

We would like to welcome PADS Bunker to Eric Harvie School!



Bunker is an Accredited Facility Dog who did a large portion of his training here at EHS last year. He works directly with Mrs. Zwack in her Diversity Teacher role. Beginning November 27, 2023, Bunker begins his official job as an AFD. He will be working at EHS 3 days a week to support students, staff, and families in a variety of ways. On the days he is not at EHS, Bunker will work with another handler at schools in the Calgary Catholic System. We are very excited to be a part of this amazing opportunity.

Mrs. Zwack has been working with animals to support student learning and wellness for 13 years. She has trained and is certified with Dreamcatcher Academy. In addition, she has volunteered and trained with PADS to become certified to work with Bunker as an AFD.

How might you see Bunker working within the school?

- working with students to build self-esteem and confidence
- assisting with self-regulation exercises
- providing comfort and emotional support
- helping with movement and coordination through teacher led activities
- supporting speech development and oral reading by offering a non-judgemental ear
- modeling the importance of active listening/following directions
- visiting classes to support curriculum
- participating in whole school events to build community
- assisting students and Mrs. Zwack with problem solving
- bringing a sense of calm to the environment

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Mrs. Zwack at ajzwack@cbe.ab.ca.

