



COLLEGE PARK SCHOOL

March 2016 Newsletter

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*"Ensuring all
students learn
and thrive."*

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Message From the Principal

The days are getting longer the weather is unpredictable as usual, but I'm not complaining after this winter. March also brings with it a shift in activities. Basketball and cross country skiing have finished up with badminton already on the go and Track and Field following closely. F & P testing is underway and March brings our second elementary report card, and our second set of student led conferences.

This year we will also be collecting information from students, staff and parents through a survey called Tell Them From Me (TTFM). This survey allows us to access the various voices of College Park School and gives us valuable information about how we are doing as a school community. Parents will be receiving an email with information as to how to access the survey. Please take the time to fill out the survey as it really provides us with a great deal of information and allows us to improve what we do in the service of your children.

As the weather warms and the snow melts students will be spending more time outside at breaks including the noon hour. Students in grades 7, 8 or 9, who have parent permission, are able to leave campus. This is a friendly reminder that this privilege comes with the responsibility of being a good neighbour and ensuring a prompt return to College Park.

And this year as spring comes, so too will mud! Please stay out of the mud so that our grass grows and your clothes and our school stay relatively clean. There are lots of playgrounds and a large amount of paved area we can use to have fun during recess.

Congratulations to all basketball team members on our boys and girls teams. You represented College Park very well with a competitive attitude and exemplary sportsmanship. Many coaches and referees mentioned how they appreciated your behaviour. Also, congratulations to the College Park cross country skiers who represented us at the Ski Loppet this past week. We had 8 students medal in this event.

Enjoy the spring season.

K. David McLennan,
Principal



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Basketball

The girls basketball team ended the season winning second place at districts. The girls beat a strong Meadow Lake team in the semi-finals and lost to ES Laird in the finals. Other season highlights include winning third at the hot hoops tournament where they beat ES Laird and John Paul II from North Battleford. Great season, girls!



This year at College Park we had so much interest in the basketball program that we were able to have both a Girls and Boys B Basketball team. We had weekly practices where we practiced together and participated in league games. To wind up the season we both participated in a local basketball tournament and which was a wonderful experience for the students. A huge thank you goes out to all of the student, parents and our volunteer coach, Mr. Holman (boys coach). We would not have been able to have such a great season without your commitment and participation. Thank you, Wanda Wright (girls coach).

Cross Country Skiing

About 43 enthusiastic students from Grade 4-6 have been participating in the College Park Elementary Ski Club. Students borrowed equipment from the school and skied after school on Mondays or Wednesdays. A 1.2 km double ski track was created around the school yard and walking path courtesy of the Lloydminster X-Country Ski Club. Students learned the basic techniques of cross country skiing and worked to improve both their speed, stamina and technique in preparation for the LPSD Loppet which was held on Wednesday, February 24th at the Golf and Country Club. Their hard work paid off! With 21 students attending we had excellent Cobra representation and earned a lot of hardware. Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 4 girls - Bronze - Natalie D.

Grade 5 girls - Gold - Kamryn H., Silver - Emiley T., Bronze - Mackenzie K., 4th - Tanis K.

Grade 5 boys - Silver - Jordi B., 7th - Nevin R.

Grade 6 girls - Silver - Bree B., Bronze - Christine Y., 4th - Karli T., 5th - Brianna M., 6th - Rayelle B., 7th - Jenna W.

Grade 6 boys - Silver - Ethan W., Bronze - Keeley L., 4th - Brett S.

Congratulations Cobras. We are proud of you.

Ski club winds up the first week of March!

Jump Team

College Park's 2016 Jump Team is starting to get into full swing! We are a group of grades 4-6 students, led by Mrs. Popowich and Mrs. Wilchynski, that are learning some new skipping tricks to not only help us improve our cardiovascular health, but to create a new and motivating jump routine for our Jump Rope for Heart event in June! Please watch for our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event information in the next few newsletters!

Environment Club

Keep those dead batteries coming in. Dead printer cartridges. Dead pens, markers, etc. - those too. Bring them and put them in the green recycle boxes.



The jazz bands rocked at the Jazzworks Non-Competitive Jazz workshops where students were able to learn a lot about swing and improvising. Our Jazz 1 band played the evening showcase concert to thunderous applause from their peers.

Our Grade 8 Band will be travelling to Edmonton March 16 and 17 for the Alberta International Band Festival. Students are reminded that their permission forms are due Friday, March 4.

The Grade 9 Band travels to Edmonton for the Cantando Festival April 17 and 18 where they will have the opportunity to perform on the Winspear stage!

Our Grade 7s travel in April as well on the 12 to observe a dress rehearsal by the ESO.

"Music gives wings to the soul, and teaches it to fly." ~ Unknown



LACE UP WITH HOCKEY ACADEMY

SHADOW DAY

New and interested students can attend a free on ice session and see what it's like to be an Academy student.

MARCH 21 - Grade 6 students

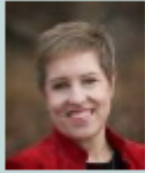
MARCH 22 - Grades 3, 4 and 5 students

MARCH 23 - Grades 7 and 8 students

ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Drop by the Servus Sports Centre on **APRIL 13** anytime between **7-9 P.M.** for a game of on ice shinny, as your parents head to the OTS room to learn more about what the Academy has to offer during our open house and registration night!

Keynote Speaker



Wendy McDonald,
Parent & Executive
Director of Employment &
Fund Development with
Inclusion Alberta.

Wendy is a parent and organizational leader who has been instrumental in establishing Rotary Employment Partnerships across Alberta.

Wendy has two sons, one of whom has developmental disabilities. She will share her own story to inspire the day.

Location & Date

Alan Markin Room (next to the bookstore) @ Lakeland College, on the Lloydminster Campus from 10 AM to 3 PM **Saturday, March 19, 2016**. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. Pre-register by Wednesday, March 16 at 4 PM.



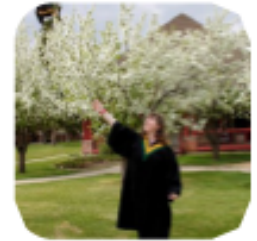
Inclusion Alberta

Developing Meaningful Careers: *What can families do?*

Purpose of the Workshop

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”; a question virtually every parent asks their child. However, if you are a young person with developmental disabilities, the question isn’t as simple as it is for other young people, although it is as important. People with developmental disabilities have historically experienced unemployment rates in excess of 70%.

Initiatives such as the Lloydminster Rotary Employment Partnership and Inclusive Post-Secondary Education at Lakeland College are supporting youth and young adults with developmental disabilities to develop meaningful careers in our community. It is critical that families are exploring and imagining meaningful careers right from the time children start to play dress-up in early childhood.



Parents of children, youth and adults will find this workshop informative and inspirational.

Professionals who support parents to plan for the future are also welcome to attend.



Call (306) 825-5911 or email sandrews@inclusionalberta.org for details.

AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL CORNER

Friendly TIPS FOR SCHOOL ZONE *Safety*

School buses turn slowly and have big blind spots. Parking in a school bus zone – even just for a moment – adds dangerous congestion in front of the school. Avoid passing parked buses and teach kids to stay five steps back at all times.

Teach ‘mini-me’ to be safe at school with fun activities at www.WayToBe.ca

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DAILY EVENTS:

MONDAYS

Grades 5-6 Badminton Practice 7-8 am

Jazz 2 3:15 pm

Grades 7-9 Badminton Practice 3:30-4:30 pm

Middle School Art Club 3:30-5pm

TUESDAYS

Grades 7-9 Badminton Practice 7-8 am

Jazz 1 7:45-8:30 am

Chess Club @ Noon

Middle School Math Club 12:30 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Grades 7-9 Badminton Practice 7-8 am

Grades 4-6 Lego Club @ Noon

GAAC @ Noon (Even Days)

Gold Band 3:30 pm

THURSDAYS

Grades 7-9 Badminton Practice 7-8 am

Jazz 1 7:45-8:30 am

Chess Club @ Noon

Grades 5-6 Badminton Practice 3:30-4:30 pm

Middle School Art Club

Middle School Art Club will meet on
March 14 and March 21.

TELL THEM FROM ME

We are inviting parents to participate in an online anonymous Tell Them From Me survey.

We have been in our building for over a year and we would like your feedback. This survey provides feedback to College Park staff about the extent to which parents feel the school supports learning and positive behaviour and promotes a safe and inclusive environment.

Information from this survey will help guide decision making and goal setting for College Park School. Parents will complete the survey in March.

Students and staff will complete the survey in April.

A link to the survey will be emailed to you directly by your child's teacher in the near future. Thank you for contributing your voice!

Lego Club

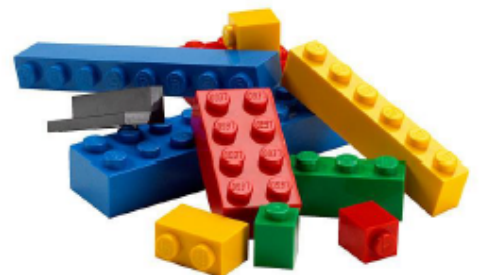
Challenges, focused tasks & open play time to test children's imagination and creativity.

It's all about having lots of fun and being creative with Lego.

Who: Grades 4-6

When: Wednesday Lunch

Where: Library



MARCH 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>It was one of those <i>March</i> days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.</p> <p>—Charles Dickens</p>		<p>1</p> <p>LCHS Grade 9 Parent Night</p> <p>K2</p>	<p>2</p> <p>We Day</p> <p>K1/K3</p>	<p>3</p> <p>K2</p>	<p>4</p> <p>LPSD Division Spelling Bee</p> <p>K1/K3</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Grade 7 Badminton Tryouts 6:30am</p> <p>K2</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Grade 8 Badminton Tryouts 6:30am</p> <p>SCC Meeting 7 pm</p> <p>K1/K3</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Grade 9 Badminton Tryouts 6:30am</p> <p>Early Dismissal 2:15 pm</p> <p>K2</p>	<p>10</p> <p>No School</p> <p>Teacher's Convention</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>PI Day</p> <p>Pie in the Face</p> <p>K1/K3</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Gold Band Trip</p> <p>K2</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Grade 8 Band Trip</p> <p>K1/K3</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Crazy Hat Day</p> <p>K2</p>	<p>18</p> <p>K-6 Report Cards Home</p> <p>K1/K3</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Student Led Conferences 3:30-7 pm</p> <p>K2</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Grade 1-2 Ag Days 9-10:30am</p> <p>Celebrations Assembly 1:10pm</p> <p>Student Led Conferences 3:30-7 pm</p> <p>K1/K3</p>	<p>23</p> <p>K2</p>	<p>24</p> <p>K1/K3</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No School</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>← No School - Easter Holidays →</p> 