



Early Childhood & School Age Community Conversation Notes: April 10, 2024, 2024

Carla Gallop – COS family school liaison EJES/Outreach worker

- Go Girl 2024: May 11th in Edson for Grades 5-9. Full day camp of programming including aerial arts, intro to karate, drumming and spirit animals. COS will take girls from Jasper by bus for the day.
- SAFFRON Presentation on May 15th, 6-8pm on safety & guidelines for youth using social media platforms: open for parents/all to attend. Presentation is virtual.
- Opportunity to host Saffron presentation for people to attend in person as a public forum?
- SAFFRON presentation on May 13th for Grade 5 and 6 with both schools attending.
- Mental Health week: May 6-10th EJES will have programming everyday offered by Carla & collaborating with BEST Coach Amanda.
- KAOS April 26th: Bike out & Swim at JPL. 12:30-3:30 pm. Limited spaces available.
- Trend: Transportation for community programming continues to be a challenge. Public transit times throughout the day are sparse and do not meet community needs.
- Upcoming presentation on disability tax and Autism for Advocates for Special Kids will be held in May. More details coming soon.
- Trend: Food Bank demand has not seen a decrease in numbers of people accessing the program.
- Trend: Limited options for school aged care during summer break. Summer Fun is the only option & currently only offer full time positions. Challenging for families with low incomes to access childcare.
- Teen Summer programming will include Rec Room in the park & Twisted Tuesdays.

Jody Anderson OOSC

- Full enrolment with long waiting list.
- Fall OOSC enrolment will be offered to those already registered in the program. Public registration will open 1 week later.
- Summer Fun registration will open end of April for families who are enrolled in OOSC or who attended last year. Please enroll by the deadline to open spaces to the public. Public spaces for Summer Fun will open in May.
- Summer Fun registration is for Full weeks or full time for the whole summer break.
- Trend: Noticing older children in OOSC are wanting independence and find it difficult. Service providers notice that older children left on their own are more isolated and not able to engage as much with their peers outside of school hours.
- Wildflowers Childcare still have a long waitlist with spaces dependent on filling staff openings.

Maggie McDowell – Family Support /Outreach Worker Early childhood families

- Indoor Playgroup will end on April 26th for the season. Has been a busy year with high attendance which is great to see post pandemic.
- Summer programs for early childhood and families will launch soon!
- Baby & Me will continue twice a month with pop ups at the Library and Cubs Stay and Play. Baby & Me will be held at the library for the remainder of April.
- JPL Baby & Me program offering has been a great success, The program will break over the summer and resume in the fall. This outreach was greatly welcomed by all allowing



more isolated families with newborns living at JPL to access community programming and connect with other families.

- Pride family dance 6-8 PM multi-purpose hall to celebrate diversity inclusion and love. Jasper Event Management have been incredibly inclusive and accommodating in collaborating with COS to make this event possible. Music, dancing, performances by Art Official and a mocktail bar offered by the teens. Free.

Jo Ann Sherlow: Fitness and Aquatic Centre

- 15 of 60 spaces still available for Open swim at Pursuit.
- Swimming lessons are on hold as local hotel pools prepare/manage the upcoming summer season.
- First aid re-certification and full course May 2nd & 3rd. Recertification course May 10th. Re-certification will be offered again June.
- 'Get to Know the Gym' for ages 55+ April 25th will offer an introduction to the gym and how to use equipment. Collaboration with Prime Time programming.
- Outdoor fitness equipment will be installed in Commemoration Park including a cycle and elliptical. More details to come.
- New pool changerooms are exceptionally accessible and inclusive for people of all genders, ages, and mobility designed.
- Tennis courts are getting new fencing. Will be closed during this period.

Laurisa Orich, Wings and Roots / Community member

- Two available spaces in preschool program for 4 yr. olds. If not filled these will open to 3 yr. olds for the 24/25 school year.
- Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) starting in the elementary school for the 24/25 school year. Participation will be with a parent opt-in for their children. Current vision is for a lunchtime club offered in two alternating age groups week to week.
- Indigenous peoples exhibit in the 'Patch' (next to Information Centre) officially opening September 6th and 7th.

Matt Williams – Brew pub

- Attending to share information with staff.

Madison Goy – Jasper Pride and Ski Festival

- Pride festival Friday 12th – April 2
- Flag raising opening at 12 pm High School flagpole
- Follow Munchie the Pride mascot online and around the community.
- Family pride party Friday 6-8 pm multi-purpose hall
- Saturday Family onesie day at Marmot Basin
- Sunday Pride family brunch at Papa Georges
- Tween takeover pride edition at the Library Tuesday 3:15pm
- 17th pride pizza party
- Pride Storytime Friday 19th 10am at the library
- April 20th 1-3pm JPL Stories, Smores and
- Have offered Community helpers
- Trend – it is a tough time to be a queer kid, concerns about access to safe healthcare. Reminder to look out and keep the visibility and safe spaces and support continued after the Pride festival.



Emilie Langley: L'Association Canadienne Française de Jasper (ACFA), also sharing on behalf of Habitat for the Arts & the Library.

- Circus Camp: Aug 5-9 offered by Habitat for youth ages 10-17. Few spaces still available. [Register online.](#)
- Habitat will offer dance, theatre classes and a music camp for ages 8-14 details coming soon on their website and social media.
- Pride themed tween takeover for ages 9-12 Tuesday 16th at the library 3:15pm
- Pride Storytime April 19 10:45-12 at the library. Led by students from Ecole Desrochers.
- Dance recital for ACFA's dance class Saturday 13th at 6:30 pm in the Quorum Room. Dance performance will be followed by snacks a dance movie in French. Free event.
- Mountain En Scene film screening April 17th at Legion. Doors open at 6 showing starts at 7. Tickets \$20 [purchase at ACFA](#) or at door. Door prizes. All movies are subtitled in English or French.
- French Summer Theatre Camp: July 22-26 held at the Museum. 11 spots still available. \$225 for children in Grades 1-6. [Register online.](#)
- Petit Cailloux Preschool are offering childcare in July for children ages 3-5.

Jorge Bagatella: Settlement Worker In Schools (SWIS)

- Cultural Connections program for students runs every Tuesday at the High School and Friday at the Elementary School during lunch hour. Offering programming for students including: Banking and financial planning info session, gardening and creating a resume.
- SWIS will have two gardening plots at the Community Garden and may also use the existing Elementary school plots.
- Settlement Services/SWIS summer programming for newcomer youth will offer activities such as: learn to mountain bike, Palisades day trip, learn to camp.

Opportunities to Collaborate

- Locals with unused home gardening spaces – could share space to grow food with members of local food society. Community Garden currently have over 30 people on a wait list for gardening space.
- Opportunity to promote supports, services and safe spaces locally available to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community all year round.

Cristin Murphy: Food Bank and Folk Music Festival

- Food Bank open Thursdays 5:30-6:30 offering short term help supplementing food and necessities.
- Food Bank is looking for volunteers especially over the summer season. Volunteer times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Contact Cristin for details.
- Numbers of people accessing service.
- Food Bank is finding it challenging to know how much food to order/have available to meet the current demand.
- Families and new people are given priority access.
- Reminder that the intention of the Food Bank is to offer short term help with accessing food to supplement what people can afford to purchase, not a long-term solution for food insecurity.
- [Jasper Food Alliance](#) is open for membership applications. The JFA will advocate for local



food sovereignty and solutions – contact Jenna McGrath for details.

- COS offers emergency food pack available at COS, RCMP and Seton Hospital or a Food Box
- CNOY fundraiser raised 18000 between two programs
- Will receive Oilers 50/50
- FB working on accreditation for Food Banks in Alberta
- Received grant to create accessible access to food bank.
- Folk Fest: September 6-7th. Children 12 and under are free. Early bird tickets available: [website](#). Folk Fest looking for volunteers to fill board openings.
- Food Bank – record breaking
- Soup for You! Program open to all 9am -7pm.

What do you think?

- ✓ [Engage Jasper – Jasper’s brand-new online engagement portal. It’s a place to share your ideas and provide feedback.](#)
- ✓ [Municipal public engagement opportunities](#)
- ✓ [Give feedback, contact council or report an issue.](#)
- ✓ [You can also contact council by emailing them.](#)

Promote your program or event:

- ✓ [Check the Community Calendar to find out what’s going on in Jasper.](#)
- ✓ [Add your program or event to the calendar.](#)

Share your passion:

- ✓ [Fill out this form](#) and we will contact you to discuss your idea!

All things Community Conversations:

- ✓ [Community Conversations schedule and information](#)
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Do you have neighbours or colleagues who are new to Jasper?

- ✓ The [New to Jasper page of the website](#) has helpful information for them.
- ✓ Welcome them to your neighbourhood using our [welcome bags](#).
- ✓ [Plan a neighbourhood gathering using our Neighbourhood Connections program.](#)

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