

DATES TO REMEMBER

January:

- 6—Classes Resume
- 9—Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Day
- 15—School Council Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.
- 20—Kindergarten Registration opens online
- 22—Hot Lunch Order Deadline
- 23—Family Gym Night @ 6:00 p.m.
- 28—Courage Awards Assembly @ 2:30 p.m.
- 28—Jersey Theme Day
- 29—Hot Lunch Day
- 31—PL Day—NO SCHOOL 6:00 p.m.

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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.

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our staff, students and parent community for continuous support this year. It was wonderful to end 2024 doing activities such as swimming, Christmas dinner and The Hurricanes Game. All of these activities are funded through our various fundraising events such as Kernels Popcorn, Cookie Dough Sales and our Silent Auction. Without the support of our Buchanan Community, these events are not possible. THANK-YOU!

We wish you and your family all the best for 2025 and once again, we appreciate our Buchanan Families for all of the amazing support that is provided to our school. Thank-you for making our school the best for all of us to be.

Lenee Fyfe and Bob White
Administration

Kindergarten Registrations for 2025-26

We will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for September 2025 starting January 20.

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, 2025.

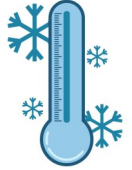
Registration forms will be available on our school website or through the Lethbridge School Division website.

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.

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.

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 8:24 a.m. If the temperature is below -20C with wind chill, students will be invited into the school starting at 8:24 a.m.

School Council News

Our Silent Auction and Gift Card Raffle at the Hurricanes Game on December 11, 2024 was a huge success!

We raised over \$5000 for our nutrition program. We would like to say a very big "Thank You" to the following who donated gift cards and items for our Silent Auction:

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| Pita Pit | RONA+ | Poppin Tags |
| El Greco Cuisine | Paradise Canyon Golf Resort | Murray Chevrolet |
| Lethbridge Fasteners & Tools | Zrim Masonry Ltd | Coulee Climbing |
| Games Galore | Lethbridge Hurricanes | Davis GMC Buick |
| Freddies Paint | Castle Mountain Resort | Walkey Family |
| Gibbs Insurance | Lethbridge Chinese Opera Society | YMCA |
| Paramount Printers | Bert & Macs | Canterra Seeds |
| Meridian Integrated Health & Wellness | | |
| Brio Salon | Ivory Dental | |
| Olsen Steed Dental | Iris Optical | |
| Movie Mill | Kingsmen Ale House | |
| Gas King Oil Co | | |
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Boston Pizza Hot Lunch – Wednesday, January 29, 2025 **Online orders close 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

Boston Pizza Hot Lunch is now available to order online at <https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com> (there is a link on the Senator Buchanan website under Quick Links).

If you have not signed up for School Cash Online, please do so as hot lunch orders are only available online. When signing up, ensure that you have the latest version of your browser. Should you have any problems, click on the support tab on the School Cash homepage and phone the 24-hour support line.

All hot lunch orders must be made online under each student's name. No manual orders or late orders will be accepted.

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January

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HAPPY
New Year



Save the Date

January 6: First day back

January 9th: Lethbridge School Division Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Day

February 3: Kitsikakomimm begins

February 17: Family Day

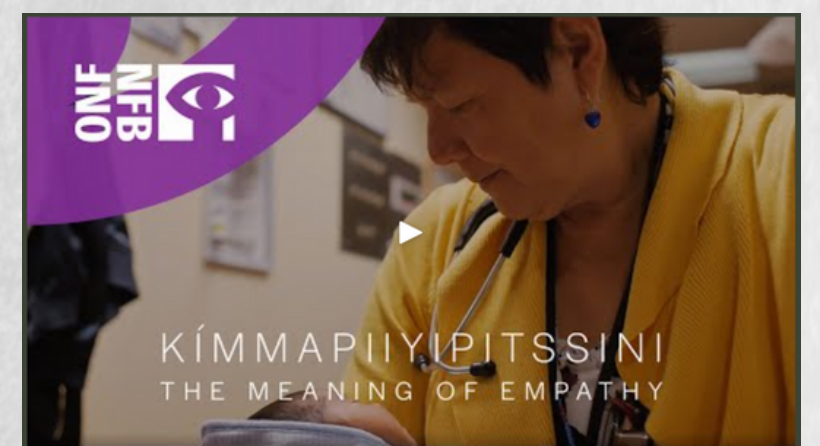
February 20-21: Teacher's convention

February 26th: Last day of Kitsikakomimm

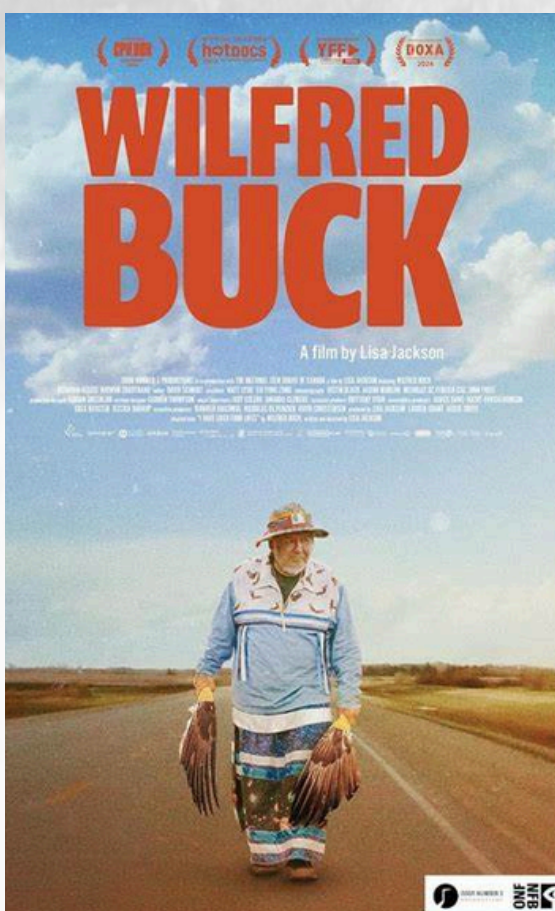


Some winter watching
and learning...
Click to **WATCH!**

This local documentary is moving and insightful. Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers, originally from Moses Lake/Blood Reserve “created an intimate portrait of her community and the impacts of the substance use and overdose epidemic” If you have questions about addiction, harm reduction, or the local context this is a fantastic watch.

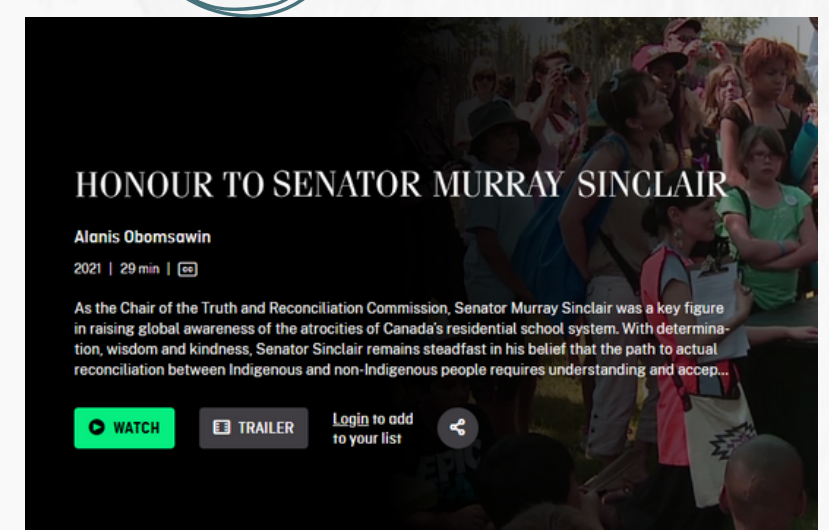


A 13 minute film highlighting a woman removed from her family as a child to attend residential school



Available on
Crave! Great
Film!

Honour to
Senator Murray
Sinclair





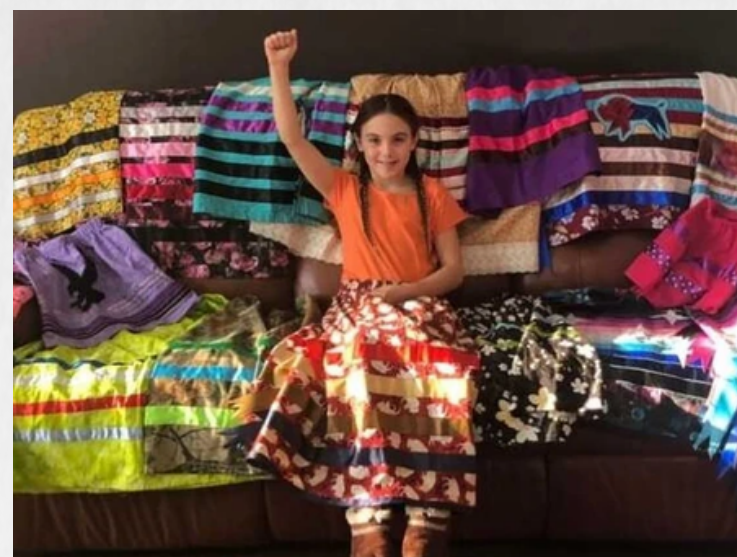
In honour of Pink Shirt Day the Lethbridge School Division Indigenous Education team and Mental Health Capacity Building team would like to invite you to take part in an act of kindness this February. Our entire community thrives when we are kind to one another. No matter how small an act, our kindness makes a difference and does not go unnoticed. We are asking all schools to participate in collecting various items. Last day for donations will be February 26th and will be collected by the Indigenous and Mental Health teams!

- ♥ Elementary Schools: Bottled Water and Non perishable food items
- ♥ Middle Schools: Mitts/Gloves/Toques, Socks, Hand and Foot Warmers
- ♥ High Schools: Personal hygiene products feminine hygiene, deodorant, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.)

National Ribbon Skirt Day

Lethbridge school division will celebrate ribbon skirt/shirt day on Thursday January 9th, 2025.

Wear your Ribbon skirt or ribbon shirt to school with pride!



In 2020 Isabella Kulak wore a Ribbon Skirt to her school formal day and was told she should have worn something more appropriate- something store bought, like the rest of the girls in her class. This incident left Isabella feeling very upset, but never ashamed. Her story went viral and inspired thousands of Indigenous people across Canada to wear their Ribbon Skirts and Shirts with pride!

Mary Jane McAllum, a member of Cree First Nation and Manitoba Senator, passed a Bill in 2020 that declared Jan. 4, 2023, as the first National Ribbon Skirt Day. The federal government shared a statement, reflecting that "this day is to learn more about and to celebrate Indigenous cultures, traditions, histories and contributions to Canada."

Happy New Year!