

Eagles News

English Bluff Elementary School

March 5, 2024



March Mathematicians!

Next week we will be celebrating all that is mathematical! Math is not just numbers, it can be found in our everyday patterns. On **Monday, March 11** we will be heading out first thing in the morning for a school-wide walk to notice patterns in nature. Tuesday is measurement day; Wednesday, we will explore math stories; Thursday is Pi day and on Friday, we will play with math. Please consider ways you can have fun with math at home!



Things to Check Out

Our School Website - Find out more:

<https://eb.deltasd.bc.ca/>

Our Grade 7 families will be hosting a **movie night on March 8th** in the school gym. Join us to watch **Shrek** – doors open at 4:30, movie at 5:00.

To order Hot Lunch: (every 2nd week)

<https://englishbluff.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Contact the **PAC:** chair.ebpac@gmail.com

A HUGE shout-out to our PAC for organizing Scott Graham's visit to EB. The sessions with students enforced our anti-bullying teachings about being assertive and practice tools to disengage from negative behaviours.

Celebrations this Month

We would like to acknowledge our families who will be observing **Ramadan**, beginning on **March 10th**. Please reach out if there are supports we can implement for your children at this time. We would also like to say 'chag Purim sameach', to those who celebrate. Finally, we encourage you to acknowledge **Earth Hour** on **March 23rd** by turning your lights out for just one hour that day. Our **Run Club** will also be starting up this month for students in grades 4 and up, as they will be gearing up for Track & Field season.

Safety Drills at School

We are constantly practicing safety drills at school. This week, we will be practicing a **Hold & Secure drill**. Hold & Secure is when there is a hazard in the vicinity of the school and we need to secure people indoors to keep them safe. During this drill blinds & doors will be closed but instruction inside the classroom will resume. Teachers will be having conversations about why we have these drills at school and we encourage you to do the same at home. Having a plan keeps us safe!

Jump for Heart!

We will be Jumping into Spring when we return from the Break! Our **Jump Rope for Heart** event kicks off on **April 8th**. Students will be skipping throughout the week to build healthy habits for a healthy life. If you would like to donate to the Heart & Stroke foundation, our school donation link is:



<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/44389>

IB News

As an **IB-PYP school**, English Bluff teachers have a commitment to structured, purposeful inquiry that engages students actively in their own learning. In the PYP it is believed that this is how students learn best- by formulating questions, designing inquiries, proceeding with research, experimentation, observation and collaboration that will help them find their own answers to issues they are curious about. As well as guiding students through this inquiry learning process, teachers also ensure students develop the skills needed to undertake inquiry independently. Within the IB, these skills are known as the Approaches to Learning (ATLs) and include: communication skills, research skills, social skills, thinking skills, and self-management skills.

As well as using the **inquiry model** with their students, teachers also use it themselves, to engage in action research. Teachers are constantly inquiring into their own practice- making observations, asking questions, and reflecting on how to move student learning forward. While teachers do this individually within their own classroom, the IB school model also encourages teachers to work together as a staff to identify areas where they can improve student learning. Currently, our teacher inquiry is focused on improving the quality of students' writing by teaching literacy in a structured and explicit way. The specifics of this are different across the grade levels in the school, but every teacher at EB is engaged in this process both with their students, as well as with their colleagues.

Interested in Hosting an International Student!

Are you interested in providing a safe and welcoming environment for one of our visiting international students? Delta School District, which runs its own homestay program, is in urgent need of more homestay families to provide:

- A private bedroom, which includes a comfortable bed, study table, and lamp
- Bathroom and laundry facilities
- Three substantial meals a day and snacks
- Transportation to and from school if required
- Airport pick up and drop off

In return, you'll experience the joy of having a lifelong impact on a child from across the world while earning \$950 per month per student to cover costs. <https://godelta.ca/content/homestay>

Hold the Date

Mar 8: Movie Night – Shrek

Mar 11-15: Math Week

Mar 13: Term 2 reports available on Parent Connect

Mar 14: Hot Lunch

Mar 18-April 1: Spring Break

April 2: Term 3 begins

April 3: TFN Treaty Day

April 4: Hot Lunch

April 8: Jump Rope event

April 9: Grade 4 Heritage Fair

April 11: Hot Lunch

April 12: Class photo day

April 17 & 18: Student Led Conferences (early dismissal at 2:00)

April 19: Grade 6 immunizations



*Thank you,
Ms. T. Carleton Gaines*