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## **Principals Message**

Although Christmas seems like ages ago, I would like to start this principal's message by saying thank you to Ms. Li and Mrs. Rice for the time and effort that they put into the Christmas concert. The student performances were fantastic and people left the concert in good cheer. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to help fund portions of the concert. We were able to pay for the rental of the church and gave almost \$1000 to the Strathcona Food Bank.

We are only a few days away from the presentation of Willy Wonka Jr., which is put on by our Wolves Drama. Students, staff, parents and alumni have been putting in a tremendous amount of work and time in anticipation of the performances. A special thank you to Ms. Dahl for all of the time that she has put into the students and the performance. Tickets are still available for the evening shows from either the school, Festival Place or Ticket Master. More information can be found later in this newsletter.

Every year, Alberta Education conducts an accountability pillar survey to ensure that schools are “equipping students for success”. If you are a parent of a student in grade 4 or 7, please look for the survey that will be mailed to you. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the survey and return it to Alberta Education. This year, for the first time, parents are able to submit the survey online which will hopefully improve submission rates throughout the province. We use the results from the survey to help improve the quality of education that we can offer here at Lakeland Ridge and throughout the district.

Parent Teacher Interviews are approaching quickly. These interviews are being offered in February as a way for parents to touch base with their child’s teacher(s) to identify areas of strength and improvement before report cards are issued in March.

As you are aware, today (Friday, January 25) is my last day at Lakeland Ridge, as I assume a new position at central office with EIPS. I will genuinely miss everyone here, as I have greatly enjoyed working with our entire school community. Lakeland Ridge is in great hands with Mr. Jeff Huculak. I thank you in advance for welcoming and supporting him.

I would like to thank our parent community for the continued support you provide to our school, the staff and your children. Even though I am leaving, please remember that if you ever have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 780-416-9018.

Ryan Marshall  
Principal

## **Accountability Pillar 2019**

### **Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey**

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey—an annual check up on the province’s education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, Grade 4 and 7 students and teachers at Lakeland Ridge School are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren’t linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also being surveyed, which can be done online or by mail—information about the survey was mailed to these families

in mid-January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The survey must be completed by the end of February.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its four-year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division's *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

For more information about Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey visit [www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar](http://www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar).

## Counsellor's Corner

It's hard to believe that our grade nine students are nearing the end of their time in junior high. As we move into the second half of the school year, the process of planning for high school begins. For most students and parents, it is a process and transition that includes a mixture of both excitement and nervousness. Over the next three months students, families, and teachers will be spending time preparing for the process of grade ten registration and the transition to high school in general.

Some important dates coming up:

- Monday, Jan. 28 - EIPS is hosting a Division-wide high school information night for grades 8 and 9 students and their families. This is an opportunity to learn more about senior high instruction, programming, diploma requirements, course offerings and much more. 7:00pm at Sherwood Park Alliance Church (1011 Clover Bar Rd., Sherwood Park, AB).
- Wednesday, Feb. 13- International Baccalaureate (IB) Open House on February 13, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Salisbury Theatre
- Wednesday, Feb. 20 – Bev Facey High School Open House at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, Feb. 21 – Salisbury High School Open House at 6:30 pm

For additional information, please visit <https://www.eips.ca/registration/senior-high>

If you have additional questions, please contact Kenda Cruikshank (School Counsellor) at the school.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences - February 20 & 21, 2019

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 20 and Thursday, February 21 from 4:15pm to 7:51pm.

**Elementary** (Kindergarten to Grade 6) interviews will be one-on-one with your child's teacher. Interviews are scheduled for 12 minutes each.

**Junior High** interviews will occur in the Kona gymnasium and are scheduled for 6 minutes each.

\*\*All interviews will be teacher-led and it will be up to the parent whether they want their child to attend or not.

We use an online booking system so that parent(s)/guardian(s) are able to schedule their own interviews at a time that is convenient for them. The website is [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca). Our event code for both elementary and junior high is **56aqn** and the booking site will open on Tuesday, February 12 at 4:00pm and close on Tuesday, February 19 at 4:00pm.

Simply log onto the website and enter the access code for you child and follow these 3 easy steps:  
Step 1: Enter your details (your name, the student name and your email address)  
Step 2: Choose the teacher  
Step 3: Choose an available time

When you are finished an email confirming your time will arrive in your inbox. If something comes up and you are unable to keep your scheduled conference time, you can return to the site and cancel or change your booking. If you are having trouble accessing the website or if you do not have access to a computer, please contact the school office (780) 416-9018.

## **Emergency Lunches**

We would just like to remind parents and families that the office will only be providing lunches to students in emergency situations.

## **Literacy Corner**

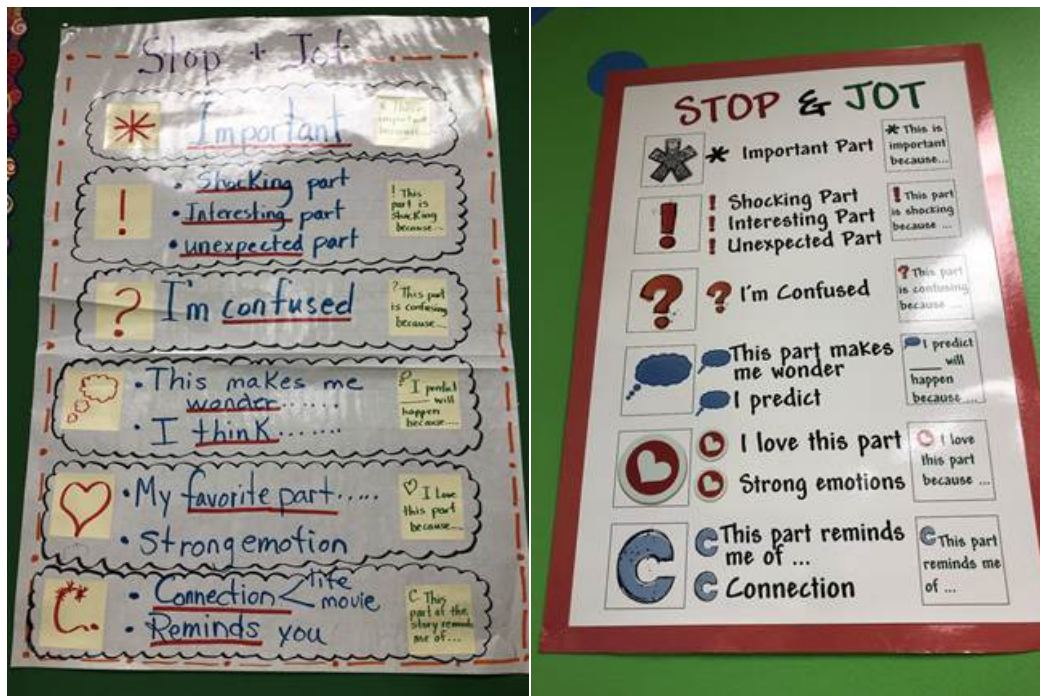
The Literacy Corner is highlighting some strategies that upper elementary are using while students are reading this month. While the students are reading their novels they use sticky notes to reflect on their reading.

The categories they try to think about are:

- Important information to the story
- Shocking events, or interesting part
- Confusion with story
- Wondering about plot/character/events
- Favorite part
- Connections to life or other stories

The students pick a category as they are reading and write a little reminder to themselves about why they stopped to think at that moment in the story. The concept of the activity is to make kids realize that they are constantly problem solving and making thoughts while they read any form of literature.

The idea is that kids should be making connections about every ten minutes of independent reading. They continue to think while reading but the purpose is to highlight their thoughts regarding the text.



Students also use the stop and jot to reinforce what good readers do... predict, make connections, recognize confusing parts and new vocabulary, recognize important parts of the story and just recognize parts they enjoy and find interesting. They often expand on their stop and jot “stickies” that they write in their “books on the go”.

## Library News

The **February Book Fair** will take place during the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences, February 19-22. Book fairs are run as fundraisers for our library collections, so please come out and support the fair!

We need parent volunteers to help make this library fundraiser a success. If you are able to volunteer at the book fair for an hour or two during the evening of Wednesday, February 20, or Thursday, February 21, please contact Ms. Lake in the library.

## 2018-2019 Yearbook

Be sure to check your student account on the Parent Portal to see if you have added the Yearbook to your cart to ensure you are on the list for the 2018-2019 yearbook. Orders will not be accepted after March 15, 2019.



## Student Lighthouse Team

Have you been cleaning out closets over the break? Have way too many stuffed toys around the house?

Lakeland Ridge is holding a stuffy drive until the end of January in support of our Animal charity *Paws In Need* to be used as animal toys.

**Did you forget?** Stuffed toys may still be dropped off in bins located in the main foyer just outside the office. Stuffed toys must have **No buttons, or other features that may become a choking hazard and they must NOT be filled with beans or other small rounded material.**

## The Student Lighthouse Team and Cash 4 Care:

Did you know? On the 1st Wednesday of each month, we collect change through our CASH 4 CARE program. We are also collecting food and pet supplies for *Paws in Need*. We have collection bins set up outside the office. You are welcome to donate new and gently used items. Many animals will benefit from your kindness and generosity.



**Total cash collected as of January 2019 = \$2554.55 Thank you Wolves!!!**

School activities in February will focus on the theme of "Be Kind to All Kinds". We will set up a giving tree in the front foyer. **Please consider donating a pet related item (leash, collar, pet toy, pet bed, etc...) that can be gifted to our charity and the fosters that care for a variety of pets as they await adoption.**

Pink shirt day is February 27. Please wear something pink to stand up against bullying.

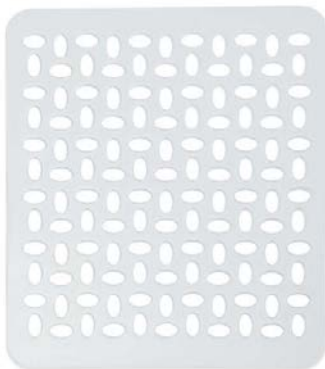


Please note, we will not be selling PINK shirts directly through the school. Students are encouraged to be environmentally minded and wear something PINK that they already own,

borrow from someone or make their own shirt (pink shirts are available at some Micheal's stores). In lieu of buying a pink shirt, families are encouraged to show kindness by supporting our animal shelter, Paws in Need.



**We are also looking for fabric donations or plastic sink mats to make snuffle mats** for the dogs and cats that are fostered through our school charity Paws In Need. Fabric should be thicker, such as fleece. Sink mats need to have larger holes with no middle hole for the sink drain. Please see the picture below of an example of a sink mat from Bed, Bath and Beyond. **Any donations may be dropped off at the office anytime during the month of February.**



Sink mat example from Bed Bath and Beyond. (Please no center holes for drain)

**Something to Think About:**

Signs a Dog Can Feel Kindness:

The more time you spend with your dog, the better you will become at reading their emotions. It is usually pretty obvious when your dog is happy or not feeling well, as they display certain behaviors that make this clear. Over time, we've come to interpret our dog's actions as specific emotions or feelings, such as happiness, anger, or disappointment. Dogs are keen observers and base a lot of their actions and reactions on what they see from their humans - both positive and negative. Furthermore, our canine companions pay closer attention when they hear emotions in your voice. When it comes to kindness, dogs pick up on cues from humans, even when we don't know we are giving them out! Many believe dogs can actually tell when a person

has a kind face. When it comes to kindness, some dogs may simply take note and sit by your side, feeling protected and safe, whereas others will cover you with sloppy kisses until you can't take it anymore!

Read more at: <https://wagwalking.com/sense/can-dogs-feel-kindness>



## Parent Action Society Update

### Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Our pizza kit fundraiser has kicked off! There are 2 ways to order, online or with the catalogue sent home last week. Your orders need to be in by **Feb 5** and the kits will be delivered on **Feb 21**.

#### How Order Your Pizza Kits:

**1. On Line:**

Go to [www.pizzakit.ca](http://www.pizzakit.ca) (Make sure you are on the Canadian website.) Click on **Products** and then **Shop**. Support our fundraiser by providing our **Fundraiser ID# 349839** and pay with credit card. Your pizza kits will be delivered on Feb 21!

OR

**2. Fill out the order form at the back of the catalogue.**

Collect payment at the time you take orders. Cheques need to be made payable to **Lakeland Ridge Parent Action Society**. Please fill out the top portion of your order form with your name and your contact phone number.

#### SALES INCENTIVE!

This year our sale incentive will be earned as a school. The more pizza kits we sell, the more people who will get a pie in the face. Yes, you read that right. One student from each division will get to "pie" the administration! As a school if we sell:

- Sell 400 pizza kits Ms Ference will get 3 pies!
- Sell 450 pizza kits Ms Ference and Ms. Kerr will get 3 pies!
- Sell 500 pizza kits Ms Ference, Ms. Kerr and Mr. Marshall will all get 3 pies!



Even though we have had a change in our Administration Mr. Marshall has assured us that if we sell 500 pizza kits he will attend the assembly and take his turn getting pied!!

### **Next Meeting Date**

Our next meeting is Jan 29 at 6:30pm at the school. All parents are invited to attend. We will have a few volunteer opportunities to discuss so if you are willing to help with either the pizza kit delivery day or a family dance come to the meeting or send me an email and I will get you in touch with the organizers.

If there are events, fundraisers or ideas of how we can contribute to the school, email them to llrpaschair@gmail.com

Michelle Lyster  
LLRPAS Chair

### **School Council Report – Jan/Feb 2019**

January's School Council Meeting was held on January 15th. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Meeting highlights included:

- Update from administration on the Accountability Pillar surveys which will be mailed out soon, staffing updates, and the returning student registration
- Mental Health Capacity Building representative, Erin Dawson-Myers, provided information on some drop-in parenting sessions provided by Family and Community Services (FCS). A link to more information is provided in the meeting minutes. She also talked about February's "Choose Kind" campaign which will be happening all month long at the school
- December's Staff Appreciation luncheon was discussed. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Stay tuned to the Lakeland Ridge Parent's Facebook Group for information on the next staff appreciation event.

The next School Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30pm in the school library. Babysitting is provided. Agenda will be posted to the school website once it is confirmed. Hope to see you there.

April Childs  
School Council Chair

### **Mental Health Capacity Builder**

Skill building for parents – free and open weekly to new participants learn and practice strategies with other parents around various parenting challenges. Build on your strengths and learn new skills to support you, your children and your family and continue to enhance your connections. The group runs every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (please arrive 10 minutes prior to group starting) at Family and Community Services (#200, 501 Festival Avenue).

Topics offered:

- Anxiety & stress
- Boundaries and setting limits
- Connecting with your child
- Emotional regulation
- Healthy Relationships
- Navigating change

Learn more at [www.strathcona.ca/parentsupport](http://www.strathcona.ca/parentsupport)

## **Inclement Weather**

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended when...Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

## **Social Media**

### **Another way to stay connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter and Facebook**

With 42 schools and close to 17,150 students there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each use the combination of news articles, videos and photograph that showcases the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.

Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using the hashtag [#EIPS](#).

Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

NOTE: *The Division Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.*

## **Returning Student Registration**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2019-20 school year. Families of all returning students will need to complete this process to confirm the school their children will attend for the 2019-20 school year, and to request to attend a non-designated school, if applicable. Returning student registration will take place at the same time as all registrations for the 2019-20 school year: **Feb. 1-28, 2019.**

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you will need to set one up **before Feb. 1, 2019.**

To create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account:

1. Go to <https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/>.
2. Click the button labelled, "Create Account."
3. Enter the parent or guardian information. Each account must have a unique email address and username—only one parent account is required regardless of the number of children you have attending EIPS schools.
4. Create a username and password of your choice—you'll need both the username and password to log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal.
5. You must have an Access ID and Access Password for each student that is added to your account. **Contact your child's school to obtain this information.**
6. Press "Enter."

If you have any problems setting up the PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school for further assistance

## **Kindergarten Registration**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2019-20 school year on **Feb. 1, 2019.** Details are available at [www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten).

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten)—to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at [www.lakelandridge.ca](http://www.lakelandridge.ca)

## **EIPS Division Calendar 2019-2020**

The official 2019-20 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2019-20 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2019-20 EIPS calendar include:

- September 3 First day of classes (after long weekend)
- November 11-15 November break
- December 23 to January 3 Christmas break
- January 31 Second semester begins
- February 6-7 Teachers' Convention
- March 30 to April 3 Spring break
- June 26 Last day of classes
- June 29 Schools close for the Summer break

To view the 2019-20 calendar, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2020-21 calendar.

**Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your own personal calendar?** You can. Simply, visit [www.eips.ca/calendar](http://www.eips.ca/calendar) and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy

## **Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Youth Camps: Registration opens March 11**

### **There's something for everyone**

**Summer School:** Open to students entering grades 10-12 with more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

- CALM, Physical Education 10, and Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English, math, social and all the sciences at the 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience
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**Summer Youth Camps:** Open to participants in grades 5-9 from sports to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while also making friends and learning new skills.

Camps include:

- sports
- cooking and baking
- babysitting
- Handball—new

Registration opens on March 11.

## Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Alberta Health Services and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' addiction and mental health challenges. The sessions are free and open to parents, caregivers, teachers and community members. Session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, sleep and how it impacts the developing brain, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, and building problem-solving and goal-directed skills.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

# High School Information Evening

All grade 8 and 9 students, along with their parents, are invited to attend.

Monday  
January 28

@ 7 pm

Sherwood Park Alliance Church  
(1011 Clover Bar Rd, Sherwood Park)

### Learn more about

- senior high instruction
  - diploma requirements
  - programming
  - course offerings
- and much more.*



[www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca)



# January 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
	Christmas Break					
6	7 Day 1 Classes Resume Hot Lunch	8 Day 2 Linking Generations	9 Day 3 Cash4Care  Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Drama Rehearsal 10:00-12:00
				EIPS Jr. Basketball Tournament Ardrossan Sr. Basketball Tournament		
13	14 Day 6 Drama Rehearsal	15 Day 1 Parent Council 6:30	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18 Day 4	19 Drama Rehearsal 10:00-3:00
				Riverbend Jr. Basketball Tournament LLR Sr. Basketball Tournament		
20	21 Day 5 Hot Lunch Drama Rehearsal	22 Day 6 Linking Generations	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 Newsletter	26 Drama Rehearsal 10:00-3:00
		Edith Rodgers Jr. Basketball Tournament				
27	28 Day 4 Drama Rehearsal	29 Day 5 PAS Meeting 6:30	30 Day 6 Elder Wilson Visit	31 Day 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins Sunridge Ski Trip Grades 4-7		



# February 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Day 2	2
3	4 Day 3 Hot Lunch Website Closes	5 Day 4	6 Day 5 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	7	8	9
		Drama Production at Festival Place				
10	11 Day 6 Hot lunch	12 Day 1 Linking Generations Visit Parent Council 6:30	13 Day 2	14 Day 3 ♥ Valentine's Day	15 Professional Development day No school	16
		SAL Sr. Basketball Tournament				
17	18 Family Day - No School	19 Day 4 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School	20 Day 5 Track Team – running Room	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	23
		Book Fair			Facey Sr. Basketball Tournament	
			Parent /Teacher Conferences		LLR Jr. Basketball Tournament	
24	25 Day 2 Hot Lunch	26 Day 3 Wolf of the Month Lunch	27 Day 4 Pink Shirt Day	28 Day 5		