



DATES TO REMEMBER

January:

- 8—Classes Resume
- 15—School Council Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.
- 17—Deadline to order Hot Lunch 10:00 p.m.
- 18—Family Gym Night
- 19— Hat Theme Day
- 22—Kindergarten Registrations Open Online
- 24—Hot Lunch Day
- 30—Assembly 2:30 p.m.

February:

- 2—PL Day—No Classes
- 9—100th Day
- 14—Deadline to order Hot Lunch—10:00 p.m.
- 15—Pink Shirt Day
- 15—Family Gym Night
- 19-23—No School
- 26—Gr 1-4 Returning Registrations
- 26—School Council Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.
- 27—Assembly – 9:30 a.m.
- 28—Hot Lunch Day

Dear Buchanan Families,

We hope you had great holiday season with family and friends.

We wanted to take the opportunity to send some appreciation to our students, families and staff. We had an amazing month of December. Without the support of our families, many opportunities we provided, would not have been possible.

Thank-you to our Snowflake Ball Committee. Thank-you all for the amazing experience you gave to not only our students, but also to our families.

Thank-you to all families who came or got donations for Hurricanes Night. We made over \$4160 which is a record for us. We sold out of tickets three times, which is truly amazing. Thank-you to Choir parents and Leadership parents for supporting your Buchanan student with this opportunity.

Finally, we are so thankful to have celebrated together during the last week of school of 2023. Thank-you Mrs. Meyer and Miss Monika for so many things this holiday season. From the Christmas Store, Christmas Dinner, Angel Tree, a waffle breakfast and so much more, words cannot describe how lucky Buchanan is to have these two advocating for our students.

December was busy. Thank-you parents and families who had to be flexible to make many of these events happen. We handed out cookie dough, help our Snowflake Ball, went to Hurricanes Night, had Courage Awards, did 3 swimming trips to the YMCA, enjoyed 2 Magic Shows, 3 movies shows in the gym, held a school wide Christmas Dinner, picked up and handed out 53 Christmas Hampers, plus the stuff we do daily. We are truly thankful for all the time we had together this past month and hope your Buchanan student and your family enjoyed it.

December really is our most favourite time in school. We are thankful for a staff who entertain, support and often create crazy ideas, for the benefit of our kids. We are thankful for a parent community who support our often unique and crazy ideas, and jump in with us. We are so thankful to be walking into 2024 with all of your families.

Lenee Fyfe and Bob White
Administration

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Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Save the Date! Hooray!! Once again, our school was selected to do the City of Lethbridge Christmas Tree Round Up on Saturday, Jan.13. We will earn \$10 000 for our school to continue to enhance our breakfast and nutrition break programs. We are looking for families with trucks and/or trailers who can volunteer to do a route or two. One route takes about 20-30 minutes to complete. We usually run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on this day. Anyone who can pick up a route within this time frame is helpful. If you can volunteer, please email Mrs. Fyfe at: lenee.fyfe@lethsd.ab.ca. Thank you to those families who have connected with us already through FaceBook. Further information will be coming out on January 9 as to the process.



Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

Absolutely no parking in the east and west Staff Parking Lots and the east alley. Please observe the No Parking zones in and around the school as well. This is a serious safety concern for our students, parents and staff. Thank you for observing all the signs posted.

Kindergarten Registrations for 2024-25

We will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for September 2024 starting January 22. 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, 2024. Registration forms will be available on our school website or through the Lethbridge School Division 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 will only accept kindergarten registrations for children living within our school boundary.

School Council News

Our Silent Auction and Gift Card Raffle at the Hurricanes Game on December 13, 2023 was a huge success!

We raised over \$4160 for our student field trips. We would like to say a very big "Thank You" to the following who donated gift cards and items for our Silent Auction:

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

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| Zrim Masonry | Canterra Seeds | Stefan Zrim |
| Showcase Comics & Hobbies | Empire Air | Bert & Macs |
| Visions Electronics | Walkey Family | Marble Slab |
| Cookie Crimes Ice Creamery | Gibbs Insurance | Italian Table |
| Gas King | Dunlop Ford | Ascent Cycle |
| Ivory Dental | Games Galore | Players Bench |
| Lethbridge Toyota | Pita Pit | Optiks International |
| Iris Optical | The Movie Mill | Milk Man |
| Details @ Freddie's Paint | Slice Bar & Grill | Coulee Climbing |
| Matters of Design | Lakeview Bakery | Ring Container Canada |
| Just Breathe Massage Therapy | Diamond City Soap | Castle Mountain Resort |
| Magrath Golf Club | Brio Salon | VRKADE |
| Buchanan Staff and Students | | |

We would also like to say a very big "Thank You" to those who gave us their support by bidding and purchasing our auction items. We couldn't have done this without all of you!!

Family Gym Night

Floor hockey will be the activity for Family gym night Thursday, January 18 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. This event will be hosted by the U18 AAA Lethbridge Hurricanes. 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!

It's Cold Outside

Just a reminder that inside play breaks are called when the temperature falls below -20C with wind chill. Please dress for school each day properly. If you need support with winter clothing, please connect with Mrs. Meyer at: carleen.meyer@lethsd.ab.ca as she has lots of winter clothing available. Also, please refrain from dropping off students early on cold days as supervision does not start until 8:25 a.m. If the temperature is below -20C with wind chill, students will be invited into the school starting at 8:25 a.m.

January
2024

OMAHKSIKI'SOMM
(OLD MOON)

Ka'toyi (Kah-doi-ye) is another, more historical way to refer to this 4th winter lunar cycle. This Blackfoot word references the shortage of food and even stories of starvation that was experienced at this time of year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 4 2nd Annual National Ribbon Skirt Day

January 11 Division Wide Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Day

January 17 Blackfoot Protocols @ Blackfoot Hub 12pm-3pm

January 25 Blackfoot Stories @ Blackfoot Hub 12pm-3pm

(Call Joey to register @ 403 360 1373)

Sik-Ook-Kotoki Friendship Society
Archery session

Date: January 10, 2024 Location: Old Agency Hall

Facilitator:
Kevin Healy

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Age category: 10 yrs +

Light lunch provided for the first 20 people

Please call 403-328-2414 for registration

KEEP YOUR  OPEN...

exciting things coming in February!
Stay tuned for information regarding
Kitsikakomimm!



Free Fiddle and Metis Jig lessons
Thursday evenings in Feb-March
Lethbridge Library Crossings Branch

I'TAAMIMAANSSTOYI!

Happy New Year

The Indigenous Education team wishes you and your loved ones all the best for 2024 and always. We hope you had a restful break and a very merry holiday season.



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

Iiyika'kimaat
Try Hard...

A fantastic word to put on your vocabulary wall, especially in light of the new year! Perhaps you and your students have new years intentions? Iika'kimaat in all that you do! As always, I am an e-mail or call away!

December Highlights



Nanuq & Winter boards @
Lakeview



Eugene Brave Rock receiving an
honour song at the Indigenous
Wellness Conference



ICES Learns
about the
Buffalo!

Moonstone Creation in Calgary-
Indigenous owned craft store and
workshop.



Holiday Wishes from
the Indigenous Ed Team
and the CRC

2024 OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

www.lethbridgesoccer.com - 403-320-5425 (KICK)

ONLINE ONLY:

Thursday February 1st - Sunday March 3rd

**all registration must be done online* REGISTER YOUR PLAYER BY THEIR BIRTH YEAR
payments must be made online using RAMP



IF YOU ARE USING KIDSPORT OR JUMPSTART
IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR FUNDING THROUGH JUMPSTART, KIDSPORT OR CITY OF LETHBRIDGE FAP - PLEASE
APPLY ONLINE TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS FIRST. THEN REGISTER YOUR PLAYER ONLINE:
WWW.LETHBRIDGESOCCER.COM

REGISTER: www.lethbridgesoccer.com

Request Fee - \$40.00 - Payable at office or over the phone

| Age Group | Birthyear | Fee | # of sessions | ***Days Playing*** | ***Fields*** | ***Earliest Start Times*** |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------|
| U4 - CoEd/ Parent & Tot | 2020 | \$125.00 | 10 (30 min sessions) | Monday | Servus Sports Centre Indoor Field | 5:15pm & 6:00pm |
| U5 - CoEd | 2019 | \$125.00 | 10 (45 min sessions) | Wednesday | Outdoor Servus Sports Centre Field | 5:00pm |
| U6 - CoEd | 2018 | \$125.00 | 10 (45 min sessions) | Monday | Outdoor Servus Sports Centre Field | 6:00pm |
| U7 Boys | 2017 | \$125.00 | 10 (45 min sessions) | Wednesday | Outdoor Servus Sports Centre Field | 5:45pm & 6:30pm |
| U7 Girls | 2017 | \$125.00 | 10 (45 min sessions) | Wednesday | Outdoor Servus Sports Centre Field | 5:45pm & 6:30pm |
| U9 Boys | 2015 & 2016 | \$190.00 | 18 (1 hr sessions) | Tuesday & Thursday | Park Meadows or Redwood Park (North) | 5:30pm & 6:30pm |
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| U11 Boys | 2013 & 2014 | \$190.00 | 18 (1hr sessions) | Monday & Wednesday | St. Teresa School (North) | 5:30pm & 6:30pm |
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| U13 Boys | 2011 & 2012 | \$190.00 | 18 (1 hr sessions) | Tuesday & Thursday | Gilbert Paterson School (South) | 6pm & 7:15pm |
| U13 Girls | 2011 & 2012 | \$190.00 | 18 (1 hr sessions) | Tuesday & Thursday | Gilbert Paterson School (South) | 6pm & 7:15pm |
| U15 - CoEd | 2009 & 2010 | \$190.00 | 18 (1 hr 10 min sessions) | Monday & Wednesday | Winston Churchill School (North) | 6pm & 7:30pm |
| U18 - CoEd | 2006, 2007 & 2008 | \$190.00 | 18 (1 hr 20 minute sessions) | Tuesday & Thursday | Atsotawawa (West)/ Wilson Middle School (East) | 6pm & 7:30pm |

**** Please note if U7, U9, U11 and U13 age groups do not fill for gender specific they will be CoEd ****

***** START TIMES CANNOT BE REQUESTED AS TIMES WILL ROTATE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON *****

Sessions will be scheduled during the Victoria Day long weekend (Monday evening)

Sessions are subject to change and are provided as a guideline only. Season to start on Monday April 22, 2024 and be complete by Saturday June 22, 2024***

U4-U6 Timbits: An introduction to soccer. All sessions run by LSA Staff Coaches, with activities based around players exploring the soccer ball and getting comfortable with an invasion sport. Some small sided scrimmages may be played, but this environment is purely about the players gaining their first touches of a soccer ball.

U7-9 Fundamental: Individual development is paramount by building a love of the ball. Sessions will challenge players creative side as well introduce them to skills needed in the game such as dribbling, passing and shooting. Scrimmages will be played, but no scores will be kept, and all players will be asked to experience all positions of a soccer match (goalkeeper, defender, midfielder, striker).

U11-13 Learning The Game: This age is classed as "The Golden Age Of Learning" where skills learnt in the earlier stages are now enhanced as well as an introduction to the tactical side of the game. Scrimmages will be played and although scores will be kept during the game, coaches and players are asked to keep games meaningful, competitive and to avoid blowouts at all costs. There will be no league standings.

U15-U18 Excel In The Game: Utilizing the technical understanding and tactical skills learnt in the previous three phases to excel in the game. Like the previous 'Learning the Game' phase, coaches are asked to avoid blowouts and keep games competitive throughout.





LETHBRIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE

**HOUSE LEAGUE
BASEBALL REGISTRATION
JANUARY 15TH TO MARCH 1ST**

REGISTER NOW AT:

www.lethbridgelittleleague.com

