

*Making a difference for children!*

# École John Wilson Elementary



*Enrichir la vie des enfants!*

## ÉJWES - Safe and Caring School

As parents, we want our children to be safe and happy at school. Nothing is more important! École John Wilson Elementary School actively promotes safety and a sense of community with our students. We believe this will enable our students to be better learners and help them become productive and responsible citizens in the future.

To start our school year, our staff immersed students in the understanding and practice of our BIG 5 values which make our school and community a better place. These BIG 5 values are present in every day interactions and learning for all of our students. Together we can build the strong team of adults who surround our children with the supports and structures to help them learn and demonstrate these valuable values and behaviors.

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Truthful and Trustworthy
4. Be Co-operative
5. Be Caring



This is just one of many examples of how ÉJWES students, parents, and staff help to create a safe and caring environment. Take a look at many others!

- **Academic and Social Development** – are equally important at ÉJWES. That's why so much of our time is spent on the character education. Roots of Empathy is one of these strong Character Education programs we provide to students to further deepen their development of important values.
- **Extra-curricular activities** – such as choir, intramurals and dance club provide social development along with great memories for our children.
- **ÉJWES Safety and Security Plan** – outlines how drills, supervision, first aid, building security, and crosswalk safety protect our students and staff on a daily basis and also in the event of an emergency or disaster situation.
- **Special Programs** – in cooperation with the Innisfail Fire Department, Alberta Farm Safety, Innisfail RCMP, CESD Transportation and Family School Wellness programs are accessed that help teach children how to avoid risks in our world.
- **Student Recognition** – comes in the form of daily encouragement, pictures, cards, positive phone calls, monthly recognition awards and positive recognition to proudly acknowledge students as they demonstrate their personal successes.
- **Thinking of the Other Person** – motivates us as a school community to support organizations such as World Vision, Christmas Bureau, Food Bank, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Terry Fox Run and our own Toast Program.

School staff and parents are a critical team of support for children to surround them with a safe and caring world. Below are suggestions for parents to become involved in supporting our safe and caring school.

- Visit with your child each day after school and ask how their day was. If concerns surface please contact us to discuss these; your information to us may be the first we hear of a child's concern. We do want to hear from you! Your phone calls and visits provide us with the information that helps us surround your child with a safe and caring environment.
- Stay in touch in your child's teacher through the agendas, school visits and phone calls.
- Volunteer in the school community to support all of our children in growing these strong values.

Together we will *make a difference in the lives of all children!*

Respectfully,  
Jackie Taylor - Principal & Donald Teplyske - Vice Principal

**October**  
**2011**



### Special points of interest:

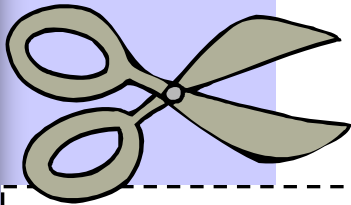
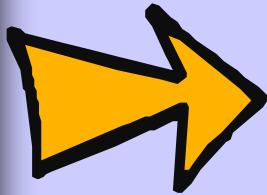
- Newsletters will come home on the first Wednesday of every month and will always have the current month calendar along with the next month's calendar in these. Please post these calendars on your fridge for quick reference.
- Remember to use our school website to check on any news and dates that are upcoming in the year. [www.johnwilsonschool.ca](http://www.johnwilsonschool.ca)

GRADE	SCHOOL FEES	SWIM FEES	TOTAL
Kindergarten	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grade 1 to 4	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$90.00

We want to thank parents who have already been in to pay school fees. Wow! This sure makes it easier on our office staff to have these inputted into the system early in September. Thank you!

All school fees should have been paid by September 30th in full or through a payment plan. If you have not yet paid school fees please see Dawn Davies at our school office.

We appreciate your attention to this as school fees are a major part of the classroom budgets that each teacher receives to support student materials used in the classroom. Administration will begin to contact families who have not made payment arrangements by the end of October.



**Help ensure the safety of our students, your children.  
Utilize our Call Safe line every time your child will be  
absent or late. Call 227-3294.**

### HEY KIDS!

Please have your parents read this newsletter. When they are finished, fill out this coupon, return it to your teacher, and you will be entered into a draw for cool prizes. We'll make the draw at our Oct assembly, and would like all coupons returned by Oct 22.

**Bring it back today!**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chinook's Edge School Division**

### **Achieving success in our safe and caring schools**

A Message from the Superintendent

Knowing that a school is safe is a key foundation for a quality learning environment. Chinook's Edge works very hard to create and maintain a variety of safety initiatives. For example, our Safety Manager has regular site visits at each of our schools to ensure staff, structures and processes meet the highest standards. Our staff are trained and comfortable with the division's Violence Threat Risk Assessment protocols, our Emergency Response Plan, and our procedures for dealing with a variety of emergent situations.

Our commitment to ensuring that safety is everybody's business has helped to create a culture of caring and trust in our schools. Our most recent data shows that 92 percent of our students feel welcome at school, 89 percent state they are encouraged to do their best at school, 87 percent feel the school staff cares about them and 86 percent feel safe at school.

From breakfast programs to athletic leagues, and exciting clubs to engaging classrooms, our students are well cared for from the time they arrive to school to the time they go home each day. Everyone at Chinook's Edge is working to bring our Mission and Vision to life by ensuring we are a school division full of safe, happy, healthy students and staff.

**Kurt Sacher**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

#### **Mission:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

#### **Vision:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

Please subscribe to our school newsletter through our school website.

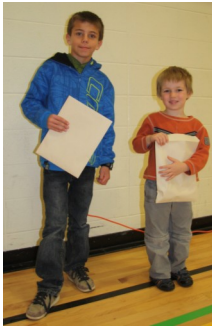
**[www.johnwilsonschool.ca](http://www.johnwilsonschool.ca)**

Help our newsletter become paperless by being emailed to you each month!

If you have subscribed to our newsletter please let us know by filling in the below slip and sending it back to the school office. Many email addresses are hard for us to recognize who they belong to and we want to be sure that we are not also sending you home a paper copy.

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Yes, our family, \_\_\_\_\_, has subscribed on the website to the school newsletter.



**Caught Speaking French Award Winners— Calyb C. & Neal Ziegler-Allen**



**SEPTEMBER BIG 5 AWARD**

Brett Hall, Zane Lutz-Winter, Luke Dodd, Lucas Dyer, Olivia Bergeron, Justin Ganje, Nicole O'Neill, Lianne Akit, Kayla Thibault, Rebecca Hale, Jessie Hall, Melena Stevens, Daymien Budden, Jaelyn Laperle, Arland Foy, Hannah Martin, Jaymie Shevchenko, Arianna Akit



**SEAL OF APPROVAL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**



Sophia B, Mattea Bouvier, Hayden Sutherland, Raechel Scott, Dylan Pike, Hayley Howes, Kaylyn Bates, Cole Sorensen, Tayah Teertstra, Garrett Eccles, Aliah Foster, Cadence Hennessey, Rayne Pillman, Shyan Leighton, Aaliyah Drummond, Teryn Dodd, Brianna Layden, Ian Seafoot, Molly Severtson

**READER OF THE MONTH**



Aliyah Poitra, Hayley Cutler, Emily Savage, Brookelynne Ruppenthal, Rowan Jacques, Shay Styner, Cade Amundson, Jessica Bradford, Brodie Bryant, Dustin Bates, Reanna Phillips, Tristan Anderson, Jeff Tulk, Sarah Gette, Tanner Anderson-Davis, Ethan Syslak

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Week 1	4	5	6 Fun Run	7	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day Week 2	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 School Pictures Am only Week 1	18 Parent Council 6:30pm School Pictures Am only	19 Parent/Teacher Interviews School Pictures Am only	20 Parent/Teacher Interviews School Pictures Am only	21	22
23	24 Week 2	25	26	27 Halloween Dress Up Celebration Assembly 9:25	28 NO SCHOOL	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL Week 1					

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	Week 1					
6	7 Week 2	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Service 11:00	11 NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day	12
13	14 Week 1	15 Parent Council 6:30	16 Lunch with the Bunch	17	18	19
20	21 Week 2	22	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 Week 1	29 Celebration Assembly	30			

École John Wilson Elementary School would like to thank the following community groups for their gracious donations to our school programs. We greatly appreciate this support by the Innisfail community for our student programs. Currently we have been aiming much of the below support towards our daily Breakfast Program. If you are aware of a local business or community group who can further support our school's **Breakfast Program** we would much appreciate help in this area.

**Innisfail Kinettes**

**Innisfail Legion**

**Integra Tire & Auto**

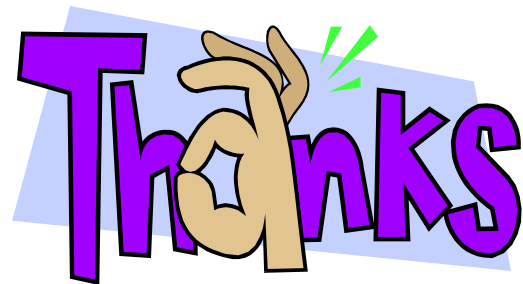
**Discoveries Playschool**

**Red Willow Welding**

**Johns Manville Canada Inc.**

**Christ Congregational Open Fellowship of Innisfail**

**Central Alberta Co-op**



**GET IT THE SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN!**

**PUMPKINELLA!**



**Thursday, October 27th** we will host our second annual Pumpkinella event and school-wide dress-up day. Families can choose to paint a pumpkin and bring it to share with all the EJWES Families. We are asking for pumpkins to be painted this year so that pumpkins are still in good shape for your family to use for Halloween on the 31st. On Thursday morning all pumpkins will be set up in the library between 8:30 -8:45 am and returned home with the oldest student in the family on Thursday afternoon. Please write your families name on the bottom of the pumpkin and your child's teacher's name.

## **Attention Grade 4 Students....Want to ski for free?**

Well here is your opportunity. The Canadian Ski Council would like to invite you to join their 14th SnowPass season. Requirements are simple...you just have to be 9 or 10 years old (born in 2001 or 2002) to qualify. For more details please visit their website [www.snowpass.ca](http://www.snowpass.ca).

## **Nut Safe Lunches and Snacks**

Our school environment strives to be nut aware and nut safe for students who have severe peanut and nut allergies. We need your help and ask all families to strive to not send peanut and nut products to school for snacks or lunch items. We greatly appreciate your assistance and support in this area.

## **C.O.W. Bus ( A Literacy Classroom on Wheels)**

The Alberta Prairie C.O.W. Bus ( A Literacy Classroom on Wheels) will be visiting Innisfail thanks to the Henday Association for lifelong learning. The bus will be parked outside the Alliance Church during the following hours 9-1 and 5-7 on Thursday October 27. Families are welcome to visit.

## **ÉJWES Parent Council Annual General Meeting and Election of Positions**

**Tuesday, October 18th  
6:30**



### **Little Chefs**

**When:** Tuesday, October 18-November 22  
**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm  
**Location:** Dr. George Kemp House  
**Cost:** \$45.00, \$5 for extra child  
Call Heather Dixon for more information at  
403-227-7744

## **YEARLY HOT LUNCHES**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S AGENDA IN  
THE FRONT FOR A STICKER WITH THEIR  
ORDER ITEMS.**



## **Library Buzz**

It has been a CRAZY month, with many students visiting the library for Reading Counts, book exchange and library classes. Our top patron for September was Reilly Dixon with 32 circulations!  
Great job Reilly, keep up the reading!

Our author of the month is Canadian born Paulette Bourgeois, best known for her "Franklin the Turtle" stories. We will be reading some of her books to celebrate her wonderful books. Fall and Thanksgiving stories are on display right now, but watch for our Halloween stories to make an appearance very soon!

Our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year is coming in November. Watch the website and newsletter for more details. It's a great way to get some early Christmas presents at a great price while supporting our library.