



Up the Creek!

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École James S. McCormick Students On a Roll!

In the celebration of the Olympic torch that came to Lacombe, École James S. McCormick School joined in the Olympic spirit by building an inukshuk.

The school also wanted to use this opportunity to give back to the community. Therefore, the staff decided to build our school's inukshuk out of toilet paper packages. According to the food bank, this is something they are always in need of.

We were very proud of our students who donated to a great cause, while being "On a Roll" into the Olympics.

-Article Submitted by Camille King



According to Wikipedia, "the inukshuk may have been used for navigation, as a point of reference, a marker for hunting grounds, or as a food cache." There is no information about whether or not toiletries were cached in the same way.



The Olympic Torch came through Lacombe on Day 78 of its 106 day relay.

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Olympics Arrive Early at École Lacombe Junior High

The staff and students at École Lacombe Junior High School in Lacombe, AB have been demonstrating both their school pride as well as their national pride recently. The school's Leadership class, lead by Mrs. Penny Grattan, organized a fun-filled week of "Olympic" activities. The week began with a "Red & White Day" where everyone was encouraged to wear our national colors proudly. The competitions began with a "fast" start with the grade 9 bobsledding competition. Each class built their own four-person sleds. The classes were also judged on their costumes.



One group went with a Hawaiian theme while another went with a Star Wars theme. One class even had custom-made t-shirts with their team name emblazoned on the front. The competitions continued with biathlon (using towels, Frisbees and bean bags), curling (using straws and fruit loops), more bobsledding, and a mini-stick floor hockey contest. The week rounded off with a pep rally to celebrate our school's achievements to date and a talent show. The Leadership class did an amazing job, and our school had a ton of fun. It has definitely helped to put our students and staff in the Olympic spirit!

Article submitted by Suzanne Williamson



Concerned About Cuts to Public Services in Alberta?



The Alberta Teachers Association is a sustaining Member of Public Interest Alberta, a broad network of organizations and individuals who are committed to advancing the public interest in the province. Join Together Alberta is a campaign dedicated to "challenging the provincial government's unnecessary cuts to vital public services such as health care, education, and community human services."

As part of this effort, 22 town hall meetings will be held in Alberta, including one on January 26 in Red Deer. For more information, visit their website at:

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