



SENATOR BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
- 18—My City Cares 2:30 p.m.
- 19—Deadline to order Hot Lunch—10 p.m.
- 24—Spring Photos
- 24—Council Mtg—6 p.m.
- 25—Assembly @ 9:30 a.m.
- 26—Hot Lunch Day

May:

- 15—Council Mtg—6 p.m.
- 16—Talent Show
- 19—Jersey Day
- 22—Victoria Day—No School
- 23—PL Day—No Classes
- 24—Deadline to order Hot Lunch—10 p.m.
- 30—Assembly @ 2:30 p.m.
- 31—Hot Lunch Day

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We cannot believe that spring is here and students and staff alike are enjoying the warmer outside play breaks and the longer hours of daylight. Where has the time gone? March brought report cards and Celebrations of Learning. It was a pleasure to see so many parents this past month, visiting classrooms and honouring the accomplishments of their children. We are so proud of our Grade 4/5 Basketball teams. We hosted teams from throughout the city and had a blast at our year end tournament, representing our school with pride and talent. Before we know it, we will be speeding towards year-end activities! We appreciate so much the supportive parents in our school community.

Sincerely,

Lenee Fyfe & Bob White (Administration)




Save the Date – Spring Fling - April 18, 2023

Senator Buchanan is excited to host our second annual "Save On Foods – Spring Celebration"! We are excited to partner with several community businesses to support a fun and engaging day for our students, staff, and parent/guardians. Activities will be scheduled in the afternoon (12:30 - 3:30 p.m.). All staff, students and participating parents are invited to enjoy lunch (includes juice box, chips & hot dog), as well as engage in some fun outdoor activities. Any parents wishing to participate in our fun afternoon, please let your child's classroom teacher know. If you are hoping to enjoy lunch with your child, please try to visit during your child's scheduled eating time.

Kindergarten parent/guardians – As we are hosting this event in the afternoon on APRIL 18th, 2023, any morning Kindergarten students that would like to attend must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Morning Kindergarten students will be dismissed at the regular time (11:50 a.m.). If you and your child wish to participate in the afternoon activities, you and your child are invited back to the school at 12:30 p.m. to enjoy a hot dog lunch, and to have some fun moving through the various activities. Please let your classroom teacher know whether you are attending with your child in the afternoon so we can ensure we have enough food prepared.

My City Cares will be set up in our parking lot at 2:30 p.m. for our families to access Spring and Summer clothing for free.



Just a reminder...

No School April 7-17
 Schools will be closed on Good Friday, April 7, April 10-17 for Spring Break and Monday for Professional Learning Day. **Classes resume Tuesday, April 18.**



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



DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

We have some **serious safety concerns** about the dropping off and picking up of children at school. We have observed parents/guardians parking directly in front of both sides, and on top of the crosswalks in front of our school. We have also observed illegal parking on street corners, in the alley and in front of neighbourhood driveways. There is also continuous dropping off and picking up students in the staff parking lots.

This creates a very serious safety hazard for our students and parents trying to use the crosswalks. This is also a safety hazard as students and parents are walking through the parking lots rather than going around to use the sidewalks, as staff are leaving at the end of the day.

We ask that all parents/guardians observe the **“no parking areas”** around the school, including the crosswalks and alley to the east of our school. The east and west parking lots are for **staff only** and not to be used for picking up and dropping off of students. This year we have already had one accident occur due to congestion, people blocking lanes and blocking the bus drop off.

We have requested an increase of LRPS presence during busy times at the school to support our request for safer practices with respect to dropping off and picking up students. If you witness unsafe practices, we encourage you to phone the police service complaint line at 403-328-4444 to share what you observed.

We understand that school parking can be frustrating and is limited. We suggest parking on the westside of our field along the fence where there is lots of room for vehicles. We are doing our best to keep our students and everyone safe and hope we can ask our parents/guardians to observe traffic rules to support us.

Thank-you so much for putting student safety first.

Kindergarten Registrations for 2023-24

We are now accepting Kindergarten registrations for September 2023. We are offering a morning class that is 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.

Kernels Fundraiser April 18—28

We are running a Kernels Popcorn fundraiser starting April 18. Orders will be available online as well as manual orders. All orders are due on Friday, April 28. 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!

Spring Photos

Spring Photos will be taken by Life-Touch on Monday, April 24. Proofs will be sent home in early May once we receive them. If you wish to order Spring Photos please submit your order online through Lifetouch or return the order form to the school by the deadline that will be provided on the order form.

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(mat si yeek ga bee sai gi soum)

Blackfoot Elder, Annette Bruised Head, offered her insights about why April is called 'Frog Month'. She said, "it is the time when we hear the frogs. When the winter storms have passed and the moisture returns to the wetlands and they begin to turn green with new grasses. That is when frogs come to lay their eggs and bring life to all those creatures that depend on these areas" (2021)

Education Centre Blackfoot Name

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Click to watch the video!



Save the date

April 6th: Blackfoot Drumming with Tyler Chief Calf @ The Galt Museum

10:30-11:30

April 7th-16th: Spring Break

April 8th/22nd: Land-based Learning Wetlands Tour (Registration Required)

6-7:15pm

April 12th: Métis Music and Jigging @ The Galt Museum 6-8:00pm

April 17th: Collaborative Communities

April 20th: Water is Life with William Singer III @ The Galt Museum 10:30-

11:30

April 25th: Indigenous Education Policy with Dr. Tiffany Prete @ The Galt Museum 5-6:30pm

May 10th: Diabetes Run & Walk

May 11th: Moose Hide Campaign

Moose Hide Campaign 2023

I have registered our interested schools and our pins are on the way! I'll be receiving e-mail updates about workshops and schedule that I will diligently forward to teachers :)



Moose Hide Campaign
Learning Platform for K-12

There are many steps along the path of love and healing.

We offer these beginning steps to learning in schools as a guide to joining the Moose Hide Campaign journey to end violence against women and children.

Click on the above photo to check out the k-12 learning platform for k-12!



BLACKFOOT
RESOURCE HUB



The Blackfoot Resource Hub is a resource center to support Blackfoot and other Indigenous people in the City of Lethbridge. This organization can help you make connections with elders! They also provide many cultural opportunities for people to join and learn, including ribbon skirt making and hide tanning classes. Check them out on Facebook!



March Highlights



Talking sticks in Parker's Place



Metis Mini Sashes @ Fleetwood



Hands on learning about Alberta's Indigenous history



Blackfoot flag raising @ Aakaipookaiksi (many children)



A student @ Probe sharing his Smudge Box



Spotted! Metis dot art in the Plaxton office.



Buffalo Kit @ Plaxton



Buffalo Kit @ Nicholas Sheran



Smudge @ Fleetwood

Send me pictures of the great things you're doing if you'd like to be highlighted!



Family
Resource
Centre
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Open House

Join us the first Friday of every month!

From 10am to 12 pm

**Share your challenges and questions &
we'll provide guidance and resources**

**421-6th Ave S
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**Brandon Rudics
Children's
Coordinator**



**Chantal Gabel
Adult
Coordinator**



Mahavira Jayanti (Jain)

April 4- This day celebrates the birthday of Lord Mahavira who was the 24th leader of the Jain religion and born around 599 B.C.

Ch'ing Ming Festival (China and Taiwan)

April 5- It is a national holiday when family graves are visited to ask the blessings of the departed spirits.

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Pesach/Passover (Jewish)

April 5-13- Begin previous sundown at 6pm, Pesach lasts for eight days. This time commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. It begins with a ritual meal 'Seder' when no leavened bread is consumed with special prayers and symbolic foods.



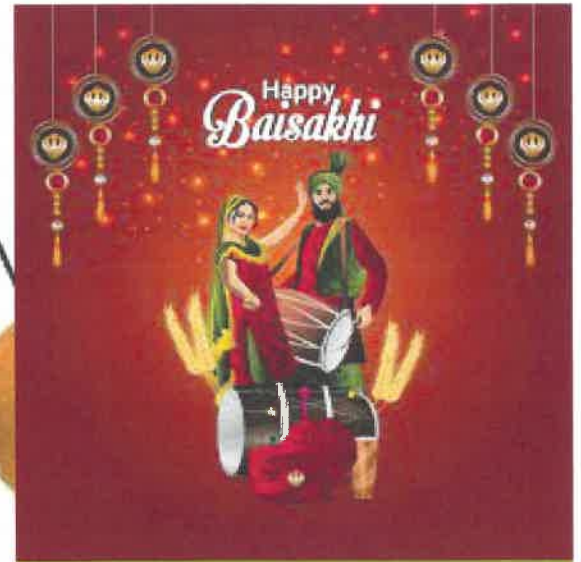


Good Friday (Christian)

April 7- This day commemorates the passion and death by crucifixion of Jesus and is a solemn day. Italian Catholics have a procession called the Way of the Cross.

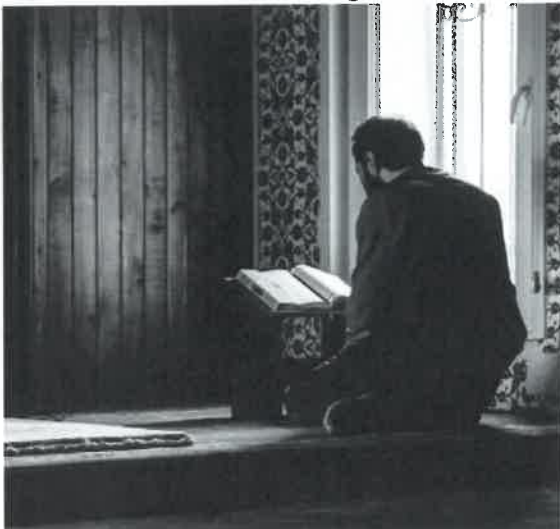
Baisakhi (Sikh and Hindu)

April 14- The first day of the solar year, this is an agricultural festival celebrating the harvest, especially in North India. Tamils and Sri Lankans celebrate their New Year on this day. In Kerala, South India this day is called Vishu. Especially important to the Sikhs, it marks this day in 1699, when the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, established the order of 'Khalsa'. The festival is a mixture of feasting, dancing and worship.



Laylat al-Qadr (Islam)

April 18- Night of Power, commemorates the revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad in 610 CE. It begins the previous evening.





Eid-ul-Fitr (Islam)

April 22- This marks the end of the Ramadan fast and is celebrated for 3 days. Date of observance may vary according to sighting of the new moon. Dates vary by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American Calendar is being observed. This calendar follows the North American dates, which are a day later.



EARTH DAY 2023

Gathering of Nations Pow Wow (Indigenous, USA)

April 27-29- Albuquerque, New Mexico is the venue of over 700 tribes and nations participating in a three-day event where over 3,000 participants share, teach and exchange traditions with each other.



Showa no hi (Japan)

April 29- An annual holiday, it honors the birthday of Emperor Showa (Hirohito), the reigning Emperor before, during, and after World War II (from 1926 to 1989). The official purpose of the holiday is "To reflect on Japan's Showa period when recovery was made after turbulent days, and to think of the country's future."



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UKRAINIAN EASTER BREAD MAKING WORKSHOP

Led by Alla Panchenko

Learn the art of making Ukrainian Easter bread (paska). This sweet bread comes in various forms and can be made several ways.

Alla Panchenko will guide you through this process. Panchenko is a Ukrainian newcomer who landed in Lethbridge in August 2022 with her family. In Ukraine, Panchenko worked as a chef and cook.

Saturday April 15th,
12:00pm-3:00pm

\$25 public | \$20 SAEA members | Free
Ukrainian newcomers
Learn how to make Ukrainian Easter bread
called paska! Registration fee includes:

- Instruction by Alla Panchenko
- All bread ingredients
- Bread form
- Take your bread home!

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Diversity Ballroom**

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Sign up: www.saea.ca |

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Reference