



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

November:

- 8 - Remembrance Day Assembly (9:45-10:45)
- 11- No School (Remembrance Day)
- 12 - No School (PL Day)
- 13 - Picture Re-takes
- 15 - Roc Your Mocs
- 19 - Rapunzel
- 20 - Hot Lunch Orders Due
- 20 - Cookie Orders Due
- 20 - Family Gym Night
- 22 - Report Cards
- 26 - Super Hero Theme Day
- 26 - Courage Awards
- 27 - Hot Lunch Day

December:

- 4 - Hurricane Player Visit
- 5 - Christmas Show
- 11 - Hurricane Game

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

Principal's Message

We can hardly believe that we are already into the month of November!

Time seems to be flying by and the Christmas season is quickly approaching.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our parent community for their continued support. We have a tremendous school, a vibrant community, energetic and enthusiastic students, supportive parents, dedicated staff and the opportunity to work together to make our world a better place. Thank you everyone for your ongoing commitment to our school community.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Friday, November 8 at 9:45 a.m.

All parents/ guardians are welcome to attend. Please come through the front doors and head directly into the gym.

We are asking families for photos of people or memorabilia from any war or peace keeping activities to be included in a slide show presentation to play before our assembly. If you have a digital copy or scan of the photo, it can be sent to bob.white@lethsd.ab.ca.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

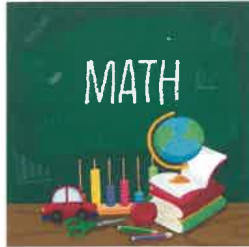
Cookie Dough Fundraiser is now on!

All orders will be due on **Wednesday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m.** The processing time is approximately 2 weeks however we will inform you in advance when the orders are ready for pick up. This is a great fundraiser to get your Christmas baking in. If you need another paper order form, please come to the office. You can also place your order on SchoolCash Online.

Report Card 1

Thank-you for attending our Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. We hope you had an opportunity to visit our school and see your student's classroom. Report Cards will be available on Friday, November 22.

Family Gym Night



Hosted by Winston Churchill Highschool Math Club

Wednesday, November 20

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Save the Date!

Christmas at Buchanan

Our Christmas production will be held on **Thursday, December 5.**

We will have 3 different shows, including one matinee and two evening performances. This is a great night for everyone and more information will be coming out soon.

We love how our Buchanan Community comes together to support each other. If you are looking for ways to help support a Buchanan family, we are looking for cash donations to purchase Christmas Hampers from Save On Foods. Save On is providing us with 52 hampers at wholesale cost for our families. Cash/ Cheque donations can be dropped off at the office. Thanks for supporting our school family directly.

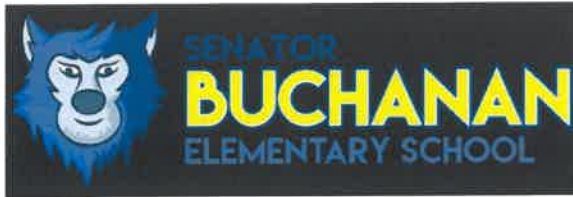
We have lots of activities planned for the last week we have together in 2024. More information will be coming out soon about our school Christmas Dinner, swimming to the YMCA and our Christmas Assembly for the week of December 16-20.

Buchanan hits the Hurricanes Game on Wednesday, December 11!



We will be offering tickets on sale at the office for \$10.00 very soon. We have only 100 tickets for sale. Our Grade 4/5 students will be singing O'Canada and our Leadership Students will be fundraising at the game.

At this time we are asking for Silent Auction Items and Gift Cards to serve as our fundraiser at the game. Please see the attached donation letter. We are looking forward to the successful night.



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Buchanan Night at the Canes Game!

Senator Buchanan Elementary School Fundraising Night

Dear Community Partner,

Senator Buchanan Elementary School is looking for donations for our annual silent auction for The Lethbridge Hurricanes Hockey game occurring on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Our school choir will be performing O'Canada this evening and our School Council will host a silent auction table and gift card raffle.

Auction Item Donation

1. Your company's name and logo displayed on the silent auction bid sheet.
2. Your company's name and logo displayed on the silent auction table.

Gift Card Donation

1. Your company's name and logo displayed on the gift card raffle sheets.
2. Your company's name and logo displayed on the silent auction table.

We thank you in advance for your interest. Should you choose to participate, we would appreciate items over \$50.00 retail or gift cards for denominations of \$10.00 or more. All of our proceeds will go to support classroom field trips, special events and our Nutrition Program.

If you have any questions regarding a silent auction donation, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school at 403-327-7321 or email lenee.fyfe@lethsd.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

Lenée Fyfe & Bob White (Administrative Team)



LFS Angel Tree Christmas Campaign



Eligibility:

Children 0 - 18 years old are eligible to receive gift bundles.
Families requiring assistance at Christmas, living in Lethbridge and area.

Registration Is Open
October 1 - December 4, 2024
Register online at www.lfsfamily.ca



Contact:

Lethbridge Family Services
Val Wingerter
Phone: 403-320-9119
Email: AngelTree@lfsfamily.ca

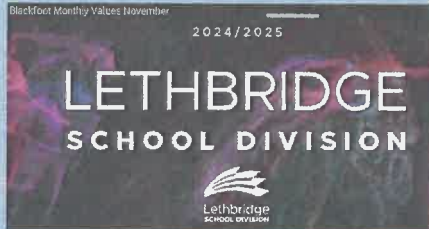
About LFS Angel Tree Christmas Campaign: Lethbridge Family Services' collects new, unwrapped toys during November and December and distributes them to children and youth in Lethbridge and area, 0 - 18 years old, whose families need help at Christmas.



BLACKFOOT VALUE OF THE MONTH

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Empathy



thank you

LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION'S INDIGENOUS EDUCATION TEAM WAS HONOURED WITH AN AWARD AT THE 2024 BUSINESS AWARDS GALA WITH THE LETHBRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ON OCT. 9 AT THE COAST LETHBRIDGE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE, THE DIVISION TOOK HOME THE SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION AWARD.

The work we do is *only* possible with you all. A heartfelt thank you for the work you have contributed to reconciliation in our division.



NOVEMBER

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When cold weather arrives

SAVE THE DATE

November 7th: Inuit Day

November 8th: Indigenous Veterans Day

November 11-16: Metis Week

November 11-16: Rock your Mocs

November 12: Indigenous Education Collaborative Community

November 13: Metis Week Celebration @ Galt Museum



NOVEMBER RESOURCES

Inuit Day Resources



Indigenous Veterans Day




Métis Resources



Rock your Moos





Blackfoot Warriors

The Blackfoot Nations had a reputation for being fierce warriors. As a result, these nations controlled a big part of Western Canada that stretched as far south as present-day Yellowstone in the north-central United States. Warriors travelled great distances to protect their lands so they could eliminate threats. The Blackfoot told ancestral stories of warriors who were gone for more than 10 years before they returned home. A warrior returning from battle was entitled to abundant respect and endless honour.

The Blackfoot Nations were large, powerful, and well respected. Other nations understood when they entered Blackfoot Territory that they would have to respect the Blackfoot Protocols to avoid conflict. If the Blackfoot felt threatened, they could capably defend themselves. But, being compassionate people, Blackfoot warriors did extend help to those in need.

This trait is especially evident in a record from the First World War. When Indian Agent W.J. Dilworth, who was responsible for the Blood Tribe, wrote to the Department of Indian Affairs on November 27, 1915, he said: "I have the honor to inform you that 30 Indians of this band would have enlisted had they been allowed, but subject to the wishes expressed by the Department and my own belief that the exposure in lower altitudes would develop tuberculosis, all were counselled against going ... three even run away and enlisted and I had them dismissed. Only one Albert Mountain Horse enlisted and went to the front."

In Blackfoot culture, there is a high sacred ceremony that requires the presence of an active Blackfoot warrior who has seen combat. For the ceremony, the Blackfoot use currently serving soldiers to fulfill the role. The soldier is expected to share his or her service stories with the those who are gathered.

Miistatisomital (Mike) Mountain Horse was born in 1887 into a family that has generations of warriors. It was a time when the traditional Blackfoot way of life was still widely practised. Miistatisomital knew generations of his grandfathers' and grandmothers' teachings and was equipped with knowledge that provided a warrior protection in battle. Led in a spiritual life, Mountain Horse was guided by their communication. He carried to war a sacred collection of blessed items called a *buracle*. The bundle carried the spirits of ancient warriors.

Mike was the second of three Mountain Horse brothers to enlist in the First World War. He joined on May 23, 1916. Albert, a Cadet Instructor, was the youngest of the three and held a commission as a Lieutenant. He enlisted as a Private in 1914, was gassed at the front on three different occasions, and died of consumption in 1915 after he was invalided home. Albert died in a military hospital in Quebec. Mike's older brother Joe, an interpreter, enlisted months after Mike, in 1916. When Mike enlisted, he stated on his attestation papers that he was a carpenter.

Within Blackfoot history, the Mountain Horse brothers *personify* the transformation from traditional warriors to modern soldiers. Eleven recruits from the Kainai (Blood Tribe) enlisted to serve in the First World War. All had to quickly adapt their traditional teachings to modern 20th-century warfare.

Corporal Mike Mountain Horse did not truly believe the First World War was the Indigenous Peoples' fight, although he expressed two reasons for enlisting. Mountain Horse wanted to *protect* the well-being of the land, the people, and the Blackfoot sacred way of life. He also enlisted after he learned that his younger brother, Albert, was dying from complications of gas exposure during the Second Battle of Ypres in France. Albert was sent back to Canada as an invalid. Unfortunately, he passed away in Quebec, just days before he reached home. Mike wanted to avenge Albert's death, so he enlisted with the 191st Infantry Battalion. He was later transferred to the 50th Battalion.

Upon his return home from war, Corporal Mountain Horse was held in high esteem by the Kainai (Blood Tribe) and by local non-Indigenous people. Mike worked with Albertans when he took a job with the North West Mounted Police. This career helped Mike build his social network. According to *The Lethbridge Herald* newspaper of July 19, 1957, Mountain Horse was elected President of the first "teezy Indian branch" of the Canadian Legion. This branch was located on the lands of the Hobbsma community, 88 kilometres south of Edmonton. As a result, members from each Indigenous community in Alberta travelled to this location seeking membership.

Mountain Horse, like most soldiers, was reluctant to relate the experiences he had in Europe; however, a *callskin* robe featuring 12 of his war experiences was created in a modified version of Blackfoot winter count robes. One of the 12 sections of the robe depicts Corporal Mountain Horse's unit being destroyed by a bomb. He was the *sole* survivor.



Corporal Miistatisomital (Mike) Mountain Horse
1887-1964
Orders, Decorations, and Medals
British War Medal
Victory Medal

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

West side BINGO



Ok!
We are honoured to have you at Dr. Probe School!

Northern Lights



North/South side BINGO



Indigenous Rep PL



Middle School BINGO

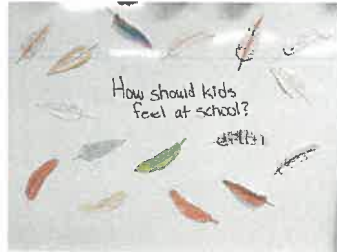


Fleetwood learned about the importance of hair.

Grade 3's @ Nicholas Sheran explore Indigenous traditions!



General Stewart does Orange Shirt Day



Grade 1's at Coalbanks learn about the Buffalo



Gilbert Paterson PL



High School BINGO @ LCI



Nicholas Sheran starts their plant learning journey



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November 2024

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

- **Hindu Heritage Month (Canada)**
- **Lebanese Heritage Month (Canada)**
- **National Indigenous Month (USA)**

NOV 2

Dia de los Muertos



This day is also known as the day of the dead, and is celebrated in parts of the USA and Central America. Families build altars in their homes surrounded with flowers, food and burning candles.

NOV 3

Bunka No Hi (Japan)



A national holiday dedicated to the love of freedom and promotion of Japanese culture.

NOV 1

Diwali (Sikh, Hindu)



Diwali means "row of lights" and is the Hindu New Year. It symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. The celebrations generally last five or six days.

NOV 11

Remembrance Day (Australia, Canada, UK) Veterans Day (USA)



This day commemorates the soldiers killed in World Wars I and II and is in remembrance for all those who have given their lives in service of their country. In the USA, it commemorates the termination (at 11 AM on Nov 11, 1918) of World War I.

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NOV 16

International Day of Tolerance (UN)



The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance. The purpose is to help people understand tolerance, human rights, and non-violence.

NOV 19

Discovery Day (Puerto Rico)



A celebration of the day Christopher Columbus found Puerto Rico on his second voyage to the New World in 1493.



NOV 28

Thanksgiving Day (USA)

Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Early American settlers gave thanks for good harvests by decorating their churches with fruits and vegetables and celebrating dinner with venison and waterfowl. It is also a time to gather with family and friends, share a traditional meal, and express gratitude for the good things in life.

Independence Days

- Nov 1 - Antigua & Barbuda
- Nov 3 - Panama, Dominica
- Nov 8 - Cambodia
- Nov 11 - Poland
- Nov 18 - Latvia, Morocco
- Nov 22 - Lebanon
- Nov 28 - Albania
- Nov 30 - Barbados

National Days

- Nov 15 - National Day (Palestine)
- Nov 15 - Republic Day (Brazil)
- Nov 24 - National Day (Bosnia)
- Nov 28 - National Day (Panama)

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