



# April 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 1-May 1 – Grade 2 Swimming**  
**April 4 – Power Awards Assembly 2:15**  
**April 9 – Hot Lunch**  
**April 17 – Pre-K Open House 3:30 – 4:30**  
**April 18 – 27 – No School Spring Break**  
**April 29 – Hot Lunch**

### Coming Up...

**May 1 – Spell-a-thon Assembly**  
**May 2 – No School Collab Day**  
**May 16 – No School**  
**May 19 – No School Victoria Day**  
**May 23 – Power Awards Assembly**



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived, and we are excited for all the fun that comes with warmer weather! April often brings unpredictable temperatures, so we encourage families to check the forecast each morning. Our playground can be quite wet and muddy this time of year, so sending your child in boots and weather-appropriate clothing—and even packing an extra set of clothes—can help ensure they stay comfortable throughout the day. While our staff do their best to keep students high and dry, the lure of a good mud puddle is sometimes just too strong!

Thank you to all the families who participated in our recent Parent-Teacher Interviews. We had a fantastic turnout, and we truly value the opportunity to connect with you about your child's learning. The partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our students grow, and we appreciate your ongoing trust and support.

Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting Pound It Hip Hop Studio for a week-long residency. Students participated in daily hip-hop lessons, ending in a fantastic performance on Friday. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and energy! A huge thank you to our School Council for organizing and funding this experience—your dedication to enriching our students' learning is deeply appreciated.

On March 31st, we kicked off our Spell-a-thon fundraiser, which helps support field trips, playground improvements, and the development of new materials featuring our school's logos and mascots, Jessie and Duncan. Students have the opportunity to win some exciting prizes for collecting pledges, including Principal or Teacher for a Day, a classroom lunch party, and free rentals at the multiplex arena or Innisfail pool—some of the all-time favorites!

Thank you for your continued support in making Jessie Duncan Elementary a fantastic place where we are growing together and learning forever.

Kory Sholdice  
Principal  
Jessie Duncan Elementary

# AT THE pool

## Grade 2 Swimming Lessons

**Apr 1,3,8,10,15,  
17,29 & May 1**

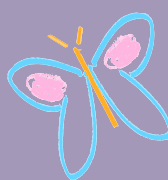
**2/3M- 10:30-11:15**

**2N - 11:15-12:00**

**2G - 1:00-1:45**

**2H- 1:45-2:30**

# welcome to kindergarten



**2025-2026**



Kindergarten registration  
for the 2025-2026 School  
year is now open

Please check [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca)  
for more information

<https://www.cesd73.ca/programs/early-childhood-services>



Pre-Kindergarten builds children's strengths and skills in a playful, language-rich environment.

- Learn to express themselves, share, and problem-solve
- Improve communication and motor skills through specific intervention, exploration, and guided activities
- Build social skills and confidence in a playful and welcoming environment
- Discover new experiences, friends, and a love of learning

To learn more about our program please visit:

<https://www.jessieduncan.ca/about/pre-kindergarten-report>



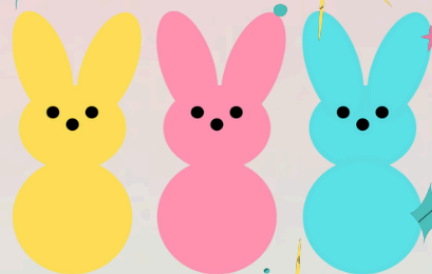
**April 17**

**3:30-4:30pm**

**Join us on Thursday  
April 17th to learn more  
about our Pre-K  
program.**

COUNCIL CORNER:

April



A BIG THANK  
YOU TO  
POUND IT HIP  
HOP STUDIO'S  
FOR PUTTING  
ON A  
FANTASTIC  
DANCE  
RESIDENCY @  
JDES!

Jessie Duncan Parent Society

Hello  
Spring

Parent Council

Next Meeting

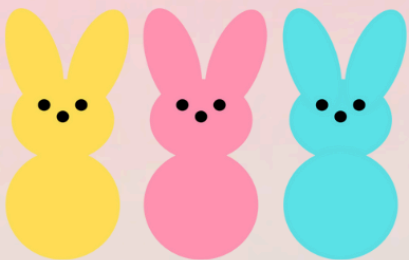
April 16 @ 6pm

School Council Meeting Followed  
by Parent Society Board Meeting

All Parents Welcome!







*Jessie Duncan Parent Society*

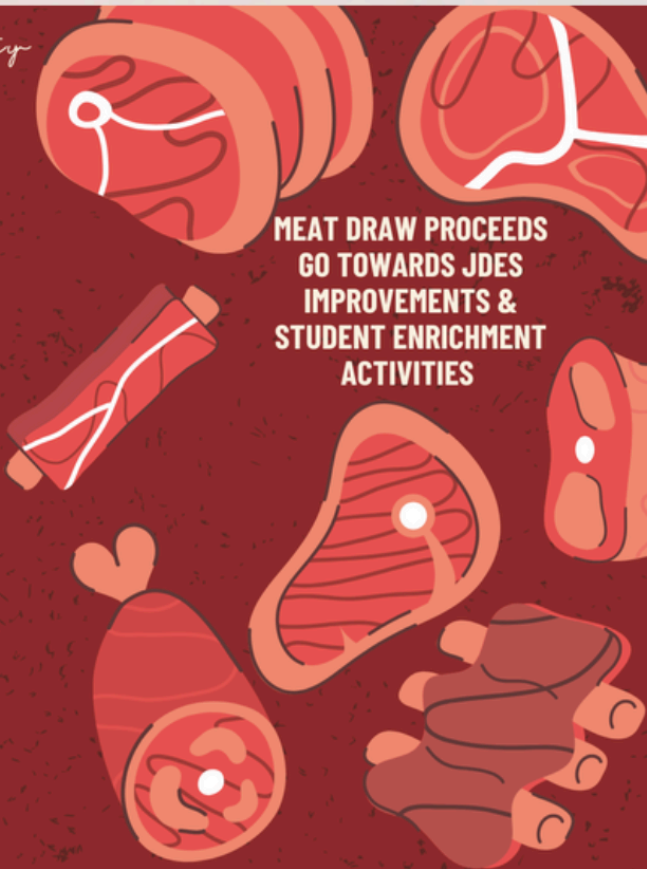
# Meat Draw Volunteers Needed!

April 4th, 2025

MEAT DRAWS ARE ON FRIDAYS  
@ THE PENHOLDER TAVERN  
4 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EACH DRAW  
HOURS 6:45 PM- 8:45PM

Please contact  
[jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com)  
FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP

MEAT DRAW PROCEEDS  
GO TOWARDS JDES  
IMPROVEMENTS &  
STUDENT ENRICHMENT  
ACTIVITIES



# Happy Easter





# Information About Measles

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## Parents, Guardians, School Staff and Volunteers

Measles cases are increasing globally, with numerous countries and travel destinations reporting outbreaks including the United States, Europe and Canada. So far in 2025, Canada has seen a significant increase in measles cases and a number of jurisdictions have reported measles outbreaks. Cases of measles have been reported in New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba and most recently, Alberta.

There are no confirmed measles cases at your school at this time; however, it is important that parents are aware of the risk and are supported by Alberta Health Services (AHS) Public Health.

## Measles Illness

Measles is very contagious and is easily spread through the air. Some people who get measles can have serious health problems. In rare cases, measles can lead to death.

Measles is a viral illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and a blotchy rash. Symptoms usually start 8-12 days after exposure but can take as long as 21 days to appear.

Measles may cause complications including ear infections, pneumonia, seizures, or inflammation of the brain. Complications are more common among children under five years and people who are pregnant or immunocompromised.

A person with measles symptoms should stay home, avoid contact with others, and call Health Link at 811 before visiting any healthcare facility or any healthcare provider.

## Protection against Measles

The best protection against measles is to get immunized. Measles vaccines are highly effective.

In order to be adequately protected against measles, individuals born in or after 1970 need two documented doses of measles-containing vaccine.

In Alberta, measles-containing vaccines are available free of charge for eligible individuals. The routine childhood immunization program includes two doses of measles containing vaccine.

For more information about measles-containing vaccines please go to [ahs.ca/immunize](https://ahs.ca/immunize) or talk to your/your child's healthcare provider. Parents and guardians can check that their child has received two doses of measles vaccine by calling Health Link at 811 or by contacting their local public health or community health center [[ahs.ca/info/page17791.aspx](https://ahs.ca/info/page17791.aspx)]. Individuals who are 14 years of age and older can check their immunization record at [myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords](https://myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords).

## Measles Case Response

If measles is confirmed at your school, Public Health will immediately begin working with the school to keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of measles spreading.

To reduce transmission of measles, provincial Public Health guidelines require those with infection and their contacts who are not immune to measles to stay at home and away from others until the risk of spreading the disease is over.

Further, we encourage you to keep children home when showing any signs of illness. Two doses of measles vaccine given before a school measles exposure provides protection against measles and avoids possible exclusion.

## Next Steps

If your child is not immunized, or you are unsure about you or your child's immunization status, please call Health Link at 811.

You can also learn more from [myhealth.alberta.ca](https://myhealth.alberta.ca) about measles, who is at risk, and how it spreads, including:

- immunization: [myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/pages/measles.aspx](https://myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/pages/measles.aspx)
- frequently asked questions: [myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/documents/measles-faq.pdf](https://myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/documents/measles-faq.pdf)
- text "measles" to 88111 for information by text message.

Thank you for your support.

A CRIME PREVENTION MONTH ACTIVITY PRESENTED BY:



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THE CENTRAL ALBERTA  
CRIME PREVENTION CENTRE



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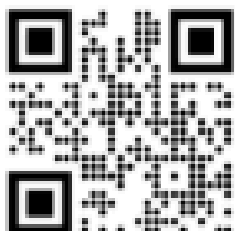
# TOUCH-A-TRUCK



**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 | 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**@WESTERN PARK, NORTH PARKING LOT, 4847A 19 ST, RED DEER**

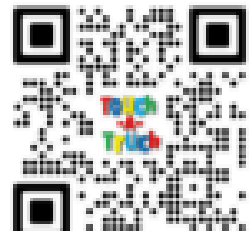
- FOOD TRUCKS ONSITE
- NO PETS PLEASE
- QUIET TIME 9:30 AM - 11 AM (NO HORNS/SIRENS)
- RAIN OR SHINE



ADVANCED TICKETS

\$30 Family Admission (on-site - up to 6 people)  
\$25 Family Admission (advanced ticket - up to 6 people)  
\$15 Single Admission (on-site - 1 person)

[WWW.CACPC.CA/TOUCH-A-TRUCK](http://WWW.CACPC.CA/TOUCH-A-TRUCK)



EVENT INFO