



Principal Report March 4, 2026

Highlights since our last meeting:

- Leadership Academy- On January 15 and 16th, I attended our Principal Leadership Academy. It was 2 days of professional learning and collaboration with principal colleagues, Division Leadership and guest presenter, Dr. Santiago Rinco- Gallardo, we explored the concept of Optimal Learning within ECSD. This term is one that families, students and educators will continue to hear in the coming years and will play an important part in the creation of our new Division and School Growth Plans. Optimal Learning means creating the right conditions so every student can grow in faith, academics and socially. There are nine conditions that have been identified that support students' success. During our first School PD Day on January 29th, teachers engaged in learning about the first condition "Joy and Rigour". This condition focuses on helping students feel known, challenged, and supported. Learning is joyful and meaningful, with varied approaches that honour different needs and spark curiosity. Our classrooms are places of belonging, where students are engaged, curious, and stretched to achieve their best. Rigour is not about more work—it is about deeper thinking, problem-solving, and pride in learning- The work we have started this year will continue to be our focus into 2026-2027.

We also celebrated these special moments:

- Grade 4A had the opportunity to attend Ice School through the Inquiring Minds Program- We hope to have more classes chosen to participate in various off site learning experiences next year.
- Parent Visioning Meeting for the Northwest Solution- We had a great turnout for the evening. Staff, parents, and children had the opportunity to engage in a blocking exercise that had us build our ideal school. - more details will be shared directly with families once the final report is completed.
- All our students had an amazing time participating in Alien In Line skating. After visiting with each grade, it was unanimous that we want to have them back next year. We have already secured our dates. Thank you again to our parents for allocated funds to cover the cost for this experience.

- Snow Valley Skiing- Our first ski trip for Grades 4-6 at Snow Valley was unfortunately not what most of us expected. After hearing from both the students and some families it was decided that the second date would be cancelled. We did provide our honest feedback to the Ski Coordinator in hopes that future trips from schools are more positive. Instead we have rebooked with SunRidge on alternate dates- Grade 4 & 5 will ski on March 11 and Grade 6 on March 16.
- February was also a time for us to reflect on Black History Month, Pink Shirt Day, Random Acts of Kindness and of course the Olympics!
- We also had our first Family Winter Carnival. The emails we received from families were so thoughtful and positive. We are grateful for our staff who donated their time, most of whom never went home after a full day of teaching.
 - 129 families attended.
 - The activities included horse drawn sleigh rides, crafts, games, a Glow Dance and photo booth.
 - Thanks again to Tim Hortons for donating hot chocolate to go with our cookies.
 - A big congratulations to our families who won our door prizes.
- Shrove Tuesday- Thank you again to our parent volunteers for coming out to set up and serve pancakes to all our students. We had many full tummies.
- We have started our Lenten Journey and our Student Social Justice Team is planning a few fundraisers in support of Development and Peace. Look for more information to come.

Looking Ahead:

- Our Demonstration of Learning and Open House are tomorrow. We look forward to welcoming our current families as well as prospective families.
- Pre enrollment continues until March 13th. Please complete the enrollment for next year as it helps with our planning for classes and staffing.
- We were identified as one of the 42 schools who will be getting a Classroom Complexity Teacher and 2 additional EAs. This teacher will work alongside teachers in classrooms, respond to urgent behavioural, academic, or mental-health needs. We will be staffing these as soon as possible.

- Our regular staffing cycle has not started yet. We can not confirm any staff for next year but we are very happy for Mrs. Barlage who will be retiring at the end of this year.
- We are just at the preliminary stages for budgeting so at this time we have no updates
- I am including a list of next year residencies/ bookings with my report.
- Our Grade 6 classes will begin fundraising for their year end activities after Spring Break. More details will be coming.

Upcoming Events:

- Our school is hosting a second family engagement evening: The Family Math Games led by the company Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks will take place on March 18 from 6:00-7:15. Parents must pre register. The school has decided not to charge families for this event but we are asking SAC to apply the yearly \$500.00 ASCE grant provided by the Alberta Government to help cover the cost which is \$650.00 + GST. Last year the unused grant money was returned to the government.
- Our upcoming PD day is Thursday March 19. This is replacing the one we lost in October. There will be no class for students
- On March 20th at 7:00pm, our Social Justice Students will be leading the Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Parish. All our families are welcome and an invitation will be coming.
- Our Drama & Choir Club will be putting on a Passion Play on Thursday March 26. This is the full day before our half day Friday and Spring Break. Please continue to check our website calendar for all other events.

Points for Clarification:

I have been asked to clarify the funds for the Purdy's Fundraiser. As previously noted and shared with families, the Games Day activities being led by Fitset Ninja have already been covered through the \$40 per student allocation. Could SAC please provide clarity of how the proceeds will be used?



School Requests for 2025-2026

- Chromebooks and iPads 21,900 approved- covered by SAC
- Student experiences - \$40 per student approved- covered by SAC
- Feb 2-13- Alien Inline Skating K-6-\$6137.25 - covered by SAC (parents who have already paid will see a credit)
- April 10- April 24 Groovebox Hip Hop Residency-K-6-\$6900+gst- covered by SAC
- June 16 Games Day- Fitset Ninja Mobile Obstacle Course K-6 -\$1,875+gst - covered by SAC
- Bibles for Grade 4 (Fall 2026)- \$25 each x 55= \$1375
- Yearbooks - 1 per family @\$5.00 each

Items below are included in the School Fee Schedule:

- Alberta Musical Theatre- \$997.50- (charged to parents)
- Feb. 13- Family Winter Carnival- (not covered- parents charged \$25/family)
 - SAC to cover cost of activities and cookies/hot chocolate-
 - Horses booked- Lonestar 3 hr. minimum \$1800 plus GST, Delivery & Pick up Charge \$200 plus GST
- Snow Valley Skiing Lessons-Grade 4- 6
 - Booked February 3, 2026 & March 2, 2026
 - Lift Ticket & Lesson- \$35/student + \$12/student (rental) =\$47
- March 18 Family Math Games Night -Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks
 - \$650 +GST (could be partially covered through ASCE Grant with SAC approval)
- Symphony at the Windspear for Grade 1-6 (Edu Concerts)
 - 1-3 May 13-\$1925 plus bussing
 - 4-6-March 6- \$1650 plus bussing

New Items Added:

Gym Wish List **March 2026**

1. 10 basketballs \$25.50 = \$255.
2. 12 inch Scooters (6 in a set) \$193 .00
3. 12 dodgeballs \$308.00
4. 10 soccer balls \$ 25.00/each = \$250.00
5. 2 Hockey Goalie Mask \$35 each = \$70
6. Pickleball net 22 feet with carry bag \$230 x2 = \$460
7. Ladder Ball = \$75.75
8. Smash Ball Game kit = \$60
9. Speed Hurdles 12 inch \$16.50 each x10 = \$165.00
10. Agility Ladder 8 metre = \$50
11. Lacrosse Ball official \$4.00 each x 30 = \$120.00
12. Scooter Ringette Set = \$133.00

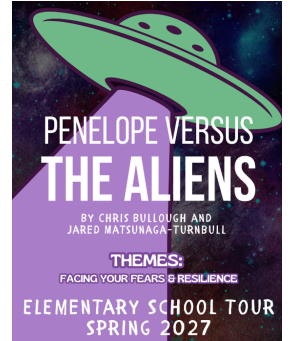
Total= 2,139.75 + GST

Residency Planning 2026-2027

Drama:

<https://www.questtheatre.org/school-residencies>

- Show: <https://www.questtheatre.org/penelope-vs-aliens#tour>
 - \$899 & travel plus GST
 - The total cost for 14 classes would be \$14,400. We would send 5 artists to you for one full week. They would bring with them set, sound, and lights. We would have some props as well, but students would be encouraged to think of, find, or create their own props as part of the creative process.
 - Possibly April/ or May



Music:

<https://www.rhythmrhythmrhythm.com/residency-planning/>

- Booked- \$9125.00
 - March 3-19

Physical Education:

Alien Inline <https://alieninline.com/school-inline-skating/>

- November 16-27

Literacy:

Words Change Worlds Writing Residency <https://wordschangeworlds.ca/writing-residencies/>

- Oct 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
- \$7500 + GST

School Initiatives for 2025/2026

Literacy & Numeracy Focus:

- Pathway to Reading Research -Gr. 2
- Grade 1 Reading COP
- Targeted Writing in Grades 2 & 6 Pilot Project
- Mathematics Framework- PD for Grades 1 & 4. This year we will target Number Sense Routines
- Reframing Curriculum COP- Year 2
- Assessment & Reporting using SPACES EDU
- Collaborative Response- Year 2

Creating Communities of Belonging:

- Be An Upstander
- SEL Pilot School
- Wellness Champion/ LEAD Recess
- Restorative and Proactive Circles

We Continue:

- Monthly Assembly-Hospitality, Gratitude, Peace, Charity, Courage, Love, Forgiveness, Justice, Compassion, Faithfulness
- FLEX Options for 4-6 (October start) 1-3 (January start)

- Reading Intervention
- Spirit Days/ Hot Lunch Dates

School Wide Events:

- October 14-28- Alien Inline Skating K-6
- November 13- Alberta Opera- Pinocchio
- Feb. 13- Family Winter Carnival
- Feb.17- Shrove Tuesday- Pancakes for School Community
- Snow Valley Skiing Lessons-Grade 4- 6
 - Booked February 3, 2026 & March 2, 2026
- Symphony at the Winspear for Grade 1-3 (May 13), 4-6 (March 6)
- March 18- Family Math Games Night with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks
- April 10- April 24 Groovebox Hip Hop Residency
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Student Fundraising Planning

- Terry Fox
- Cereal Drive & Socks/ Mittens/ Toque
- Faith Day Service Projects
- Stollery Hospital
- Catholic Social Services- Sign of Hope
- ECSD Foundation
- Social Justice Project planned for Advent & Lent- TBA
- Grade 6 Farewell/Camp