

# Learning Connections Elementary School

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## March 2007 Newsletter

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### How is your child doing at school?

Come to our **Demonstration of Learning Evening** on Thursday March 15, 2007, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

This is a wonderful chance to celebrate your children's learning. Pick up their report card and talk to our teachers. Let your children show you what they have been doing this year.



***Our instructional focus is to produce clear English newsletters to support reading for meaning for all of our readers.***

## **Principal's Message**

### **Make time to reflect on school achievements**

I have been busy reading children's report cards, and I am proud how well our students are doing. Please make time to talk to your child about the goals they set in November, and their achievements this term. It helps children learn if they reflect on what they have done and look at where they can make improvements in their schoolwork. Our aim is to develop independent thinkers who value life long learning.

### **Talk with your children about their 'I can statements'**

It is important for children to celebrate what they learn to do. When your children come home from school, have conversations around the "I can statements" of their day. This will help them review their day and give you an opportunity to share in their learning. You can find examples of these "I can statements" in your children's classrooms, agendas, homework assignments and projects.

### **No teasing month**

Learning Connections is making March a 'no teasing' month. We will ask children not to mock, laugh at, or make fun of each other at school.

Please support this idea at home by talking with your children about it. Help us make this a wonderful month at Learning Connections!

Yours in learning,  
John Doe

## **Important Dates and Events**



March 1, 2	Teachers Convention <b>School Closed</b>
March 16	Professional Development Day <b>School Closed</b>
March 20	School Ski Trip
March 21	PAC Meeting 7:00pm
March 26-30	Spring Break <b>School Closed</b>
April 11	Student Assembly 9:30 am
April 6-9	Easter Break <b>School Closed</b>

## **Quote of the Month**

**We must view young people not as empty bottles to be filled,  
but as candles to be lit.**



# News around the School

## Help Students with their Homework in the Study Club

**On March 14** we are having our first **After School Study Club** on **Thursdays from 12:00 – 2:00 pm**. Students can get help with homework in any school subject. Parents and students are welcome to volunteer as tutors. We will provide light snacks and students can bring lunch. Please call Mrs. Jones for more information at 466-6666.

## Prepare for the School Ski Trip to Snow Valley

**On Tuesday March 20, Grades 1 to 6 will be going skiing at Snow Valley** for the whole day. Please make sure your child is dressed warm. Your child will bring a field trip form home on March 12. Please complete the form and return it by March 15. If you would like to volunteer to help on the Ski trip, please call the office on 456-7890.



## Come and take part in a PAC Meeting

The **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** is meeting on **March 21 at 7 pm in the library**. Attending the PAC meetings is a great way to be involved in the school. This month we will be looking at ways to spend our fundraising money. We want your input.

## A chance for your child to join the Running Club



Mrs. Jones and Mr. Philips will be starting a running club this term for Grades 4 – 6. They will meet in the Gym on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12.20pm**. Children will learn warm-up exercises and running drills. Please send your child in appropriate clothing for these activities. Running exercises help your child focus better in class.

## **Plans to Reduce Class Sizes**

We did not receive the increase in school funding that we expected. This means we cannot do everything we would like to do this year. But, we did receive some additional funding. We used this funding to reduce the size of many of the classes.

We hope to receive further provincial funding. If we do, we will reduce our class sizes at all grade levels. We would like to meet the Alberta Learning Commission's suggested class size.

## **Does your Child have a valid Monthly Bus Pass?**

The price of monthly bus passes has increased to \$38.00 per month. Bus passes allow children to travel on ETS buses as often as they like from Monday to Friday.

You can buy monthly bus passes at the school office. You can buy them at noon or after school on either the last two days of each month or the first three days of each month.

Please make sure that your child has a valid bus pass. ETS staff checks students' bus passes at the beginning of each month.



## **Please Pay Overdue School Fees**

Our enrolment booklet lists a number of option courses. There are fees for these courses. On the first day of school, we gave each student a personalized fee form. If you have not paid these fees yet, please pay them as soon as possible.

If you cannot pay these fees on time, please contact the school secretary to make other arrangements. For instance, you could pay in installments.

## The Circus is coming to Town

**Free ticket vouchers are available for children in Kindergarten to Grade 3**

Shrine Circus Ticket Vouchers are available at the Learning Connections School Office for performances on March 9, 10 & 11.

You can exchange these vouchers for tickets at the box office. The vouchers are only valid for performances on Saturday and Sunday. If you would like vouchers, please come to the office or send a note with your child. The office will not give vouchers to students without written or verbal permission from their parents. Have a great day at the circus



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# Newsletter Draw Forms

## Enter the newsletter draw! Win a Pizza.

It's easy. Answer the following question on the form below (the answer is in the newsletter!) and return it to school by April 5. Fill in **one draw form for each child**. There is one pizza to win for Kindergarten to Grade 3 and one for Grades 4 – 6. Thanks and good luck!



*What day is the school closed for the Teacher's Convention?*

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Grade

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