



Message from the Principal – March Update

As we welcome the month of March, we would like to take a moment to update you on a few key events and initiatives happening in our school community.

Teacher Professional Learning on Assessment:

Throughout this school year, our teachers have been engaging in professional learning focused on assessment. We understand that effective assessment plays a critical role in student growth and success. Our teachers are working collaboratively to enhance their skills and deepen their understanding of how to best assess and support our students. This professional development will help ensure that we continue to provide a high-quality, personalized learning experience for all of our students.

Parent-Teacher Interviews –

March 19 & 20: Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on March 19th and 20th. This is an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress, strengths, and areas for growth. We encourage you to attend and actively engage in the conversation to support your child's learning journey. Please look out for further information on how to book your interview slot.

Engaging with Teachers Throughout the Year:

While Parent-Teacher Interviews are an important part of our communication, we also encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher throughout the year. Teachers are always available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Whether through emails, phone calls, or scheduled meetings, ongoing communication helps us work together to best support your child's learning and well-being. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

Grade 9 Transition to High School:

For our current Grade 9 students, we are beginning the process of planning for their transition to high school. This is an exciting time as they prepare for the next chapter in their educational journey. We have a transition information evening for families on March 6. We are committed to supporting both students and parents through these important next steps.

Wishing You a Wonderful Spring Break: As we approach Spring Break, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family. We hope you enjoy some well-deserved time together and return refreshed and ready for the second half of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. We look forward to working together to make this a successful and fulfilling year for all our students.

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MARCH

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 1	6 Grade 9 Transition Meeting - 7pm Day 2	7 Wear School Colours-Theme Day Day 1
10 PD Day Grad Photos	11 Grad Photos Day 2	12 Grad Photos Day 1	13 Grad Photos Day 2	14 Teacher vs. Grad Hockey Game 2 - 3 pm Day 1
17 Day 2	18 Day 1	19 Parent - Teacher Interviews 4-7 pm Day 2	20 Skills Canada-Culinary Comp. Parent - Teacher Interviews 4-7 pm Day 1	21 Skills Canada Competition Day 2
24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Bon Voyage to the Sr High Travel Club! Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 1
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NEWS

EPC ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

PARENT –TEACHER NIGHT LEARNING SESSIONS



Weds, March 19, 2025

SESSION TOPIC



Reading Comprehension in Jr / Sr High

Alyssa Backs Room 109 E



Differences Between English -1 and -2

Braidy Borris Room 109 H



High School Essay Writing & Vretta

Megan Mackay Room 109 J



Google Classroom in Jr High

Jocelyn Arthur Room 109 D



Strategies to be Successful in Jr/ Sr High

Brian Potts Room 109 F

DESCRIPTION

4:30 – 5:00 pm

- Learn key reading comp skills and strategies needed in grades 7-12
- Understand RCAT testing categories
- Explore creative ways to find time for reading.
- Take home handout: questions to ask with any text and tips to engage reluctant teen readers.

5:00 – 5:30 pm

- Explore key differences between -1 and -2 English courses.
- Make the best informed decision for your child.

5:30 – 6:00 pm

- Understand why we do it the way we do it.
- How you can support your child with writing
- Discover the Vretta platform.

6:00 – 6:30 pm

- How to use this tool to help your child complete assignments.
- Parent features to keep up to date with important class information.

6:30 – 7:00 pm

- Key differences between elementary and secondary education.
- Big picture of where kids need to improve in ELA by grade 12.



Sign up using the Conference Booking System.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Sign in to the Conference Booking site the same way you would to book a one-on-one interview.
- Select the Teacher's name and you'll see the session they offer.
- Sign up and feel free to put any questions you hope the session will explore in the comments.

WHAT IF THAT TEACHER DOESN'T TEACH MY CHILD THIS YEAR? CAN I STILL GO TO THAT SESSION?

- YES! That's totally ok. We are all ELA teachers at Edwin Parr and have collaborated to offer these sessions so that they are valuable to each of our classes and all students. Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether or not your child is in that particular teacher's class this year.

CAN I SIGN UP FOR MORE THAN ONE SESSION?

- ABSOLUTLEY! Please attend as many sessions as you like. Just remember that they are 30 minutes long instead of 10 (like the one-on-ones) so don't double book yourself and miss a one-on-one with another teacher.

SHOULD I BRING MY CHILD(REN)?

- It's totally up to you! While these sessions are designed to communicate with adults, it wouldn't hurt for any student to hear the message.
- If you would normally bring your kids to PTI night, then please proceed as usual. If you normally fly solo, that's good, too.

CAN I ZOOM IN OR ATTEND THE SESSION BY PHONE CALL?

- Sorry, no. We are **not** able to offer these sessions in a hybrid format. You will have to physically attend the session.
- But if the session offers a handout, you can contact that teacher to get an emailed copy of any resources. (Note that not all sessions will include a handout).

I DON'T WANT A SESSION; HOW DO I SEE THAT TEACHER ONE-ON-ONE INSTEAD?

- No worries. That teacher is only booked for 30 minutes to offer the session during one of the two PTI nights. Each English teacher still has 5 hours and 30 minutes available to book interviews, as usual.

WHAT IF THE TEACHER I WANT TO MEET WITH IS FULLY BOOKED?

We absolutely want to connect with you. You are an important partner in your child's education. Always.

- **Option 1-** Go to that teacher's session and see if they can address your question or concern in that forum.
- **Option 2-** Reach out to that teacher by phone or email and they will get back to you; the same as they would any other time of year when Parent-Teacher Night is not happening.

Parent-Teacher communication is important to us throughout the school year. Please never hesitate to reach out.

Our exchange to Québec was an unforgettable experience for our Grade 8 and 9 students! Hosted in Plessisville, they had the chance to immerse themselves in French, building confidence in their language skills while forming new friendships. Highlights of the trip included a fascinating tour of Old Québec, where they explored historic sites and soaked in the rich culture. They also took on the challenge of climbing Mount Ham, enjoying breathtaking views at the summit (even if the wind almost blew them away). Students were able to express themselves in French, and were often praised for their level of Oral French. It was a great trip! We are excited to host the students from Plessisville in late May.





The International Learning Class is getting ready for the adventure of a lifetime! From March 26 – April 4, 2025, the travelers will embark on an unforgettable journey through four of Europe's most iconic cities: Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, and London. This incredible opportunity offers students the chance to immerse themselves in diverse cultures, explore historic landmarks, and gain firsthand insight into global perspectives. From the charming canals of Amsterdam and the political heart of Brussels to the artistic treasures of Paris and the timeless charm of London, each destination promises unique experiences that will broaden horizons and create lasting memories. This is going to be a once-in-a-lifetime chance for our EPC travelers to learn beyond the classroom and see the world like never before!

Students were greeted by staff with a sweet treat as they arrived at school for Valentine's Day! The delicious kinder eggs added a festive touch to the morning, making everyone smile and kickstarting the celebrations. It was a lovely way to show appreciation to our amazing students.



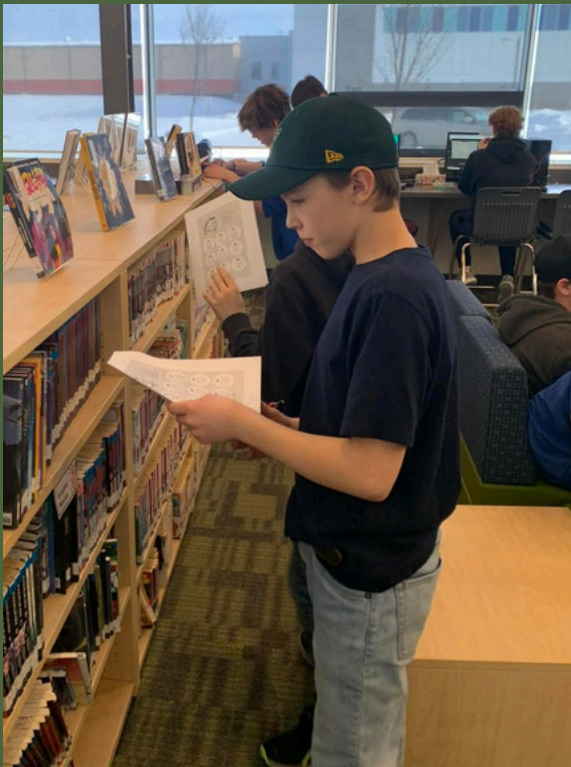
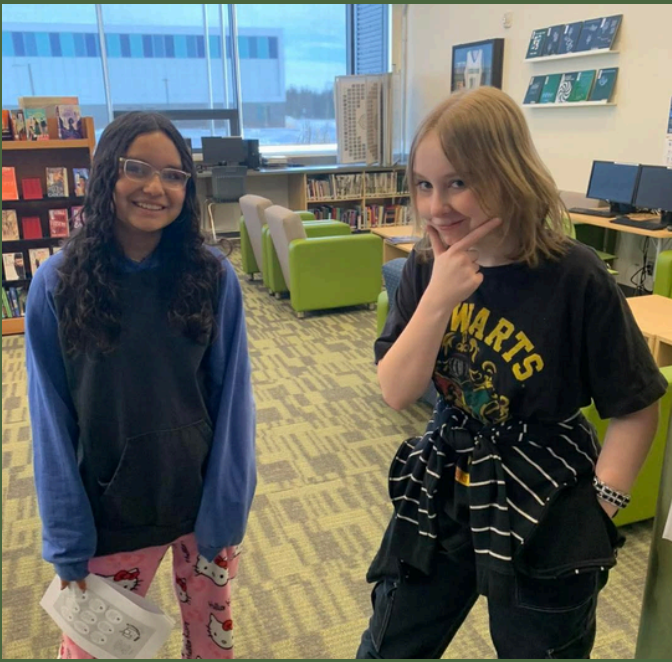
Our Grade 12 students had a blast exchanging Gradentines for Valentine's Day! It was a heartwarming event filled with laughter, creativity, and lots of love. Everyone got into the spirit, making unique cards and sharing sweet messages with their classmates. Such a great way to celebrate friendship and make memories together! Thank you last years grad class for starting this great tradition.



The Student Council had a fantastic time with their "Build a Button" Valentine's and "Pal"entine grams. These photos capture the fun crafting process where students designed their own buttons and prepared special grams for their friends. What a wonderful way to spread love and friendship!



Ms. Back's and Mrs. McLeod's literacy classes took part in an exciting library skills scavenger hunt! Students explored the library, searching for clues and learning how to navigate resources effectively. It was a fun way to improve their research skills while working together as a team.



Career Counsellor's CORNER

It is that time of the year for applying to post-secondary schools. If you would like to set up your MyPass and Apply Alberta accounts, please come see

Mrs. Holdis.

Links:

MyPass:

<https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass/welcome>

Apply Alberta:

<https://www.applyalberta.ca/>

2025 Graduation

Grade 12 students can join the Graduation Committee to help with the details. Please see Mrs. Holdis or Mr. Zinnick to sign up.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday March 12 in Mr. Zinnick's room. Come out and help plan

- Make sure you are signed up to the google classroom EPC Grad 2025 for the most up to date information.
- Please come see Mrs. Holdis to order your cap and gown.

Grad photos are March 10-13th . More information will be shared closer to the date.

Aspen View Public Schools Career Fair 2025



Aspen View Public Schools along with Edwin Parr Composite School, Boyle School, H.A. Kostash School, Thorhild Central School and Vilna School invite you to participate in our second annual Career Fair. Our objective is to provide students exposure to careers and jobs they may not have much information about or experience with. With your expertise, we are hoping that you will be able to be a major player in the day's event.



Date

23 April, 2025



Time

9:00am - 3:00pm



Location

Athabasca Regional Multiplex
Athabasca, Alberta



Learn More and RSVP to the event



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YEARBOOK

If you're interested in purchasing a yearbook for the 2024-2025 school year, please send an email to epcsecl@asperview.org.

Save with Save on Foods fundraising is now happening at EPC. When you purchase Save on Foods gift cards through EPC, your family will earn 6% back in fundraising money. This money can be used towards non-curricular fees that your child may have: yearbooks, sports, student council fees, grad fees, travel. This money will stay with your child until they leave EPC at which point the remaining balance will be transferred to our Food for Thought program.

Save on Foods gift cards can be purchased at EPC's business office or at the Athabasca Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB).

Family and friends may also purchase Gift Cards for your family.



School Info



2024 2025 Junior High Bell Schedule

Period 1 8:40-9:20

Break 9:20-9:25

Period 2 9:25-10:05

Break 10:05-10:10

Period 3 10:10-10:50

Break 10:50-10:55

Period 4 10:55-11:35

Lunch 11:35-12:15

Period 5 12:15-12:55

Break 12:55-1:00

Period 6 1:00-1:40

Break 1:40-1:45

Period 7 1:45-2:25

Break 2:25-2:30

Period 8 2:30-3:10

2024 2025 Senior High Bell Schedule

Block 1 8:40-10:05

Break 10:05-10:10

Block 2 10:10-11:35

Lunch 11:35-12:15

Block 3 12:15-1:40

Break 1:40-1:45

Block 4 1:45-3:10

Creating Community

School Info



POWER SCHOOL APP

Power School provides real-time access to:

- Attendance
- Grades
- Assignments & Scores
- Standards Progress
- School Announcements
- Teacher Comments
- Grade Point Average
- Fee Transactions & Balance.

You can also use PowerSchool to register to receive email alerts for grades, attendance, assignments and more.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check the lost and found by the bus doors for missing items and also at the front office.

