



**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

December:

- 6—Snowflake Ball—6 p.m.
- 13—Hurricanes Game and Silent Auction
- 18—Swimming
- 19—Assembly @ 9:30 a.m.
- 19—Christmas Lunch 12:30
- 20—Magician Show
- 22—PJ Day
- 25—Jan 5—No School

January:

- 8—Classes Resume
- 15—Council Mtg @ 6 p.m.
- 18—Family Gym Night
- 30—Assembly
- 31—Hot Lunch Day

Dear Buchanan Families,

It's hard to believe that November has ended and the New Year is almost upon us. Quality learning takes place each day as students, staff, and parents work together in our school community. A hearty thank you goes out to all parents who supported fundraising events and attended parent/teacher interviews. We could not be as successful without your continuous support!

As December begins, our thoughts now turn to ways of celebrating the season together as a school community as well as with our families. We look forward to many school-wide celebrations this month. Our Snowflake Ball is on Wednesday, December 6, followed by our Buchanan night at the Hurricanes Game on Wednesday, December 13. We hope you will be able to attend both events.

We are also excited to have our annual "Gifts" the week prior to break. We start with the "Gift of Fun" with Buchanan Grade Level Swimming at the YMCA on Monday, December 18. We also have our Courage Awards and our Second Annual "Gift of Yum" Buchanan Turkey Dinner, sponsored by LA Catering on Tuesday, December 19. The "Gift of Fun" continues on Wednesday, December 20 with Steve, The Magician. On Thursday, December 21, students and staff get the Gift of Time and PJ Day on Friday, December 22. We look forward to having some special time with our students this final week of 2023.

All of our staff wishes you a very Merry Christmas as you celebrate this holiday season with family and friends. We look forward to learning more together in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Lenee Fyfe & Bob White  
Your Administrative Team



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## **Sock It To 'Em**

We encourage all families to donate one pair of new socks for the annual "Sock It To Em" campaign. Your student can drop off their new socks to the bin outside Mr. Regi's office. We are taking donations until December 13.

## **Snowflake Ball – Wednesday, December 6**

Our holiday celebration time is almost here! The Snowflake Ball will take place Wednesday, December 6 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. The purpose of this evening is to offer families a time to be together and celebrate the holiday season with the school community. Our evening will include opportunities for dancing (and fun!) in the gym, various activities in classrooms around the school, snacks, and a family photobooth for you to remember the night!



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

## **Hurricanes Night/ Silent Auction – December 13, 2023**

We are very excited to announce our next fundraising event. We are having a Buchanan night at the Hurricanes game on Wednesday, December 13. Our Grade 4/5 Select Choir will be performing O'Canada this evening. All Choir and Leadership members will receive a free ticket.



During the game we will also have a silent auction table and gift card raffle. We have secured some amazing items such as: signed Hurricanes jersey, Oakley sunglasses, Google Home Mini, snowshoe set, gift baskets, game sets and more! If you are able to approach businesses for auction item donations or gift card donations, please contact the office for a letter to provide to the business. Please drop off any gift card donations or silent auction donations to the school office by Monday, December 11. All funds raised this evening will go directly into classrooms.

## **Gift of Fun – December 18 (Swimming at the YMCA)**

We are excited to wrap up 2023 with Grade Level swimming at the YMCA. All students will swim on Monday, December 18. Kindergarten MUST have one parent/ guardian attend. Grade 1 parents/ guardians are strongly encouraged to attend. For details and to **give permission (required), please click on the link below.** Thank-you to parents/ guardians who have completed the link already.

<https://permission.click/JL4je/ca>



**Isstááato's  
'Cold Month'**



**Ákaisstoyiwa  
'It's Winter''**



**Misámiko'komiaato's  
'Long night month'**



## Save the Date

**December 7th & 14th:** FREE Jig lessons- 7:30 @ the Crossings Public Library

**December 10th:** Indigenous Holiday Market @ Sik Ooh Kotoki Friendship Society  
11am-5pm

**December 12th:** No morning announcements

**December 22nd:** Last day of School!

**December 23rd:** Winter Solstice

## Professional Learning

**Dec 5th:** SAPDC Indigenous-Based Assessment Practices & How These Can Be Used in Your Classroom FREE ONLINE 4-5pm

**Dec 7th:** SAPDC Indigenous Ways of Knowing & School Community Garden Projects FREE ONLINE 4-5pm

**Dec 19th:** Indigenous Art for Teaching Elementary Math Concepts FREE ONLINE 4-5pm

 The Alberta Teachers' Association 

Click to check out more PL opportunities through the ATA

## Winter Count

In the Blackfoot tradition, every winter saw a new year. Each winter, while reflecting and telling stories of the year that had passed, an elected community member would draw a symbol/picture on their hide that described the year. This tradition, turned time capsule, is a unique way of reflecting on major moments and documenting time. Check out these winter count resources to learn more!



BLACKFOOT  
WINTER COUNTS 





**BUILDING  
BRAINS  
TOGETHER**

Looking for a one stop shop for Blackfoot stories, traditional games, and songs? Check out the Building Brains Together website under resources- Indigenous. PHENOMENOAL resources!

## Holiday Wishes

2024

It's hard to believe it's already Christmas. I say it every year but time truly has passed with a blink of an eye! You've all worked so hard and deserve some time to lay back and enjoy the things and people you love the most! I wish you nothing but the best for the holiday season and a very happy new year. See you all in 2024 for some more fun and learning in Indigenous Education!

## November 2023 Highlights



**Metis flag raising at Lethbridge College**



**Rock your mocs @ Buchanan**



**Rock your mocs @ Westminster**



**Indigenous Veterans Day @ Park Meadows**



**Rock your mocs @ Fleetwood**



**Indigenous Education Professional Learning!**