

Administrators' Message

As we enter the month of June, we take time to celebrate and recognize the important role that fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and father figures play in the lives of our children. To all the wonderful dads in our Good Shepherd community, we wish you a very Happy Father's Day. May you enjoy a day filled with love, appreciation, and special moments with family and friends.

With the school year quickly coming to an end, we are reminded of the many reasons we have to be grateful. Together, we have shared a year rich in learning, faith, growth, and community. It has been a privilege to journey alongside our students and families and to witness the many accomplishments and milestones that have taken place throughout the year.

Our Catholic faith remains the foundation of all that we do at Good Shepherd. This year, students have had countless opportunities to grow spiritually through prayer, religious learning, sacramental preparation, liturgical celebrations, and acts of service. We are inspired by the compassion, generosity, and kindness our students demonstrate each day as they strive to live out the teachings of Jesus in their words and actions.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff members whose commitment to Catholic education shines through in everything they do. Their passion, care, and unwavering support have helped create a learning environment where students feel valued, challenged, and encouraged to reach their full potential. We are blessed to work alongside such a talented and faith-filled team.

We are equally thankful for the support of our parents and guardians. Your involvement, encouragement, and partnership have played an essential role in making this year such a success. Together, we have nurtured a caring and inclusive school community where students are empowered to grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

As we prepare to celebrate our Grade 6 students and wish them well on the next stage of their educational journey, we do so with great pride. They leave Good Shepherd with many cherished memories, strong friendships, valuable

skills, and a foundation of faith that we hope will continue to guide them in the years ahead.

As summer approaches, we pray that each of our families enjoys a season of rest, renewal, and joy. May you find time to create lasting memories, spend time with loved ones, and appreciate the many blessings that surround you.

May God continue to bless and protect each member of our Good Shepherd family throughout the summer months and in the year ahead.



Jennifer Dimas
Principal



Beth Pecson
Assistant Principal



Sonia Schultz
Assistant Principal

June Chief Superintendent Message

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we are blessed to have many wondrous things happening at Edmonton Catholic Schools. Join Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson as she reflects on the experiences of truth, beauty, and goodness that have shaped our school year in her [June Message](#).

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada!

Throughout this month, we recognize and celebrate the rich cultures, traditions, languages, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. It is a time to learn more about the original Peoples of this land, reflect on our



shared history, and consider how each of us can contribute to truth, respect, and reconciliation. We encourage everyone to be curious, ask questions, and embrace opportunities to learn throughout the month.

National Indigenous Peoples' Day: June 21, 2026

On this day, Canadians celebrate the heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples! Students will be encouraged to wear an orange shirt that day and will participate in a variety of learning engagements connected to our Indigenous history over the course of the month.

Congratulations Natalia Harris!

Congratulations to Natalia Harris, a Grade 6 student at Good Shepherd, on receiving the 2026 Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award.

Presented by the Alberta School Boards Association and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, this prestigious award recognizes students across Alberta who demonstrate perseverance, growth, leadership, and a strong commitment to their educational journey.

Natalia's dedication to learning, leadership within her school community, and involvement in cultural programs through Ukrainian language and dance make her truly deserving of this honour. We are proud to celebrate her outstanding achievement and the positive impact she continues to make both in and out of the classroom.





School Supplies for Next Year

Parents of students in Grades One through Grade Six have the option of either purchasing supplies at local stores or ordering supply packages through Write-On Stationery using their online ordering process. If you order supplies through Write-On Stationery your child's supplies will be delivered directly to the school for the first day of school.



JUNE 1 - Supply lists and information on how to order is posted to our school website at the following link: <https://goodshepherd.ecsd.net/school-supply-lists>

If you choose to purchase supplies at local stores, it is not necessary to purchase specific brands of items. If you are purchasing your items from a local store, please print off the lists and use them as guides to purchase the items that you need.

Please note that Kindergarten supplies will be ordered through the school and a fee of \$12.00 will be added to Kindergarten student accounts.

TO ORDER THROUGH WRITE-ON STATIONERY - PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Good Shepherd School - EDMONTON
- Choose your grade and place your order. • Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Write-on Stationery online orders must be submitted by August 1, 2026.

2026-2027 Staffing News/Homeroom Configurations

Although the division staffing cycle is not yet complete, we would like to advise you of the current staffing for the upcoming school year.

Homerooms for the start of the 2026-2027 school year:

KA - Anne Mazer

KB - Anne Mazer

KC - Tammy Nielson

KD - Christy Schmidt

Grade 1A - Gracey Rich-Carifelle

Grade 1B - Megan Huang

Grade 1C - Sarah Platero/lenai Kim

Grade 1D - TBD

Grade 2A - Kylie Tkalcic

Grade 2B - Carla Pond

Grade 2C - TBD

Grade 3A - Kristine Werzun

Grade 3B - Melissa Melo

Grade 3C - Olubunmi Odediran

Grade 4A - Sabrina Deering

Grade 4B - Kristy Ballantyne

Grade 4C - Kristin Casebeer

Grade 4D – Samantha Garvey

Grade 5A - Vernon Griebel

Grade 5B – Chelsea Robinson

Grade 5C - Emma Monton

Grade 5/6 Combined - TBD

Grade 6A - Jeffrey Fernandes

Grade 6B - Joshua St. Arnaud

Grade 6C - Lauren Millar

Instructional Coach – Jessica Szorenyi

Classroom Complexity Teacher – Lynn Gagnon

Mathematics Intervention Educator – Lisa McCoy

Music Teachers - Beth Pecson/lenai Kim

School Council/Parent Advisory Association

Our most recent, and last, School Council/Parent Advisory Association meetings of the year were held on Wednesday, May 27. Our next meetings, which will include the Annual General Meetings, are scheduled for 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 23.

School Council/Parent Advisory Association meeting minutes can be found on our school website.

School Council Executive Opportunity – Chair and Vice-Chair Needed for the Upcoming School Year

As we look ahead to our School Council Annual General Meeting in September, we want to remind parents that executive positions are voted on during that meeting. This year, **we are specifically seeking parents interested in stepping into the role of Chair or Vice Chair.**

If you are interested in supporting the school in this meaningful way, please consider putting your name forward for either of these positions. For more information or to express interest, please contact the school office or email goodshepherdschoolcouncilyeg@gmail.com.

We deeply appreciate the time and commitment our parent volunteers give to make Good Shepherd an even better place for our students.

Good Shepherd Family Fun Night ~ Friday, June 12

We are excited to invite all Good Shepherd families to our School Council Family Fun Night on Friday, June 12! This special evening is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, celebrate another successful school year, and enjoy fun activities with our school community.

This event is being hosted by the Good Shepherd School Council/Parent Advisory Association, and we are grateful for their efforts in organizing this family-friendly evening.

To help make the event a success, we are currently looking for parent volunteers to assist with supervision during activities and with clean-up at the end of the evening. If you are interested in helping out, please email goodshepherdschoolcouncilyeg@gmail.com.

Please remember: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Your support helps create memorable experiences for our students and families, and we greatly appreciate any time you can offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

FAMILY

Fun Night!

LET'S CELEBRATE AN AMAZING SCHOOL YEAR!

FRIDAY
JUNE 12TH,
2026

5:30 PM
- 8:30 PM

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

FOOD TRUCKS & TREATS

- FAT FRANKS**
- COAST LUNCH BOX**
- FLIPSIDE BBQ**
- BIRCH & BEAR PIZZA**
ALSO SERVING PINTS OF YELO'D ICE CREAM
- CHOCO N DIP**

MAGIC SHOW

AT 6:30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT & LAWN GAMES

Fun for all ages!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

NO RSVP REQUIRED!

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY GLASS CONTAINERS FOR CLEANING AND SAFETY REASONS

GOOD FOOD
GOOD FRIENDS
GREAT MEMORIES

See You There!

Thank You School Council/Parent Advisory Association!

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for all of the School Council initiatives that were enjoyed by our students and staff throughout the year. From organizing special events and activities to providing valuable resources that enhance learning opportunities in our classrooms, your support has enriched our school community and created many memorable experiences for our students.

A special thank you goes to the dedicated members of School Council who generously volunteered countless hours planning, organizing, and coordinating each event. We are also deeply grateful to the many parent volunteers who contributed their time, energy, and enthusiasm to help make these initiatives such a success.

In addition to the events and activities, we are incredibly thankful for the many resources and enhancements purchased through School Council fundraising efforts. These contributions have had a direct and meaningful impact on student learning and well-being, helping us provide enriching experiences and opportunities that benefit all students.

Our staff feels truly blessed to be part of such a supportive and engaged parent community. Your generosity, commitment, and partnership make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students and in the strength of our school community.

Thank you for all that you do!



GOOD SHEPHERD PARENT ADVISORY ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

2025-2026

A heartfelt thank you to all the Good Shepherd School students and families for their participation and support in this year's fundraisers and events!

WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE WERE ABLE TO:

- Start the year off with stocking the staff room with supplies and treats.
- Host our first event of the school year "Get The Scoop On School Council" during parent orientation night providing Pinocchio ice cream for all who attended.
- Show support for our teachers and staff by giving each staff member a Red for Ed T-Shirt.
- Successfully coordinate our Casino fundraiser during the strike raising over \$80,000 for Good Shepherd School.
- Pivot our Walk-A-Thon to our first ever Move-A-Thon event and raise over \$18,000 for Good Shepherd School.
- Host a very memorable Hot Cocoa with Santa event.
- Celebrate Valentine's Day with our annual dance featuring a DJ, glow sticks and Photo Booth.
- Observe Shrove Tuesday by providing a baked treat for all students and staff.
- Thank our amazing teachers and staff with a coffee bar and treats as well as a wing Wednesday/ pizza party lunch (Big thank you to WingSnob Lessard and Birch and Bear Pizza for support!).
- Have a blast putting together a school wide Mad Scientist event!
- Organize and execute monthly hot lunches with 2 new Booster Juice snack additions (Thank you Jamie Hautmann for making this happen for our school).
- Aid in funding classroom consumables, chrome book carts, school wide residences, and Grade 6 Farewell Escape Room Event.

STILL TO COME:

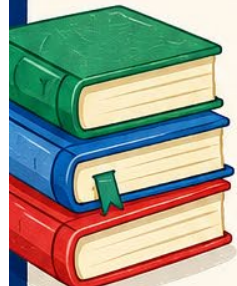
- Provide a frozen treat for all students to enjoy on fun day June 19th
- Host our annual year end Family Fair Event with entertainment June 12th to celebrate another successful school year with Good Shepherd families.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR JUST AS AMAZING! WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO FILL OUT GOING POSITIONS.

Our current School Council Chair, Cindy Wilhelm, and Vice Chair, Shannon McLachlan, have served in their positions for three successful years and are now looking to transition these roles to new volunteers.

If you are interested please email:

goodshepherdschoolcouncilyeg@gmail.com



Registrations for 2025 – 2026

We continue to plan for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Thank you for spreading the good news about Good Shepherd. We have a terrific community of students, parents and staff. We continuously receive positive feedback about the behavior of our students and the way they conduct themselves in the community. Thank you for your support. You and your children are our best form of advertising!

Year-End Mass/Grade Six Farewell/Year-End Celebration

Our Year-End/Grade Six Farewell Mass will be held on **Monday, June 22**. We will begin at 1:30 pm with a school-wide mass at Good Shepherd Parish. Following the liturgy, we will have a special tribute for our grade six students. All of our families are invited to attend, especially our Grade 6 families.

On **Tuesday, June 23**, the entire school will participate in a year-end school celebration at the school. The celebration will begin at 9:30 am. We will start off with a liturgy followed by our good byes to staff who are leaving and then end off with our year-end video presentation. Families are invited to attend.

Fun Day ~ June 19

Our Fun Day is taking place on the afternoon of June 19. Please note that there will be a slight change in scheduling that day. Lunch will be at 11:45 am.

Did Your Child Receive a Sacrament This Year?

Did your child receive a sacrament this year that was not at Good Shepherd Parish? Please inform Mrs. Pecson (bethsaida.pecson@ecsd.net) of when the sacrament was received, which Church and the date. We will update the information in PowerSchool as well as acknowledge the students.

Thank You, Patrollers!

As the end of another school year quickly approaches, we would like to recognize the fine efforts of our Grade 6 students this year in making sure our school community crossed the street safely. These students volunteered their time and proved to be both responsible and committed to their duties even in the harshest climates. We would like to thank our Grade 6 patrollers for a job well done! Thank you, as well, to Mr. Fernandes for his work in coordinating and supervising our patrollers all year.



Thank You, Grade 6 Lunch and Office Monitors!

On behalf of Good Shepherd elementary students and staff, we would like to thank all the Grade 6 students who offered their time to work in the office every day and supervise students in their homerooms during lunch. Thank you for doing an EXCELLENT JOB! Thank you to Mr. St. Arnaud for coordinating and supervising the Grade 6 monitors.

Thank you, Grade 4 Recycling Team!

A big thank you goes out to our Grade 4 Recycling Team who committed themselves to taking care of all of the recycling at our school. Our Recycling Team will be donating the proceeds from their collections this year to a charitable foundation. Thank you to Mrs. Casebeer, Mrs. Deering, Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Casebeer for coordinating and supervising the Grade 4 Recycling Team.

Thank you, Grade 5 Milk Club Volunteers!

Thank you to our Grade 5 Milk Club volunteers who ensured everyone received their milk/chocolate milk every day. They were consistently on time and professionally distributed milk/chocolate milk to our Milk Club card holders. Good Shepherd students, staff and parents are so appreciative of your efforts! Thank you to Mr. Griebel for organizing and supervising students this all important service to our entire school community!

School Opening 2026 ~ Wednesday, September 2

The first day of school for students next year will be on Wednesday, September 2.

2026-2027 School Fees

Good Shepherd Supplemental Education Fees for 2026-2027

Grade 1-6: \$50.00

Kindergarten: \$30.00

Supplemental Educational Fees have been set for each level. These fees offset the cost of mandatory, non-curricular or co-curricular activities and resources that enhance the educational experience.

ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY: School fees can be paid easily online through the comfort of your home through PowerSchool using your credit card! Just log-in (with the parent log-in) and click on the School Fees tab on the left hand side of the screen.

Good Shepherd will continue to collect additional funds on a strictly cost recovery basis for optional supplemental educational activities in the following categories: Extra-curricular teams/clubs, field trips, school activity costs, student activity costs and costs for extra-ordinary course consumables.

All 2026-02027 school fees have been posted on the school website.

August Office Hours

August Office Hours – Thursday, August 27 and Friday, August 28, 2026

Our school office will be open on Thursday, August 27 and Friday, August 28 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM) to allow parents/guardians to inquire into registering any new students to the site, provide required documentation, receive information regarding transportation or for other general inquiries.

Please note:

- The Good Shepherd School office will be closed from June 25 to August 26.
- Email messages will be monitored periodically over the holidays and may be sent to: 8061web@ecsd.net
- Monday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 1 are staff-only days as we prepare for the first day of school which will be Wednesday, September 2.

Summary Reports

Final summary reports for students in all grades will be available online through PowerSchool at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 23, which is the last day of school. Although up-to-date student progress may be checked by parents anytime through PowerSchool, summary reports will not be available prior to this time. If there are any questions or concerns regarding student progress, parents are invited to contact teachers directly.

Good Shepherd Reading Superstars Program



Our monthly draw for our Good Shepherd Reading Superstars was held on May 29 and we are pleased to congratulate our lucky winners who will enjoy lunch with Mrs. Dimas on June 6 (Kindergarten students will receive a book!).

KA - Claire

KB - Julia

KC - Karo

1A - Jazz

1B - Sophia

1C - Andreas

2A - Sebastian

2B - Sochima

2C - Annabeth

3A - Danika

3B - Ananya

3C - Eric

3D - Summer

4A - Asher

4B - Hazel

4C - Bruno

5A - Alexa

5B - Danielle

5C - Valerie

6A - Elizabeth

6B - Valeria

6C - Andre

The top three classes with the most accumulated reading strips for May are:

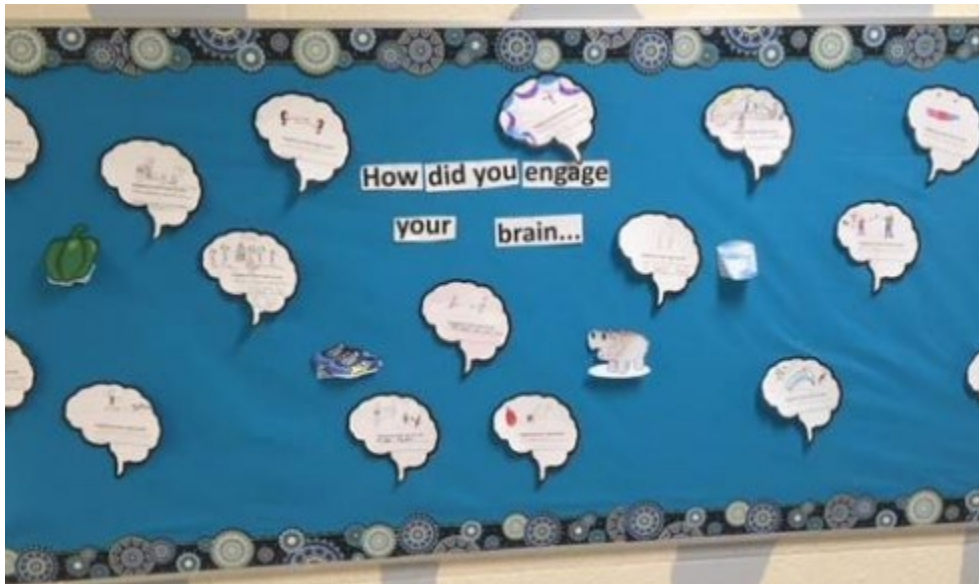
- 🏆 **1st Place:** Mr. Griebel's class with 81 strips
- 🥈 **2nd Place:** Miss Millar's class with 60 strips
- 🥉 **3rd Place:** Miss Tkalcic's class with 45 strips

Great job, everyone! A big thank you to our homeroom teachers and parents for encouraging students to read and participate!

Thank you also goes out to our Grade 6 Reading Superstars Saints Leadership Team of Johanna and Margaux for all of their work in tabulating the monthly results!

APPLE CORE-ner

This month we will be learning all about our Brilliant Brains and what we can do to help our them work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty-five days a year! Throughout the month, we will learn ways that physical activity, healthy eating, and positive mental health can help our brains develop in a healthy way.



The Seven Grandfather Teachings/ Good Shepherd House News

In May, our students worked to consistently demonstrate all Seven of the Grandfather Teachings: Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility and Wisdom.

In June, we will continue to work towards developing all of the 7 traits.

Inspired by our Good Shepherd, Jesus, to Love, Learn and Lead.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Strelkov for her leadership and work in implementing The Seven Sacred Teachings initiative at our site.



Library Reminder

A gentle reminder from the Good Shepherd Library, the last week for borrowing books was May 25-29. We will now be collecting all books back to the library for the end of our school year. Please sure your child returns their library books promptly! Let's make sure that all our books are returned and ready to be enjoyed in the new school year.

Thank you for supporting your child's literacy learning.

"Today a reader...tomorrow a leader"

Inspired by our Good Shepherd, Jesus, to Love, Learn and Lead.

Thank You

On behalf of Good Shepherd Catholic School's Staff Appreciation Committee, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our parents and guardians for your incredibly generous donations. Your kindness and support helped make our staff feel truly valued and appreciated for all that they do each day for our students and school community. We are so grateful for the continued generosity of our Good Shepherd families and for the strong sense of community that makes our school such a special place.

Thank you to the following families for helping us celebrate and recognize our amazing staff:

Abdo	Keselj	Ogayon
Akinyinka	Kimpo	Oksentiuk
Alo	Korner	Onyechege
Arellano	Kozlovets	Pacis
Austin	Kryvoshapka	Palcong
Bacug	Kula	Pasqual
Balce	Lavery	Patton
Baron	Lazaro	Prempeh
Barranca Palafox	Leeb	Pulongbarit
Baylon	Linto	Recto
Bicera	Lising	Requiestas
Caluttung	Lopez-Arguello	Rodrigues
Castillo	Luis	Sepulveda
Dcosta	Lyomi	Shafer
Dowling	MacDonald	Simon
Espiritu	Maranan	Soholt
Facundo	Mayrina	Sordilla
Ferreira	Mbah	Stoklosa
Formstone	McLachlan	Sydorovych
Garcia	Mobuogwu	Tauro
Giroux	Morris	Tcheussi
Harris	Mueller	Tenorio
Hautmann	Neto-Nwobi	Thouas
Hestbak	Ngulefac	Urrutia Morante
Hizon	Nnabufe	Varzari
Hou	Numbisia	Walls
Iyamu	Obhielo	Wilcox
Iyomi	Odaro	Wilhelm
John	Odegbekun	Williams

*A special thank you to **WingSnob** on Lessard Road and **Birch & Bear Pizza** for their generous support and delicious donations that helped make our event extra special!*





EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

May 27, 2026

Dear ECSD Families,

We are writing to inform you about changes to student transportation fees for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year.

As with many school divisions across Alberta, Edmonton Catholic Schools continues to experience rising transportation costs due to increased student demand, changes to provincial funding, and higher carrier rates. While provincial funding supports the majority of costs, it does not cover all expenses. To help reduce the impact on classroom funding and maintain safe and reliable service, we must adjust our transportation fees.

Transportation Fees for 2026-2027 School Year

The updated student transportation fees for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Yellow Bus (Kindergarten to Grade 12): \$70 per month
- Edmonton Transit Service (ETS): \$60 per month
- Replacement Bus Passes: \$6 for ETS Arc cards
- Specialized Yellow Bus Service: No cost (for students who require additional care or support)

These changes ensure consistency across grade levels and support the continued delivery of efficient and equitable transportation services. Students who require specialized transportation will continue to access service at no cost for the 2026-2027 school year. We understand that any increase in fees can be challenging. If your family requires assistance, please speak with your child's school.

If you have any questions about eligibility or service, please contact Transportation Services at 780-441-6078 or visit ecsd.net/transportation for more information.

Transportation Services
Edmonton Catholic Schools



Betty, Terry & Rolly Fox

March 2026

Good Shepherd School
Attn: Beth Pecson
18111 57 Ave NW
Edmonton AB T6M 1W1

Dear Principal, Staff and Students of Good Shepherd School,

*"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue.
It's got to keep going without me."*

When Terry spoke these words in 1980, he could not have imagined that 45 years later so many would take up his call. While he never wanted anyone to finish his run for him, he did want us all to help him finish the work he started in fundraising to find a cure for all cancers. As we reflect on this incredible anniversary year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all those that are helping Terry **Finish It**.

We couldn't help but think of how amazed Terry would be, all these years later, to see 3.9 million students in Canada walking, rolling, wheeling and running – and fundraising! – for cancer research. We know he would give your amazing school community a "high five" and heartfelt thank you for your contribution of **\$787.25**.

You were also instrumental in helping us reach an extraordinary milestone: \$1 billion raised for cancer research in Terry's name. This achievement belongs to every volunteer, donor, and fundraiser who believes in Terry's dream and helps turn it into lasting impact. But that number represents more than dollars. It means lives improved, discoveries made, and hope extended to families across Canada and around the world.

On behalf of our family, thank you for believing in Terry's dream. The effort made by every student, staff and educator in your school reflects the same generosity and hope that Terry carried with him every step of the Marathon of Hope. There is still much work to be done, and we are glad you are on this journey with us.

With sincere gratitude,

The Fox Family
Fred, Darrell, Judith, Kirsten, Erin, Jessie, Tianna, and Alexandra

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