



SEPTEMBER 2021



DATES TO REMEMBER

September:

- 6—Labour Day—No School
- 14—Welcome Back Event
- 20—Kernels Fundraiser Begins
- 29—Kernels Fundraiser orders due
- 29—Orange Shirt Day
- 30— Reconciliation Day— No School**

October:

- 1—Terry Fox Run
- 6—School Picture Day
- 11—Thanksgiving Day - No School
- 12-15— No School for all Student
- 14-15—Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 29—Halloween class parties

Dear Buchanan Families,

We are so excited to welcome you back to school. We sincerely thank all of you for your support during this unique time. We are pleased to tell you that our start up went so incredibly smoothly. It was helpful to have a year of experience and our students adapted again seamlessly. We are still being very proactive with our preventative measures and really thank our staff for being so flexible with assignments and supervision. Here are a few measures we are continuing from last year:

- Staggered nutrition breaks with assigned cohorts
- Assigned entrances to each class
- Enhanced daily cleaning
- Additional caretaking hours

We believe under the current setting, we have really ensured our building was prepared for the safest return possible for our Buchanan students. We thank all of our community so much for your support in encouraging masks, hand sanitizing and keeping ill students home as all of these measures ensure that our school stays as safe as possible. We absolutely know it can be exhausting, frustrating and annoying at times, but thank you all so much for your support, but most of all, incredible kindness.

Finally, save the date! On Tuesday, Sept. 14 we will host our Welcome Back Event, weather permitting. From 5:15-6:00, we will welcome families A-M to our field. You will enjoy some Kona Ice and then head into the field to greet your teacher. At 6:00, we will host our annual AGM at the Eastside picnic tables. Then from 6:15-7:00, we will welcome families N-Z to the field to meet our staff. We are excited to partner with Kona Ice to still be able to host a Welcome Back Event in a safe way. Masks are encouraged when social distancing is not possible. You teacher will let students know a designated meeting spot for their class.

Please reach out if you have any questions by either calling the school at 403-327-7321 or email us at lenee.fyfe@lethsd.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Lenee Fyfe & Bob White
Senator Buchanan Admin Team

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Our school maintains our school website and social media account on a regular basis and are great resource for parents when needing to know information about school such as days off, early dismissal, special events, etc. Our school website is sb.lethsd.ab.ca and search us on Facebook.

Our school newsletters are issued at the beginning of each month, posted on our website and emailed to all parents who have provided the school with an email address.

Our school busses are operating through Southland Transportation. Southland is planning to have a MyBusStop app up and running in the next few weeks at which time more details will be provided to parents.

Kernels Fundraiser September 20-29

Our first fundraiser for this year will be Kernels Popcorn starting September 20. Orders will be available online as well as manual orders. Order forms will go home with students before September 20. All orders are due on Wednesday, September 29. Cheques should be made payable to Senator Buchanan School Council. All funds raised will go directly to purchasing new technology. Thank you for your continued support!



Please remember to update your information with the office if you have changes to your phone numbers or address. Thank you.



Terry Fox Run—Friday, October 1

We will hold our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 1. More details will be sent home mid-September.

Agenda and Supplies Fee

Our Agenda and Supplies fee is \$20.00 per child Gr 1-5 and is payable on-line using School Cash Online by September 30, 2021. If you haven't set up a School Cash Online account, you can go to our school website at sb.lethsd.ab.ca, click on School Cash Online and you can set up an account. You will require your child's ASN number to attach them to your account. This ASN will be on your child's report card or you can call the office to obtain the ASN as well.

Online Payments Available!

PARENTS PLEASE REGISTER! Here's How:

Step 1: Go to Website:

<https://lethbridge.schoolcashonline.com> or sb.lethsd.ab.ca and go to School Cash Online

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account. You will need your child's ASN Number. ASN's are on your child's report card or you can call the school office for their ASN.

September

2021



There are three ways to say September in Blackfoot: Traditionally, Blackfoot people didn't have a 12 month calendar like we have today. They kept track of the time of year by observing patterns in seasonal changes.

1. awakaasiiki'somm -- deer moon
2. iitaipaksikini'kaayi pakki' pistsi -- when cherries are mushy
3. iitaomatapapitsitsisko -- when the leaves change colour (Blackfoot Dictionary, 2017).

For your Calendar...

- September 7th: Orange shirt order deadline
- September 22nd: Treaty 7 Day
- September 27th: Faceless Dolls due to Melanie
- September 28th: Orange shirt delivery
- September 30th: Orange shirt day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

SAVE
THE
DATE

Deadline to order Orange Shirts is September 7th!
Click on the Orange Shirt to order



In the works...

- All schools are choosing Indigenous Reps to attend exciting Division Wide PL
- Grade 1 Elementary Focus for 2021-2022
- Ongoing creation of curriculum connections and resources
- Faceless Doll Project with the Sisters in Spirit Committee
- Orange Shirt- "Every Child Matters" T-shirt contest
- September is Reconciliation month and the City of Lethbridge is busy planning events! Stay tuned!

