

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

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

June:
6—Welcome to Kindergarten
Evening
9—Spirit Day
9—Outside Play Day
13—Assembly—a.m.
20—Swimming at
Henderson Pool
21—Alternate Swim Day
at Henderson Pool
22—Gr 5 Farewell
22—Yar-end BBQ
28—Last day of school
- dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

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No School May 22 –23

Schools will be closed on Monday, May 22 for Victoria Day and Tuesday, May 23 for Professional Learning Day. Classes resume on Wednesday, May 24.



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.

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. 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 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.

School Council News

Our Kernels fundraiser wrapped up at the end of April. Our school sold over 1600 bags of popcorn! We will send home notices when the popcorn is ready for pick up. Thank you so much for your continued support. All monies raised from Kernels fundraiser will go towards the year-end school swim trip to Henderson Pool.

We will be having a "Let's Pasta" fundraiser May 24—June 2.. More information will be sent home in mid-May.

Planning for 2023-24 School Year

If you wish to share with us specific information about your child as it pertains to a placement for your Buchanan student in a class for next year, we would ask that you complete our "Classroom Placement" form. This form allows parents to share information that could be considered when their child is placed in a class for the following year.

There is much to consider in the creation of the composition of each class for the upcoming year and this takes us several weeks to work through all the specific needs. We look at physical, academic, second language and behavioural considerations. We consider children's personalities and how well they have worked together in the past.

Finally, student numbers are considered so that each grade level class is similar in size. Our current teachers play a large role in creating classes based on their experience working with the children in the school. The key is to find the best balance for all of those factors within each class to help ensure that each child, and teacher, has the most successful year possible.

Additionally, teacher staffing processes is not completed at this time. Teachers may transfer in and out or request a grade level change within the school and this process evolves even through the summer. Given all of these factors, it is not possible to grant requests for specific teachers.

Note the following projected Grade Level configurations for 2023-2024. Again, note that this is subject to change. As part of the multi-aged philosophy, we make best attempts to keep a core group of students together with the same teacher for a two-year rotation.

Kindergarten – 1 x AM class, 1 x PM class with alternating Fridays

Grade 1 – 3 classes

Grade 2/3 Multi-Aged – 5 classes

Grade 4/5 Multi-Ages – 4 or 5 classes

The form will be available at the office. They MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED by Friday, May 19, 2022. Please return them to the office or email them to: lenee.fyfe@lethsd.ab.ca.

Late forms will not be accepted as it causes disruption in creating and maintaining balanced lists.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lenee Fyfe & Bob White (Administration)

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

May 2023

May marks the one year anniversary of the 215 unmarked graves found at the Kamloops Residential School.



apistsisskitsaato'si "a bis dis gitsa doe see"

translates to 'blossom month' the months where we begin to see buds and blossoms on bushes and trees. The Niitsitapi in this area would moving out of their wintering grounds and moving towards the hills once they see the buffalo bean and crocus flowers. The blossoming would indicate where the people needed to be at certain times.

-Annette Bruised Head

save the date

May 5th: Red Dress Day

1-2:30pm Galt Gardens Event

May 6th: Wellness Convention @
Lethbridge College

May 11th: Moose Hide Campaign

May 12th: Galbraith Spring Market

May 14th: Mother's Day

May 22nd: Victoria Day- No School

May 23rd: Indigenous Grad @
Chinook High School



red dress day

Red Dress Day is a day that honours the spirits of Indigenous Women and Girls who have been taken too soon and those whose voices are not heard.

Garden of Relatives
Coloring Book



check out this
website for some
great indigenous
themed
colouring pages



moose hide campaign

Moose Hide pins have been ordered and are on their way! The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led movement to engage ALL members of community in learning about treating people with kindness, dignity, and respect.



Participating in this event has so many benefits! You get to work together to create safe spaces, support reconciliation, promote cultural awareness, and encourage healthy relationships!

Ideas:

- Moose hide square school collage (your school mascot, a moose, a word of support, etc.)
- Check out the k-12 learning platform for recorded and live workshops, video resources, and lesson plans.
- Make the Moose Hide Pledge
- Be creative and share your pictures!

highlights

Indigenous Celebration
@ Nicholas Sheran



Winter Counts @
Collaborative
Communities!



Spotted! Napi Comics
@ Fleetwood



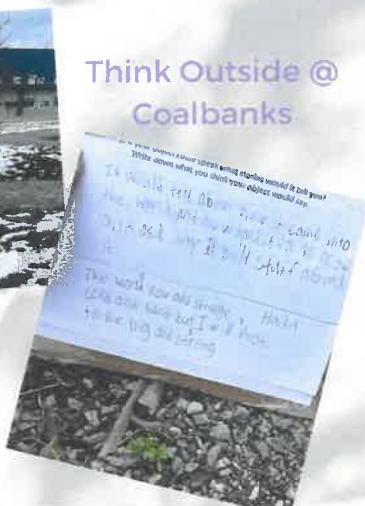
Think Outside @
Fleetwood



Indigenous themed
Mission Impossible @
Fleetwood



Think Outside @
Coalbanks



Spotted!
@ Buchanan



Come Celebrate Mental Health Week

#MYSTORY MAKES ME WHO I AM!

Free Activity Day
@
YMCA



MAY 5, 2023

COME FOR ONE OR ALL

10:30AM-12:30PM: BOUNCY CASTLE/FREE PLAY
HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS 34-60" - CAPACITY LIMIT 40

12:30-2:30: FREE SWIM+WATERSLIDES
MAX CAPACITY 140

Stop by the MHCB booth for your
Entry Bracelets!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

18+ MUST PROVIDE GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID

140-74 MAURETANIA RD W, LETHBRIDGE, AB

NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO ATTEND

**Free Access sponsored by Mental Health Capacity
Building**





SANTA CRUZAN DAY (PHILIPPINES)

May 1- Filipinos consider this the first day of spring. It commemorates the corresponding day in the 4th century A.D. when St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine of Rome found the holy cross on which Jesus was crucified.

KODOMO NO HI (JAPAN)

May 5- Children's Day promotes family unity in Japan celebrating the relationship of parents with their sons and daughters.



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CINCO DE MAYO (MEXICO)

May 5- It marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the 'Batalla de Puebla' in 1862. Although the Mexican army was eventually defeated, it came to represent a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism. It is celebrated on a much larger scale in the United States than it is in Mexico. People of Mexican descent (Chicanos) in the United States celebrate this significant day by having parades, mariachi music, folkloric dancing and other festive activities.

NEWS LETTER



WESAK (BUDDHIST)

May 5- The most important Buddhist festival, Wesak celebrates the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha as one event. Different cultures observe this day with different customs, for example, Sri Lankans light lanterns, Vietnamese purchase captive animals and release them, and Koreans host a lantern parade.

LAG B'OMER (JEWISH)

May 9- In Israel, it is celebrated as a symbol for the fighting Jewish Spirit.



MAZU FESTIVAL (CHINA, TAIWAN)

May 12- Mazu saved her brother from drowning and at the age of 28 and ascended into heaven. She earned the title of Goddess of the Sea and is the patron of fishermen. There are rites and processions at Mazu temples.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA (PORTUGAL)

May 13- On May 13, 1917 in Portugal, three shepherd children saw and conversed with the Virgin Mary in a vision. This event occurred on the 13th day of the month for six months in a row.

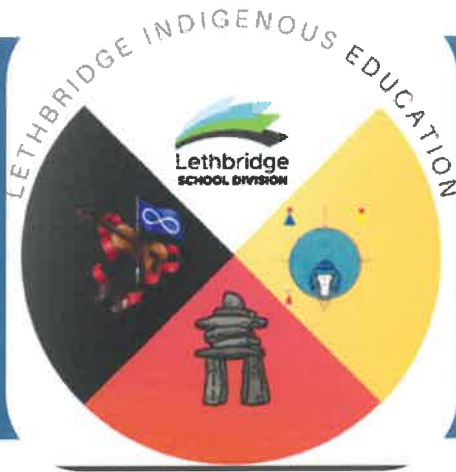
MOTHER'S DAY (CANADA AND USA)

May 14- In 1914, the 2nd Sunday in May was officially declared Mother's Day by President Wilson. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia first suggested a day on which to honour mothers and motherhood.



DECLARATION OF BÁB (BAHÁ'Í)

May 24- The Bahá'í faith began in Persia (now Iran) on this day in 1844, by the prophet Báb who announced his mission as the founder. The event is celebrated about two hours after sunset.



INDIGENOUS AWARENESS WEEK (INDIGENOUS, CANADA)

May 24- Aboriginal Awareness Week, first introduced in 1992, is held on the four days that follow the Victoria Day long weekend. It was designed to increase awareness of Aboriginal peoples among federal public service employees.

SHAVUOT (JEWISH)

May 26-27-Begins previous sundown at 6pm. Called the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost which means 50 and therefore celebrated on the 50th day at the end of Passover. Shavuot celebrates the time when the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on Mount Sinai. This feast lasts 2 days.



BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY

May 26- Buddhism, the fourth largest religion in the world, being exceeded in numbers only by Christianity, Islam and Hinduism was founded in Northern India by the first known Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. In 535 BCE he attained enlightenment and assumed the title Lord Buddha (one who has awakened).



DIGITAL WELLNESS TEAM

INTERACTIVE DIGITAL ACTIVITIES • TECH-LIFE BALANCE • DIGITAL TERMINOLOGY • MINDFUL MEDIA USE • WELLNESS JOURNEY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 2023

CONNECTIVITY

- Division-wide initiative.
- Choose from locally developed activities to build awareness and vocabulary relating to digital wellness.
- Join us in creating a culture of healthy and responsible technology use.

GIVEAWAYS

By actively participating in the event, participants will have a chance to win exciting local prizes, coupons, and giveaways, while also promoting digital wellness and emphasizing its importance in our division.