



Dear Edwin Parr Composite School Families,

September has been a busy and exciting month at EPC! It's been wonderful to see both curricular and extracurricular activities spring to life as students and staff settle into the new school year. From engaging classroom learning to thriving sports and clubs, the energy around our school has been inspiring.

With an upcoming teachers strike, we recognize that this period of uncertainty can be stressful for students and families. A strike would result in a disruption to regular classroom learning, and we understand the challenges this may bring.

We will continue to look to **Aspen View Public Schools Division Office** for guidance as the situation evolves. Please **watch your email for updates** from the Division Office, as they will provide the most current and accurate information.

In the event that a strike is realized, please be aware of the following:

- **Teachers will not be providing work to students**, nor will they be posting materials or assignments to Google Classroom or any other online platforms.
- **Teachers will not be available** for communication via email or any other form of contact during the strike.
- There will be **no access to the school** for tutoring, extracurricular sports, clubs, or any school-organized activities.

We know this may cause disruption to routines, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. Our commitment to student learning and well-being remains strong. Thank you for your continued support during this uncertain time.

One of the highlights this month was hosting our first **Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball Tournament** in our new school building. It was an incredible event, made possible by the dedication of our school staff, the generosity of our sponsors, and the commitment of our volunteers—including students, parents, and staff. Thank you to everyone who helped make the tournament a success. Events like these would not be possible without your ongoing support, and we are truly grateful.

On **September 29th**, our staff took part in a division-wide **Professional Learning Day**. Teachers engaged in valuable collaborative work focused on assessment practices and enhancing student learning outcomes. Meanwhile, many of our Educational Assistants, along with some teachers, travelled to **Thorhild** to participate in a specialized training day. These professional development opportunities are key to ensuring we continue to grow as educators and provide the best possible support to our students.

As we step into **October**, a month traditionally associated with gratitude and reflection, we want to take a moment to express our sincere appreciation. We are grateful for our incredible students, supportive families, and the strong partnerships we have with our community. Your involvement and encouragement make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students and the overall spirit of our school.

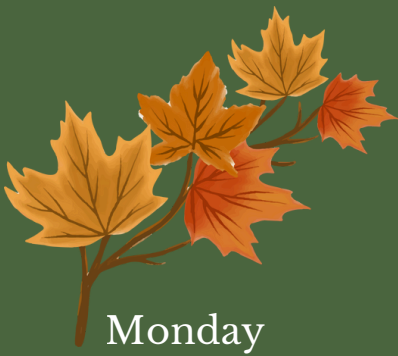
Looking ahead, **Parent-Teacher Interviews** are scheduled for October 22nd and 23rd from 4pm to 7pm. We are excited to host our **Fall Awards Ceremony** on **October 29th at 7:00pm** in the EPC gymnasium, where we will celebrate the achievements of our students from the 2024–2025 school year. This event is a meaningful opportunity to recognize the hard work and success of our learners, and we look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

Our school based **Remembrance Day Ceremony** will take place in the EPC gymnasium on **Friday, November 7th at 10:00 am**. Please feel welcome to join us. Thank you for being such an integral part of the EPC family. We wish you a safe and joyful October.

Warm regards,

The EPC Administrative Team
Edwin Parr Composite School

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October



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

		1 Day 2	2 Day 1	3 Day 2
6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 1
13 Thanksgiving Day	14 PD Day	15 Day 2	16 Day 1	17 Day 2
20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4-7 pm Day 1	23 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4-7 pm Day 2	24 Day 1
27 Day 2	28 Photo Retakes Day 1	29 Awards Night 7pm Day 2	30 Day 1	31 Halloween Day 2



Great News! Attendance Is On the Rise!

We're thrilled to share some exciting results from the rollout of our new Attendance Policy this school year. The goal? To support student success by encouraging regular, timely, and prepared attendance — and it's working!

✓ Why it matters:

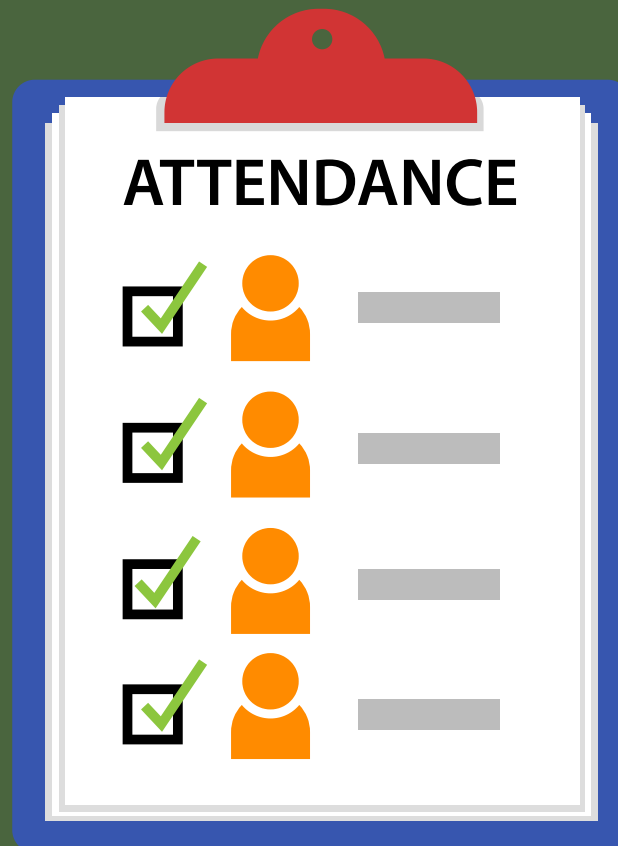
Students who show up on time, stay for the full class, and come prepared are more likely to thrive academically — and we're already seeing the impact.

Impressive Improvements Across the Board:

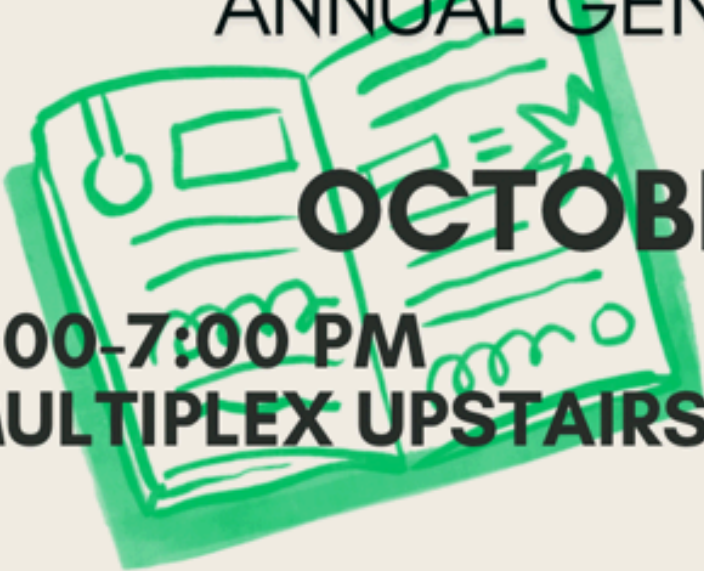
- 📈 30% drop in absences – comparing September 2024 to September 2025
- 🕒 57% decrease in late arrivals overall
- 🎓 68% fewer lates among our senior high students — the most significant improvement yet!

We're so proud of our students for rising to the challenge and making attendance a priority. A big thank you as well to our families and staff for supporting this important initiative.

Let's keep the momentum going!



**CANADIAN PARENTS FOR
FRENCH-ATHABASCA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



OCTOBER 7

6:00-7:00 PM

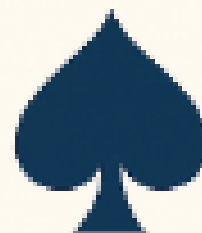
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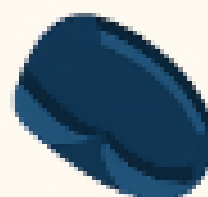
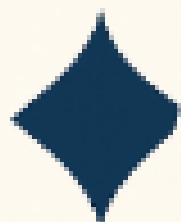
**FRENCH IMMERSION
PROGRAM PARENTS AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS -
COME JOIN US!**



EPC Fundraising
Committee



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CASINO FUNDRAISER

We need volunteers for our upcoming
casino fundraising event!



DATES

October 28 & 29



LOCATION

Boom Town
Casino Ft. Mac



ROLES

General Manager, Banker, Cashier,
Chip Runner (No experience needed—
training provided!)



Volunteering is easy and fun. Meals,
hotel & mileage provided.



Contact Michelle 780-213-0323 or Karen 780-213-2092

\$CASH ONLY\$

BAKE SALE

*Presented by EPC girls'
Basketball*



\$1, \$2, \$3 ITEMS

OCT 2ND & 3RD

@LUNCH

EPC FEATURE STAIRS

**ALL PROCEEDS HELP OUR EPC GIRLS PLAY
BASKETBALL**

This weekend EPC hosted their first tournament in the new school and it was an absolute blast. Teams from near and far came to rally and games across the board were played incredibly well. All EPC teams fought hard for their spot in playoffs and lost in the bronze medal games, but nobody learns from winning. Errors and games lost are nothing but a learning opportunity. Coach Korth said her girls came together really well and fought for every point earned. Coach deChamplain said she is beyond proud of their improvement and can't wait to see more growth as the season progresses. Coach O'Neill said her boys' talent was fierce and their resiliency against adversity was challenged.

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors, helpers, volunteer student scorekeepers that offered up their weekend to help with us and help out, our community volunteer refs, parents and Coach O'Neill, Coach Korth and Coach Gill and Coach deChamplain that made today possible. It literally could not be done without you.

Tonight, children are resting their weary heads. Athletes lathering in icy hot and applying the R.I.C.E method, coaches reviewing games and prepping for next week and parents resting their voices from cheering so loud.

It truly takes a community, and we are thankful ours is Athabasca!!



On September 22–24, Grade 10 students took part in a three day Land Based Learning experience that brought learning out of the classroom and into the heart of nature. Guided by local Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and educators, students explored the connection between land, culture, and identity through hands on experiences and traditional teachings.

Check out this link to see more -[Land Based Learning](#)





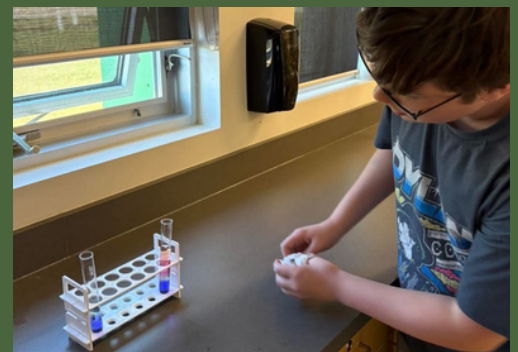
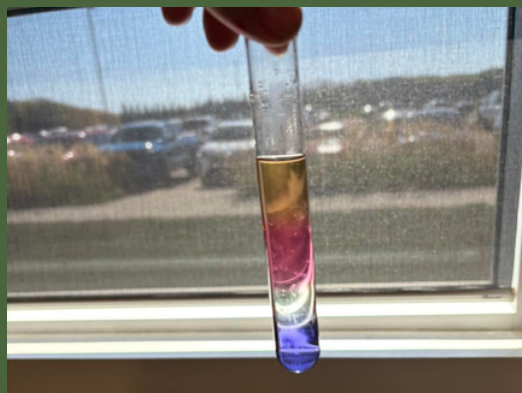
Students from Mrs. Romanko's Aboriginal Studies class, placed shoes on the office. This public display is commemorate the Indigenous children who died or disappeared at residential schools.



The Senior Boys Volleyball team has had an incredible opportunity to learn from some of the best and two of Athabasca's finest! Sam and Max Elgert, along with their friend Jacob Deinum from Barrhead who played for the UofA came to today's practice to share some knowledge.



Mrs. McGhee's Grade 8 K&E scientists are making a splash with their latest experiments on Density! From floating to sinking, they're discovering the secrets of mass and volume.



Telus Wise Parent Workshop Help youth navigate the digital world safely. TELUS Wise® Parents Workshop covers screen time, gaming, cyberbullying, & more.

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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



POWER SCHOOL APP

Power School provides real-time access to:

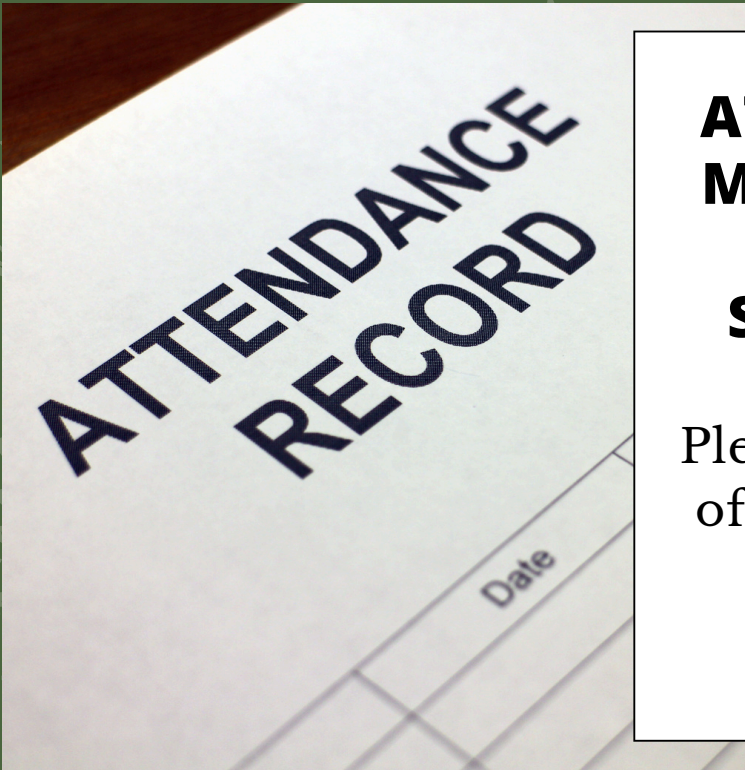
- Attendance
- Grades
- Assignments & Scores
- Standards Progress
- School Announcements
- Teacher Comments
- Grade Point Average
- Fee Transactions & Balance.

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.





ATTENDANCE RECORD

Date

ATTENDANCE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

Please let the school know
of any absence. You may
call or also email
epc@aspenview.org

ARRIVING LATE? OR LEAVING EARLY?

Students must stop at the
office to sign out AND
parents must call the
office.



Call or text 310-1818
Family Violence Info Line

Chat now

**"I don't feel safe
and I don't know
what to do."**

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