

"Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path."  
-Psalm 119:105

God's Story  
OUR STORY



## “Developing Gifts for Joyful Service”

*“To make a start where we are, we must recognize that our world is not normal, but only usual at present”*

**-Dallas Willard**

### 2019 20 EA Staffing Update

As part of the ongoing adjustments / development related to the CoVid 19 pandemic, we have another update regarding our support staff. As was previously shared, our temporary and casual support staff had their last contract day for the 2019/20 school year on Wednesday, April 15. This group includes: Erin Barwegen, Pam Corliss, Sherry MacCrimmon, Jodene Moradel, Kendra Rae, Hannah Roberts and Julia Sinke. We thank these amazing staff for the work they have done at ICES this year (and previous years) and are hopeful to see them back next year!

The remaining support staff (Education Assistants and Learning Commons Facilitator on continuing contracts) will resume their current positions until April 30. At this time they will go on leave with the expectation that they will be working again in the Fall. This group of people includes: Nellie Konynenbelt, Monique Barthel, Colette Bouwsema and Lorinda Veenendaal. We will miss their contributions, but look forward to re-connecting in the Fall.

After some review, the Lethbridge school division was able to maintain a small number of EA staff at each school to support students with exceptional needs during this virtual schooling phase. The following EA's are scheduled to continue throughout the school year: Jason Hoard, Melody Theissen and Lynda Jordan.

Thanks to everyone on this list for your commitment towards ICES and for your level of patience and understanding in a challenging time.

#### ***ICES Recites Memory work:***

This week's throughline theme is “Servant Working”. In light of that there is a student challenge to recite Matthew 20:28. ***Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*** Parents record your child reciting this verse and send it to [jay.visser@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:jay.visser@lethsd.ab.ca). Please note the video clip created will be shared in our next ICES News and Notes.

### Accessing ICES Online Learning content:

1. Go to the ICES webpage: [ices.lethsd.ab.ca](http://ices.lethsd.ab.ca)
2. At the top of the page click on "Community Learning Page"

3. Just click on the grade your child is in and start exploring! You will find learning activities for your child!  
-the government of Alberta is recommending one hour of school (focused mainly on numeracy and literacy) per day. In light of this, don't feel you need to do everything. There are multiple options to help keep your child engaged.



### **Birthdays for this week!**

**Nash Winkelaar – April 23**

**Adelai Baloc – April 24**

### **Hard Copies of Learning Resources**

- Due to the fact that some families don't have adequate technology for (all of) their kids to access online learning platforms, ICES will also be offering paper copies to families that need them.
- ICES will stay away from schedule "whole class Zoom meetings". Instead we have focused on providing interactive learning activities on our learning pages, in which families can access in their own time. Teachers will also be contacting families on a weekly basis to do check-ins, share advice, hear concerns etc.
- As we go along, if families are finding that the tech platform is not working for them, please contact your child's homeroom teacher so that paper copies can be provided for you as well.
- Unfortunately we aren't able to deliver these printed resources. They will be available for pick up on school days. Materials will be set up on a table outside our front doors.
- Due to tightening health regulations, we are not at this point able to offer library services. However, we have library resources that families can have! These will also be set out front the school on school days for families that would like to take a look.