

# E.E. Oliver Elementary School



## Winter Newsletter



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# A note from Mrs. Krumpholz



I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the break, despite the cold weather at the start of the holidays. Winter is certainly not over yet. All students in grades K-6 go outside for recess three times per day. Fresh air and unstructured play are very important parts of their day. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. This is also important for any students who ride the bus to and from school. If a bus were to break down at these colder temperatures, warm winter wear quickly becomes a necessity.

The colder days in the winter can promote more time indoors. Screen time often seems like a good indoor activity, however things like puzzles, crafts or baking projects can add some extra fun and learning to your days and evenings.

Our Grade 4-6 students, teachers and parents will soon be participating in a survey. This survey allows the school and school division to understand how you feel about your child's education. We work hard at E.E. Oliver Elementary School to ensure that your child feels safe, a great education, and supportive teachers. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the mailed survey.

February 23, 2022, is recognized Nationally as Pink Shirt Day. It is also known as Anti-Bullying Day and people wear a pink shirt to take a stand against bullying. There are many ways in which we can show kindness to others, whether it's by opening the door for someone, smiling, or telling someone a funny joke. I hope that we can all find a way to be kind to someone each day.

I am wishing everyone a happy and healthy start to 2023.

Mrs. Krumpholz





# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE: PARENT SURVEYS

Parents, please be on the lookout for a letter from the Alberta Government. Inside the letter, you will find a survey from the government that asks questions about our School Division. The surveys generally come to parents of Grade 4, 7, and 10 students, but have been known to come to parents of other grades as well. This survey is important to our school division, and we value your honest feedback. The more people we have completing these surveys, the more accurate representation we can receive.

The survey can be confusing and often the questions seem like they are not directed at your child's grade level. Answering with "I don't know" is problematic, as this response gives the School Division a negative result on the survey. If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal for assistance. They would be more than happy to help because they care about your child(ren) and the quality of education that they are receiving.

These survey results are important. PRSD values your feedback, as we endeavor to continually improve our services for our students. By completing these surveys, you will be helping us be the first choice for students.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the surveys and for returning them to the government on our behalf. Your support, along with our hardworking staff members, has allowed us to continue operations throughout a difficult school year.

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you:	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know	N/A
2. With the quality of education your child is receiving at school?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
3. With the quality of teaching at your child's school?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
To what extent do you agree or disagree that:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	N/A
4. Your child finds school work interesting?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
5. Your child finds school work challenging?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
6. Your child clearly understands what they are expected to learn at school?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
7. Your child is learning what they need to know.	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6



I would also like to take this time to highlight our achievements and showcase some of the great things we've been implementing within the Division this school year:

- We've committed to ongoing student assessments and creating individual academic profiles for each student. To enhance this, our Learning Services team partnered with school staff to administer Early Years Assessments over 30 days covering classes in seven schools throughout the Division.
- We have continued to prioritize safety for our students and staff in classrooms, as well as online. New procedures and technological safety measures have been implemented to ensure everyone in the Division feels safe.
- Emotional supports are readily available to students to create a safe learning environment in classrooms and schools. Students and staff have access to Social Workers, YES Workers, Project PEACE team members and many other divisional supports.
- Parental involvement has steadily increased, especially in regard to School Councils and the Council of School Council meetings. Professional development with the Alberta School Council Association has assisted us in creating more opportunities for parents to work more closely with the Division and their schools.

All schools are making sure that their students' physical, social, and emotional wellness needs are met so that their overall academic engagement is increased.

We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and we thank you in advance for completing the survey.

Sincerely,

*Adam Murray,*

*Superintendent of Schools*



**Peace River School Division**

*Learning Together - Success for All*

## Superintendent's Message – Have Your Say on the Divisional Calendar

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Here at the Peace River School Division, we are looking forward to our calendar planning process as we work to optimize the school year to benefit student success. This is particularly important, due to the past disruptions to learning that our students have experienced in the last three years. We all need to pull together to create a calendar that will ensure our students achieve academic success.

In the new year, members of the Peace River School Division school communities will be invited to review and provide input on the proposed 2023-2024 Divisional School Calendar. If you are a Peace River School Division student, parent, or staff member there will be an opportunity for you to share your input on the calendar.

All input received regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Calendar will be reviewed by the PRSD Calendar Committee. The Committee will consist of principals, a teacher, a School Council member, management, and representatives from neighbouring School Boards, as we are also responsible for bussing students from three other School Divisions.

The Division believes it is important to gather input whenever possible. The school calendar is one of the areas in which input from our families, schools, and communities is extremely valuable to assist us in meeting the needs of our students.

The Board of Trustees will review the calendar and input collected. The proposed 2023-2024 school year calendar will be presented to the Board for their approval at the March 2023 board meeting, so it is important to make your voice heard.

Early in the new year, the Division will provide information on how you can share your thoughts on the proposed school calendar.


Thank you in advance for your input.

Adam Murray  
Superintendent of Schools





# Important Dates

 **Jan 30** PD Day - No School

**Feb 2** Gr. 4-6 SKI TRIP

 **Feb 15** Family Dance 4-6pm

**Feb 16** Options Day 1-3pm

**Feb 17** No School



 **Feb 20** No School-Family Day

 **Feb 22** Monthly Assembly 11am

**Feb 23** Spirit day-Cowboy Day

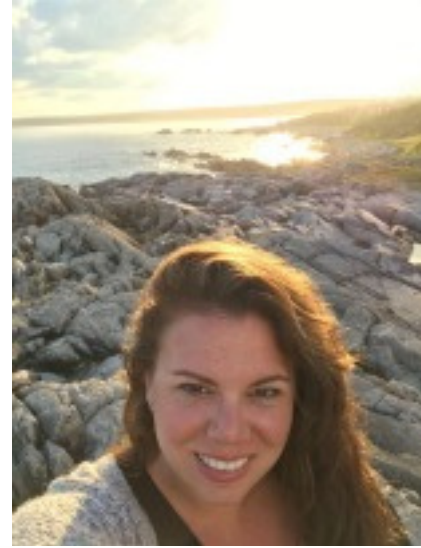
**Feb 24** Author Visit - Amy May



# Welcome Mrs. Rowe

Hello E.E.Oliver!

My name is Kirsten Rowe and I am originally from Nova Scotia. I am thrilled to be joining the E.E.Oliver team. For the past 6 years I have been living and working in the Middle East. I taught in the United Arab Emirates and in Qatar. I have enjoyed my time abroad and I am excited for this new opportunity to grow as a teacher and to experience a new environment.



I completed my Bachelor of English Degree at Dalhousie University in 2005 and then went on to teach in South Korea for two years. These two years solidified my love of children and teaching; so when I returned to Canada I went to St. Mary's University in Calgary for my B.Ed Degree. I graduated in 2011. I stayed in Alberta for 5 more years and had a variety of teaching experiences, each one teaching me important lessons that have shaped my teaching practices and beliefs. I left Alberta in 2016 when I gained the opportunity to teach in Abu Dhabi. I taught grade 1 for 4 years and was the team leader for 2 of those years and then I moved to grade 2 in 2020. Last year I moved to Qatar and taught grade 5 girls at an American school. I have loved my adventure so far and do not doubt that it will continue as I join the E.E.Oliver Community.

In my free time I enjoy reading, finding and trying new recipes, walking my dog (Orion), visiting cafes to drink coffee with friends and being out in nature. I also love going to art exhibitions, visiting libraries and bookstores. My first love is traveling and I have been blessed to be able to visit over 30 countries.

I cannot wait to meet my students, their parents and my coworkers!

## Meet our new GRADE 2 Teacher





# THANK YOU MRS.KRAMER



Thank you to Connie Kramer, Family School Liaison Worker of E.E Oliver Elementary School, for applying for Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta grant for our nutrition program, your work is greatly appreciated!



We are pleased to announce that E.E Oliver Elementary School applied to the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta on behalf of the E.E. Oliver Nutrition Program and have been approved to receive a Grant of \$3,775.00!

The Grant was made possible by the Campbell Family Foundation and Ainsworth Community Fund as administered by the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta. The approved project is for E.E. Oliver's Nutrition Program to serve healthy breakfasts and to provide free lunch to students as permitted with the funding provided.

# Breakfast/Hot Lunch

We are very grateful to be able to offer many different nutrition options for our students. The breakfast and hot lunch programs wouldn't be possible without our volunteers, community donors, and support from our parent council.



Every Morning : Breakfast Program in the ancillary,  
Monday: Grilled Cheese, Free for students, funded by Parent Council, Form sent home

Tuesday's : Hot lunch for purchase, provided by Heather's Catering, SchoolCash Online

Wednesday: SOUP , Free for students, funded by Parent Council, form sent home

Thursday : Hot lunch for purchase, from local Restaurants, SchoolCash Online

Thank you

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Thank you  
Dunvegan Inn  
And Suites



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THANK YOU

United Church Women

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Betelafia Family



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Parent Council

Thank you

CIBC-Fairview  
Banking Centre

Thank You



James and Sarah Peters,  
along with Energetic Services Grande Prairie  
generously donated \$500 to our breakfast program,



Thank You  
Rebellion Farms

For your donation to  
the EEO breakfast program

THANK  
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# Student Council

President: Mackenzie C.

Vice President: Lane G.

Secretary: Tejas S.

Social Conveyor: Jewel N.

Class Representatives: Ben, Gabe, Jaden,  
Deniz and Lexie





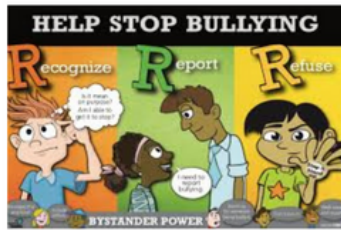
# Mrs. Kramer

## School Family Liaison Officer

E.E. OLIVER & ST. THOMAS MORE FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM

### Second STEP Bullying Prevention

Our school community is committed to making our school a safe and caring place for all students.



Again this year, the Family School Liaison Program (Mrs. Kramer) is delivering the Second STEP Bullying Prevention Program in all K-6 Classrooms. The Program teaches Kindergarten–Grade 6 students how to recognize, report, and refuse bullying.

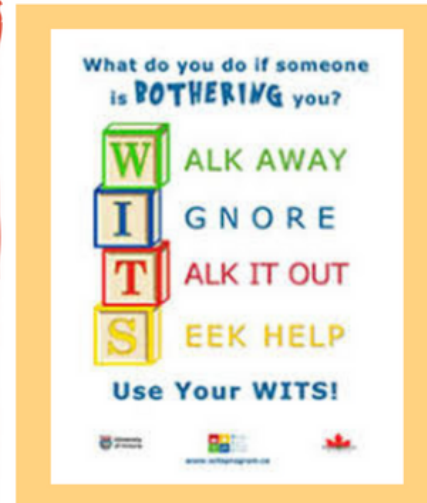
Students learn about the rules at school to be Safe, Respectful, and Responsible and understand the importance of following those rules so that all students have a positive experience at school.

Recognizing the difference between having a problem vs. a bullying situation is an important part of the lessons. Students understand that peer conflict happens most often when the rules at school get broken and they practice how to use their WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help) to resolve these types of conflict.

Bullying is defined as mean or hurtful behaviour that is REPEATED (keeps happening), INTENDED (intends to cause harm or distress), and has a POWER imbalance (is unfair or one-sided).

Students learn the importance of REPORTING all situations of bullying to staff and other trusted adults, and they practice how to safely REFUSE the bullying.

Bystander Power & Responsibility are important final concepts of the lessons. Students learn how having empathy can help give them courage to take positive action as a bystander to bullying.



### WITS PROGRAM

- Stands for **W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out and **S**eeK help
- Teaches children to make safe and positive choices about peer conflict
- Provides a common language children and the adults in their environment can use to talk about and respond to peer victimization

If you have questions, please contact the Family School Liaison Connie Kramer 780-835-2225 (EEO) 780-835-2245 (STM) or [kramerc@prsd.ab.ca](mailto:kramerc@prsd.ab.ca)

### Second Step Bullying Prevention Program

All Grade 1-6 classes have now reviewed the WITS Program and have completed the Second Step Bullying Prevention Program with our Family School Liaison, Mrs. Kramer. Our Kindergarten classes will be scheduled soon to learn all about these two great programs.

## Free the Horses Self Esteem Adventure Program

Last week, the Grade 1 students completed the Free the Horses Self Esteem Adventure Program with our Family School Liaison, Mrs. Kramer. Over the past 4 months, the students helped to solve challenges in the adventure. They earned pieces of the Golden Spiral of Success and found the three missing keys. Check out some of the lessons they learned along the way.



## KidProof Safety Stranger Smarts & I Wanna Walk

Our Grade 2 and Grade 2/3 classes completed two great safety programs before Christmas. Students learned about making good choices about staying safe around strangers and learned all about walking and biking safety. (see attached images)

# Stranger Smarts

### Who is a Stranger?

Someone that we don't know!

### What is the new rule?

Never Go Anywhere With  
Anyone Without Asking First!

### The only time the rule changes is when....

There is a **Police Officer** wearing  
a uniform and has a **Police Car**  
with a siren on the roof.

The **Police Officer** must have  
both!

## TRICKS

1. Asking for **HELP**
2. Pretending that there is an **EMERGENCY**
3. Giving you **PRESENTS**  
or **MONEY**
4. Pretending to be a **Police Officer, Teacher, Security Guard, or SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY**
5. Pretending they already  
know you or **RECOGNIZE YOU**

## S.N.U.R.B.S.

Scared \* Nervous  
\* Upset Tummy \* Racing Heart  
\* Body Shaking \* Sweaty

### Personal Space

Is what you carry around with  
you everyday. It is used when  
you talk to your family and  
close friends.

### Safety Zone

This space is **MUCH BIGGER**  
than your personal space.  
This space is what you  
would use if you don't know  
the person you are speaking  
with. Remember – 3 + 1 giant  
steps back!!





## The Compassion Project

Our Grade 2 and Grade 2/3 classes are currently learning about The Compassion Project: Kindness in the Classroom. This program introduces students to core social emotional learning competencies, how to practice compassion and empathy, identify emotions, and exercise a growth mindset.



## Catch My Breath

The Grade 6 classes just began a Vaping Prevention Program with our Family School Liaison, Mrs. Kramer, called Catch My Breath. CATCH My Breath Canada was developed in partnership with University of Waterloo and is based on the peer-reviewed, evidence-based youth nicotine vaping prevention program created by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health.

## Telus Health App

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See a doctor, psychologist, counsellor or dietitian from your phone, at your convenience. It's part of our mission to improve Canadians' access to healthcare.

### Download the app

Just scan the QR code with your phone.



# Cold & Inclement Weather

## SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION



The Transportation Services Manager may cancel buses either individually or collectively when weather/road conditions constitute a safety risk to the students being transported, this includes all scheduled Field Trips.

**If extreme weather conditions arise after the students have been delivered to their schools, the Transportation Services Manager may authorize bus drivers to pick up students early and deliver them home. The Principal will notify parents and not allow any elementary students on the bus if the parents have not been contacted.**

**If it is unsafe for buses to be on the road the Principal will advise parents of the situation and hold students at the school until picked up by a parent.**



Buses will not operate in the morning when the temperature at 6AM is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  (without windchill) OR  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  with wind chill or lower at Key Weather Station Locations. The decision for the PM portion of the route will be decided using the same criteria as the AM.

**Should cancellation of bus services occur, the Transportation Manager or designate shall post announcements of bus cancellations on Bus Planner. Each bus driver shall notify their route parents of bus service cancellation.**





# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - November

Amelia



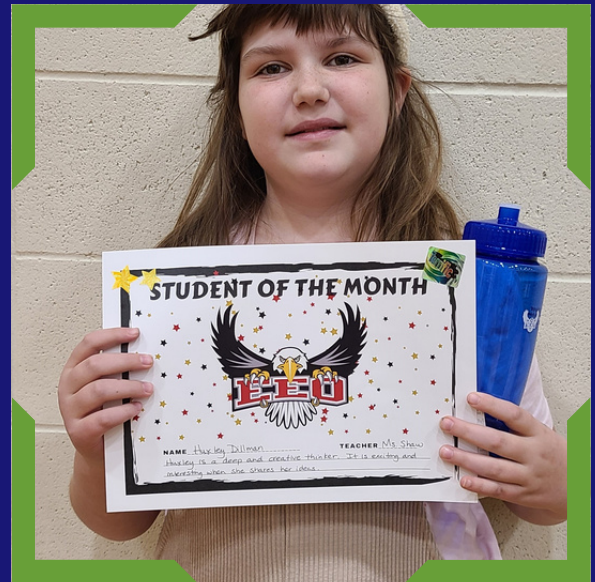
Rayna



Reem



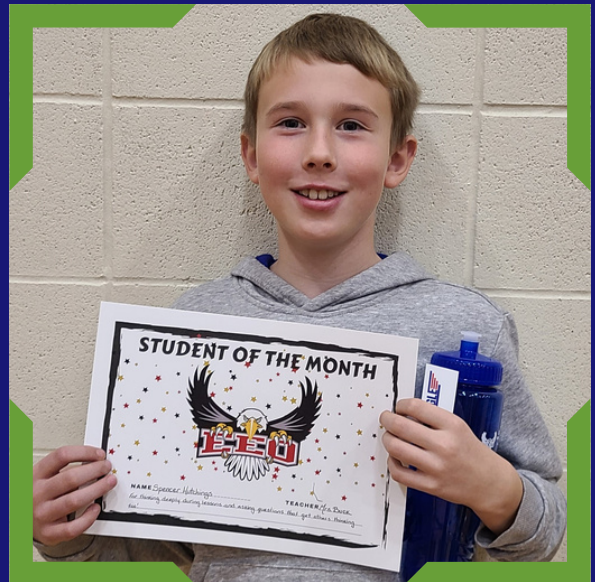
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Gabe



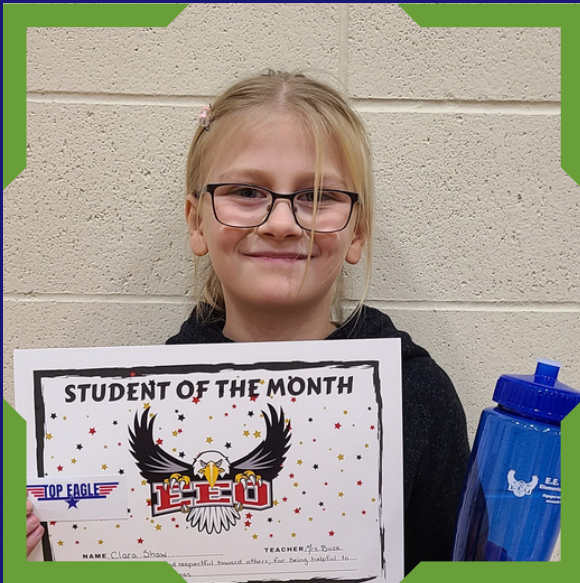
Spencer



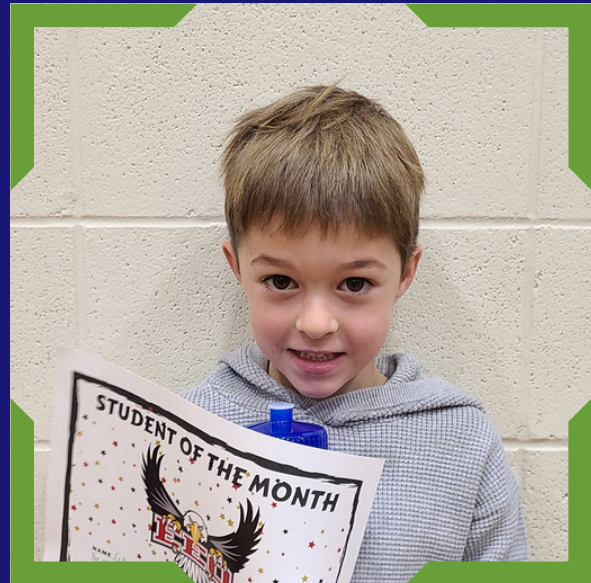


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Clara



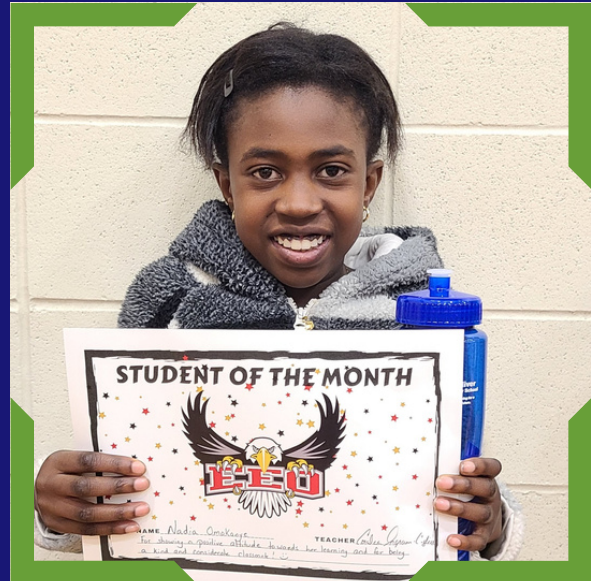
Fritz



Rodney



Nadia



Abigail



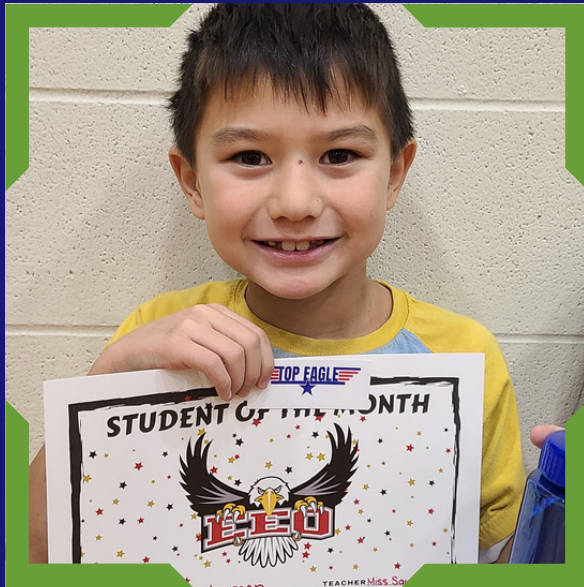
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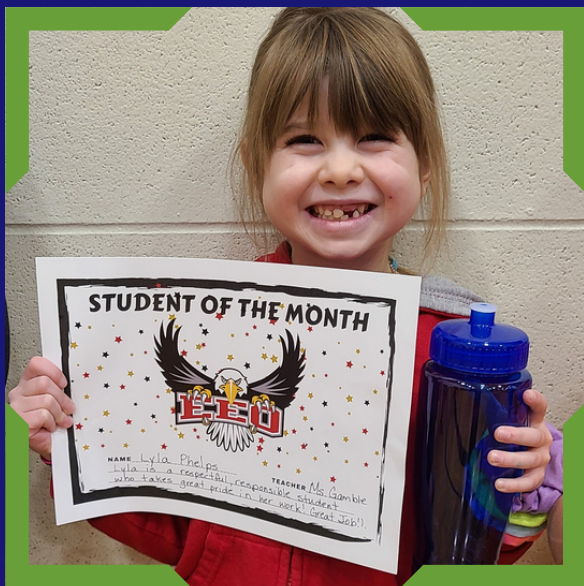
Micah



Ryder



Lyla



Winter



Max



Lane





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Matthew

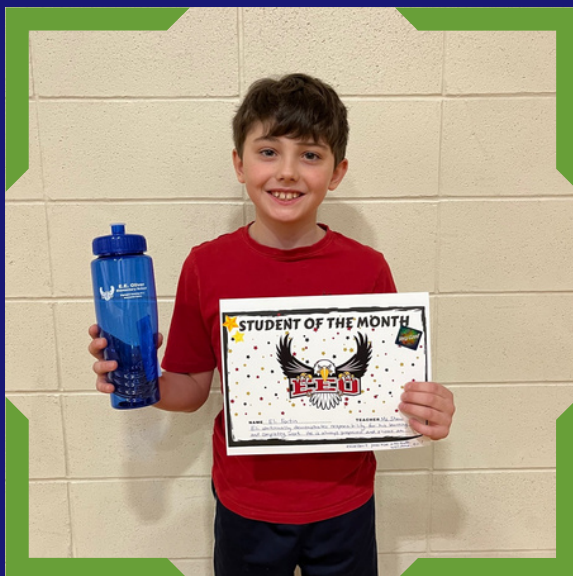


Arista



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - January

Eli F.



Edward



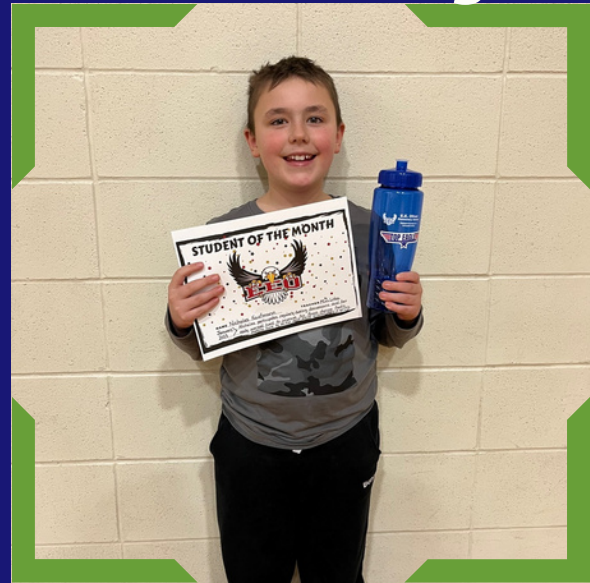


# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - January

Blair



Nicholas



Brooklyn



Holden



Kaydence



Miah





# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - January

Emma W.



Zayvion



Alex



Ezekial



Avery



Ethan





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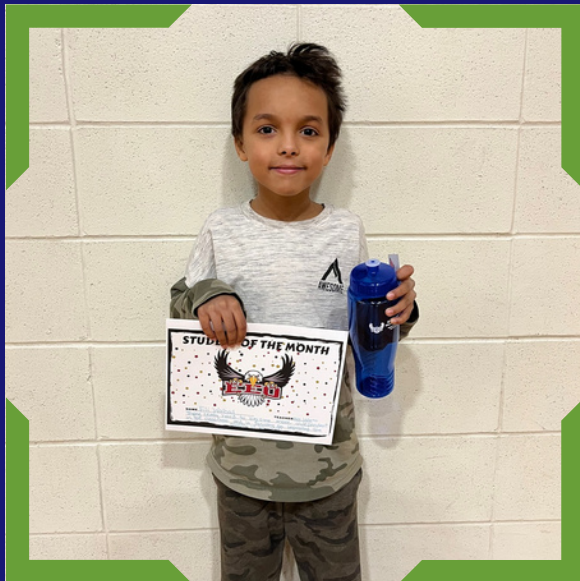
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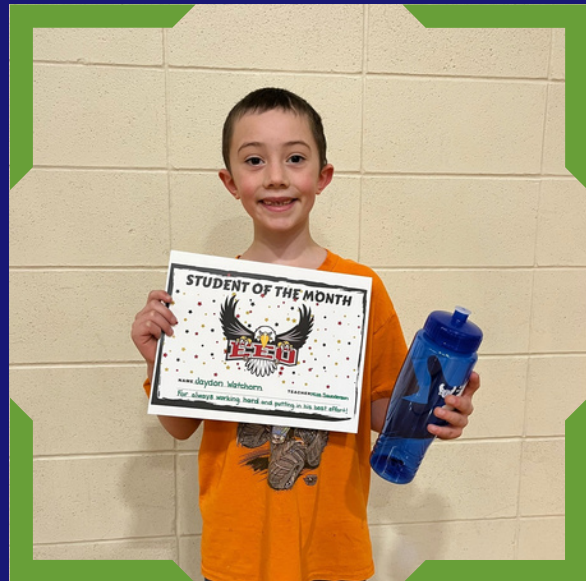
Vayda



Eli W.



Jaydon



Emma H.





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Emma B.



Dmitri



Bailey



Torin



Dighton





# Eagle Awards

Chrissy D.



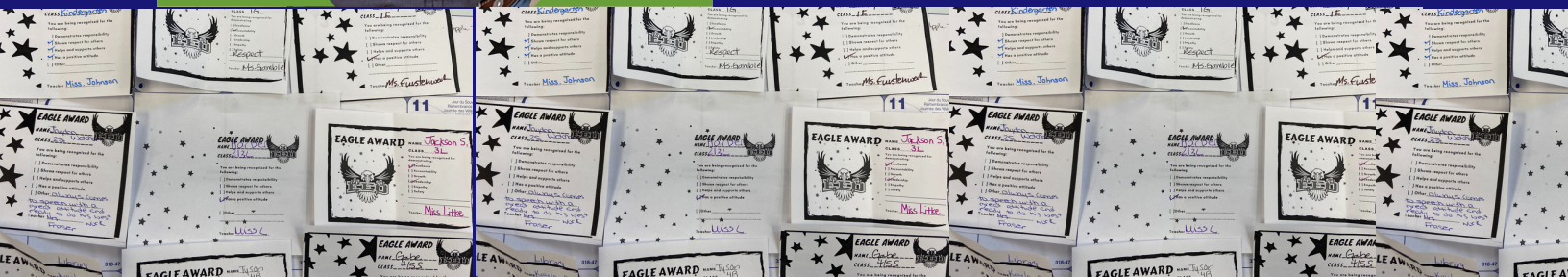
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Autumn G.



Jack M.





# Eagle Awards

# Riley H.



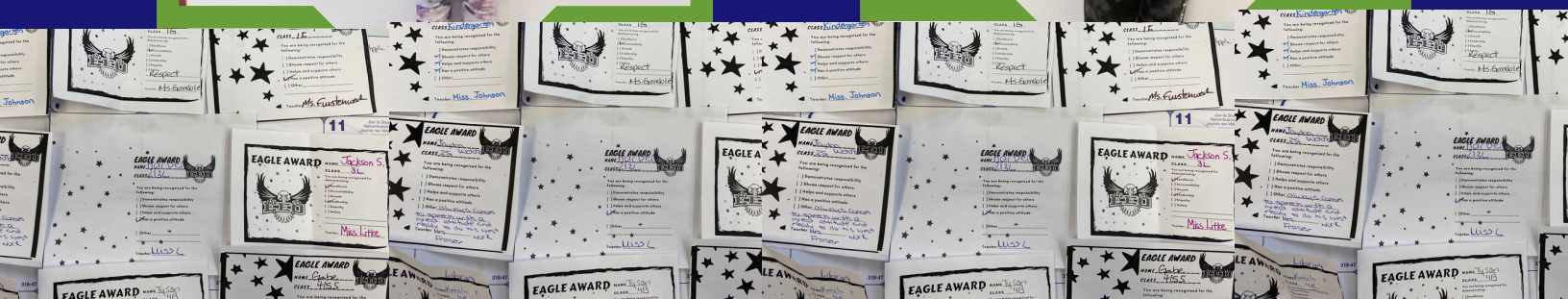
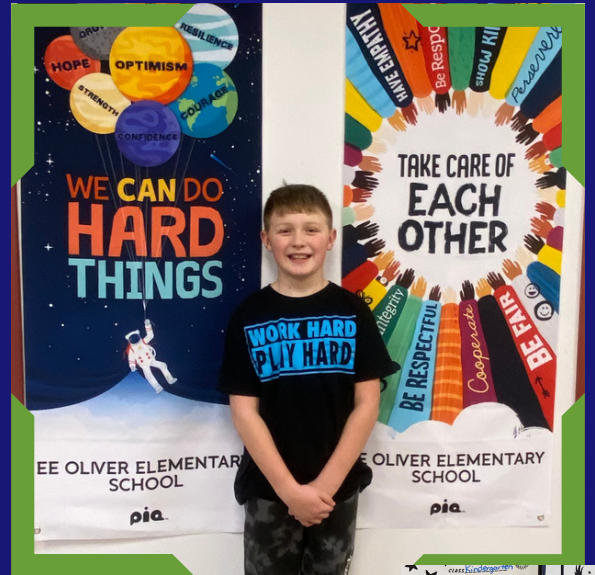
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# Harper R.



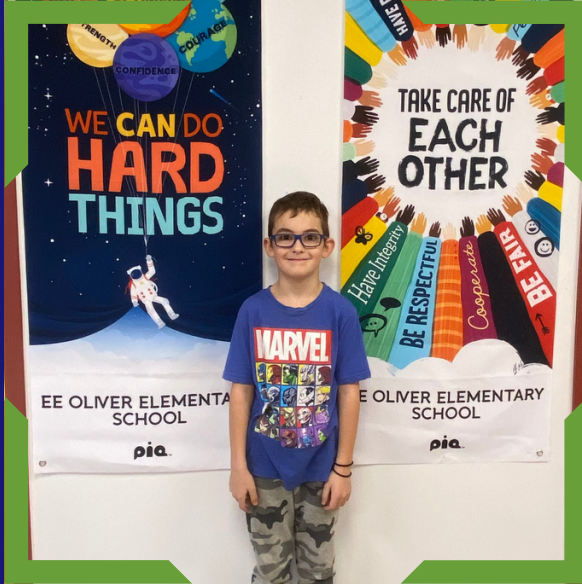
# Carson F.





# Eagle Awards

Jackson S.



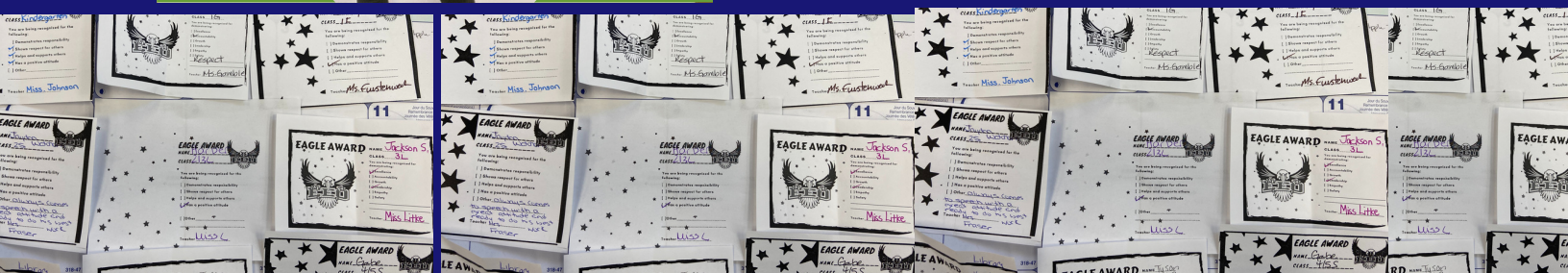
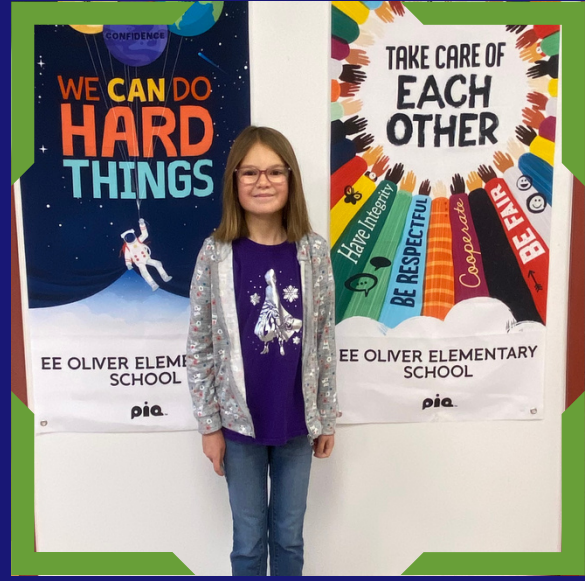
Gabriel W.



Callie G.



Kayla F.





# Eagle Awards

Gracelyn M.



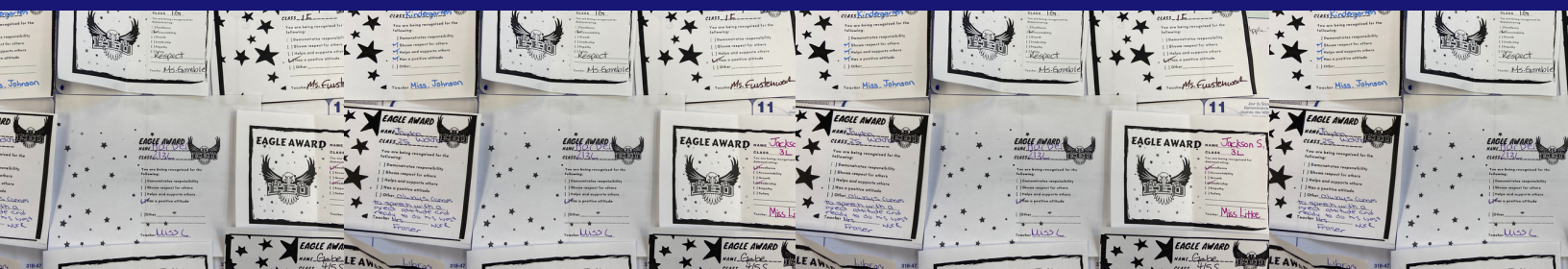
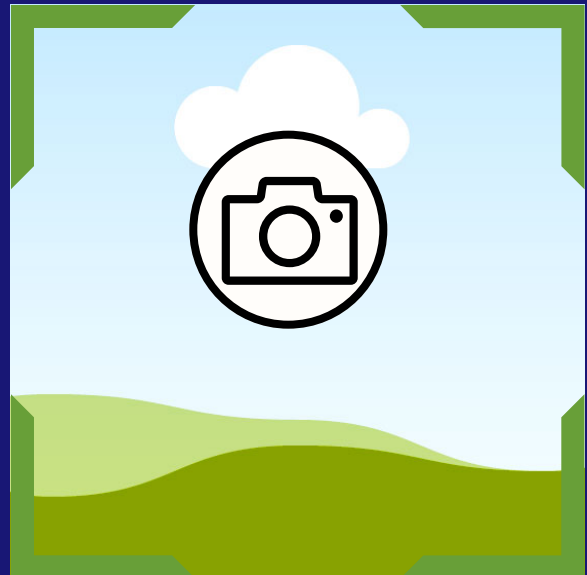
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Fritz H.



Jaydon W.



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Amy L.



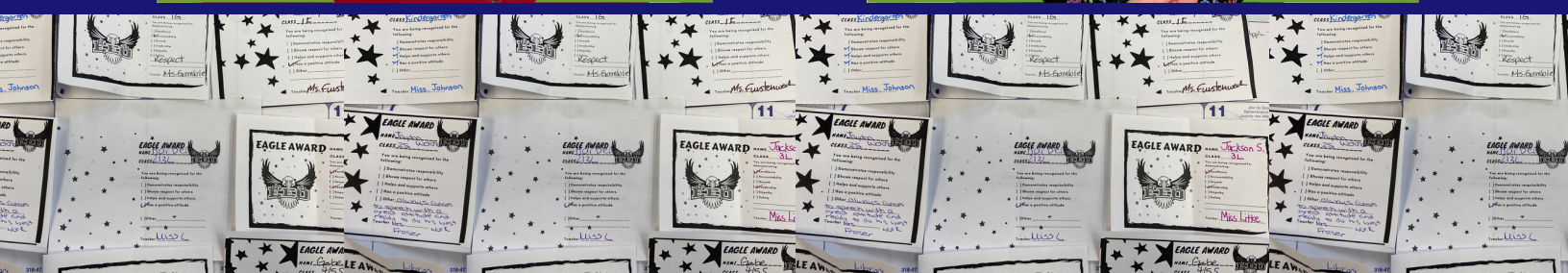
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Torsten R.



Sawyer S.





# Eagle Awards

Sofia T.



Mackenzie C.



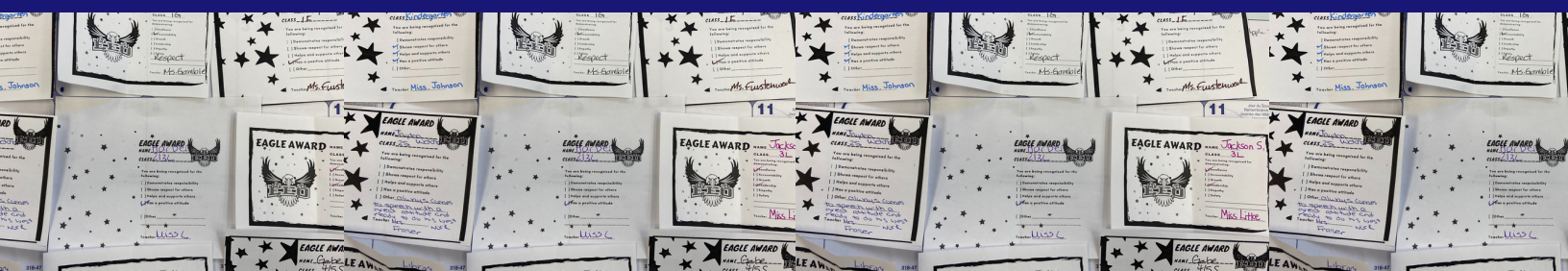
John S.



Sophia W.



Shakira F.



# VOLUNTEERS



NEEDED...

WE ARE ALWAYS  
IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Contact the office 780-835-2225

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**DOCUMENTS  
REQUIRED**



Criminal Record & Vulnerable Sector  
Check from the RCMP detachment



Intervention Record Check from the  
Alberta Children's Services Peace River



Pledge of Confidentiality form available  
from the EEO office.



# Nut Aware

The safety of all E.E. Oliver students  
is our top priority!

Please do not send peanuts, or tree nuts to  
our school as we have students with life  
threatening allergies.

✓ Check  
ingredient lists



Tree nuts include: almonds, brazil nuts, cashews,  
hazelnuts macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts,  
pistachios and walnuts



## EE Oliver Elementary

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Fairview AB T0H1L0  
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**Peace River  
School Division**

# READING BUDDIES

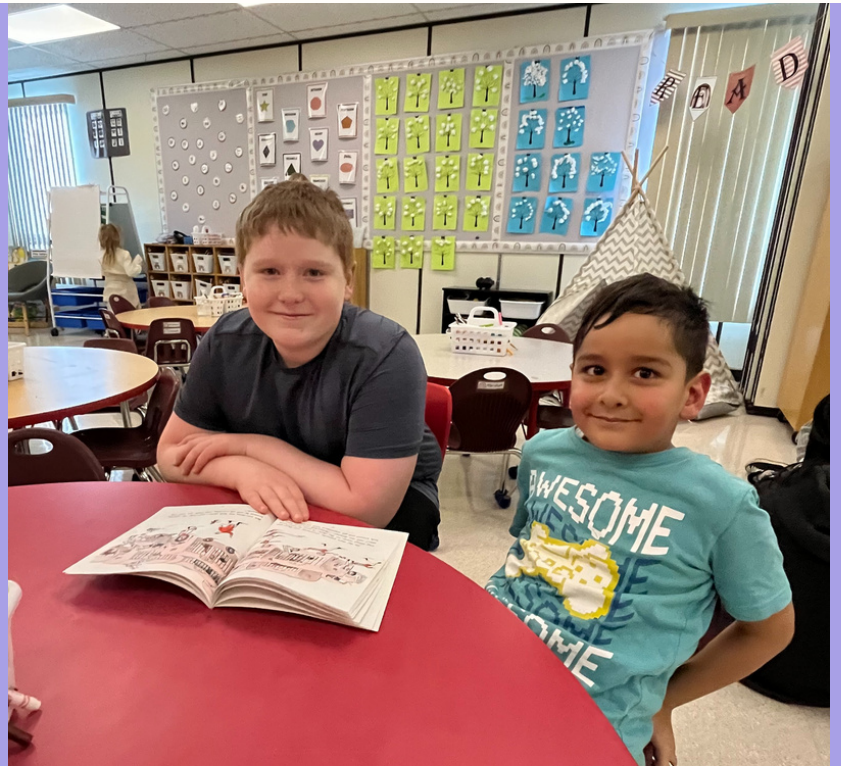
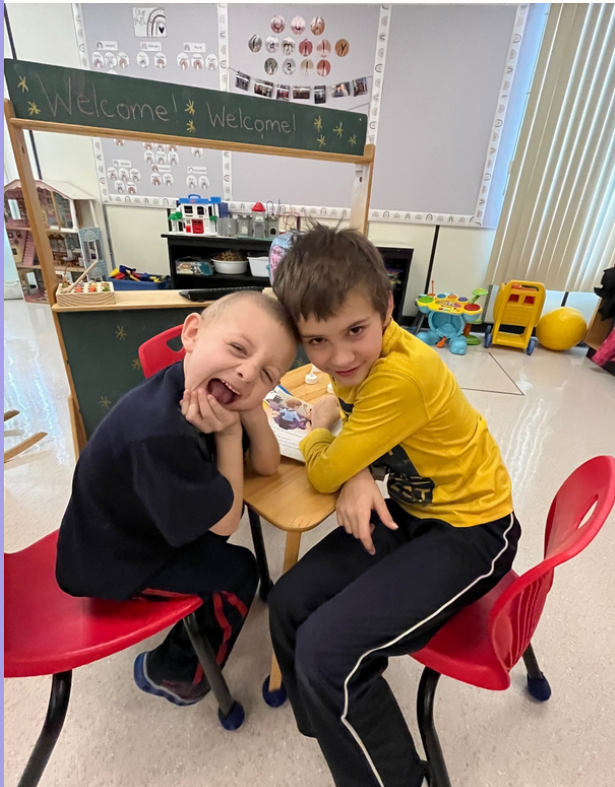
## STUDENTS FROM 4/5S AND KINDERGARTEN





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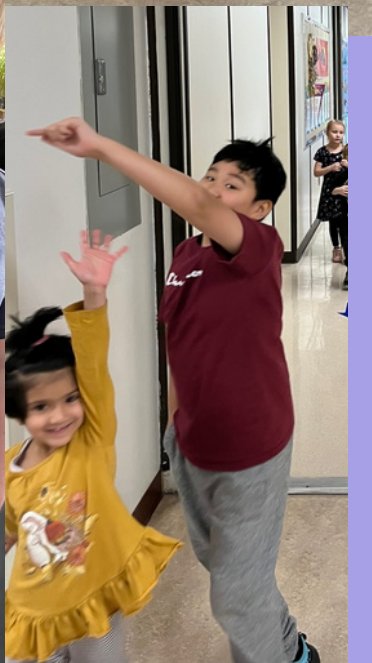
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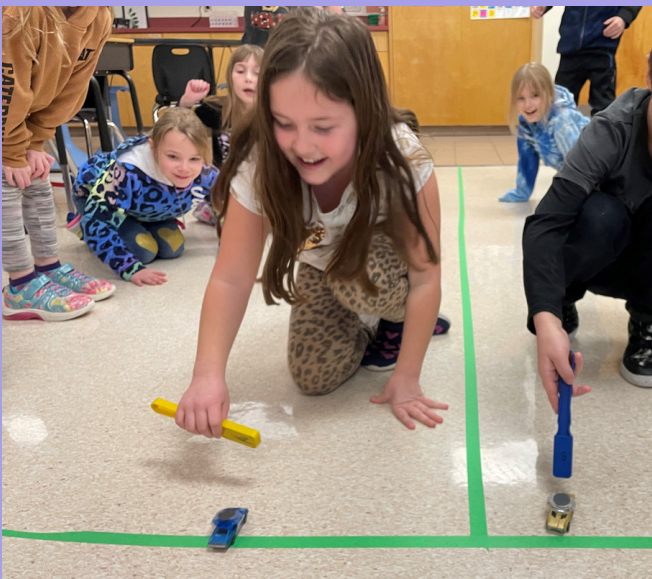
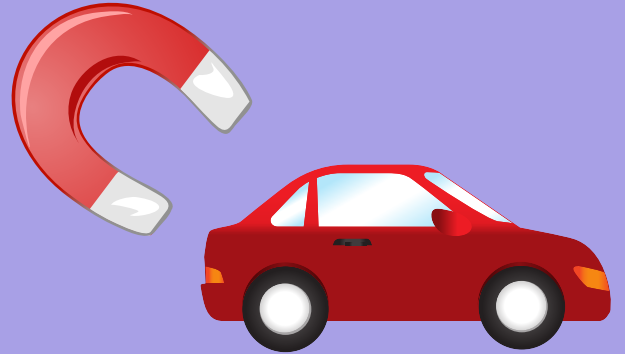
## THE 4/5S CLASS TOOK THEIR NEW FRIENDS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO SEE THEIR FISH TANK AND EGGS





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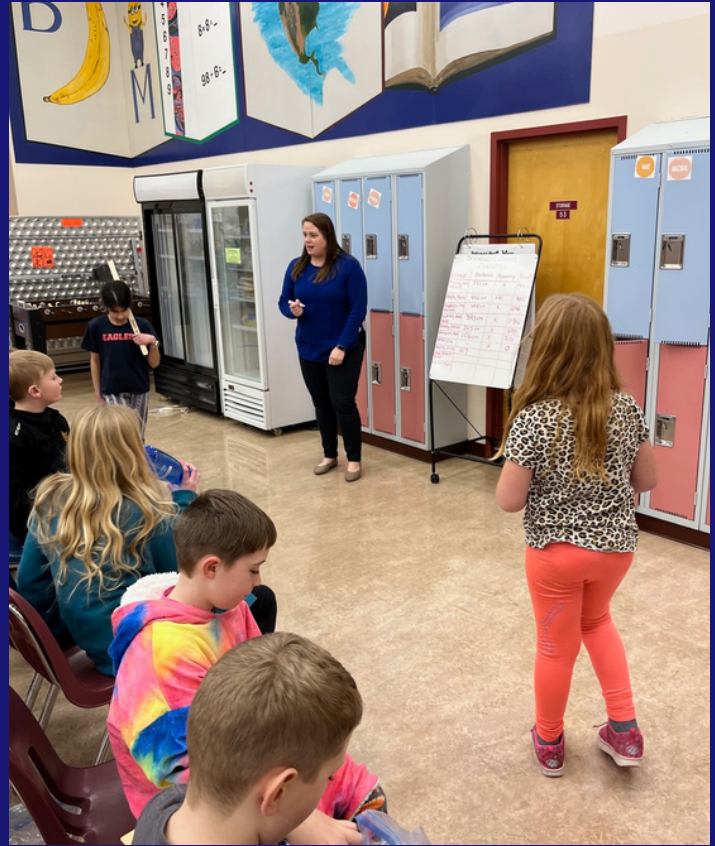
# Magnet Races!



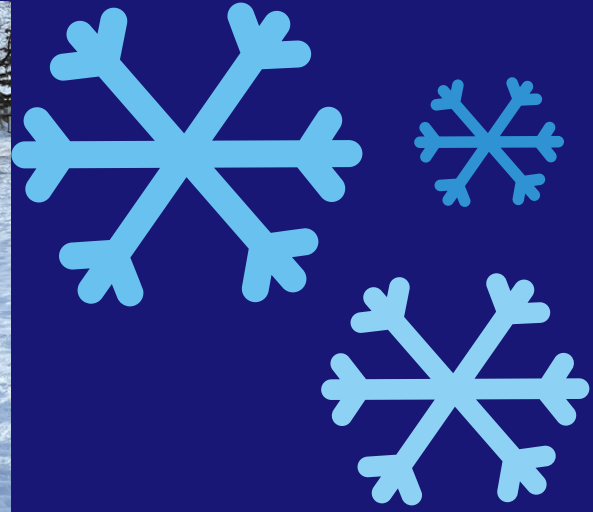


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## Snowball Catapults







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