



NICKERSON NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM ÉCOLE LEO NICKERSON SCHOOL

December 2023



Dear Parents,

This time of year always amazes me how quickly the days go! It is so hard to believe that we are already in the month of December! As always, the school is bustling as students prepare for the winter concert. There are many things occurring in the building in the month of December, so here are your reminders:

December 13: 1:30 pm Dress Rehearsal for English Program classes

6:00 pm Winter Concert (English Program)

December 14: 10:30 am Dress Rehearsal French Immersion Program A

1:30 pm Dress Rehearsal French Immersion Program B

5:30 pm Winter Concert (French Immersion) Program A

For students in the following classes: Mme Yongue, Mme Spiller, Mme Sabina, Mme Watson, M Bello,

Mme Coumba Dieng, Mme Sydney/Mme Estelle, Mme Walter.

7:00 pm Winter Concert (French Immersion) Program B

For Students in the following classes: Mme Stephenie Holmstrom, Mme Smiley, Mme Calderon, Mme Hornung, Mme Settingiano, Mme Stelmaschuk

December 18: Caroling in the Gym **9:15 am**

December 19: (Holiday Sweater/Shirt Day) Carolling in the Gym **1:20 pm**

December 20: (Holiday Hat Day) Carolling in the Gym **9:15 am**

December 21: Pancakes and PJ's for Kindergarten (Last Day for Kinders of 2023)

December 21: (Red Green Day) Carolling in the Gym **1:20 pm**

December 22: Pancakes and PJ's Grades 1-6

December 22: Early Dismissal **12:25 pm**

We are hoping that you can join us for some of the caroling fun! We would like to wish you a wonderful holiday break and a Happy New Year 2024! We look forward to seeing you back on Monday, January 8, 2024!

Michael & Adam

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WINTER CONCERT INFO**

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NICKERSON FEATURE



Metis Week

As part of Metis Week, our grade 3 students created art in the style of Phyllis Poitras-Jarret.



Leo Nickerson 2023

Pancake
Breakfast



It's the most wonderful time of the year...
time for our annual PJs & PANCAKES!

WHO? All Leo Nickerson students & staff

WHAT? Wear comfy PJs & eat pancakes

WHEN?

Kindergarten: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21st

Grades 1-6: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

WHERE? In the gymnasium

WHY? To celebrate the last day of
school before Christmas Break!



The Details:

1. We are ordering INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED McDonald's hotcakes.
2. There will be ALLERGEN FREE pancakes available for those who need them.
Please email Leo.Nickerson@spschools.org if your child has allergies or sensitivities to soy, wheat, milk and/or egg.
3. Please email Leo.Nickerson@spschools.org if you're interested in VOLUNTEERING.
4. We are not collecting cash payments, but would appreciate DONATIONS through your Parent Portal to help cover the cost. The suggested donation per student is \$5, but please feel free to contribute more or less, as your situation allows. Thank you!
5. Please report your child's ABSENCES for December school days in advance, if possible, especially for Thursday, December 22 and Friday, December 23. Reporting the student's absence will reduce the amount of food the school orders, and thereby reduce the waste.

HAPPY KWANZAA!
Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah
Happy Holidays

Kindergarten Fair

Do you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall?

Please join us for the St. Albert Public Schools Kindergarten Fair, where you can find out more about our programs, full and half-day Kindergarten, yellow busing, school boundaries, speech and occupational therapy and more. Visit our displays and have your questions answered by division staff.
Free admission and free parking!

Bellerose Composite High School
 49 Giroux Road

JAN 13, 2024
DOORS OPEN 9:30 AM

Who should attend?

Families with children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. Please note that children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024 to enroll in Kindergarten for the fall of 2024.

SESSIONS
10:00 - 11:50 am
 Sessions run concurrently at 10:00, 10:40 and 11:20 am

- Preparing your Child for Kindergarten
- English Kindergarten Program
- Logos Christian Kindergarten Program
- French Immersion Kindergarten Program
- Cogito Kindergarten Program



MORE KINDERGARTEN INFO:
www.spschools.org/programs/kindergarten/kindergarten-fair

Division Administration Office
 60 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
 780.460.3711
www.spschools.org

St. Albert PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We need lunch supervisors!

We are looking for one daily lunch supervisor and some sub supervisors to help us out!
 Monday to Friday from 12:15 - 1:15 - supervising students eating lunch and then out on the playground.
 First Aid helpful but not necessary
 This is a paid position. Please contact Erik (erik.hornung@spschools.org) if interested

Winter Concert Information

Our Winter Concert will take place on December 13, 2023 for our English program families and December 14, 2023 for our French Immersion Families. Concert times as follows:

December 13, 2023 6:00 pm ALL English program students
December 14, 2023 5:30 pm for Performance A:

Students in following French Immersion classrooms: Mme Yongue, Mme Spiller, Mme Sabina, Mme Watson, M. Bello, Mme Coumba, Mme Sydney/Estelle, Mme Walter

December 14, 2023 7:00 pm for PERFORMANCE B:
 Students in following French Immersion classrooms: Mme Stephenie, Mme Smiley, Mme Calderon, Mme Hornung, Mme Settingiano, Mme Elise

Each student will be given 2 tickets to their show. Other family is invited to attend the dress rehearsals.

The English Program DRESS REHEARSAL takes place December 13 at 1:30 pm

The French Program DRESS REHEARSAL for PROGRAM A is at 10:00 am, DRESS REHEARSAL for

PROGRAM B is at 1:30pm





DECEMBER

5	Outdoor Pursuits #1 Grades 4-6	13/14	Winter Concert
6	No Kindergarten Classes Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm	21	Kindergarten Pancakes & Pyjamas Last Day Kinder 2023
7	Friends of LN Google Meet @ 7:00pm	22	Gr 1-6 Pancakes & Pyjamas
7	Skip the Depot Pick Up 9:00 am	22	Gr 1-6 Early Dismissal 12:25pm

Winter Break: December 23 - January 7



JANUARY

8	First Day of School 2024	17	Healthy Hunger (Nitza's)
10	No Kindergarten Classes Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm	24	Healthy Hunger (Mucho Burrito) Last Day Kinder 2023
10	Healthy Hunger (Kernels)	26	Outdoor Pursuits #2
11	Outdoor Pursuits #1	29	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
12	Healthy Hunger (Lunch Lady)	31	NO SCHOOL: Staff PD Day



FEBRUARY

6	Kindergarten Information Evening	15	100th Day of School
7	No Kindergarten Classes Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm	19	NO SCHOOL: Family Day
7	Healthy Hunger (Kernels)	21	Healthy Hunger (McDonald's)
8 & 9	NO SCHOOL: Teacher's Convention	23	Outdoor Pursuits #3
14	Healthy Hunger (Nitza's Pizza)	28	NO SCHOOL: Staff PD Day

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER!

Ecole Leo Nickerson has made arrangements with Skip the Depot to pick up recyclable bottles, cans, milk jugs and juice containers on the monthly dates noted in the calendar above. If you would like to join in on this fundraising effort, all you need to do is drop off your bag of recyclables on the morning of the scheduled pick up in the front foyer. See Mrs. Johnson in the office for a label for your bag. All of the proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards the new playground. **NEXT PICK UP DATE: DECEMBER 7**

For more detailed information, please check out the calendar on the school website at ln.spschools.org

FRIENDS REPORT



FRIENDS OF LEO NICKERSON

UPDATES

GOAL: \$500,000



Playground Progress

We are currently recruiting Members to join our Playground Committee. If you have playground/construction experience or any interest in joining the committee, please e-mail Friends of Leo Nickerson at friendsofleonickerson@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

We will be starting to reach out to businesses and clubs for donations and sponsorships in the coming months. Please let us know if you have a business that we can partner with!

Thank you for supporting our fundraisers!

Current Fundraisers

- Cash Calendar
 - Closes December 21, 2023
 - Winners announced daily in January
- World's Finest Chocolates
 - Closes December 15th



Upcoming Fundraisers

- Best Seat in the House
 - Tickets available onsite at the Winter Concerts
- Oilers Watch Party (Oilers vs Canadiens)
 - January 13th
- Bottle Drive
 - February 15 - 17

Need to Know

- Ongoing Fundraisers:
 - Skipthepot
 - Mabels Labels
 - Hot Lunches
- Next Meeting: December 7 @ 7pm in Staff Room

