



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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—Kg-Gr 4 Returning Registrations 2024-25
- 26—Council Mtg @ 6 p.m.
- 27—Assembly 9:30 a.m.
- 28—Hot Lunch Day

March:

- 13-14—No Kindergarten Classes—P/T Interviews
- 13—Celebration of Learning
- 14— **Early Dismissal** at 11:30 a.m. Gr 1-5
- 14—PL in afternoon—No Classes in afternoon
- 15—PL Day—No Classes
- 18—Council Mtg @ 6 p.m.
- 20—Deadline to order Hot Lunch 10:00 p.m.
- 22—Beach Theme Day
- 26—Assembly 2:30 p.m.
- 27—Hot Lunch Day
- 28—Green Shirt Day
- 29— Good Friday—No School

**Kindergarten Registrations for 2024-25**

We are now accepting Kindergarten registrations for September 2024 starting January 22. We are offering a morning class that 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.

**Family Gym Night**

Basketball will be the activity for Family gym night Thursday, February 15 from 6:00—7:30 p.m. 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!



**No School February 19-23**

Schools will be closed due to Family Day, Monday, February 19, no school on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 20-21 and Teacher's Convention February 22-23. Classes resume Monday, February 26.

**Returning Student Registrations for 2024-2025**

As our Division continues to move to new technology we will continue doing digital registrations for returning students. Returning 2024-2025 registrations for students currently in Kindergarten to Gr 4 will be sent to parents via their Power School Parent Portal account on February 26 and are due back March 8. Please complete the entire registration and submit it by March 8.

Parents who have not set up a Power School Parent Portal Account must do so prior to February 26 and would have already received emails and instructions on how to set up a Parent Account. If you have any questions or concerns about setting up an account, please call the school office.

Parents of students new to our school division will be required to complete a New Registration form online through Lethbridge School Division website and will be reviewed at the time of receipt. We will not be accepting any new out of bounds students at this time.

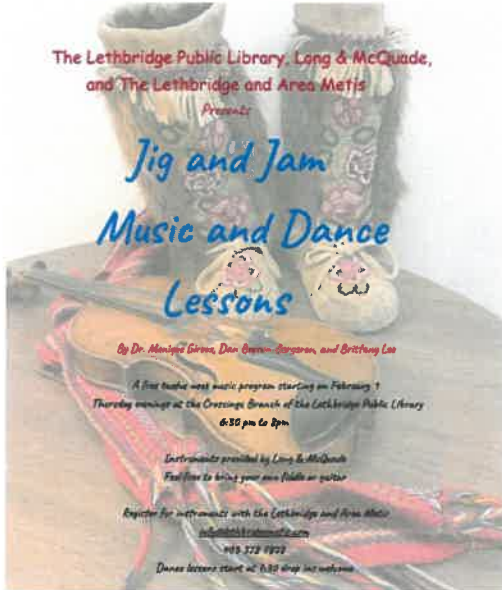


# PIITAIKI'SOOM (BEE-DAE-GEE-SOOM)

## February 2024



February is known as the Eagle Moon because it is the month where eagles enter courtship and find their mates. "Eagles engage in dramatic displays that involve swooping flights, aerial stick exchanges and cartwheeling. Many of these behaviours also test the strength and agility of the potential mate"  
-Stewards of the Land, 2013



Long & McQuade  
MUNICIPAL INSTRUMENTS

Lethbridge  
Public Library  
CONNECTING YOU



**Jig & Jam; Free drop-in jig lessons every Thursday @ Crossings Branch Library**



**Indigenous Radically! Dancing Our Archive: Bringing to Life the Photography of Tsimshian Benjamin Alfred Haldane**  
Saturday, February 3, 2024  
2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. @ The Galt Museum

### Dates to remember:

**Feb 2nd: PI Day**

**Feb 19th: Family Day**

**Feb 22-23rd: Teachers Convention**

**Feb 24-25th: International Peace Powwow**

**Feb 28th: Pink Shirt Day**



**International Peace Powwow @ The Enmax**

**Feb 24 – 25, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

**Everyone is welcome! You do not have to be Indigenous to attend a Powwow! Go check it out!**



**Kitsikakomimm activities!!**



# Professional Learning Opportunities:



- **Michif Language Introductory Course**
- **Connecting to the Land, The Métis Way**



- **Feb 12th: Métis Self-Governance (Otipemisiwak ekwa wahkohtowin)**
- **Feb 13th: Scrip and Theft of Land - kimotiwin**
- **March 5th: Indigenous Perspectives in Technology**
- **March 14th: Building your Métis Foundational Knowledge: Métis History and Identity - māmawikiskiyihta**
- **May 15th: Get Ready for National Indigenous Peoples Month**

## January Highlights



**General Stewart Orange Shirt Day collaboration**

**Wolf Willow bracelets @ Probe**



**Buffalo Kit @ Plaxton**



**Carnival @ Agnes Davidson**



**Ribbon skirt/dress making at Senator Buchanan**



**Agnes Davidson students built an igloo!**



**Wolf Willow bracelets @ Agnes**





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## 1.

### KITCHEN GOD CELEBRATION (CHINA)



Feb 3- This custom is based on the traditional farewell ceremony for T'sao Wang, Prince of the Oven, before he leaves for his annual trip to heaven to report on families' good behavior during the year.

### LOSAR (NEW YEAR TIBET)

Feb10- The tibetan New Year is called Losar and is celebrated for three days by visiting, feasting and the relaxation the monastic discipline.

## 2.



## 3.

### SEOLLAL (KOREA)



Feb10- The Korean New Year lasts three days. During this time, many Koreans visit family, perform ancestral rites, eat traditional food, and play folk games. Additionally, children often receive money from their elders.



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## 4.

### BASANT PANCHAMI (HINDU)



Feb 14- Basant Panchami in Northern India heralds the approach of spring and yellow colored clothes are symbolically worn. Even the food is colored yellow by using saffron. This festival honors Saraswati, the goddess of Learning, Wisdom and the Creative Arts.

### LOUIS RIEL DAY (ABORIGINAL, CANADA)

## 5.



Feb 19- He was the famous Métis leader who in 1885 led a rebellion and lost against the Canadian authorities because he feared more Métis land would be taken away by the settlers. Today his name is a symbol for Native independence.

## 6.

### ABU SIMBEL FESTIVAL (EGYPT)



Feb 22- Built by Ramses II, his temple is angled so that the inner sanctum lights up twice a year- once on the anniversary of his rise to the throne and on Oct 22, celebrating his birthday. Crowds pack in the temple before sunrise to watch the shafts of light illuminate the statues of Ramses, Ra and Amon.



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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH (CANADA)



*In December of 1995, the Parliament of Canada recognized February as Black History Month following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to Parliament, Jean Augustine. The presence of peoples of African descent in Canada dates back farther than Samuel de Champlain's (a French explorer and navigator in early 1600's) first voyage down the St. Lawrence River.*

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