



SEPTEMBER 2022



DATES TO REMEMBER

September:

- 5 —Labour Day—No School
- 12—Kernels Fundraiser Begins
- 13—Welcome Back Event
- 14—Deadline to order Hot Lunch @ 10 p.m.
- 21—Hot Lunch Day
- 23—Terry Fox Run
- 29—Kernels Fundraiser orders due
- 29—Orange Shirt Day
- 30— Reconciliation Day— No School**

October:

- 10—Thanksgiving Day - No School
- 11— No School Students (PL Day)
- 17—School Photos
- 19—Deadline to order Hot Lunch 10 p.m.
- 20-21—Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 25—Assembly
- 26—Hot Lunch Day
- 28—Halloween Parade

Dear Buchanan Families,

We are so excited to welcome you back to school. We are pleased to tell you that our start up went so incredibly smoothly. 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
- Assigned entrances to each class
- Enhanced daily cleaning

This year at Buchanan we are continuing to place a focus and vision on academic excellence, wellness, citizenship and social responsibility. At the heart of each of these areas of focus is student leadership. We are currently working with students on routines and expectations. We are excited to continue learning about the Circle of Courage.

At Buchanan, we realize the extreme importance of having parental involvement in our students' educational journey. Parental involvement is the primary factor in determining a student's success in school. We want to encourage you to actively participate in your child's education. We look forward to the return of volunteers, in person assemblies and more field trips.

Finally, save the date! On Tuesday, Sept. 13 we will host our Welcome Back Event, weather permitting. From 5:15-6:00 p.m., we will welcome families A-M to our school. You will enjoy some Kona Ice and then head into the building to greet your teacher. At 6:00 p.m., we will host our annual School Council AGM in the gym. Then from 6:15-7:00 p.m., we will welcome families N-Z to meet our staff and enjoy Kona Ice. We are excited to partner with Kona Ice to host our Welcome Back Event

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.

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Sincerely,

Lenee Fyfe & Bob White
Senator Buchanan Admin Team

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Our school maintains our school website and social media account on a regular basis and are a 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. Bus routes for Senator Buchanan can be found on our website under "Bus Routes". This link will take you directly to Southland Transportation's website that contains links to bus routes.



Kernels Fundraiser September 12-29

Our first fundraiser for this year will be Kernels Popcorn starting September 12. Orders will be available online as well as manual orders. All orders are due on Thursday, September 29. Cheques should be made payable to Senator Buchanan School Council. All funds raised will go directly to student field trips. 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, September 23

We will hold our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 23. 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, 2022. 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.

Mandatory Literacy and Numeracy Screening Assessments Initiative

September 9, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The provincial government announced that all students registered in grades 1 to 3 are expected to participate in mandatory literacy and numeracy screening assessments. Students in grades 2 and 3 as well as some grade 4 students identified in June as benefitting from additional literacy programming will be assessed in September. Grade 1 students will be assessed in January 2023.

These assessments will be administered by your child's classroom teacher with data being submitted to Alberta Education for the purpose of long range planning. They are intended to identify and begin to support those students most in need of additional programming. Should your child qualify for additional literacy programming, the school will inform you.

Literacy Assessments | LeNS & CC3

The Letter Name-Sound Assessment (LeNS) assesses a student's ability to sound out single letters and letter combinations (e.g., n, d, e, ch, ay, oa, oy). The LeNS assessment will be administered to children in grades 1 & 2.

The Castles and Colheart 3 Assessment (CC3) assesses a student's ability to recall familiar and irregular words (e.g., take, hand, island, cough), and their ability to sound out non-words (e.g., norf, framp, gurve) that were created specially for this assessment and are meant to be fictitious and without meaning. The CC3 assessment will be administered to students in grades 2 & 3.

Numeracy Assessment

The Numeracy Assessment Screening Tool (NSAT) was designed at the Carleton University Centre for Applied Cognitive Research. It is rooted in current theory on mathematical cognition and development. The assessment results will be used to help teachers identify and address gaps in their students' foundational understanding of numbers.

Teachers use a variety of assessments at the beginning of every school year to determine their students' strengths and areas for growth. The LeNS, CC3 and numeracy assessments will be used across our Division this year, in addition to assessments our teachers always use. The information provided by all beginning-of-the-year assessments give a detailed understanding of each student's individual strengths, skills, and areas for growth.

As always, teachers will continue to partner with you as parents in your child's education. We look forward to working with you throughout the year as we continue to support your child in their learning.

If you should have any questions about these assessments, or would like any more information, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or principal.

A parent/guardian question and answer sheet from Alberta Education can be found at this link [mandatory-grades-1-3-literacy-numeracy-assessments-initiative-parent-Q&A.pdf \(learnalberta.ca\)](https://www.learnalberta.ca/mandatory-grades-1-3-literacy-numeracy-assessments-initiative-parent-Q&A.pdf)

Sincerely,



Cheryl Gilmore, Superintendent of Schools

In Alberta, Curriculum or Programs of Study are determined by Alberta Education. It identifies what students are expected to learn and do in all subjects from Kindergarten to Grade 12. You can find the new [K-6 Curriculum](#) and the current [Gr. 7-12 Programs of Study](#) on the Alberta Education website.

Lethbridge School Division does not decide what is taught in our schools. However, our teachers decide how the curriculum is taught in their classrooms.

New K-6 Curriculum Development & Implementation

Alberta Education released its [new K-6 curriculum](#) in English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical Education and Wellness on April 13, 2022.

English Language Arts and Literature (K-3), Mathematics (K-3), and Physical Education and Wellness (K-6) will be used in classrooms across Alberta beginning in the fall of 2022. Additional curriculum will be implemented and/or piloted in 2022/2023.

Alberta Education has shared new curriculum resources for parents and school boards, as well as an [implementation plan](#), on their new digital resource, [LearnAlberta](#).

Questions?

A Frequently Asked Questions document has been developed to provide more information for Division families.

The FAQs can be found here: [FAQs](#)

CANSKATE FALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



To register visit:
SouthernAlbertaSkating.ca



Classes start Oct.2nd
Sun 10:15-11am Civic
Wed 5:30-6:15pm Henderson
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Competitive Division: (10 months) Sept-June
Starts: Sept 8th

9/10 - Mon & Thurs 6:00pm-8:15pm	\$2150
Novice (11+ - 1yr comp.) - Tues & Thurs 6:00pm-8:15pm	\$2150
11/12, 13/15, Jr/Sr - Mon, Tues & Thurs 6:00pm-9:00pm	\$2700
Masters (18+) - Tues & Thurs 7:30pm-9:00pm	\$1250

Recreational Division - AquaGo

Beginner- Levels 1-2 (10 weeks) **\$250**

Oct 4 - Dec 6 Tues: 6:15pm-7:15pm or Oct 7 - Dec 9 Fri: 1:30pm-2:30pm

Intermediate Levels 3-4 (10 weeks) **\$350**

Oct 4 - Dec 6 Tues: 6:15pm-7:45pm or Oct 7 - Dec 9 Fri: 2:30pm-4:00pm

Advanced Level 5-6 (7 months) **\$1000**

Oct 6 - Thurs: 6:15pm-8:00 pm



FREE TRIAL NIGHT SEPT. 27th - 6:30pm-8:00pm

2022/23 Season

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REGISTRATION

Now Open!

- **Develop Coordination**
- **Physical Fitness**
- **Mental Strength**
- **Social Skills**



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