



January Events

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Kindergarten and Jumpstart Registration

It is time to register for Kindergarten. If you have a child turning 5 years old during this calendar year, they are eligible for kindergarten in September. Please let friends and neighbors know that registration is now under way. There are no school fees associated with Kindergarten.

Current Jumpstart parents are invited to re-register their children for next year and to register younger brothers and sisters who will be 3 years old as of September 1 and toilet trained. We want to ensure that current students and their family members wishing to return, have that option. Open registration will begin February 1 and we anticipate that all available Jumpstart spots will be filled within the first few hours with a waiting list to begin thereafter. If you are a current Jumpstart parent and want your child in Jumpstart next year please don't wait until February 1st, register now.

After School Skating is Back



Senator Buchanan School has reserved the Adams Arena for Wednesdays, January 11th, 18th, 25th and February 1st. Skating, with a small section set aside for hockey, shall start at 3:45 P.M. and continue until 4:45 P.M. District policy stipulates that **everyone** on the ice must wear helmets. The school has a small supply of helmets and skates that will be taken to the arena for children to borrow. We don't have enough for everyone

however. If you have skates and a helmet at home, please send them with your child. Students playing hockey must have facemasks on their helmets and use soft pucks. Parents shall be responsible to arrange transportation for their children. We welcome parents and siblings to skate, visit and help with supervision. We always have fun!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January:
- 11, 18, 25— After School Skating
3:45—4:45 p.m.
- 23—HERD Assembly @ 8:45 a.m.
- 24—Feather Brain author visit
- 24—School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 26—Family Literacy Night 6:00 p.m.

Sock it to 'Em

The Buchanan Community donated a total of 211 pairs of socks this year to five local charities. Way to go Buchanan!



A Message from Alberta Education regarding Accountability in Education

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Lethbridge School District No. 51

PRESCHOOL/ KINDERGARTEN



Dear Parents:

Lethbridge School District No. 51 elementary schools will accept registrations for Kindergarten starting January 9th. There are no fees charged for Kindergarten in Lethbridge School District No. 51. Please visit your neighborhood (designated) school to register your child. If you are unsure which school is your child's designated school, please call Michelle Loxton at 403-380-5298. Preschool programs are offered at Fleetwood Bawden, Nicholas Sheran Community School, Mike Mountain Horse, Dr. Probe, Galbraith and Senator Buchanan School for children aged three to five years. Registrations will be accepted as of February 1st for Preschool. If your child requires specialized programming contact Ingrid Morden at 403-380-5291.

Who is eligible for Preschool?

Children 3 years old on or before September 1, 2012. Children are required to be toilet trained.

Limited number of spots for 3 year olds available at each school.

Documents required for registration:

A Birth Certificate or Adoption Certificate or Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant or Student Authorization Visa

Who is eligible for Kindergarten?

Students 5 years old on or before December 31, 2012

Please register early to ensure
a space for your child!

French Immersion

In addition to their English Kindergarten program, École Agnes Davidson School offers French Immersion for Kindergarten students. The program is designed for English speaking children to learn the Alberta Curriculum through the French language. The long-term goal is for students to be functionally bilingual.

To register: Visit École Agnes Davidson School at 2103 - 20 Street South. For further information: Contact the school at 403-328-5153.

Lethbridge Christian

For parents of Kindergarten students interested in a Christian-based Kindergarten program, the District offers a program at Lethbridge Christian School.

To register: Visit Lethbridge Christian School at #3 St. James Blvd. North. For further information: Contact the school at 403-320-0677.

We are **EXCITED** to meet
you and your child!



Kindercare Programs are Available

Are you looking for care for your kindergarten child either before or after their school program? The District has partnered with two organizations to provide this service to families and they both operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact:

The Boys and Girls Club of Lethbridge and District at 403-327-6423 or online at <http://www.bqclethbridge.com/programs/kindergarten.php> or The Lethbridge Community Out of School Association "It's a BLAST Program" at 403-320-3988 or online at <http://www.itsablastprogram.com/>

January: Start your Morning Right

Breakfast is an important meal of the day. Eating first thing in the morning helps your child to be more alert during the school day. In fact, kids who eat breakfast are more likely to do well in school and have healthier weights. Here are some easy and quick breakfast ideas:

- Whole wheat toast with peanut butter and a banana
- Oatmeal topped with walnuts and strawberries
- Mixed cereal – mix several high fibre cereals and add some fruit
- Poached egg(s) and cheese with a slice of whole wheat toast
- Smoothie made with fruit, yogurt and milk
- Whole grain English muffin with an apple and glass of milk

If you run out of time in the morning encourage your children to take breakfast on the go. Try to find a breakfast that works best for your family and start everyone's day off right.

For more information and breakfast ideas please visit:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/SchoolsTeachers/if-sch-nfs-wake-up-to-breakfast.pdf>

Featured Recipe:

Basic French Toast

- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2/3 (125 mL) cup low fat milk
- 8 slices firm whole wheat bread
- 4-5 tsp (20-25 mL) margarine

Directions:

1. Combine eggs and milk in a pie plate; beat with a fork until well blended.
2. Dip bread slices into the mix to coat each side.
3. Melt 1 tsp (5 mL) butter or margarine in a frying pan over medium heat. Brown each side of bread until it is cooked through. Serve immediately or freeze for later use.

To reheat frozen French toast slices:

- Put in the toaster *or*
- Microwave on high for 30 to 45 seconds *or*
- Place in the oven at 400°F for 10 minutes



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 Return to School. After School Skating at Adams Arena 3:45-4:45. Bookmobile visits During Thursday afternoons. Gym Mats to be delivered.

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 Gymnastics with mats to begin. One School One Book begins. After School Skating at Adams Arena 3:45-4:45.

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 Hero Assembly 8:45. Feather Brain author Maureen Bush to visit Buchanan. School Council Meeting 7:00PM. After School Skating at Adams Arena 3:45-4:45. Family Literacy Night 6:00.

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