

Home of the Entwistle
Eagles

Our Vision:

Our students
possess the
confidence,
resilience, insight
and skills required
to thrive in, and
positively impact,
the world.

Entwistle Students
show:

P- purposefulness

R- resilience

I- independence

D- dignity

E- empathy

Entwistle School Newsletter

February 2020



Sunrise at Entwistle School - picture by Mrs. Nash

Principal's Message

January brought us some very cold temperatures and lots of snow. With the temperature being warmer it is so great to see the students out in the snow playing. February is shaping up to be a busy month with skiing, skating, Kindergarten Open House, Jump Rope for Heart and other fun activities. Please join us for some of our fun events when you can. We always appreciate our community and parent volunteers! I would like to welcome our new education assistant Ms. Lien and a congrats to Mrs. Klingspohn on her move to School Secretary.

Kindergarten Open House

Kindergarten open house is on February 12th from 6-7pm. Please bring your little ones. We will have an activity and light snacks planned along with our presentation. Come and learn about our program, teacher and supports. We look forward to seeing you there.

Online Registration/Verification for 2020-2021

Online registration and verification for the 2020-2021 school year will open February 3! This process must be completed for every student each school year. Please check your email beginning February 3, 2020 for a message from "PowerSchool Registration Support" <noreply@noreply.psrsupport.com> and follow the instructions in that email to complete the registration process.

All parents and guardians are required to complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 20, 2020. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break. **Any applications received after the March 20th deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school.**

Payment arrangements for bus passes must be received through Parkland School Division's online payment system (Rycor) or at the Parkland School Division Centre for Education on or before **Friday, June 26, 2020** for students to be eligible to ride the bus on the first day of school. Remember: If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2020-2021 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

For more information, including the registration process for new students and a list of important registration dates and deadlines, please visit www.psd70.ab.ca/Registration.php.

Archery, Skating, Skiing and Snowshoeing

Permission forms have been sent home for February activities. Archery with Miss Williams and snowshoeing with Mrs. Nash will be offered during specified recess breaks. We are also fortunate to have skating on Tuesdays and two ski trips to Rabbit Hill for grades 5-9 planned. Thank you to FOELS for supporting our winter trips!

Cold Weather

Alberta experiences significant temperature changes. Cold temperatures, wind chill, snow and ice, or severe storms can potentially be detrimental to an individual's safety. Ultimately, parents hold the responsibility for deciding to send a child to the bus stop or to school even though buses and schools may be operational. (AP 750 –Severe Weather)

During our cold week in January there were some parents requesting clarification on what happens on those days. Schools shall remain open with an understanding that no new concepts or learning projects (coverage of curricula) shall be initiated during a cancellation of transportation services. Review and/or progress on learning tasks, assignments or projects already in process shall be encouraged. Students are always welcome, although we will alert you to any cold weather related issues that the school may be experiencing (heating, water, etc.) so you can make your own decision to send your child(ren). However, this is never to discourage you in sending your child if you wish them to attend on these days.

Teachers Convention

Teachers will be attending professional development on February 6th and 7th. Conventions give teachers an opportunity to reflect on and learn about new and innovative practices and theories. Conventions are a component of teacher professionalism, which in turn enhances student learning. We hope students and families have a wonderful long weekend while we are away learning.

Donations

We have started some recess clubs and activities that could use some support. If you find you have board games, crafting materials, yarn, knitting needles/looms, Lego, or small hand tools they would be appreciated. Please remember that young students will be using these items so they should be in good repair. You can drop off items at the office at any time and we will sort it out. Thank you!

January at Entwistle

In January we had our farm safety presentation and would like to say a big thank you to our presenter Mrs. Wilkie who helped our students understand the risks around machines big and small. We had another successful CTF week. It was great to see students learning, working and exploring career options.

Important Reminders

- ✓ Students are to be picked up and dropped off either on 51 Street or in the visitor parking lot. With the snow we would prefer the use of the visitor parking lot for safety. Too many vehicles in front of the school can be very dangerous, as drivers have a difficult time seeing the pedestrians. Thank you for helping us all have a safe way to school.

Upcoming Events

Feb 3 – Archery at lunch
Feb 4 – Skating
Feb 5 – Ski Trip #1
Feb 6-7 –Teachers
Convention
Feb 10 – Archery at lunch
Feb 11 – Skating
Feb 11- Grade 9 and
catch up Immunizations
Feb 13 - Archery at lunch
Feb 13 – Horse program
Feb 14 – ECS Day
Feb 14 – Thursday
Schedule
Feb 14 – Valentine’s Day!
Feb 14 – Community
Breakfast
Feb 14 – Pizza Party
(SANG)
Feb 17 –Family Day
Feb 18 – Ski Trip #2
Feb 18 – Skating
Feb 20 – Horse Program
Feb 20 – Archery at lunch
Feb 21 – Wednesday
Schedule
Feb 24 – FOELS Meeting
Feb 25 – School Spirit Day
Feb 27 – Assembly 2:19
Feb 28 – MSD Day

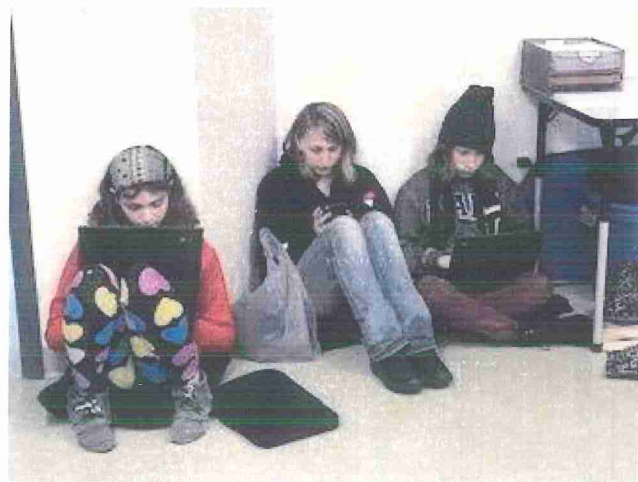
- ✓ Please make sure students are wearing proper outdoor clothing so they can play outside comfortably, as well as an extra change of clothing for their locker. We want students to be warm and comfortable and playing in the snow can leave us wet. A change of clothes can make a big difference.
- ✓ It's important for all visitors to sign in at the office when you arrive, every time.
- ✓ School doors open at 8:15, please do not drop your children off before this time, as there is no supervision. If a situation arises in which your child must come to school early, please contact the office ahead of time so we can make an arrangement for that day.
- ✓ School Fees for all students are due. If you have not paid yours, and need to make arrangements, please contact the office.

FOELS Meeting

The next FOELS meeting of the 2019/2020 school year will be on Monday, February 24th, at 3:40 in the Learning Commons. Please consider joining FOELS, they sponsor many clubs, sporting events, activities, equipment, and busing that benefits all the students of Entwistle. Big thank you for the support in purchasing stools, tables, busing, a new Kindergarten play kitchen, and a new laminator!

Ms. Blair
Principal

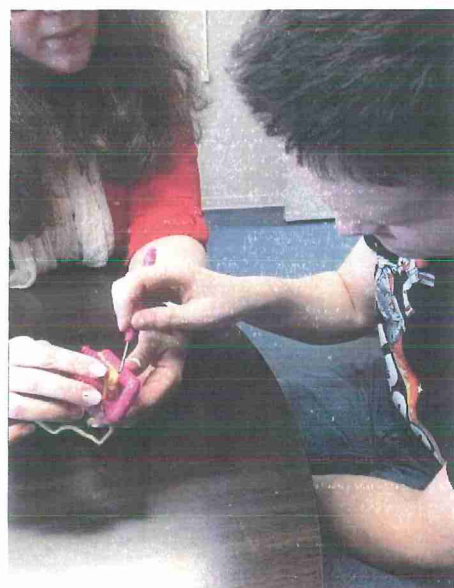
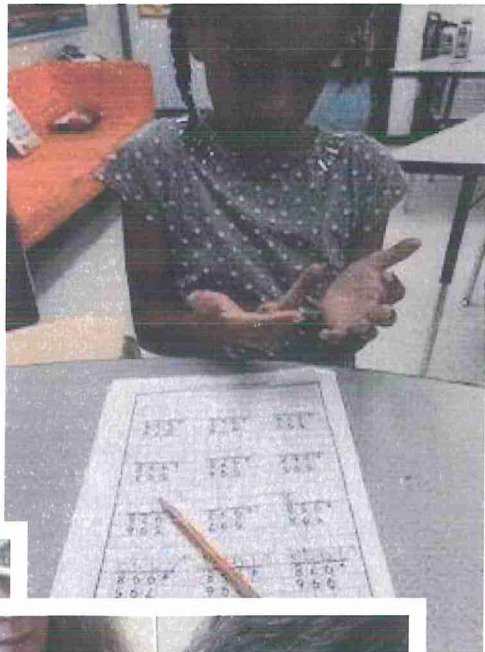
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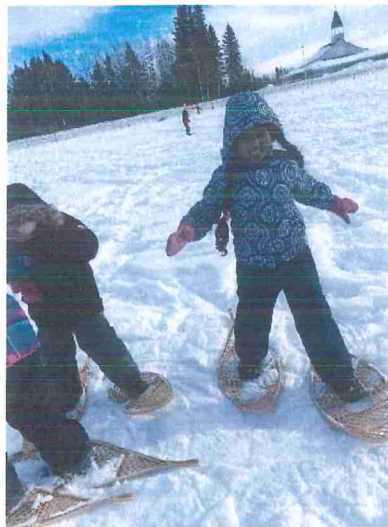
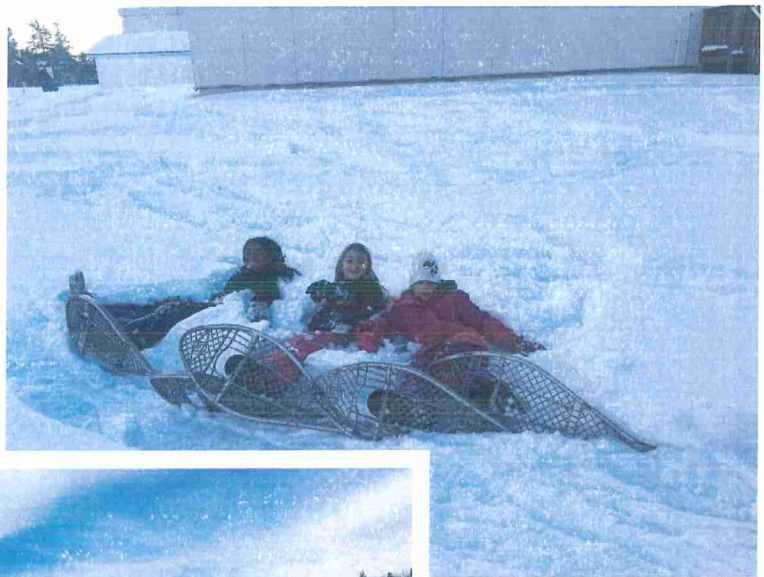
**Welcome
Back!**



Around the School



Snowshoeing



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