

June 2021

May has been an interesting month! The staff at Our Lady of Peace would like to thank you for all the effort and energy you have put into helping your children learn. We're almost at the end. There are still more curricular objectives to cover, so attendance is very important. Ensure that your children are attending daily and coming to school on time. This is so important, especially in a year with so many disruptions.



We are working on making June Jubilant. This is our theme. Each class has been asked "How can you make the last month of school special?" It will be interesting to see what happens.

In the month of May we celebrated Mary. On May 28, the grade one/two class created a wonderful celebration and led the school through a decade of the rosary. As tweeted by Pope Francis:

During this month of May, let us lift our eyes toward the Mother of God, our consolation and sure hope and [#LetUsPrayTogether](#) the Rosary to face the trails of this moment together and to be ever more united as a spiritual family.



215 Children LOST

The discovering of the remains of 215 children at the site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School has reverberated throughout Canada, not just the Indigenous communities but all communities that value their children.

While the last Indian Residential School closed in 1996, the trauma remains. The events in Kamloops are not isolated as many of our Elders tell us. We are called to healing and forgiveness but this is a long journey.

As a Nehiyaw Pimatisiwin school we are hard hit with how to process this news. While participating in the events of remembrance organized by the Division the staff felt more was needed to be done. It was determined that a public visual remembrance of the 215 children was needed. Over this week the students and staff will be tying orange ribbons onto the fence facing 110 Avenue. The ribbons will be tied to the fence to produce the shape of tipis. These tipis will symbolize coming home. We pray that the spirits of those 215 children find their ways home.

Please pass by to view our remembrance.

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Assistant Principal
Our Lady of Peace School



New Student Registration

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Our Lady of Peace family, we are now taking fall registrations for kindergarten to grade 6. All registrations are online. Anybody new to the school is to visit ecsd.net and click on the box "How to Register". If you are experiencing trouble registering, please call the school at 780-489-1222.

If your child was born between Jan. 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, he/she can register for kindergarten. We are continuing to accept registrations.



Support Staff Appreciation

Support Staff Appreciation: On June 8 we would like to thank our support staff at Our Lady of Peace. They are the true unsung heroes of the school. They are the educational assistants, the behaviour therapists, speech and occupational therapists and lunch staff. On this day, we thank them for helping our students and teachers.

Student Activities

Spirit Days: We would like to thank the kindergarten class for suggesting this month's theme day, rainbow day. They would like students to dress in many colours or just in their favorite colour. Rainbow day will be on Wednesday June 9.

As well, we would like to thank the kindergarten class for their fundraising project. They collect \$95.00 for the Water First fund by growing herbs in their classroom. Not only did they learn about plants, but they helped others. Great work Kinders!

Water First has certified educators that create opportunities for Indigenous students to strengthen their relationship with the environment, and to foster a love of education and Water Science.

Jersey day: We will have one more theme day in June and that will be 'Jersey Day'. Everyone is invited to wear some type of jersey, soccer, basketball, hockey or anything sporty. Jersey day will be on June 16.

Textbooks: Any borrowed textbooks are to be returned to the school by the end of June 21. Any unreturned material will be charged to your Parent PowerSchool account.

Fun Day: The event will take place on the week of June 21. Because of AHS restrictions, each homeroom will be booking a time and a date to work through a series of fun events.

National Indigenous Peoples' Day: We are fortunate to be a Cree school full of history and culture. On Monday June 21, our students will be participating in Indigenous flex day, an opportunity to learn more about the Cree culture.

Grade 6 Farewell: Ms. Van Tighem and Ms. Valens are planning a farewell celebration for our grade 6 students in the last week of June. It will look different than it has in previous year due to AHS guidelines, but we feel it is important to recognize this milestone in the lives of our grade 6 students. We are waiting until June 10 to see how AHS will roll out their re-entry plan before we make our plans known to you. Please be patient and we will be in touch soon.

Final Celebration: We will have our year end school celebration on June 25 at 11:30 pm. During the celebration, it is the tradition that we honour our grade 6 students and that they pass down the leadership to our grade 5 students.

Father's Day

Father's Day: June 20 is Father's Day. Let us celebrate all the Fathers and Father-figures in our lives.

National Indigenous Peoples' Day

National Indigenous Peoples' Day: June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a day that gives many people the chance to learn more about Indigenous people and their contributions towards the country's development and progress. It is the national 25th anniversary of celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people! First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people will showcase their cultures and achievements throughout Canada especially on this day. We will be celebrating the day by having a variety of activities for our students. Embedded is a link to the [Government of Canada Nation Indigenous Peoples](#) day which has information and activities for all ages.

Last Two Days of School

Last TWO Days of Instruction: Thursday, June 24, is a full day for our students. They will be dismissed at **3:00 pm**. The last day of school for students is June 25. Students will be let out at **12:13 pm**.

Other Information



Busing: As the year closes, we would like to remind parents that yellow school bus passes will cost \$36.75 in September 2021. The family plan will be \$32.00 per student if a family has 3 or more students attending Edmonton Catholic Schools. We will be diligent, ensuring that **all** who ride the bus **will pay** for their bus passes. If there is a financial problem, payment options can be discussed with the principal on a monthly basis if necessary.

Information: Please inform the school of any phone or address changes. We need to have all phone numbers, including emergency contacts, up to date in case we need to get a hold of you in an emergency. As well if there is an address change, it can take up two weeks to move a bus stop location.

School Council: Our last council meeting was on May 21. We would like to thank Kristy, and Kari for their work in the past year. Their dedication to making our school a great place is truly appreciated. The School Council has supporting us in the purchasing of computer programs, science supplies, music instruments and much more.



In September, we will be looking to make our school council bigger. All it takes is one day a month for about an hour and no experience is necessary. Please think about sharing your time and talents with the school council.

Gym Equipment: Thank you to APPLE Schools who funded some new gym equipment for the School.



Supply Lists: We will have supply lists available on our school website the middle of June. This year you will have the opportunity to purchase supplies from Write-On Stationary (who will deliver the selected supplies to school) or through your choice of stores. More information is coming.

Breakfast for Learning: Our snack program would be non-existent without this organizations funding our snack program. Breakfast for Learning is a division of President's Choice Children's Charities. We would like to thank them for their support!



Anonymous Donors: As you can see, we have many people who support our school. Supplementing our breakfast program is an anonymous group of professions. Their funding has provided pancakes, waffles, hash browns and much more for breakfast. It has all been delicious!



Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God Parish: We would like to thank Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God who has supported our school again this year with food for our snack program and food bank. You are all wonderful!



September 2021 times are as follows:

Monday to Friday

Kindergarten to Grade 6

8:30 am First bell

10:30 – 10:45 Recess

12:10 -12: 30 Lunch Recess

12:30 – 12:50 Lunch

12:50 Afternoon classes begin.

3:03 Dismissal

Thursday

Kindergarten to

8:30 am First Bell

10:30 – 10:45 Recess

12:15 Dismissal

There will be one more newsletter at the end of June. If you miss it, Our Lady of Peace staff would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer with your families.