sent out this summer are highlighted.

Be sure to check out our website www.grandin.ecsd.net as dates and times may change during the year.



Check Out Our Theme Book for
the year at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qq7tscmPF7U>

Grandin Clubs and Teams

THIS YEAR WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING MANY LUNCH HOUR (AND A FEW AFTER SCHOOL) CLUBS FOR THE CHILDREN. KEEP WATCHING THIS PAGE FOR UPDATES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

CHESS CLUB

Richard Pua will be back in late September for another round of Chess Club. More information and sign up forms will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

RUNNING CLUB

This is one of the clubs that runs after school hours. Grade 4-6 members can participate in the ECSD Cross Country Run this month.

FREE FOOTIE

Grandin will be participating in Free Footie once again this year. More information will be sent home once we receive details.

ZUMBA NOON HOURS

Many thanks to Janet Vancaesele for volunteering at lunch time for our wonderful Zumba club! A great way to stay fit and burn off some energy throughout the year.

KINDNESS CLUB

This student-initiated club give students opportunities to be creative and find ways to *shine their beacons bright*, spreading God's love and kindness throughout our school. Thanks...we all need that!

NUMERO CLUB

Watch for Numero Club – a great way to master math facts – once the colder weather settles in. Our Numero Club made us very proud at last year's inter-school challenge. We are looking forward to another great year!

Other clubs that have been popular in the past are Numero Club, Art Club, Math Games Club, Pokemon Club, Drama Club, Pythagoras Club, Liturgical Choir, Grade 1 Percussion Club, Christmas Choir, Handbells and Robotics Club – many of these and more will be back again.



Grandin School Parent Council

Grandin School Fundraising Society

The **Annual General Meeting** of both our parent organizations will be held on **Monday, September 30th** at 6:00 p.m.

There will be **supervision available for children 4 and up**, as well as a **light snack**.

If you are interested in getting involved in the school, or just want to hear what is going on and put forth some ideas, please join us! Everyone is welcome!

Thank you to our parents for their support.

Last school year, this included:

- Catholic Youth Bibles for all grade 4, 5 and 6 students
- Support for our Artist in Residence Program
- New class computers (thank you!)
- New class set of Chromebooks
- Subscription for Discovery Education for all students
- New projectors for classrooms
- Gymnastics mats
- New equipment for the recess bins
- New tables for the quiet learning areas upstairs
- Flowers for the planters
- Funds for Día Grandin
- Support for our Running Club to go to Cross-Country Event
- Choir trip to Good Samaritan senior home
- Organizing the Christmas Market
- Welcome Barbecue
- Two Book Fairs
- Family Night at the Basilica
- Family Dance
- Support for Birch Bay Year-End Camp

MEETING DATES

6:00 PM START

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

MONDAY, APRIL 6

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20



Parish News from the Basilica

Children's Ministries

The Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council have been discerning the overall focus of ministry to young people. We have received a number of requests for Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass. We have a number of children at our Sunday Masses and offering a liturgical experience of living in the Word of God is an important aspect of faith formation. The Basilica will begin to offer Children's Liturgy at th 12:15 beginning October 20,2019. Children preparing for First Communion would participate.

Since the Archdiocese is beginning a process of implementing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in a number of parishes in the Archdiocese the Basilica, as the Cathedral Parish, is an ideal parish to have such a process. Over the coming months we will begin to plan for the implementation of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd here at the Basilica.

As we move forward with implementing both Children's Liturgy and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd the Catechism School as we presently offer it will not continue in the fall. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a model of faith formation that will allow us to build on the success of Catechism School while offering a robust Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass.

Our Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation will continue to follow the *Standards for Preparing Youth and Children for the Sacraments* as set out by the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Children in grade two or older prepare for Reconciliation and Eucharist while our young people in grade six or older explore Confirmation.

Children, aged seven and older, can prepare for baptism, confirmation and Eucharist with their parents. These preparation sessions take place beginning in the fall and the sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Registration, this year, will be on an individual basis. During .that meeting you will receive a complete calendar and the family materials.

For all inquiries or to make an appointment to register , please contact Bonnie at the Parish Office. Call 780-488-7295 Ext. 230 or email Bonnie.Kirk@caedm.ca.

SEARCHERS.....SEEKERS....INQUIRERING HEARTS THAT WANT TO KNOW

Journey through the RCIA process where we explore the life, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic faith, preparing to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist , or make a profession of faith and be received into full communion with the Catholic Church or, baptized Catholic and now wish to complete their initiation by celebrating Confirmation and Eucharist. If that describes you we would ask you to contact Bonnie at the parish office. (780-488-7295 Ext. 230 or email Bonnie.Kirk@caedm.ca.)



Hot Lunch

Healthy Hunger Fridays

Each month there will be one or more Hot Lunches available to be ordered online. These lunches are delivered to the school and the children get to enjoy a nice hot meal. Lunch are ordered online.

We are going to survey parents in September about restaurant choices. Then, later in September, parents will receive a reminder email to sign up for the year and place their orders:

www.healthyhunger.ca

or call 1-800-818-6260 or 780 800-5588.



The image shows a login form for the Healthy Hunger website. At the top, the logo "Healthy Hunger" is displayed in green and orange. Below the logo is a "Login" section with two input fields: "Email" and a password field with asterisks. There is a "Remember Me" checkbox and a "Login" button. At the bottom of the login section, there are two links: "Forgot password" and "Forgot your username?".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to deliver hot lunch each month. If you are able to volunteer on the day of hot lunch between 12:05 p.m. and 12:45 p.m., please click the "I can volunteer" checkbox when ordering your child's hot lunch. Or, send an email to grandinhotlunch@yahoo.ca.

Many thanks to **Sonja Martens** for organizing these special lunches—and giving parents a well-deserved break every few weeks!

DATES

TBD
Friday, October 11

TBD
Friday, October 25

TBD
Friday, November 8

TBD
Friday, November 22

TBD
Friday, December 13

TBD
Friday, January 10

TBD
Friday, January 24

TBD
Friday, February 7

TBD
Friday, March 13

TBD
Friday, April 3

TBD
Friday, April 24

TBD
Friday, May 22

TBD
Friday, June 12



Mabels Labels FunScrip



Parent Society Fundraisers



Search for Ecole Grandin (Edmonton)

Please visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for our organization name to place your order and support our fundraiser.

Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!®

Mabel's Labels are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe personalized labels.



1-866-30-MABEL (62235) | fundraising@mabelslabels.com



FundScrip

An easy way to support your school

Fundscrip is an easy way to have money donated towards the school simply by buying everyday items. See below for details.

**Do you ever buy Gas, Groceries, or Gift Cards?
Now Grandin can receive a percentage back
when you do!**

With over 230 Retailers, it's easy to help out!

E-gift cards are emailed to you upon receipt of payment. You can sit down at Boston Pizza, order a gift card, and pay with it at the end of your meal!

If you sign up for Electronic Fund Transfer, payments are instant and you'll save us the 2% credit card fee!

Buy your groceries at Safeway, Superstore, or Sobeys? Buy a gift card first, and Grandin will receive a percentage of your purchase back at no extra cost to you!

Traditional gift cards can be mailed right to your house for just the cost of a postage stamp

FündScrip



FundScrip Quick Start Guide

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How to Sign Up

1. Go to www.fundscrip.com and click on **Support Your Group**



2. Complete the information in the **Support Your Group** section and be sure to enter our group's **Invitation Code**. The code for our group is shown in the grey box below.



3. Raising funds for an individual? Identify them by entering their name in the Last Name field after your name, separated by a hyphen.



4. Click the link in the confirmation email you will receive to complete your registration, then login and place orders to support our group!

Invitation Code for our Group

TBCBKC

Click here to **Support Your Group**. Watch your Inbox for the confirmation email from FundScrip.

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How to Place an Order

1. Go to www.fundscrip.com and click **Login** (top right)



2. **Login** by providing your email address and password
3. Click on the green **Buy Cards** button to begin adding gift cards to your cart



When you have finished adding gift cards to your cart, you need to finalize your order.

1. Choose our group as well as the *campaign* you want to support
2. Choose a payment method:
 - **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** > *Direct debit from your account. The best and easiest way to pay. No fees. Requires application and void cheque.*
 - **Online Bill Payment Service** > *No fee, but funds must be received by FundScrip prior to processing. Please allow 3 business days.*
 - **Credit Card** > *Earnings reduced by 1.99%.*

3. Choose a distribution method:

Grandin is participating in direct shipping. Up to 4 gift cards valued at \$500 or less can be sent to any Canadian address through lettermail for a low cost of \$0.85(plus tax).

Better yet, consider taking advantage of e-gift cards, which are emailed for free and can be accessed as soon as your payment is processed (EFT is designed to be immediate).

4. Check out and you're done!

We will send out semi-annual updates as to the success of our fundraising efforts, so you can keep an eye on how much you've helped!

Using Fundscrip for your weekly gas and grocery purchases can earn \$600 or more each year to support our children!

Remember: You can ask Friends and Family to support our group too!

Set it and Forget it!



Set up a **Recurring Order** and never worry about forgetting to place your order again!

Your Feedback is Appreciated



Win Lunch With the Principal

If you read this newsletter, print, sign and return this form to your child's teacher. Your child will be entered to win a lunch with the principal, Mme Hironaka.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent Signature: _____

We welcome your feedback. Please write us and share what you like, what you would like to see in the future, what you hope for our school!

École Escuela Grandin Student Code of Conduct Policy

The students, parents and staff of École Escuela Grandin work together to create a safe, welcoming, caring and respectful learning environment. The Student Code of Conduct Policy is based on input from all stakeholders including students, parents and school staff. It was developed in accordance with provincial legislation and district policies. The Code of Conduct is shared with all members of the school community every year. We invite families to review this policy, and sign below to join us in maintaining a positive school climate.

CHILD'S Name/Signature Grade

PARENT/GUARDIAN Signature Date

Detach, sign and return this portion of the
Conduct Policy to your child's teacher.

The École Escuela Grandin Student Code of Conduct applies at all times, this includes within the school (instructional time, recesses, lunch-hour) during the day (extra-curricular activities, field trips, arrival/dismissal, while waiting for and riding the school bus) or by electronic means.

We affirm that the rights set out in the *Alberta Human Rights Act* and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* are afforded to all students and staff members within Ecole Escuela Grandin.



Ecole/Escuela Grandin School Code of Conduct

École/Escuela Grandin strives to create a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment. Our Code of Conduct does this by establishing clear expectations for student behaviour at school and school-related activities that reflect our Catholic values of hope, mercy, and reconciliation.

As children learn and grow, they may make poor choices or become involved in negative situations. In keeping with the School Act, our Student Code of Conduct Policy is not a 'one size fits all' policy. It is flexible enough to respect the uniqueness and dignity of each child and to encourage children to learn from their mistakes.

DEFINING APPROPRIATE CONDUCT

According to the School Act – Section 12, a student shall conduct himself or herself so as to reasonably comply with the following conduct:

- (a) be diligent in pursuing the student's studies
- (b) attend school regularly and punctually
- (c) co-operate fully with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services
- (d) comply with the rules of the school
- (e) account to the student's teachers for the student's conduct
- (f) respect the rights of others
- (g) ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging
- (h) refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behaviour directed toward others, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means
- (i) positively contribute to the student's school and community.

École Escuela Grandin further defines appropriate behaviour as follows:

Be Active Learners

- take responsibility for your own learning by staying on task during class time
- put your best effort into your assignments
- take risks and make mistakes in learning
- seek assistance when required
- attend school regularly and arrive on time
- complete homework assignments diligently
- organize school supplies

Be Respectful Citizens

- be honest and truthful
- use polite language and behaviour
- demonstrate respect for personal and school property
- walk quietly in hallways
- listen to class monitors during lunch
- wear appropriate clothing and footwear
- balance your personal needs with the needs of the community

Be Ambassadors of Christ

- be welcoming and inclusive of others
- accept others' differences
- show forgiveness and mercy in resolving conflicts
- show reverence during prayer times and religious celebrations
- "good talk" our school out in the community



Be Safe on the Playground

- play safe games (bullying, play-fighting, throwing snowballs or mud not allowed)
- use equipment properly
- stay on school property
- stay away from the parking lot
- report any injuries, problems, conflicts or dangerous behaviour to adult supervisors right away
- stay in designated areas

Be Safe On the Bus:

- respect the bus drivers and other passengers
- remain seated
- wait for bus to stop before moving
- talk quietly
- obey the rules as set by the driver

According to the School Act – Section 16.2, a parent of a student has the responsibility:

- (a) to take an active role in the student's educational success, including assisting the student in complying with section 12,
- (b) to ensure that the parent's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment,
- (c) to co-operate and collaborate with school staff to support the delivery of specialized supports and services to the student,
- (d) to encourage, foster and advance collaborative, positive and respectful relationships with teachers, principals, other school staff and professionals providing supports and services in the school, and
- (e) to engage in the student's school community.

Together, staff and parents should work cooperatively to:

- provide a safe, caring and supportive learning environment.
- provide clear expectations and appropriate consequences for inappropriate behaviour.
- model appropriate behaviours.
- maintain a model of supportive, open and respectful communication.
- encourage punctuality and regular attendance.
- monitor the progress of the child/children.
- review this conduct policy with the child/children to ensure understanding and compliance.
- speak positively and respectfully to and about school

***At all times discrimination is prohibited. Students, parents and staff are expected to act in accordance with the Alberta Human Rights Act, whereby any conduct that serves to deny or discriminate against any person or class of persons regarding any goods, services, accommodation or facilities that are customarily available to the public is forbidden if the denial or discrimination is based on race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status or sexual orientation.**

DEFINING AND RESPONDING TO INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT

At École Escuela Grandin, we respond to inappropriate conduct which occurs within the school building, within the school day, at school-sponsored events outside the school building, or by electronic means. We do so in accordance with the Catholic value of reconciliation. We encourage the child to assume responsibility for his/her actions. Children will be given opportunities to reflect upon the consequences of their actions through writing and dialogue. Teachers, administrators and parents work together to empower students to find solutions to difficult situations. This requires clear communication between all parties – parents, teachers, administrators and children of all ages.

Intervention strategies, preventative procedures, and/or consequences will take into consideration unique student attributes such as age, maturity and individual circumstances. This is in recognition that a one "one-size-fits-all" approach does not meet individual needs.



A minor offence may include:

- impolite manners
- disruptive behavior
- incomplete homework
- disrespectful conduct
- tardiness
- unsafe/rough play
- inappropriate dress (no beachwear, no offensive graphics/language)

In such instances, the student may be asked to

- a) complete missed work on their own time,
- b) work in a different classroom (change of community),
- c) work in an alternate, supervised area,
- d) verbally apology to parties affected,
- e) write an apology,
- f) temporarily lose privileges such as participation in a noon hour club,
- g) walk with a supervisor at recess,
- h) cover inappropriate dress,

Both students impacted by the inappropriate behaviour and student engaged inappropriate behaviour will receive adult assistance in the restorative process. Students may be asked to phone parents to inform them of their inappropriate behaviour to ensure they take ownership for their actions.

A major offence may include:

- bullying (within the school, during the day, or by electronic means)
- vandalism
- stealing
- fighting
- use of inappropriate language / gestures
- habitual neglect of student responsibilities
- willful major disobedience that endangers the safety and smooth operation of the school

In such instances, the student will speak with an administrator and parents will be contacted. Major offences will generally result in an in-school or out-of-school suspension. Suspensions could range from a one-hour period to a full-day in-school suspension or an out-of-school suspension ranging from one to five days. During the suspension, the student may lose lunchroom and extra-curricular privileges and will be responsible for any work missed. In accordance with section 24 of the School Act, the administrator will determine the length and nature of the in-school or out-of-school suspension based on the severity and/or frequency of any breach of conduct.

Bullying and Discrimination

École Escuela Grandin defines bullying as "repeated and hostile or demeaning behaviour by an individual in the school community where the behaviour is intended to cause harm, fear or distress to one or more other individuals in the school community, including psychological harm or harm to an individual's reputation".

Students will:

- refrain from bullying
- refuse to tolerate bullying even if it happens outside of the school or school hours or electronically
- immediately report incidences of bullying to staff and parents through dialogue and/or in writing

Students may report bullying by:

- telling an adult staff member at the school
- telling a parent/guardian
- calling the Kids' Help Line at 1-800-668-6868



We affirm that pursuant to the *Alberta Human Rights Act* and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, students and staff members are protected from discrimination. More specifically, discrimination refers to any conduct that serves to deny or discriminate against any person or class of persons regarding any goods, services, accommodation or facilities that are customarily available to the public, and the denial or discrimination is based on race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, physical disability, mental disability, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status or sexual orientation.

CONTINUUM OF SUPPORTS

A continuum of supports may be provided to students who engage in inappropriate behaviour as well as for students who are impacted by such behaviours. This may include:

- services provided by the school Inclusive Support team (emotional-behavioural specialist, family-school liaison worker)
- services provided by the Early Learning Multi-disciplinary team (occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist)
- services provided by RCSD and Alberta Health Services (occupational therapist, mental health therapist, speech-language pathologist)

