



MAY 2018

# NICKERSON NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM ÉCOLE LEO NICKERSON SCHOOL

## It's May already! How did that happen?

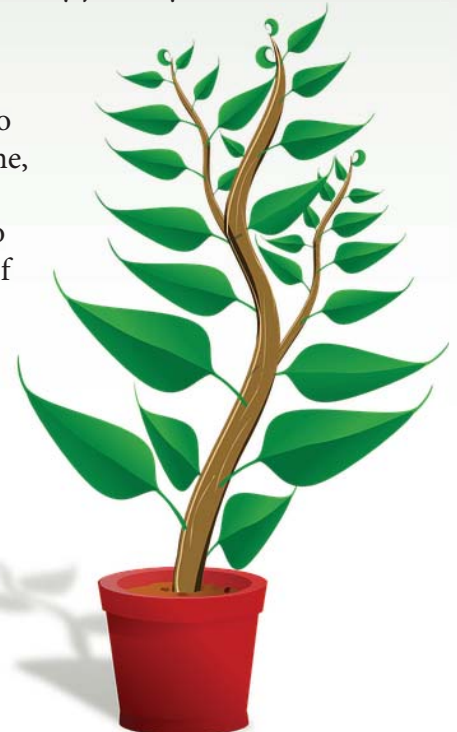
What a wonderful school year this has been so far! When I started the year I felt a great deal like a new student on their first day. Not sure where to sit, not sure who I would have lunch with, not sure what everyone would think of me. Then on my first day, part way through the morning as I was wandering around, Mr. Wood stopped me in the hallway to chat to welcome me. It was a genuine, heartfelt welcome that instantly made me feel part of the school and at ease. This was only the beginning, as each staff member I met would greet me with the same warmth, caring and sincere pleasure of having me join the Leo Nickerson team. What I witnessed next was the students arriving and the caring that went into greeting me, was amplified even more as I watched, in awe, the staff welcome the students on that first day of classes.

Spring has always been a time of reflection for me, as the re-growth after winter begins. As I take out the garbage in spring, without the need to bundle up and without the frigid winter air stinging my skin and lungs, I can feel the sun's warmth encouraging our trees and flowers to bud and blossom. My spring reflection this year took me back to the warm, gentle start to the school year for myself and students. Now nearing the end of the school year and having seen the growth and accomplishments all around the building and community of Leo Nickerson, I am so grateful that in reality I was given two springs this year; first as I started my journey at Leo Nickerson in September and now as we enter into the next season.

Before coming to Leo Nickerson I knew it was a great school. Now having experienced it firsthand, I have seen so many of the deep reasons why it is so wonderful. The staff, students, and families are the real reason. The welcome, acceptance and support a person receives being a part of this community is incredible, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you. Leo Nickerson is a community, working together and allowing for the warmth of two springs in a school year and gently encouraging continual growth, even on the coldest days.

I am so looking forward to the exciting end of the school year as we continue to grow together!

Brian



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**EDUCATION WEEK: APRIL 30 - MAY 4**

- April 30 Mindfulness activities (am)  
School Yard Clean-up (pm)
- May 1 Read In  
Friends Fun Lunch (healthyhunger.ca)  
Celtic Performance @ 1:30pm
- 2 Hats On for Mental Health  
No Kindergarten  
Assembly (LNGT) @ 9:30am  
Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm
- 3 Jump Rope for Heart (pm)
- 4 Star Wars Day  
Volunteer Cafe (all day)
- 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 Parent Series @  
Landmark Cinemas @ 6:30pm
- 15 Praise Service @ 10:00am
- 16 Friends Fun Lunch (healthyhunger.ca)
- 17 Kindergarten at Prairie Gardens
- 18 Triathlon (pm)
- 21 No School - Victoria Day
- 24 Grade 5 Immunizations (am)
- 25 Grade 4 at Drumheller  
Grade 6 TWOSE at LN for review
- 28 School Council @ 7:00pm
- 29 Friends Fun Lunch (healthyhunger.ca)



- 5 Grade 6 TWOSE at LN for review
- 6 No Kindergarten  
Assembly @ 9:30am  
Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm
- 8 Grade 2 at Ukranian Village
- 11 Artwalk Change
- 12 Arbor Day
- 13 Grade 4 at Fort Edmonton Park
- 15 Grade 6 PAT (FLA partie B)
- 18 Grade 6 PAT (ELA part B)
- 19 Grade 6 PAT (Math)
- 20 Grade 6 PAT (Social Studies)  
Logos Year End BBQ 5:00-7:00pm
- 22 Grade 6 PAT (Science)
- 25 Grade 3 at Devonian Gardens
- 26 Fun Field Day!
- 27 Last Day of Kindergarten  
Grade 6 Farewell @ 1:30pm
- 28 Last Day of classes grades 1-6  
Grade 6 at WEM Waterpark
- 29 Report Card pick up 8:55-9:25am  
Bus pick up as usual; depart starts at 9:30am



- Aug 30-31 School Office opens  
Pre-ordered school supplies pick up
- 3 No School - Labour Day
- 4 First Day of School - Welcome Back!
- 4-6 Staggered Entry for Kindergarten  
Please refer to your Welcome Package
- 5 There is **no** Early Dismissal in September
- 13 Photo Day for French Immersion students
- 14 Photo Day for English & Logos students

# COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS & EVENTS IN ST. ALBERT AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Childhood Anxiety:  
Understanding and Helping Children Heal



## Childhood Anxiety

For more information, and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/childhood-anxiety-understanding-and-helping-children-heal-tickets-42754788724>



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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).



## Run, Jump & Throw!

Website: [mustangstrackclub.com](http://mustangstrackclub.com).

For registration, go to [www.trackiereg.com/mustangs](http://www.trackiereg.com/mustangs).



## Summer Soccer Camps

For more information, go to [www.royalsoccer.com](http://www.royalsoccer.com).



## Children's Programs

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



## Open House

May 16 6:30-7:30pm

For more information, go to [www.lestournesolspreschool.org](http://www.lestournesolspreschool.org).



## NAIT Summer Camps

For more information, go to [www.nait.ca/summercamps](http://www.nait.ca/summercamps) or call 780-471-7713.

# We need to hear from you!

The St. Albert Public Schools annual stakeholder survey has now been emailed home to parents. Your feedback is very important to us! It helps us set goals, develop strategies and determine how well we're doing as we work towards providing the best education possible for your child. The survey will only take 5-10 minutes and is an important part of our board's overall commitment to engaging with our parents and other stakeholders. Please take a few minutes and help set the path for your child's education!



**Questions?** Please contact Marianne Barrett at our district office at 780.460.3712.

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## Kindergarten students, join the First Rider's Night fun!



If your child is one of the many students who will be riding a yellow school bus for the first time this year, your family is invited to join us for First Rider's Night to learn everything you need to know about bus safety and rules for riding on the bus. Finish the evening off by going on a bus ride with your child.

There is no admission charge, but parents are asked to pre-register their children. All first-time yellow bus riders, regardless of which school district they're enrolled in, are welcome.

Please note, there will be no parking on site. Parking is available at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School, Outreach School, or the Fowler Track parking lot.

**Wed, August 29  
4:30-6:00 p.m.**

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District Office**

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Churchill Avenue**

**Register at  
[www.spschools.org/  
first-riders-night-2018](http://www.spschools.org/first-riders-night-2018)**



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