



Edmonton Classical Academy School Council Newsletter

We've hosted some truly **wonderful events** this year, from the Father Daughter Dance and Winter Festival to cozy movie nights and more, but we've noticed a **dip in attendance**. These gatherings are **more than just fun evenings**, they play an important role in building culture and strengthening our school community. They create space to meet the parents of your child's friends, plan playdates and get-togethers, and connect around our shared vision for the school.

We want to better understand what might be making it difficult for families to attend, so Mr. Piotrkowski has created a short survey to help shed light on community involvement and how we can come together more effectively. Please take a few minutes to [fill out the form here](#).

*For all updated information on the ECA School Council & Fundraising Society, school events, meeting notes, volunteer opportunities and more, please visit our **new website** at <https://www.ecaegschoolcouncil.com>*

If there is anything you would like added to this newsletter or you have any questions about the content of this newsletter, please email communications@ecaegschoolcouncil.com

🎬 ✨ K-2 MOVIE NIGHT IS ON!!! ✨ 🎬

ECA Council Presents

"True courage comes in smallest form"

MOVIE NIGHT

Kinder - Grade 2

March 13, 2026

3:15-5:30 pm

ECA CAFETERIA

enjoy a pizza and a fresh fruit cup

get your ticket early for
\$5.00 until March 4
\$7.00 March 5-11

The Tale of Despereaux



 **Friday, March 13, 2026**

 **3:15 – 5:30 PM**

 **School Gym**

\$5 per person

[Grab tickets here!!](#)



Join us for a magical adventure as we follow Despereaux on his brave and heartwarming journey! Each ticket includes a slice of pizza and a fruit cup, and you're welcome to send along extra snacks if you'd like. If your child normally takes the bus, please let their teacher and bus driver know they'll be staying for the movie. Parents are required to pick up their children inside the school. Siblings are welcome to attend, they simply need their own ticket and a parent to supervise.

Volunteers needed! [Sign up here.](#)

A Little Act of Thanks

This month, we thanked our teachers for their unwavering dedication with hot tea and coffee. This small gesture, on behalf of the parent body, is to recognize all that the staff of ECA do. If you see a Edmonton Classical Academy teacher this week, be sure to thank them for their service!

Audreys Books Book Fair

Audreys BOOKS

IS COMING TO
EDMONTON CLASSICAL ACADEMY

IN-SCHOOL
MARCH 16 - 20

VIRTUAL (ONLINE)
MARCH 16 - 22

SHOP OUR WONDERFUL
SELECTION OF NOVELS, GRAPHIC
NOVELS, AND NON-FICTION!

AUDREYS BOOKS
10702 JASPER AVENUE

780.423.3487
audrey@audreys.ca

ECA Library welcomes Audreys Books during our annual in-person Book Fair!

March 16 - 20, shop for your family and friends to bolster your home libraries. There will be a large selection of classics and literature, non-fiction, and some fun literacy activities for all ages and grades.

In-person sales are preferred, but there is an online option for those who want titles not available or sold out at the event. All funds raised during this major library event go toward strengthening our ECA Library and Classroom collections!

Any questions can be sent to the Library Manager, Mrs. Schauer, at Jess.Schauer@ClassicalAcademy.ca. More information will be sent closer to the start date.

The Father Daughter Dance Was A Success!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Father–Daughter Dance! The room was full of laughter, music, and so many special moments shared between dads and daughters. It was a beautiful evening of connection - the kind of memories that stay with our children for years to come.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers - the Events Committee, everyone who helped with planning, decorating, setup, and cleanup. These events truly take a village, and we are so grateful for the time and care you gave to make the evening such a success.

A special shoutout to our student DJs, Aubrey and Seth, who kept the dance floor lively all night long - we loved seeing your leadership and talent on display!

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community.

Casino Volunteer Update — Urgent: One Spot Left!

We *urgently* need to fill the remaining volunteer position for our upcoming Casino fundraiser:



Evening Countroom, March 15 11:00PM- 3:30AM

If you're available to work these shifts or be a backup, please sign up below:

👉 [Sign Up for March 14](#)

👉 [Sign Up for March 15](#)

If you're able to take on these important roles, please sign up now! It would be a huge help to the school to **raise over \$75,000** towards our initiatives.

We're also building a waitlist of **backup volunteers**, in case we have last-minute cancellations. If you're open to being a backup, we'd love to add your name. Just scroll to the bottom of the shift list and add your information to Backup Volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to support this major fundraiser for our school community! You should have received an email about your shift at this point. If you haven't, please email casino@ecaegschoolcouncil.com.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal and supporting our school community — we couldn't do it without you!

Upcoming Healthy Hunger

Healthy Hunger is an **online lunch-ordering program** that turns school lunches into a simple, sustainable fundraiser for our school. Families pre-order meals from approved local restaurants and vendors, which are delivered directly to the school on designated days. Parents order and pay online in advance, and a **portion of every meal purchased is returned to the school**, creating consistent fundraising revenue. It's a win for everyone: schools receive ongoing financial support for student programs, families get convenient, kid-approved meals, and local restaurants gain meaningful community partnerships. [Click here to order!](#)

- March 6, 2026 Wayback Burgers
- Match 27, 2026 Dairy Queen

Healthy Hunger is one of ECA's **most successful fundraisers**, bringing in much-needed funds to support important school initiatives. Its success depends on **parent volunteers** who help distribute lunches during the school day. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Busi Mangena at busi.mangena@gov.ab.ca to sign up for a lunch distribution shift.

The Winter Festival Was A Success!



Thank you to our school community for making the Winter Festival: Pinocchio such a meaningful and joyful day.

A special note of appreciation for the children who shared their hopes and wishes on the Wishing Tree, custom made for our school by Jeremy Wiebe. It was a beautiful way to showcase why we gather and build these moments together.

Thank you to the Festivals Committee for five months of planning and day-of celebration.

Thank you as well to Mr. Schauer and Mr. Hogge for serving as competition judges; to Mrs. Wiebe and Mr. Piotrkowski for faculty representation and support; and to Dr. Walsh and Mrs. Serrano for their support of the chess tournament.



Council Meetings

We need more parents to bring their voices, skills, and perspectives to the board and committees so that **all communities** within our school are represented. If you believe in what ECA stands for, **this is your moment to step in**.

Join us at an upcoming meeting, learn about our initiatives, and discover how your involvement can help shape the legacy of this school.

- Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- Thursday, April 16, 2026
- Wednesday, May 20, 2026
- Thursday, June 18, 2026

Meetings alternate monthly between Wednesday and Thursday evenings at ECA. Please join us to hear updates, share ideas, and connect. To read the meeting minutes of our last meeting, [click here!](#)

Community - Join A Committee

We have two exciting opportunities coming up and would love more parents to join us:

① **Festivals Committee – Spring Festival**

We're in the planning stage and it's the perfect time to jump in! More voices = more creativity, fresh ideas, and lighter lifting for everyone. If you enjoy brainstorming, organizing, or just want to help bring a joyful day to life for our kids, we'd be so grateful.

② **Gala 2026 (Playground fundraising event)**

Yes, we're already planning! 🎉 This will be a big and beautiful initiative for our school, and there are so many ways to get involved (from sponsorship and décor to logistics and communications). Early planning means we can build something really special together.

If either of these speaks to you (or you're just curious and want to learn more), please reach out to me via Telegram or email me communications@ecaegschoolcouncil.com

Every village needs villagers 🧡 and we'd love to have you join us.



Other Committees That Need Support

Communications: Share updates and keep families informed and connected.

[Anya Yahnishchak](#)

Festivals Committee: Help plan and run fun seasonal school festivals (2 every year - Winter and Spring).

Maria Laura Giordani, [Anya Yahnishchak](#)

Playground Committee: Planning and fundraising efforts for a future playground.

Vacant

Playpod Committee: Position Open

We are currently seeking a Playground Committee Chair to lead and coordinate efforts related to our playground initiative. This role will work closely with the Fundraising Society, Grants Committee, and the Gala Committee to support planning, alignment, and execution of fundraising efforts tied to this important project. If you are interested in helping shape this initiative and collaborating across committees, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact [Kelsa Unruh](#) for more information

Library Committee: Help with organizing library initiatives.

[Rhamona Barber](#)

Events Committee: Help plan extra events outside of the festivals (Mother-Son Kickball, Father-Daughter Dance, and more!)

[Meagan Jakubec](#)

Teachers & School Support Committee: Coordinate appreciation efforts and classroom support.

[Faith Bodnarek](#), Colyssa Stoik

School Concerts Committee: Support with school concerts.

[Oksana Shyshyna](#)

Grant Writing Committee: Help identify and apply for funding opportunities.

[Jeff Jakubec](#)

Movie & Games Committee: Help organize and run movie nights and fun family game events.

[Simran Chawla](#)



Whether you can volunteer once a month or once a year, there's a spot for you!

1-hour helpers: Hot lunch or PlayPod support.

Creative planners: Join Events or Festivals Committees.

Organizers welcome: We're seeking a chair for the **Minor Repairs, Playground and Playpod Committees**

Parents of Grade 4 & 9: We are looking for this year's graduation ceremony committees for the grade 4 & grade 9 graduations.

Please reach out to Kelsa Unruh at scchair@ecaegschoolcouncil.com if you are interested in supporting our school through one of the above initiatives.

Active Fundraisers

[Widynowski's Sausage Fundraiser](#)

Round 2 of Widynowski's Sausage! Sales run March 9-19, so be sure to get your orders in before the deadline! All orders will be placed on March 20, with a delivery to ECA on March 26. [Stock up on quality meat](#) and support our school at the same time!

Skip the Depot - Bottle Donation Pick-up

Turn your empties into school support — from your doorstep! Download the Skip the Depot app or visit skipthedepot.com, create an account, and select **Edmonton Classical Academy School Council** as your charity. Your refundable bottles are picked up and credited directly to the school — no trip required!

Mabels Labels - Year Round Label Fundraiser

Keep your kids' items out of lost-and-found while giving back to the school! Visit mabelslabels.ca and choose **Edmonton Classical Academy School Council** from the fundraising list before checkout. A portion of every order goes directly to ECA initiatives. Perfect for water bottles, uniforms, and gear!

Stay Connected

Email: communications@ecaegschoolcouncil.com

[Telegram](#): Join our parent community chat for updates and reminders.

Website: <https://www.ecaegschoolcouncil.com/>