



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

May:

- 13—Let’s Pasta Fundraiser begins
- 14—Talent Show
- 20—Victoria Day—No School
- 21—PL—No Classes
- 22—Hot Lunch Order deadline @ 10:00 p.m.
- 23—Scientists in School Evening
- 24—Jersey Theme Day
- 27—Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 28—Assembly @ 2:30 p.m.
- 29—Hot Lunch Day
- 30—Let’s Pasta Fundraiser ends today

June:

- 7—School Spirit Day
- 17—School Council Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.
- 19—Final Courage Assembly —9:30 a.m.
- 20—Year-End Swimming Field Trip—1:00 p.m.
- 20—Family BBQ—3:30 p.m.
- 25—Gr 5 Farewell & Year-End Assembly 2:30 p.m.
- 26—Last Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal

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Dear Buchanan Families,

We are excited to begin the planning process for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025. Again, note that this is subject to change as we have been decreased a 1.0 FTE teacher for the upcoming school year. 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 – 2 classes
- Grade 2/3 Multi-Aged – 5 classes
- Grade 4/5 Multi-Aged - 5 classes

**The Classroom Placement form will be available through the office. They MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED by Friday, May 17, 2024. Please return them to the office or email them to:**

**[lenee.fyfe@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto: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)



### No School May 20-21

Schools will be closed on Monday, May 20 for Victoria Day and Tuesday, May 21 for Professional Learning Day. Classes resume on Wednesday, May 22.

### Kindergarten Registrations for 2024-25

We are now accepting Kindergarten registrations for September 2024. We are offering a morning class 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. The registration link is available on our school website. Our morning class is now full and have started a waitlist for mornings. If you wish to be put on the waitlist for mornings, please contact the school office.

### Returning Students Registrations for 2024-25

We have many returning registrations which have not yet been submitted by parents/guardians. Alberta Education requires that we have a new registration for every student each year with updated information and consents. **Digital registrations for returning students Grades K-4 were emailed to the parent listed as first contact on March 15 and are now past due.** The email is titled "Student Registrations" and contains your child's returning registration by clicking on the blue "Student Registration Form" link within that email. Please submit your child's registration if you have not done so yet. If you have any questions, please call the office at 403-327-7321 to have the registration form resent. If your child is not returning to Senator Buchanan next year, please let the office or their teacher know.

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



### School Council News

Our Kernels fundraiser wrapped up at the end of April. 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 13-30. More information will be sent home by May 10.

# Apistsisskitsuato'si

MAY 2024

translates to 'blossom month' the month 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

May 10th Jordan's Principle: Bear Witness Day

May 12th Mother's Day (Mom: na'a      Sounds like: na ahh)

May 16th Moose Hide Day

May 20th Victoria Day- No School

May 21st Indigenous Graduation Ceremony

May 30th Middle & High School Indigenous Honour Night



## Bear Witness Day

Jordan's Principle is an organization, principle, and legal rule named on behalf of and memory of Jordan River Anderson. It assists in supporting First Nations children in receiving the proper supports and services they require.



What is Jordan's Principle?  
Who is Jordan?



Bear Witness Website



Spirit Bear & Friends Music Video



Watch Spirit Bear TV FREE

# Moose Hide Day

Click here for Elementary Resources!



Moose Hide Campaign Website

**Moosehide Campaign**  
MAY 16TH, 2024  
Moose Hide pins will be arriving at your schools shortly.

**Moose Hide IS Medicine** مڭى

The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led movement created 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!

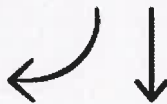
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## PROTECTION

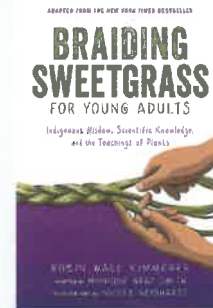
MOOSE ARE KNOWN TO PROTECT THEIR YOUNG FIERCELY.  
WHO OR WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO PROTECT?



Click on the photo's to see k-5 ready to go lesson plans to support classroom learning. Keep scrolling for more classroom resources!



# What I'm Reading



# April Highlights

Buffalo/Bull  
Berry blossoms



Indigenous  
Outside lessons  
@ Fleetwood



Medicine  
Rock/Plant  
Walk with  
Lakeview



Round Dance @ Dr.  
Robert Plaxton



Sweetgrass  
growing



Galbraith student  
wins Honouring  
Spirit award!



Powwow dance  
demonstration @ Park  
Meadows



Smudging @  
Park Meadows



Buffalo Kit @ MMH



Plant walks with  
Lakeview

