



MARCH 2018

# NICKERSON NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM ÉCOLE LEO NICKERSON SCHOOL

## LN Olympics



Many school events have helped our students understand and appreciate this magnificent international sporting event. The Opening Ceremonies kicked off the Olympics with each class entering our gymnasium, carrying a different country's flag. Over the two weeks that followed, classes studied their country and followed the success of its Olympic athletes. We received daily updates on Team Canada's progress on the LNN morning announcements and medals were tracked on our hallway display. We had great weather for our LN Olympics Day where students participated in events such as luge, bobsledding, tobogganing, figure skating and hockey. A visit to the Athlete's Village gave our athletes a warm place to rest and recharge between events. To all our incredible volunteers, please accept our heartfelt thanks for making this event such a success! Also, our appreciation goes out to our Logos parents who provided a hot lunch for the entire staff.

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# MARCH

- 1 Book Fair (am)
- 7 Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm  
No Kindergarten
- 8 Friends Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 14 Friends Fun Lunch (healthyhunger.ca)  
Late French Immersion Meeting @ SGS @ 7:00pm
- 16 Progress Reports go home
- 19 Artwalk Change
- 20 Friends Fun Lunch (healthyhunger.ca)
- 22 Logos Easter Rotation
- 23-Apr 3 No School - Spring Break & Easter



# APRIL

- 4 Back to School!  
Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm  
No Kindergarten
- 5-6 Pinking at Marvel College
- 5-6, 9-11 Kindergarten Experiences (tours)
- 9 Truth & Reconciliation @ Muriel Martin  
School @ 6:30-8:00pm
- 16 No School - Staff PD
- 18 Friends Fun Lunch (healthyhunger.ca)
- 19 Assembly @ 1:30pm
- 21 LNGT auditions @ 10:00am-5:00pm
- 21-28 Space Camp
- 23 Artwalk Change  
LN Hair Massacure event  
School Council @ 7:00pm
- 25 EFAN Chili Cookoff @ 5:30-7:00pm
- 27 Assembly: Unitheatre @ 9:30am



# MAY

## EDUCATION WEEK: APRIL 30 - MAY 4

- April 30 School Yard Clean-up
- May 1 Read In
- 2 Hats On for Mental Health  
Assembly @ 9:30am - LNLT
- 3 Jump Rope for Heart
- 4 Star Wars Day  
Volunteer Cafe

- 1 Friends Fun Lunch (healthyhunger.ca)
- 2 Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm  
No Kindergarten
- 7-8 Grade 5 at Birch Bay
- 8 Grade 6 PAT (FLA partie A)
- 10 Grade 6 PAT (ELA part A)
- 14 Artwalk Change  
Truth & Reconciliation @ SAM School @  
6:30-8:00pm
- 18 Triathlon (pm)
- 21 No School - Victoria Day
- 24 Grade 5 Immunizations (am)
- 25 Grade 4s at Drumheller  
Grade 6 TWOSE at LN for review
- 28 School Council @ 7:00pm

For more detailed information, please check out the calendar on the school website at [lnem.spschools.org](http://lnem.spschools.org)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS & EVENTS IN ST. ALBERT AND SURROUNDING AREAS



## Spring Break Camps

For more information, go to [stalbert.ca/rec/servus-place/programs/childrens-programs](http://stalbert.ca/rec/servus-place/programs/childrens-programs).



## Late French Immersion

Grade 6 Students and Parents!

Join our Late French Immersion program and begin your exciting journey toward bilingualism in Grade 7. This program is designed for students who have little or no knowledge of French but who wish to become fluently bilingual by the time they graduate from high school. St. Albert's only Late French Immersion program is offered at Ecole Sir George Simpson School and bus transportation is available.

You are invited to attend the Late French Immersion Information Evening on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at 7 PM, at Sir George Simpson.

To find out more about what Late French Immersion has to offer your child, please contact: Pierre Rousseau at 780-459-4456 or [pierre.rousseau@spschools.org](mailto:pierre.rousseau@spschools.org).



## Volleyball Camps

8 week program for grades 5 & 6, starting March 10.  
For more information, go to [sasvolleyball.ca](http://sasvolleyball.ca).



## St. Albert Rotary Music Festival

Registration closes Friday, January 26, 2018

April 4-14  
April 16 Dance  
April 25 Encore!

For more information, go to [st-albertmusicfestival.com](http://st-albertmusicfestival.com).



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## Academic Challenge Program

Bring out the best in your gifted child!

Is your child intellectually gifted? Are you seeking a more challenging learning environment for him/her?

For more information, contact SAM principal John Strembitsky at 780-459-4467 or [john.strembitsky@spschools.org](mailto:john.strembitsky@spschools.org).

## Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching

Each year, Canada's History Society recognizes 6 teachers for innovative approaches to teaching Canadian history. The 2018 recipients will be awarded:

- An individual cash prize of \$2500;
- A \$1000 cash prize for the recipient's school; and
- A trip for two to Ottawa to attend the awards ceremony at Rideau Hall, the Canada's History Forum, and the History Makers celebration dinner

If you or a teacher you know makes history come to life in the classroom, submit a nomination or apply online today!  
Applications are due April 1, 2018

[CanadasHistory.ca/GGAward](http://CanadasHistory.ca/GGAward)

If you have any questions about the award or application, please contact Joanna Dawson at [jdawson@canadashistory.ca](mailto:jdawson@canadashistory.ca) or 1.866.952.3444 x.225



# Truth & Reconciliation Parent Series

## BLANKET EXERCISE

January 22, 6:30-8:00 PM

Leo Nickerson Elementary School  
10 Sycamore Avenue

The Blanket Exercise ([kairosblanketexercise.org](http://kairosblanketexercise.org)) is a participatory workshop in which parents will experience over 500 years of history by taking on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they will walk through time and explore the impacts of colonization, treaty-making and modern legislation. The Blanket Exercise is concluded by a facilitated debriefing in which participants have the opportunity to discuss the experience as a group.

## FILM NIGHT AND DISCUSSION

February 26, 6:30-8:00 PM

Sir George Simpson Junior High School  
50 Grosvenor Boulevard

Deepen your understanding of the current push towards reconciliation through the documentary Journey Towards Reconciliation. Following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a group of Indigenous youth and documentary film makers explored and documented their own personal journey towards reconciliation. Through the lens of the camera they held, you'll learn about the history of the residential schools and the personal connection tied to their legacy. Beginning with the creation of an Edmonton LRT station mural, the documentarians explore intergenerational trauma and Indigenous resistance and resilience. This deeply moving, honest documentary gives an intimate look into the hearts and minds of Indigenous youth as they prepare for a future they will lead.

## BLANKET EXERCISE

April 9, 6:30-8:00 PM

Muriel Martin Elementary School  
110 Deer Ridge Drive

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## UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS - WORKSHOP

May 14, 6:30-8:00 PM

Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School  
61 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue

This workshop will examine the history, impacts and legacy of residential schools including the effects of intergenerational trauma. Tools, resources and strategies that contribute to the development of mutually respectful relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians will be explored. Participants will leave honouring the TRC's Calls to Action and consider a personal commitment to action.