



# December 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec 4- JDES 12 Days of Xmas  
Begins**

**Dec 6 - POWER Assembly**

**Dec 11 - Hot Lunch**

**Dec 13 - No School**

**Dec 17 - Hot Lunch**

**Dec 18 & 19-Christmas  
Concert**

**Dec 23 to Jan 6th-Xmas Break**

**Coming Up....**

**Jan 6 - Welcome Back**

**\*Hot Lunch Orders due 10AM**

**Jan 15 - Hot Lunch**

**Jan 28 Hot Lunch**

**Jan 29 - Report Cards**

**Jan 30 - No School (Professional  
Development)**

**Jan 31 - No School**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The staff and students at Jessie Duncan have been incredibly busy this year, and we are proud of all that we have accomplished together. We've celebrated and learned about Indigenous culture through meaningful events like our Orange Shirt Day and unveiling our art with Mackenzie Brown for the outdoor classroom. These experiences have helped deepen our understanding and appreciation of Indigenous traditions.

Our school community also takes part in important Canadian traditions, such as the Terry Fox Run and Remembrance Day ceremonies. All three community schools come together on these days to create community and connection.

As we look ahead to December, we're excited to celebrate the holiday season with our Christmas Concert, the Twelve Days of Christmas spirit days, and by supporting families in need through our annual Christmas hampers. We are grateful for the generous support from our Parent Council, Trustee Sherry Cooper, the Town of Penhold, and our Jessie Duncan staff, which makes this initiative possible. It's heartwarming to see our community come together to help those who are less fortunate.

Kory Sholdice  
Principal  
Jessie Duncan Elementary

*On behalf of the entire JDES  
staff, we extend our warmest  
wishes for a joyful holiday  
season ahead.*

# JDES Christmas Concerts

**December 18th & 19th** **\*\*All students should arrive 15 minutes before their concert time.**

**Wednesday, Dec 18th**  
**5:30: Kindergarten & 2/3M**  
**6:30: 1W/2G/3B**

**Thursday, Dec 19th**  
**5:30: 1B, 2N, 3H**  
**6:30: 1P, 2H, 3V**

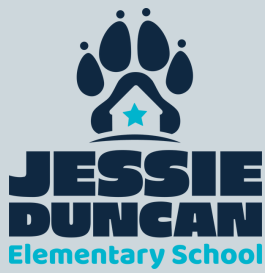
**FOOD BANK DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED ON OUR CONCERT NIGHTS, ANY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.**



## December 2024

Jessie Duncan's 12 Days of Christmas!!

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2	3	4 Wear Red 	5 Wear a Christmas Hat/Headband 	6 PJ's and Pancakes Day 	7 
8	9  Plaid-erday! Wear Plaid today!	10 Snowball Day - wear white, sparkles or glitter 	11 Grinch/Green Day 	12 PJ Day 	13 <b>**No School**</b>	14
15	16 Dress like a present - be creative! 	17 Wear a Christmas shirt/sweater 	18 Wear Christmas socks 	19 Candy Cane Day (wear red/white) 	20 PJ or Christmas Character Day 	21 Last Day of School!! See you in January 2025!!
22	23	24 Christmas Eve --CHRISTMAS--	25 Christmas Day ---BREAK---	26	27	28 



# Our JDES Store is Open

To receive your order before we close for the holidays on December 20th, they need to be placed no later than December 5th.

Orders placed December 6th–December 20th, they will be received January 10th, 2024.



<https://jessieduncanelementary.itemorder.com/>

AT THE  
*pool*

**Grade 3  
Swimming Lessons**

**Nov 18, 20, 25, 27,  
& Dec 2, 4, 9, 11**

**3B- 11:15-12:00**

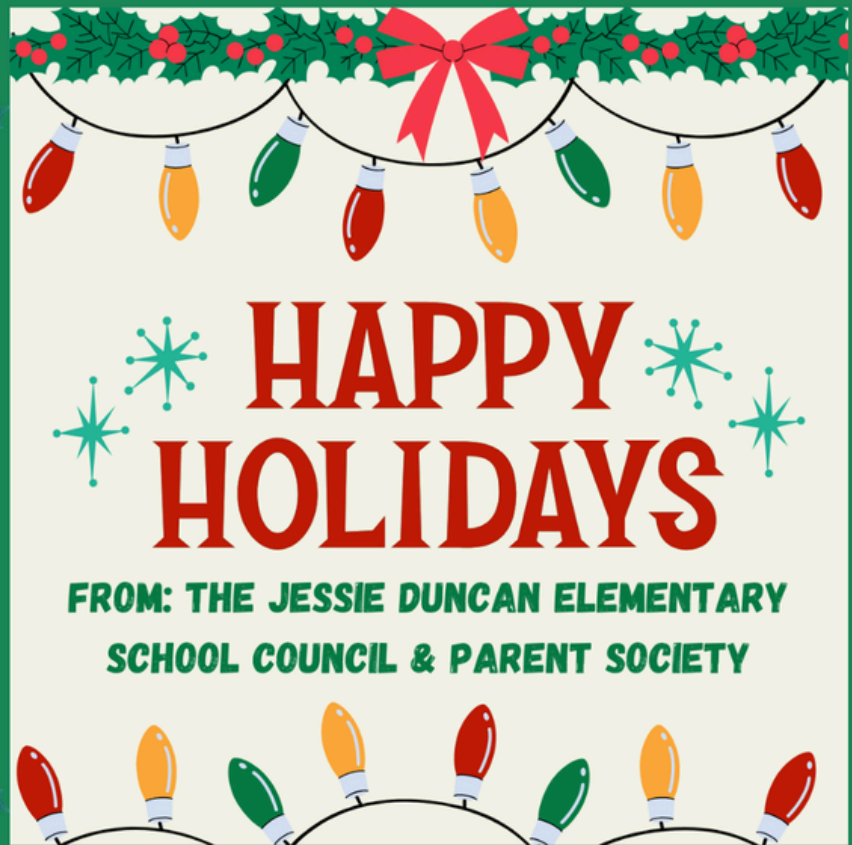
**3V - 1:00-1:45**

**3H- 1:45-2:30**



**Hey there JDES Parents, friendly reminder! If you're rolling in fashionably late with your little one, make sure they swing by the office to give us their name and classroom— just a quick hello! And if you're dropping off something for your kiddo during the day, please stop at the office. We'll either call them down or make sure the item gets delivered to keep the classroom learning rolling. Thanks so much for being amazing!**

# Council Corner



## Swing Set Repair/ Accessibility:

- The JDES Swings in the school yard were refurbished in 2021 at cost of \$20,157.44.
- Over the last 3 years The Jessie Duncan Parent Society has used Gaming Funds to pay down on this loan. \$4000.00 was allocated this past year to be paid on the loan.
- The Swing Set Repair Loan has now been paid in full
- A more accessible swing was also previously purchased by the Parent Society making the swings more inclusive



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR FUNDRAISER!



SOLD OUT!

# POINSETTIA & WREATH FUNDRAISER

- SALE EXTENDED -  
UNTIL DEC 6/ 2024

ORDER FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT



REDEEM YOUR VOUCHER & PICK OUT YOUR POINSETTIA  
@ PARKLAND NURSERIES

# Give the Gift of Warmth this Holiday Season

PLEASE BRING AN  
ITEM FOR THE:

Accepting  
NEW  
Women's +  
childrens  
mitts,  
toques,  
headbands  
& neck  
warmers

# Winter Wear Tree

In  
support  
of the  
Central  
Alberta  
Women's  
Emergency  
Shelter

December  
1st -20th



*Jessie Duncan Parent Society*

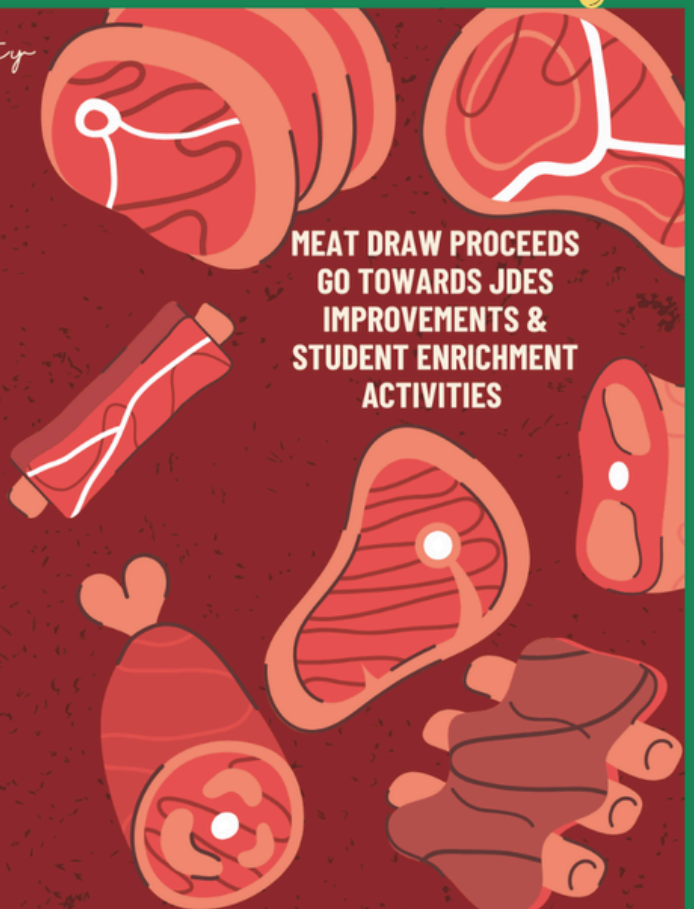
# Meat Draw Volunteers Needed!

December 13, 2024

MEAT DRAWS ARE ON FRIDAYS  
@ THE PENHOLDER TAVERN  
4 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EACH DRAW  
HOURS 6:45 PM- 8:45PM

MEAT DRAW PROCEEDS  
GO TOWARDS JDES  
IMPROVEMENTS &  
STUDENT ENRICHMENT  
ACTIVITIES

Please contact [jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:jdschoolcouncil@gmail.com)  
FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP



# BAD Christmas CAROLLERS

Get in the Christmas spirit with this family fun activity!

The Bad Carollers are coming to town!

Funds raised are going right back into the community to assist families in need during the school year. See the PES parent council Facebook page, school sites, and your child's backpack for more details.

To give this amazing experience to someone or save yourself, please fill out the Google form:

<https://forms.gle/8BzAvW5aVuxVV3R47>

Additional questions and details please contact:

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\*\$10 for initial booking – prebook in google form link

\*\$10 to stop the music, Carollers leave

\*\$15 to stop the music and send us elsewhere

\*\$25 to NOT come back at all or prebook so they DON'T come at all

\*\$5 request your favorite carol \*tips/donations of any sort welcome.



Town of Penhold  
Sunday,  
December 15,  
2024 4-8 pm

Springbrook  
Monday,  
December 16,  
2024 5-8 pm

# BAD Christmas CAROLLERS

attention all carollers - good and "bad"  
Do you like to sing but never had lessons

.....our group is for you!

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to come sing their hearts out, instruments encouraged, at our Bad Christmas Carollers event. Funds raised are going right back into the community to assist our families in need during the school year. If you can't attend the whole event, we would love to have you for any length of time you have to give. The bigger the group the better the sound.

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## TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

For questions/more details and to volunteer contact:

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# CALLING ALL BAKERS!

## FOR OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK SALE

Bake Cookies & Bring Joy to your Community this Holiday Season!

Help us spread joy and sweetness as we raise funds for Penhold Waskasoo Middle School Playground.

Baking may be dropped off at school office  
December 11th, 10 am to 4pm

Cookie walk will be held during our School Christmas Concert December 12th

### Running short on time this Holiday Season?

Check out Ma & Pa's pre-scooped Cookie Dough sold instore. From now until Dec 7th, \$5 from every package of Cookie Dough sold will be donated to the Innisfail Food Bank. Help support our Community in multiple ways... with Cookies.

Please email us if you are able to help out:  
[penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com)



# MERRY MINGLE

DEC. 7
12 TO 2PM

DROP-IN AND ENJOY MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY

## THE MESSENGERS

WITH COLOURING SHEETS FOR KIDS AS WELL AS REFRESHMENTS AND COOKIE DECORATING