



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

- 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—Report Cards open online
 - 26—Last Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal

- August:
- 16-17—Garage Sale
 - 21—School Office Opens

- September:
- 3-4 Staggered Entry for Gr 1-5
 - 3-4—Staggered Entry for Kindergarten as per staggered entry letter

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Dear Buchanan Families,

It is hard to believe that the 2024-2025 school year is coming to an end. We truly want to thank you all for your support. June will be busy filled with field trips, celebrations and gatherings.

At this time, staffing assignments are not yet complete. However, we are anticipating the process to be completed within the next two weeks and we will share more information shortly. However, it is with mixed emotions that we celebrate the following staff members who will be retiring at the completion of this school year.

- Mrs. Angie McKenna – Administrative Assistant
- Mrs. Debbie Newman – Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Diane Shapcott – Music Teacher
- Mrs. Shelley Lowe – Speech & Language Assistant
- Mrs. Wendy Parkhill – Educational Assistant
- Mrs. Andrea Kveder – Educational Assistant

A couple of highlights to consider:

- June 4 – Welcome to Kindergarten Night
- June 5 – Grade 4/5 to Wilson for Magic Show
- June 7 – School Spirit Day – Wear Buchanan Gear or Yellow & Blue, Class Kona Ice
- June 19 – Year End Courage Award/ Friend of 51/ Honouring our Retirees Assembly – 9:30
- June 20 – Year End Swimming to Henderson Pool – Forms coming home soon, Family BBQ/ Kona Ice – 3:30-6:00 PM (All families are welcome to attend)
- June 25 – Grade 5 Farewell/ Year End Slide Show – 2:30 PM – All families welcome to attend
- June 26 – Last Day Students, 11:30 AM dismissal

We look forward to wrapping up our year together!

Sincerely,

Lenee Fyfe & Bob White - Administration



SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS & STAPLES SCHOOL TOOLS

Senator Buchanan is again partnering with Staples to offer Buchanan families the option of purchasing your child’s school supplies for next year in a way that is easy for you and cost effective. All orders can be delivered directly to your home or to the Staples Lethbridge store for pick-up. Each grade has a standard package of school supplies required for next year and the option of purchasing any of those items if you don’t already have them. A school supply list and a Staples letter with further ordering information will be sent home with your child the last week of school. The supply lists and Staples letter is now available on our school website. **If you would like to use the Staples School Tools option, go to Staples.ca/SchoolTools; select Senator Buchanan and your child’s grade. Please note the different QR code for each grade’s school supply list.**

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.

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



Let’s Pasta Fundraiser

Our school wrapped up the last fundraiser of the year with Let’s Pasta. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday, June 11 between 3:30-4:00 p.m. at the gym door on the west side of the school. If you are unable to make it during this time, please email Lenee.Fyfe@lethsd.ab.ca before June 11 to make alternate arrangements. Thank you for your continued support!

Garage Sale August 16-17

If you are doing some Spring Cleaning, please save the following for our 3rd Annual - Pay What You Can, Buchanan Family Garage Sale!!

- ★ Gently used clothing
- ★ Garage Sale Items
- New School Supplies

We are accepting donations June 26, June 27, Aug 14 (from 9 a.m. -12 p.m., 4-6 p.m.) and Aug 15 (from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. or 4-6 p.m.). You can drop off in our gym.

The Garage Sale will run Aug. 16 (from 3-7 p.m. for Buchanan Families only) & 17 (from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. open to the public). Come “shop” for Back to School clothes and school supplies.



KinderCare Program

The first six years of a child's life are an extremely important time in their development when the brain is developing connections faster than at any other time. Strong brain foundations are critical to support future learning and life success. The KinderCare Program is offered in addition to kindergarten to allow for all day programming and increased opportunities for children to engage in purposeful play-based activities with peers. Activities are designed to encourage exploration, foster creativity, problem solving skills and language expression to support future learning and well-being.

Locations

Programs will be offered at the following schools as a pilot program for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Nicholas Sheran School
- Senator Buchanan School

Age Eligibility

Children enrolled in kindergarten at the pilot schools are eligible to attend. Children need to be five years old by December 31 to attend kindergarten in September.

Fees

Registration Fee: 40.00 non-refundable fee once placement is confirmed with family

Program Fee: \$275.00 per month

- Fees support the staff costs associated with running this *optional* program. Alberta Education provides funding for a half-time kindergarten program only.
- Fees will be paid through School Cash Online on the first of each month.
- Fees will not be reimbursed due to illness, personal holidays, etc.
- Fees will only be reimbursed if the program has been closed by Lethbridge School Division.

To withdraw a child from KinderCare families must provide written notice to the registered school 14 days prior to their last day.

Registration

Families can pre-register online for KinderCare. Schools will confirm registration as space allows, in the order applications are received.

Program Times

KinderCare follows the school calendar and school bell times.

Children registered in KinderCare will attend in the morning or the afternoon – opposite of their kindergarten program. This allows for all day programming Monday to Thursday and Friday mornings (bell start time to bell end time each day). They will eat lunch in the KinderCare classroom.

Should a family require childcare before and/or after school, they can inquire around eligibility and space with:

Nicholas Sheran: YMCA (403) 942-5757, It's a BLAST Program (403) 320-3988

Senator Buchanan: Boys and Girls Club (403) 327-6423

Childcare subsidy for these programs is available for families that qualify.

Transportation

Children enrolled in KinderCare who meet eligibility and are registered for school bus transportation at Senator Buchanan and Nicholas Sheran can access the school bus to and from school Monday to Friday.

Staff

Our KinderCare Programs are staffed with a program leader and an educational assistant.



Please contact Senator Buchanan School or Nicholas Sheran School if you have questions.

MHCB'S SUMMER FUN CALENDAR

July 2024

Tue		Wed		Thu	
2		3	Henderson Lake Park 10AM-2PM	4	Gyro Park 1507 10a Ave S 10AM-1PM
9	Our Lady of Assumption 10AM-1PM	10	Our Lady of Assumption 2PM-5PM	11	Legacy Park 10AM-1PM
16	St Paul's School 10AM-1PM	17	St Paul's School 2PM-5PM	18	Chinook Lake Park 10AM-1PM
23	Nicholas Sheran School 10AM-1PM	24	Nicholas Sheran School 2PM-5PM	25	Nicholas Sheran Spray Park 10AM-1PM
30	Lakeview Elementary 10AM-1PM	31	Lakeview Elementary 2PM-5PM		



Park Pop Up's

August 2024

Tue		Wed		Thu	
30	Lakeview Elementary 10AM-1PM	31	Lakeview Elementary 2PM-5PM	1	Henderson Park 10AM-1PM
6	Senator Buchanan School 10AM-1PM	7	Senator Buchanan School 2PM-5PM	8	Westminster School 10AM-1PM
13	Coalbanks School 10AM-1PM	14	Coalbanks School 2PM-5PM	15	Crossings Park 10AM-1PM



MHCB Wellness Team
Learn more about MHCB:
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FREE AND FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays MHCB will be joining our community partners for a larger event. Check out buildingbrains.ca/events

for updates on these days.

On Thursdays you will find the MHCB team & Building Brains offering hands-on activities with some fun goodies to take home.

Find us on Facebook for updates!