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**Weekly Newsletter**

April 17, 2024

**Upper School April Spirit Month**

The Upper School Student Council is excited to announce a Spirit Month during April! Upper School students may wear outfits that fit the theme dates (please ensure that you are still adhering to the dress code). The themes are as follows:

**Friday, April 19: Western Day**

Wear your best Western clothing! This may include plaid button-up shirts, denim skirts, and jeans, and cowboy hats.

**Friday, April 26: Culture Day**

Wear traditional clothing from your heritage!

On April 26, we will also be hosting a cultural dance and potluck for the Upper School students (Grades 8-12) from 6:30 to 8:30PM! Tickets will be available after Spring Break for \$4. We encourage students to wear their cultural clothing and to bring a traditional potluck item to share. We hope to see you there!

**Biology Competition**

On Thursday, April 18, ten of our Grade 11 and Grade 12 biologists will be sitting the University of Toronto Biology Competition. This is the first time since before COVID-19 that we have been able to test our biology knowledge against other national and international high schools. We are excited to give it our best try!

**Jersey Day for Lower and Middle School**

As Thursday, April 18, is the last day of the NHL regular season, Lower and Middle School will mark this day by participating in Jersey Day. Students are invited to wear a jersey, t-shirt, hoodie, etc. to celebrate their favourite team along with non-uniform bottoms. Jerseys do not have to be limited to hockey jerseys; basketball jerseys, soccer jerseys, or a jersey from a team that they themselves belong to are also permitted. Students choosing not to participate in Jersey Day are expected to wear their school uniform.

**Grade 2 Zoo Field Trip**

On Friday, April 19, the Grade 2 classes will be taking a trip to the Calgary Zoo to participate in the "Arctic Adventure" program. Students need to bring a snack, water bottle, and a bagged lunch in a small backpack. This field trip requires comfortable shoes or boots for walking, along with a jacket suitable for the weather. The weather is forecast to be chilly but dry, so a warm jacket, mittens, and a hat are recommended. Due to the outdoor nature of this trip, students are to wear their regular school uniform.

**Edison School Spelling Bee**

Spring has come, and the bees are buzzing – specifically the Edison Spelling Bee! The Division One and Division Two classes have had their spelling bees and are passing the students upwards to the Edison Divisional. At 1:00PM on Tuesday, April 23, we will be having our qualifying round to choose the students going to the Calgary Invitational Spelling Bee at Webber Institute. Parents and family are welcome to come and view the students as they battle for the top of their division. Visitors should remember to park in the northwest lot if possible, and be sure to keep the bus lanes clear.

Grade 1 - Ethan G., Ihnat M., Shrija P., Sebastian A., Henri A.

Grade 2 - Agam K., Adam G., Ellie C., Adam M., Jack V., David B., Narayan C., Zak J., Sophie O.

Grade 3 - Hunter R., Yahya K., David G., Arjun S., Avnoor K., Neal D.

Grade 4 - Sophie D., Yousef Z., Elizabeth C., Victoria B.

Grade 5 - Victoria M., Vivienne O., Adya P., Sttavi P., Hareem Z., Ahaan M.

Grade 6 - Maxwell D., Julian O., Keto O., Zimo X.

**Upcoming Grade 6 Events**

**Monday, April 22:** Grade 6 town council elections at 12:15PM in Ms. Etheredge's room.

**Tuesday, April 23:** Grade 6 students have the pleasure of visiting with Okotoks Mayor Tanya Thorn. Mayor Thorn will discuss how a local government functions, programs and services offered in Okotoks, and her role as Mayor. The presentation will run from 9:30 to 10:30AM. Grade 6 students are required to wear their dress uniform.

**Monday, April 29:** Grade 6 students will visit the Okotoks Municipal Centre and take part in a mock town council meeting. Students will have an opportunity to tour the building and then flex their local governing skills. The afternoon will include a nature walk, community clean up event, and a visit to Big Dipper Ice Cream Shop. Students are required to bring a bagged lunch, water bottle, and money for ice cream. Dress uniform is required. If you are interested in volunteering as a parent supervisor for this field trip and have a current vulnerable sector check, please contact Ms. Etheredge at [betheredge@edisonschool.ca](mailto:betheredge@edisonschool.ca) or (403) 938-7670 ext. 242.



### Grade 1 Field Trip

The Grade 1 students will be attending a field trip to the Okotoks Eco Centre on Wednesday, April 24. They will learn about what compost is and the great impact that compost has on garden soil and plants!

### Kindergarten Telus Spark Field Trip

On Thursday, April 18, our Kindergarten students will be visiting the Telus Spark Science Centre. Buses will depart Edison at 8:45AM and return by 2:45PM. Dress uniform is required for this trip. As this is a full-day field trip, hot lunch will not be provided. Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch and a water bottle, and please note that the Science Centre has requested that packed lunches be garbage-free. Students should be dressed for the weather, as there are outdoor exhibits to explore.

### Badminton Divisionals

Badminton Divisional play is upon us! Be sure to wish our players the best of luck in the upcoming season!

#### Dates and Venues:

Senior High SINGLES: Wednesday, April 17 @ Edison (9:00am)  
Senior High MIXED & BOYS DOUBLES: Thursday, April 18 @ Edison (9:00am)  
Senior High GIRLS DOUBLES: Thursday, April 18 @FCH (9:00am)  
Grade 7 MIXED & DOUBLES: Thursday, April 25 @ Edison (9:00am start)  
Grade 7 SINGLES: Thursday, April 25 @ Edison (12:30pm start)  
Grade 9 MIXED & DOUBLES: Monday, April 29 @ Edison (9:00am start)  
Grade 9 SINGLES: Monday, April 29 @ Edison (12:30pm start)  
Grade 8 SINGLES & DOUBLES: Tuesday, April 30 @ FHC (1:00pm start)  
Grade 8 MIXED: Tuesday, April 30 @ Westmount (1:00pm start)

Please email Mrs. Redgate with any questions.

### After-School Badminton Practices

Please see the following practice days and times for the High School students who are advancing to ZONES, as well as any students in Grades 7-9 who are playing in Divisional play next week.

Monday, April 22 - ALL HS students going to zones and ALL JR High students playing in Divisionals. 3:30 - 5:30PM

Tuesday, April 23 - ALL HS students going to zones and ALL JR High students playing in Divisionals. 3:30 - 5:30PM

Wednesday, April 24 - ALL HS students going to zones and ALL JR High students playing in Divisionals. 3:30 - 5:30PM

Thursday, April 25 - ALL HS students going to zones and ONLY grade 8 & 9 students playing in Divisionals. 3:30 - 5:30PM

### Accelerated Reader

We are in the final stretch of the school year, and what better way to wrap up a fantastic year than with a reading competition!? For this competition, the top scorer from each grade (1-9) will be selected as the grade-level winner. Points will be awarded based on the length and difficulty of each book. Students are of course welcome to read any book they wish, although we do suggest that they read something that is both interesting and mentally stimulating. This competition will include books read from March 1 through June 15.

#### Prizes

The student in each grade level with the highest number of points earned will earn a private field trip to the Central Library in downtown Calgary, lunch with Mr. Finnerty and Ms. DeMos, and a special award certificate!

#### Logging In

Use this link to login to Accelerated Reader: <https://global-zone05.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/376854>

Login information for the program is the student's first and last name (no spaces). The password for all students is currently Edison\*123.

For example:

Username: EricSmith

Password: Edison\*123

If you experience any difficulties logging into the website, please email Mr. Finnerty - [mfinnerty@edisonschool.ca](mailto:mfinnerty@edisonschool.ca).

### Special Visitor

Baby McElroy came to school last week all dressed in Edison colours!





## Aggie Days

Last week, the Grade 3 students were immersed in the world of agriculture. They got up close with sheep, goats, cows, Clydesdales, pigs, and chickens. They learned about farm animal care and gained an understanding of how food is grown and processed. They especially enjoyed the rodeo! We would like to thank our parent volunteers for making our trip to Aggie Days safe and fun!



## Grade 2 Guest Speaker

On Thursday, April 11, the Grade 2 classes participated in the Okotoks Art Gallery program, "Emily Carr: Painting the Canadian Wild." The students learned that Emily's love of art and nature began at a very young age while she was growing up on Vancouver Island. Through a slideshow presentation, they were able to observe how her style evolved over the years. The students then used pastels to create their own depiction of trees in the style of Emily Carr.

