



MARCH
2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March:
- 10—Report Cards
 - 12—Daylight Savings Time
 - 13-17—Book Fair
 - 15—Celebration of Learning 6-7:30 p.m.
 - 15-16 Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews—
No KG Classes
 - 16—Early Dismissal Gr 1-5 Parent/Teacher Interviews 12:30-4 p.m.
 - 17—PL Day—No Classes
 - 20—Council Mtg—6 p.m.
 - 22—Deadline to order Hot Lunch—10 p.m.
 - 24—Beach Theme Day
 - 28—Assembly—p.m.
 - 29—Hot Lunch Day
 - 30—Family Gym Night
- April:
- 6—Green Shirt Day
 - 7—Good Friday—No School
 - 10-15—Easter Break - No School
 - 17—PL Day—No Classes
 - 18—Spring Fling BBQ
 - 19—Deadline to order Hot Lunch—10 p.m.
 - 24—Spring Photos
 - 24—Council Mtg—6 p.m.
 - 25—Assembly at 9:30 a.m.
 - 26—Hot Lunch Day

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- Kindergarten P/T Interviews—March 15 and 16

No Kindergarten Classes

- Celebration of Learning—March 15 6:00-7:30 p.m.

- Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 16

Grades 1-5 classes will dismiss 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16

- PL Day Friday, March 17—No Classes

Due to Professional Learning Day, there will be no classes.



Report Cards and Celebration of Learning

Report cards will be available online Friday, March 10. Celebration of Learning for all students will be the evening of Wednesday, March 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please drop in to spend 15-20 minutes of time in each child's class. The event will be set up with classroom activities that will allow your children to show and demonstrate what they have been learning. We will be serving chili and a bun during this evening for our students and their parents/ guardians who attend. **Please note that this event is for our Buchanan Students only and 1-2 parents/ guardians.** We will be hosting a family event later this Spring.

Kindergarten Families are also welcome to attend as the Book Fair will be open at this time.

Kindergarten and Gr 1-5 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Kindergarten will be having Parent/Teacher interviews March 15 & 16 therefore there will be no Kindergarten classes on those days.

Mrs. Newman will contact parents directly to set up a time.

As a follow up to our Celebration of Learning, Thursday, March 16 (afternoon) and Friday March 17 (morning) is set aside for individual parent teacher interviews for Grades 1-5. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to set up an interview if one is needed. You can also connect with them at our Celebration of Learning to inquire about an interview time.

Note that students Grade 1-5 are dismissed at 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 16 and there is no school for all students on Friday.

Spring Book Fair

We are having a Spring Book Fair March 13-17. Students will be invited to preview books next week with shopping times available during the day, immediately afterschool and during Celebration of Learning. Thank you for supporting our Learning Commons



Kindergarten Registrations for 2023-24

We are now accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2023/24 school year. We are offering a morning class Monday through Thursday with alternating Friday mornings and an afternoon class Monday through Thursday with alternating Friday morning classes. Students must be five years old as of December 31, 2023. Registration forms are available for pick up at the school office and on our school website.

To register your child, we will require a birth certificate (or copy of completed form to order a birth certificate and providing some other legal document with legal name and date of birth) and proof of address such as a utility bill in parent's name. We only accept kindergarten registrations for children living within our school boundary.

Returning Students Registrations for 2023-24

It is that time of year when we begin planning for the next school year, including staffing. As our Division moved to new technology we will continue doing digital registrations for returning students. The digital registrations for returning students Grades K-4 was emailed to the parent listed as first contact on February 28 and are due back March 10. The email is titled "Student Registrations" and contains your child's returning registration by clicking on the link within that email. Please complete the entire registration and submit it by March 10.

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



Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 12

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead. Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening, March 11.

Family Gym Night

Floor hockey will be the activity for Family gym night Thursday, March 30 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. A reminder that all students need to be accompanied by a family member as this is a family activity. Come and join us for a fun night!

MARCH SA'AIKI'SOMM

According to the Blackfoot, March is known as the Duck Moon. Trevor Kii Tokii said his grandfather Allen Prairie chicken (kii'tokii) shared with him "March is Duck Moon, when the ducks returned," he also stated that "all animals helped humans decipher the weather, returning of Ducks was a good sign spring has arrived".

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Click the duck to listen to a Blackfoot person say...

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SAVE THE DATE

March 8 International Women's Day

March 12 Daylight savings begins

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 20 Spring begins

March 21 Blackfoot Flag Raising @ Ed Center & International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

AROUND TOWN

BOOK TALK: THE ECOLOGICAL BUFFALO: ON THE TRAIL OF A KEYSTONE SPECIES
By Wes Olson & Johane Janelle

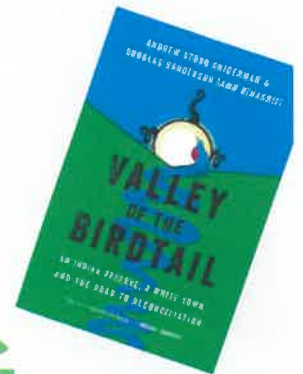
Once numbering in the tens of millions, these magnificent creatures played a significant role in the varied ecosystems they occupied, and North American Indigenous Peoples depended upon them. With the arrival of Europeans, the buffalo were all but exterminated, along with their millennia-old intricate food webs and inter-species relationships. Despite a brush with extinction, the buffalo survived, and are slowly recovering. Alongside this recovery, the relationships once shared with thousands of species are being re-established in a remarkable process of ecological healing.

Based on Wes Olson's thirty-five years of working intimately with bison—and featuring Johane Janelle's stunning photography—*The Ecological Buffalo* takes a journey through the myriad connections this keystone species has with the Great Plains.

Date: Wednesday, March 08, 2023
Time: 10:00 am
Location: University of Lethbridge, Science Commons Atrium SA7008

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND SIGNING
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180 FULL COLOURS PHOTOS
30 ILLUSTRATIONS
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WE'RE READING...

Valley of the Birdtail
An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation
By Andrew Stobo Sniderman, Douglas Sanderson · 2022

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- Eagle
- Turtle
- Porcupine
- Traditional Plants
- Tipi
- Traditional Plants
- Buffalo books
- Northern Indigenous stories
- Loom beading
- Ribbon Skirts
- Rock your Mocs
- 100 years of loss
- Cordillera Region & Totem Poles
- Dream Catcher
- Seven Sacred Teachings
- Bone Game
- Napi stories

More kits are in the works!

HIGHLIGHTS





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Online ADHD Parent Group

This is an educational group for parents and caregivers who want to learn about ADHD. The purpose of this group is to provide current introductory information around ADHD. This virtual open group consists of six, one hour, stand-alone sessions on such topics as: what is ADHD, medication and ADHD, ADHD and nutrition, exercise and sleep, parenting a child/adolescent with ADHD, ADHD and self-regulation, and ADHD and navigating the professional/school system. Participants can choose to attend from 1 to all 6 sessions. The group topic and Zoom link will be sent out each week to registrants.

Upcoming Dates

Thursdays, January 12 – February 16, 2023
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 28 – April 4, 2023
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Thursdays, April 20 – May 25, 2023
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

To register, call Access Addiction & Mental Health
1 888 594 0211



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Keep Calm and Parent On: Online Parenting Group

This psychoeducational group is designed for parents/caregivers who want to understand the foundation in which to support their child/teens self-regulation in conflict, while preserving/obtaining a healthy parent/child relationship. Co-regulation will also be a focus providing opportunities for parents to reflect on their own ability to self-regulate when in conflict. This group is offered through power point presentations, opportunities for self-reflection, and discussion of specific topics. Parents/caregivers will gain a greater understanding and insight of the provided topics.

This virtual group will be offered for 6 weeks in a row for one hour each, one day a week. This is an open group, which means those registered can choose to attend from 1 to all 6 stand-alone sessions. The group topic and Zoom link will be sent out each week to registrants.

Session One – Understanding How Brain Development, Child Development and Self-Regulation Can Impact Parent Effectiveness

Session Two – Effective Communication Supports Effective Parenting

Session Three – Identifying & Understanding How Parenting Styles and Healthy Boundaries Impact Parenting Effectiveness

Session Four – Understanding Anger and Conflict Management to Supports Effective Parenting

Session Five – Understanding the Types of Family Roles and the Impact Chronic Conflict Can Have on Families

Session Six – Importance of Understanding Stress and How Self Care Supports Effective Parenting

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Dear families,

Our school is hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** from March 13 – March 17, 2022. The **Scholastic Book Fair** is a fantastic way to continue to give our students access to the books they want to read. We are so happy that our students can interact with the Fair at our school, and choose their next favourite book!

For parents, family and friends who cannot enter the school, we're excited that you will still be able to shop our **Virtual Book Fair Extension** on our Book Fair dates, and select the books that inspire your readers from the comfort of home.

All purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our classrooms and school library. When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair Extension** site using this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5184848>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE it** to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

The bookfair will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:00, Friday from 8:30-12:00, and on Wednesday evening during the Celebration of Learning from 6-7:30.

We will “sea” you soon at our **Scholastic Book Fair!**
Happy Reading!



SAVE THE DATE

Monday April 3 is
haircut day at
Buchanan!



To book your appointment please email Mrs.Meyer
carleen.meyer@lethsd.ab.ca

Be sure to include your child's name and grade.

Thank You