



DATES TO REMEMBER

November:

- 9—Remembrance Day
Assembly 9:45 a.m.
- 10—No School
- 13—PL Day—No School
- 14—Rock Your Mocs
- 15—Picture Retakes
- 20—School Council Mtg
- 6:00 p.m.
- 22—Cookie Dough Fund-raiser closes @ 9:00a.m.
- 22—Deadline to order Hot Lunch 10:00 p.m.
- 23—Family Gym Night -
6:00 p.m.
- 24—Report Cards
- 24—Heap the Jeep
- 24—Super Hero Day
- 28—Assembly 2:30 p.m.
- 29—Hot Lunch Day

December:

- 7—Snowflake Ball—6 p.m.
- 13—Hurricanes Game and
Silent Auction
- 13—Deadline to order Hot Lunch 10:00 p.m.
- 18—Magician Show
- 19—Assembly
- 19—Christmas Lunch
- 20—Swimming at YMCA
- 22—PJ Day
- 25—Jan 5—No School

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Principal's Message

We can hardly believe that we are already into the month of November! Time seems to be flying by and the Christmas season is quickly approaching.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our parent community for their continued support. From fundraising to volunteering, our parents help to make a difference in our school. We have a tremendous school, a vibrant community, energetic and enthusiastic students, supportive parents, dedicated staff and the opportunity to work together to make our world a better place. Thank you everyone for your ongoing commitment to our school community.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Thursday, November 9 @9:45am. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Please come through the front doors and head directly into the gym. We are asking families for photos of people or memorabilia from any war or peace keeping activities to be included in a slide show presentation to play before our assembly. If you have a digital copy or scan of the photo, it can be sent to bob.white@lethsd.ab.ca.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Cookie Dough Fundraiser is now on. These funds will go to classroom field trips and presentations. All orders will be due on **Wednesday, November 22 at 9:00 a.m.** The processing time is approximately 2 weeks, however, we will inform you in advance when the orders are ready for pick up. This is a great fundraising to get your Christmas baking in. If you need another paper order form, please come to the office. You can also place your order on SchoolCash Online.

Report Card 1

Thank-you for attending our Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. We hope you had an opportunity to visit our school, see your student's classroom and see our amazing Learning Commons. Report Cards will be available on Friday, November 24.

Save the Date

Buchanan hits the Hurricanes Game on Wednesday, December 13. We will be offering tickets on sale at the office for \$10.00 very soon. We have only 100 tickets for sale. Our Grade 4/5 students will be singing O'Canada and our Leadership Students will be fundraising at the game. At this time we are asking for Silent Auction Items and Gift Cards to serve as our fundraiser at the game. Please see the attached donation letter. We are looking forward to the successful night.

Christmas at Buchanan

After our extremely successful Christmas concert last year, we are excited to cycle back to our Snowflake Ball this year. The Snowflake Ball will be held on Thursday, December 7 from 6:00-7:30. Christmas themed activities will occur in each classroom for your family to cycle through, snacks and treats will be in the Learning Commons and the dance will occur in our gym. This is a great night for everyone and more information will be coming out soon.

We love how our Buchanan Community comes together to support each other. If you are looking for ways to help support a Buchanan family, we are looking for cash donations to purchase Christmas Hampers from Save On Foods. Save On is providing us with 52 hampers at wholesale cost for our families. Cash donations can be dropped off at the office. Thanks for supporting our school family directly.

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

Agenda and Supplies Fee

Our Agenda and Supplies fee is \$25.00 per child for Grades 1-5 and is payable online using School Cash Online by November 30, 2023. 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. School Cash Online is also available in several different languages by clicking on "Language" on the bottom left hand corner on the main sign-in page.

SCHOOL and BUSSING INFORMATION

Our school maintains our school website and social media account on a regular basis and are great resources 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 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. Parents can also sign up to receive live school bus update with "My School Bus Monitor" through Southland Transportation's website.

angel tree

CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Registration
now open!



PLEASE VISIT WWW.LFSFAMILY.CA FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ASSIST
OR TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION CLOSES NOVEMBER 30, 2023



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Buchanan Night at the Canes Game! Senator Buchanan Elementary School Fundraising Night

Dear Community Partner,

Senator Buchanan Elementary School is looking for donations for our annual silent auction for The Lethbridge Hurricanes Hockey game occurring on Wednesday, December 13. Our school choir will be performing O'Canada this evening and our School Council will host a silent auction table and gift card raffle.

Auction Item Donation

1. Your company's name and logo displayed on the silent auction bid sheet.
2. Your company's name and logo displayed on the silent auction table.

Gift Card Donation

1. Your company's name and logo displayed on the gift card raffle sheets.
2. Your company's name and logo displayed on the silent auction table.

We thank you in advance for your interest. Should you choose to participate, we would appreciate items over \$50.00 retail or gift cards for denominations of \$10.00 or more. All of our proceeds will go to support classroom field trips and special events for our students.

If you have any questions regarding a silent auction donation, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school at 403-327-7321 or email lenee.fyfe@lethsd.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

Lenée Fyfe (Principal) & Bob White (Vice Principal)

Multi-cultural and Diversity

NEWSLETTER

Karva Chauth (Hindu)

Nov 1- A one day fast kept by married Hindu women for the well-being and longevity of their husbands. The husbands feed the first bite to their wives only after they see the moon.



Bunka No Hi (Japan)

Nov 3- A national holiday dedicated to the love of freedom and promotion of Japanese culture.



Veterans Day (USA)



Nov 11- It was first proclaimed as armistice Day in 1919, to commemorate the termination (at 11 AM on November 11, 1918) of World War I.

Dia de los Muertos (Mexico)



Nov 2- This day is also known as the Day of the Dead. It is celebrated in parts of the United States and Central America. Families build altars in their homes surrounded with flowers, food and burning candles.

Hello November



NOVEMBER 2023

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WHEN COLD WEATHER ARRIVES



SAVE THE DATE

Inuit Day Nov 7th

Indigenous Veterans Day Nov 8th

No School Nov 10th

Remembrance Day Nov 11th

Indigenous Rep PL Nov 13

Métis Week Nov 13th-Nov 17th

Rock Your Mocs Nov 15th

Louis Riel Day Nov 16th

CONGRATULATIONS

to all of our Indigenous family BINGO night winners!!!

A special THANK YOU to our host schools and the teachers, students, and families who came out to play!

The prizes were spectacular and we had some very happy kiddos and families!



Indigenous Veterans Day is November 8th!

Click on the Indigenous Poppy Pin to find resources for your classroom.

Visit the Indigenous Education Padlet for more resources for Rock your Mocs, Metis Week, Inuit Day, and much much more!



EMBRACING FIRST PEOPLES PRINCIPLES TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN LEARNING

by Tina Kennedy



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“Shame is the legacy of colonization which affects all Canadians.” This paraphrased statement by Dr. Niigaan Sinclair greatly impacted me, a Settler, at a professional development workshop in November 2022. Up until that moment, I hadn’t truly appreciated how colonization was why I was so uncomfortable in the education system. Don’t get me wrong, I love learning, and I love the idea of school, but the system of education needs a lot of work. In my view, it’s the cultural beliefs we tried to stamp out with residential schools that can bring hope to education in Canada and lead to our youth re-engaging in learning.

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) in British Columbia published the nine “First Peoples Principles of Learning” in 2006/2007. These principles are “teaching and learning approaches that prevail within particular First Nations societies,” and they sing to my teacher’s heart. Incorporating them into our teaching and learning will not only support Indigenous students in their learning but also hold truths about humanity that will engage all learners. We are all seeking a life of purpose, and our students are no exception. We need to put an emphasis on well-being so that our students are capable of real and meaningful learning that leads to that life of purpose while engaging them in school once more.

The three particular principles that I believe can bring education out of the era of colonization into an era deeply rooted in humanity are the following.

Visit the SAPDC website to learn more about Professional Learning opportunities related to Indigenous Education. Sessions coming up in November. There is lots to choose from!



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



Our Teacher Team was able to attend PL at the Buffalo Jump!

Park Meadows Blackfoot Display Case



BINGO Nights!



Outside lesson with students from @ Fleetwood

One of our blankets of dolls for the MMIWG vigil



Probe school learned all about the Buffalo



Some of our team met with Glenn Miller from the Lethbridge Legion. Glenn is a wealth of knowledge relating to Indigenous Veterans and Veterans Affairs!



Lakeview bulletin board



Cr. 2/3 Buchanan



Diwali (Sikh and Hindu)



Nov 12- Diwali is also known as the 'Festival of Lights'. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". It lasts for five days.

https://youtu.be/rH8xIXh6wHM?si=8sbGrNyX_mEF9Tek



Nov 11-
Remembrance
Day

More Events

- Nov 23-Thanksgiving Day (USA)
- Nov 24- Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur (Sikh)

SHICHI-GO-SAN



Nov 15- Prayers are offered for children's growth. The ages of three and five for boys, three and seven for girls are celebrated. On this day, children dress up in their gala dresses and go with their parents to a Shinto shrine to pay a visit to the tutelary deity. Children are given thousand-year candy which is red and white (auspicious colours) with crane and turtle illustrations (symbols of long life).

Guru Nanak's Birthday (Sikh)



Nov 27- Guru Nanak was born in 1469 CE. He was the first of the Ten Gurus of the Sikh faith and founded Sikhism. An accomplished poet, 974 of his hymns are in the Sikh scriptures, the Shri Guru Granth Sahib.

Lokesh Jayanti (Jain)

Nov 27- This day commemorates the birth of a famous 15th century reformer, Lonka Saha, who opposed temple worship and use of images.

RESOURCES

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Happy
New Month



Thank You!