



# École AGNES DAVIDSON SCHOOL

May, 2019



Click on me for the on-line calendar of events.

## Dates to Remember

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| 1     | Individual Spring Photos             |
| 2     | Spell-a-thon                         |
| 6     | Music Monday Assembly, 10:45am       |
| 9     | LOTG—Boston Pizza                    |
| 14    | School Council, 7pm                  |
| 15    | Gratitude Assembly, 9am              |
| 15    | National Ballet Live Stream, 10:45am |
| 20    | No School, Victoria Day              |
| 21    | No School, School Based PL Day       |
| 27-30 | BOGO Scholastics book sale, L.C      |
| 29    | Talent Show Dress Rehearsal, 8:45am  |
| 31    | Talent Show, 8:45am                  |

## Talent Show

We will be previewing the students' acts for our Talent Show during the month of May. Thank you students for your interest in this school-wide activity. Students will be given notification of when they are to preview their performance.

Due to the number of talent show entries, we will be having only ONE talent show this year, held on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 a.m. for students in Grades 1 through 3 and at 10:30 a.m. for students in Grades 4 and 5. The dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. for all performers.

If needed, we have a sound system, CD Player and piano available. However, all other equipment such as music and props will be the responsibility of the student. If you have any questions regarding the Talent Show please contact Mrs. Leggat or see our school website for further details.



## School Fees

As we approach "field trip" season at the elementary level, it is very important that all school fees be paid to support the costs of these trips and special events. Unfortunately, if fees are not paid, some of the field trips may have to be cancelled. Please go to School Cash Online to ensure your fees are paid. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

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## Learning Commons

We are so excited to announce that we will be offering a BOGO book event on May 27th to May 30th!!! This special book sale will allow students to purchase popular Scholastic titles in both English and French, and the chance to buy one book and get the next one free!! Stock up for summer!!! And, as always, popular books can be backordered.

The sale will be held in the Learning Commons, room #25. We will have debit, cash and chequing payment options. Our hours will be as follows:

Monday-Wednesday: 8.30-10.00 am, 10.15 am to 12.00pm, 12.30-3.40 pm.

Thursday: 10:00 am-12.00 pm, 12.15-2.00 pm, 2.30pm-5.00 pm.



## Spell-a-Thon

Once again, Agnes Davidson School Council will be hosting a SPELL-A-THON where 100% of the money raised will go directly towards the cost of extra educational opportunities and enhancements for every student at the school. The spell-a-thon will include all of the students in Kindergarten through grade 5. During the last half of April, students will focus on their own efforts to make a personal contribution to the enhancement of their school.

Students have received a list of grade-specific words to study. They are encouraged to solicit donations or pledges from family and friends for each spelling word they get correct on a spelling test to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As an incentive, the one class which raises the most amount of money will receive half their donations back which will be used for a purchase for that particular class. The classroom teacher, along with student input, will make the decision of how the money is used for his/her class.

As we are a cashless school, it is our endeavor to have as many donations made on-line as possible. Donations \$25.00 or larger will be eligible for a tax receipt.

- Please visit our webpage at; [www.ad.lethsd.ab.ca](http://www.ad.lethsd.ab.ca)
- Go to Quicklinks
- Choose Donations
- Choose the Fund Destination - Agnes Davidson Elementary Spell-a-thon
- Enter your amount

Print your tax receipt if you so choose

Each student has also received a pledge sheet to keep track of their child efforts in collecting any cash donations. Please return any cash donations to the office by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Some important dates to remember;

- April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> – Help your child study his/her spell-a-thon words and solicit sponsorship from family and friends.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Spell-a-thon date.
- Week of May 6<sup>th</sup> – Results of the spell-a-thon to go home.
- Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Have all donations handed in at school.

## Online Donations

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## Making Connections

The Making Connections team has partnered with *My City Cares*, who will now be running the Clothing Exchanges. They have a trailer filled with clothes that they will bring to one of District 51 schools twice a month during the warmer months. The next one is at Nicholas Sheran school April 30, Victoria Park on May 14, Wilson Middle School June 4 and Lakeview school June 18. The times will be 2:30 – 4:30. The trailer has shelves and hangers so people can see the clothes easily and they are separated into different sizes. If you cannot make these dates they have a space downtown at 5<sup>th</sup> on 5<sup>th</sup> you can go to pick up clothes for your family. Their phone number is 403-942-1378.

## Are you talking to your child about the concept of consent? Here are some simple tips/ways to engage in this important conversation...

(Excerpts from: <https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/how-my-thirdgraders-and-i-address-consent>)

As children enter into elementary school, one of the first social-emotional topics covered is the importance of keeping our hands and feet to ourselves and respecting others' personal space. In early years, teachers redirect students to use their words to express themselves when having strong feelings, rather than using physical actions to get what they want. In these conversations and lessons, educators are already teaching the foundations of consent, and recognize that it is crucial to assign language to the concept of asking permission before touching anyone else's body...

We talk about safe physical interactions that occur daily in the classroom and outside at recess, and how to communicate our personal boundaries with those around us. We begin by defining the word *consent* and breaking it down into its simplest form: *consent is about giving permission to someone for something*. We then move on to the ways in which we can ask for and give consent, before talking about what to do if someone does not respect our consent.

### It's never too early... and it's never too late!

Talking about consent can start at any time...and it's never too late to begin the conversation.

As early as age one, we can begin teaching kids that "no" and "stop" are important words and should be honoured by children and adults. We can teach even very young children that they have a right to have their "no" and "yes" respected too.

The more we talk about consent, the more normal it will become, so talking openly and respectfully with friends and partners will become second nature.

For some useful guidelines on this important topic, *check out the infographic that follows*, or read one of the recommended books in the titles below:

Here are a few useful books for discussing consent with elementary students:

- *My Body! What I Say Goes!* by Jayneen Sanders, illustrated by Anna Hancock
- *Miles Is the Boss of His Body* by Samantha Kurtzman-Counter and Abbie Schiller, illustrated by Valentina Ventimiglia

*Personal Space Camp* by Julia Cook, illustrated by Carrie Hartman



# All About...

# CONSENT

## What does it mean to give consent?

- To give permission.
- To say "yes" or "no."
- To be allowed to do something.

## What does consent sound like?

"I'll allow that."

"Yaaaaasss!"

"Okay!"

"Of course!"

"Yes"

"Sure!"

"Yes please!"

**It must sound positive and enthusiastic.**

## When do we need to ask for consent?

- Touching another person
- Borrowing things
- Giving hugs
- Kissing

## What if...

- You really want a hug but the other person doesn't?
  - The person let you hug them yesterday, but they don't want a hug today?
- Then it's NOT CONSENT!**

## What can you say if you do not give consent?

- "I don't want to."
- "No!"
- "I don't like that."
- "Maybe another time."
- "No thank you."
- "I don't really feel like it right now."

Elizabeth Kleinrock



These can be challenging times, youth are expected to make some critical decisions, but fortunately, parents can have a powerful and positive influence on their children and the choices they make.

## Don't know what to say..?

Join us for Kids and Drugs, a **free** workshop series for parents interested in drug use PREVENTION.

Who: Caregivers of Children 8 – 15 years

When: Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8PM

Where: Family Centre Downtown  
#225, 200 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Lethbridge

**For more information or to register, call:  
403-320-4232**







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Hats on For Mental Health</b> <b>Individual Spring Photos</b> <b>Sr. Choir</b> 12-12:20, Music <b>Crochet/Knitting, 12pm</b> <b>French Homework Club,</b> 3:35-4:15, Rm 1 <b>Math Club, 3:35-4:25</b> Computer Lab Rm <b>Year 1 Handbells</b> 3:30-3:45	2 <b>Spell-a-thon</b> <b>Year 1 Violin</b> 12p 	3 	4
5	6 <b>Musc Monday</b> 10:45-11:45 <b>Yoga Club</b> 12pm, Music Rm <b>Crochet/Knitting Club,</b> 12pm, Rm 17 <b>French Homework Club,</b> 3:35-4:15, Rm 1	7 <b>Running Club,</b> 12pm, Gym <b>Violin Year 2</b> 12:25pm <b>Combined Handbells Party</b> 3:30-3:45	8 <b>Crochet/Knitting, 12pm</b> <b>French Homework Club,</b> 3:35-4:15, Rm 1 <b>Math Club, 3:35-4:25</b> Computer Lab	9 <b>LOTG—Boston</b> <b>Pizza</b> <b>Year 1 Violin</b> 12pm	10 <b>Bow Valley Fiddlers Presentation,</b> 10:30am 	11
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