



“If you can’t do great things, do little things with great love” -Mother Teresa

Monday, May 18 Victoria Day Holiday!

Tuesday, May 19

Professional Learning day for Teaching staff – no school.
ICES School Council Meeting on ZOOM (7pm)

Wednesday, May 20

Thursday, May 21

Happy Birthday Mrs. Wall!

Friday, May 22



ICES will have a School Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 pm. This meeting will be on ZOOM. In the meeting, parents will be able to hear more about the plans for the rest of the school year and into next school year. Parents that would like to remotely attend the meeting will be able to access it with a link shared in the body of this email.

School Calendar Update: The last day that ICES will be providing learning materials is on Friday, June 19.



ICES Bible Memory James 1:27 (theme – Justice Seeking)

²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

ICES Staffing Updates

We will be having 3 new teachers join us for the 2020/21 school year. While change requires adjustment, we feel confident that these three people will bring a lot to ICES.

Grade 3: Jordan Cardamone (*note: we will be having three Grade 3 classes*)

Hello! My name is Jordan Cardamone and I am thrilled to be joining the ICES community! I will have the privilege to teach Grade 3 for the 2020/21 school year. It is truly a blessing to be able to join a school with Jesus Christ at the center of everything they do. I believe that Christian Education is a way to encompass Christ into all parts of our daily lives, and to live according to His will. I look forward to being able to share my faith in my teaching and to challenge my students to play their role in God's story using their gifts and talents.

I was born and raised in Drumheller, AB and came to Lethbridge for university, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education. I have now called Lethbridge home for nine years. In my teaching experience, I have taught most grades at the elementary level. In my most recent experience, I taught Grade 1 at Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School. It has been an answer to prayer to have this opportunity, and I look forward to getting to know the ICES community! God bless,
Jordan Cardamone

Grade 5 – Kelsey Morrison (*note: we will be having three grade 5 classes*)

Hi everyone!

My name is Kelsey Morrison, and I am thrilled to be joining the Immanuel Christian Elementary community! I grew up in Cranbrook BC and graduated from the University of Lethbridge in 2017 with a combined degree in Kinesiology and Physical Education. I have taught grade 2, 3, and 4 in the last two years, and have loved every minute of it!

God has always been a strong and constant presence in my life. He is my anchor in times of joy and turbulence, and I lean on him daily. I believe it is extremely powerful to be able to grow in faith alongside students. I feel extremely blessed to be able to build relationships with students with God as our guide. I believe in the importance of practicing love, patience, and forgiveness daily. I see each child as a blessing, someone that is an image bearer of and deeply loved by God.

I feel extremely blessed to be joining Immanuel Christian Elementary and can't wait to meet everyone!

Kelsey Morrison

Grade 5 – Les Greeno (note: we will be having three grade 5 classes)

Hello my name is Les Greeno. I was born and raised in southern Alberta and have had the privilege to teach in different parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan over the span of an almost 30 year teaching career. I am married to Deb, my wife of 29 years, and we have four adult children, three of which are married, and we are expecting our first grandchild in August. My hobbies include futsal, building and flying RC airplanes, fishing, painting, robotics, computer animation and spending time with family. I am excited to be a part of the ICES family and look forward to meeting the school families that call ICES home.

Of course one of the reasons we are hiring 2 – grade 5 teachers is that Miss Laura Witten was appointed Vice Principal at Immanuel Christian Secondary school for the 2020 – 21 school year. While we wish Ms. Witten the best, we will miss her. Below are a few words from Ms. Witten.

“Working in the Immanuel Christian School Elementary School for the past nine years has been a tremendous joy. I have so valued the school’s commitment to quality, Christian education, delivered in an environment that supports student’s diversities and strengths. Moving to the secondary campus is bitter-sweet, but I am thankful to be able to continue serving the Immanuel community! Working in collaboration with staff, parents, and students is my passion, and I am so looking forward to continuing to help students ‘develop and use their gifts for joyful service in God’s kingdom.

We also extend our appreciation for the work of Mrs. Camilla Pagliericci. It can be difficult to come in mid-year on short notice and replace such a highly regarded teacher. However, Mrs. Pagliericci’s efforts were noted and she helped our grade 5 program continue on in a time of transition. This is something we are thankful for!

Note: for a full breakdown of what next year’s ICES teacher staffing / classroom configuration, please join us in our ICES School Council ZOOM meeting (referenced in page 1 of this newsletter).



Mr. Lieuwen and Mrs. Skidmore

The other reason for the new hiring is due to the retirements of long time ICES staff – Mr. Richard Lieuwen and Mrs. Susan Skidmore. We certainly thank them for their many years of service and are working out a way to honor both. To help us with that, if parents and/or current and former students would be willing to send in pictures, notes and / or videos of messages to Mr. Lieuwen or Mrs. Skidmore, please send them to jay.visser@lethsd.ab.ca At this point we are not quite sure what we will be able to do to honor both, but we are working on some things. More information will be shared as it becomes available.



We thank the parents that have been attentive with getting their Lethbridge school division registrations in. For those parents that haven't done so, we ask that you get them in ASAP as this helps us with planning – especially since some classes/grades are very near capacity. Thanks for your consideration.



May Birthdays! - ICES students

May 1 – Joel D
May 3 – Quinn W
May 8 – Aiden V
May 9 – Jesse K
May 10 – Ava H
May 13 – Darren H
May 15 – Oliver N
May 16 – Benjamin F

May 16 – Khloe H
May 16 – David N
May 18 – Mataya D
May 23 – Nash W
May 24 – Adelai B
May 29 – Derek P
May 29 – Walker S
May 30 – Gabriel T

Note from Alberta Education:

Alberta Education has instituted a help line and email for parents of students, particularly those with disabilities, during COVID-19 and at-home learning.

The line is 780-422-6548 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, followed by the 10-digit phone number) or via email at: studentsupport@gov.ab.ca.

Even with the excellent work being done by teachers and school divisions supporting the learning and inclusion of students with disabilities, we know that the changes in how education is being delivered is affecting students differently. For families of students with disabilities, there may be questions about their child's program now that the traditional delivery process has changed.

Alberta Education has established the help line and email to assist families with their questions and connect them to their boards where appropriate. This could include key members of the school district (teacher, principal, school district leadership, school board) to find collaborative solutions to meeting their child's learning needs at home.

The Parent Help Line will be answered Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. I encourage you to provide this information to the parents of your students as you see fit.

Sincerely,
Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education