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#### OCTOBER | 2021

#### **IMPORTANT DATES...**

Oct 1-AM Kindergarten Class Oct 8 – PM Kindergarten Class Oct 11 - Thanksgiving, No School for Students Oct 12 - Literacy Professional Learning Day - No School for Students Oct 13 - No School for Students Oct 14 - No School for Students - Grade 1-5 Parent Teacher Conferences via Teams from 1:00pm - 8:00pm Oct 15 - No School for Students - Grade 1-5 Parent Teacher Conferences via Teams from 8:00am-11:40am Oct 20 - Virtual Parent Council Meeting Via Teams at 6:30pm Oct 22 - Cram the Car...Donate to the Lethbridge Food Bank! Please bring in your non-perishable food items during the week of October 18 - 22! Oct 22 - AM Kindergarten Class Oct 29 - Halloween Activity / PM Kindergarten

Council Corner...All parents and guardians are welcome to join us for our virtual Parent Council Meetings. Parent Council is an opportunity for parents and guardians to get involved and help foster a supportive learning environment at Nicholas Sheran School through hot lunches, fundraisers and more! Meetings will be held on TEAMs the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Parent Council and Society Meeting Minutes can be found on the school website.

#### 2021/22 Parent Council:

President/Chairperson-Tisha Elford Vice President/Vice Chairperson- Kristina Hurkens Secretary- Jeanine Miklos Treasurer- TBD (up for vote at October meeting) Division Council Reps- Locke Spencer/Tisha Elford

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe the month of September is already gone! With our first month of school now complete, I have been very impressed with how seamlessly the students' return to school has been. From their arrival in the morning until dismissal time, our students have demonstrated great respect for the protocols continued from last year. It's very apparent that the students have missed interacting with their friends and are thoroughly enjoying being together again, evident through the smiles and laughter in classrooms and on the playground! It was wonderful to meet the Nicholas Sheran School Council during our first meeting of the year on September 22nd. School Council's next meeting date is October 20th. The agenda for the meeting and a link to attend the meeting will be sent out on the Monday of that week. One of the things we will be talking about is an important resource we would like to have for the school. Please join in and be involved in your child's school! Please help us by making sure your child is dressed for the weather. Outside learning is an important part of school and children that are well dressed and prepared for the weather have way more fun. Please take a few minutes to label your child's boots and jackets. It's always surprising how quickly children can "forget" what they wore to school, and these items are expensive, and we want them to make it home. Halloween is coming up at the end of the month! We will be doing a virtual classroom parade where each student will have a chance to show off their costume. At this time, we can only have prepackaged individual treats in the school, so please contact your child's teacher if you are wanting to provide something. I hope you all get to enjoy this beautiful fall weather we are still having! Take care and be well. Dawn Walmsley,

#### 2021/22 Friends of Nicholas Sheran Society President/Chair Director- Locke Spencer Vice President/Vice Chair Director- TBD (up for vote at October meeting) Secretary- Jeanine Miklos Treasurer- TBD (up for vote at October meeting) Directors- Tisha Elford/Stacy Burton

We are still hoping to add some parents to the Fundraising and Hot Lunch Committees so that we will be able to provide more opportunities for the students at Nicholas Sheran School. If you would like to help out, please join us on October 20th through this link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_YTJjOGJjNDQtMDYzYi00ODRmLWEyYmItYTliMGY1MzAzNmJm%40thread.v2/0? context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223c0e8b63-e64e-4c8d-a40f-1d213b670472%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2288ca0096-4a49-43bc-8a0f-5f07300ceabf%22%7d

Thank you.

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**Masks**....We have noticed an increase of students coming to school without masks, saying they forgot or don't have any and because it is a mandatory requirement for students to be wearing a mask, the school has been going through a lot of disposable masks and this is not economically sustainable.

We ask that you please ensure your child also has an extra one with them in their backpack in case one gets lost or breaks during the school day. Your help and cooperation in this is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Bus Routes have been updated at http:// www.southland.ca/lethbridge. Southland Transportation Ltd.'s MyBusStop app is ready to use. MyBusStop is a GPS tracking service, which delivers real-time information on a subscriber's bus location, route stops, route traffic, route schedule, route progress and possible bus delays. Information on how to use the app, including detailed instructions, can be found here: https:// www.lethsd.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstop-app. The School Code for NSES is L84FQJ88OY.

**Attendance...**If your child is going to be absent or late, please notify SafeArrival in one of 3 ways:

1. Website <u>https://go.schoolmessenger.ca</u>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using the same email address given to the school. Select Attendance to Report an Absence.

 Using your mobile device, download & install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store (or from the links at

https://go.schoolmessenger.ca). The app is the quickest & most convenient way to report absences.

3. Call Toll Free 1-866-879-1041 before 8:30am

Parent-Teacher Conferences will occur on Thursday, October 14th (pm) and Friday, October 15th (AM) to facilitate earlier discussions about student learning. Report cards will be available through PowerSchool on November 26th, a later date than usual, to allow more time for learning and assessments before grades are assigned for the first term. Interviews will be booked through the school webpage under the "Parents" tab with booking starting on October 4th at 7:00 AM and closing October 13th at 11:59PM. All interviews will be conducted using Microsoft TEAMs as a COVID safety protocol. Please click the following link-https://ns.lethsd.ab.ca/ bookings as a refresher on how to use TEAMs software. Your child's teacher will then contact you using TEAMs at your scheduled time. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the office with any questions.

**TERRY FOX...** Thank you to everyone that donated towards the Terry Fox Walk on the 17<sup>th</sup> and helped us to beat our school goal! We were hoping to raise at least \$700 and we raised \$813.40 to go to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Please <u>**DO NOT**</u> contact the school directly to report absences.

Check out our website <u>http://ns.lethsd.ab.ca</u>, Twitter @nikkisheran & Facebook page - Nicholas Sheran Elementary School to get the latest information!!

#### **COVID-19 INFORMATION**

# COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

#### Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If your child has traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days, follow the <u>Government of Canada Travel, Testing,</u> <u>Quarantine and Borders</u> instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments.

If within the last 10 days, your child has been notified by Public Health that they are a case<sup>3</sup> of COVID-19, they are required to isolate as per Public Health instructions.

#### Screening Questions for Children under 18:

| 1.   | Has your child been a household contact of a case <sup>2</sup> of COVID-19 in the             | YES    | NO       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | last 14 days?   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | A household contact: a person who lives in the same residence as the case OR who              |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | has been in frequent, long-duration, close-range interaction with a case of COVID-19.         |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | For example, siblings, someone who slept over, or someone who provided direct                 |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | physical care to the child.   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If the   | If the answer is "YES" AND they are NOT fully immunized <sup>4</sup> :                        |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| • Ch   | nild should stay home and NOT attend school, childcare and/or other activities for 14 days fi | om the | last day |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| of   | exposure and monitor for symptoms. If your child has symptoms, proceed to question 2.         |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If the   | answer is "NO" to question 1, proceed to question 2   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.   | Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core syr                    | nptom  | s:       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | _      |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Fever   | YES    | NO       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cough   | YES    | NO       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as          |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | asthma  |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Shortness of breath   | YES    | NO       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions         |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | such as asthma  |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Loss of sense of smell or taste   | YES    | NO       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders      |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If the   | answer is "YES" to any symptom in question 2:   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The child is required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms as per the current <u>CMOH Order</u> OR        |   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities.                                   |   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional |   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| information on isolation.  |   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If the answer is "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 2, proceed to question 3.                                 |   |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A lab-confirmed case OR a probable case as defined in the <u>Alberta COVID-19 Notifiable Disease Guideline</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A person who has received the complete vaccine series for COVID-19 and it has been 14 days after the second dose in a two dose series

|   | Chills   | YES                     | NO |  |   |  |  |
|---|--|-------------------------|----|--|---|--|--|
| ĺ | Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather  |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   | Sore throat/painful swallowing   |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   | Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux<br>Runny nose/congestion  |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   |  |                         |    |  | Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather |  |  |
|   |  | Feeling unwell/fatigued |    |  |   |  |  |
|   | Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions,<br>such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury<br><b>Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea</b><br>Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   |  |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   | syndrome   |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   | Unexplained loss of appetite   |                         | NO |  |   |  |  |
|   | Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication <b>Muscle/joint aches</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury  |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   |  |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   |  |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   | Headache<br>Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic<br>migraines   |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
|   | Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)  | YES                     | NO |  |   |  |  |
|   | he answer is "YES" to ONE symptom in question 3:   |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
| • | Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours.   | faalwal                 |    |  |   |  |  |
| • | If their symptom is <b>improving</b> after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they enough to go. Testing is not necessary.  | ieei wei                | I  |  |   |  |  |
| • |  |                         |    |  |   |  |  |
| • | <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.  | <i>)</i> , use i        |    |  |   |  |  |
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- Use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.
- Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.

#### If the answer is "NO" to all questions:

• Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities.

**Please note:** If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.

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Help our school to "Cram the Car" with food donations from October 18-22!

We are collecting non-perishable, non-expired food and toiletry items for the Lethbridge Food Bank.

Let's see how much we can gather for this great cause!



Ages 4 - 12 Sibling Discount Full Day & Half Day Options

For more information and to register visit our website

www.westwindgym.com events/pd day camps & clinics



0ct. 12 - 15 Nov. 12 Dec. 28 - 31 Jan. 3 Jan. 28 Feb. 22 - 25 Mar. 18 Apr. 18 - 22 Apr. 25 May 24



# PD DAY CAMPS 245 10th Street N Lethbridge, AB T1H 0H6 403 -320 -1373

PARENT'S NIGHT \$35 OUT!

> Ages 4 - 12 5:30 - 8:00 PM Pizza Dinner Included

Pyjamas and Gymnastics -Sept 25 Monster Bash - October 23rd Cupcake Battles - November 20 Reindeer Games - December 11 Glow in the Dark - January 22

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For more information and to register visit our website

westwindgym.com events/parent's night out



# ТНЕ LOOP-



**MHCB** Wellness Team



Hello, Lethbridge School Division students, staff and families!

As we find ourselves in the fourth wave of the pandemic, it is important for us to be familiar with the many ways our community is able to support us. THE LOOP is intended to connect Lethbridge School Division students, staff and families with: learning opportunities, mental health and wellness supports, community based programs and activities, scholarship application information, post-secondary connections and other community family support initiatives. If you would like to submit information for THE LOÓP, please email kathy.mundell@lethsd.ab.ca TAKE CARE.



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until mid-December from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM



#### Do you know a young person struggling with addiction?

**Need support? Please contact** Lethbridge Youth Treatment Centre at 1.403.388.7600.

The Lethbridge Youth Treatment Centre is a three phase, voluntary, inpatient, drug and alcohol treatment program that serves clients between the ages of 12 and 18. Referrals are made through AHS outpatient counselors and other allied professionals. We have capacity to house and support eight clients at a time. While the duration of treatment may va<mark>ry, completion of all thr</mark>ee phases takes approximately 90 days. The

program offers strength-based, client/family-centered programing and treatment planning to support reducing or extinguishing substance use, and improving mental, physical, social, emotional and spiritual health.





## Alberta Health Services

#### To register call intake at 403-382-5278

Fearless Feathers is a four session, virtual group designed to address anxiety in children. You will need access to a device able to run the Zoom application.



**UP Group** is our introductory group that offers children and youth evidence-Age based skills to help manage many of 11-14 life's challenges and difficulties related to emotions and mental health.

ADHD Parent Group is a parent group focusing on: understanding ADHD, working with schools, medication, selfcare and parenting strategies.

Intentional Parenting is a 4 session virtual group designed to support parents who struggle with anxiety. The first session will focus on understanding anxiety, the impacts of anxiety, and ways to manage our own anxiety. The following 3 sessions focus on how anxiety impacts parenting, what factors influence anxiety, how we can better manage those factors, and ways we can separate anxiety from our parenting strategies.



Is your family struggling with conflict in the home? Are you concerned about your child not coming home?

> Phone 403-317-1777 www.woodshomes.ca

The CORE is a short-term place for young people (under 18) to stay who are not living at home for various reasons, or who are struggling with family or placement conflict. Crisis support is available to youth, parents and/or guardians, and community professionals at any time and/or for resource and referral information.



### **BUILDING BRAINS** ethbridge **TOGETHER - AT HOME**

Building Brains Together and Lethbridge School Division are partnering on an exciting new project this fall, where parents and caregivers of three and four-year-old children can build young brains together in their own homes. Building Brains Together - At Home includes three weekly live, small group, online sessions for the child and caregiver, with an Early Learning educator. Virtual sessions, approximately 30 minutes in length, take place in the afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents can learn more by joining the weekly parent café, on Monday afternoons, which will include educational support and guest speakers on child/brain development.



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The Family Preservation Program works collaboratively with the Family Resource Network to provide programming for youth and their families. Referrals are received by self-referral, community, and Network partners. Activities offered by the Family McMan Preservation Program include: parent/ teen mediation, caregiver/youth/family

groups, family activities, community connection and referral, cultural groups, including working with local Elders, private mentorship sessions, and outreach support. Programming is offered at flexible times, including evenings and weekends, to ensure that scheduling is not a barrier to those who need support.

For more information contact Grace Landry via email at grace.landry@mcmansouth.ca or call 403-715-3202.

#### Visit buildingbrains.ca for more information

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At Imagine Institute For Learning we challenge people to image what's possible in a world where compassion meets action. We believe that with proper training, we can all take compassionate action to protect and support to create stronger communities.



#### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A DOCTOR?





TELUS Health MyCare App allows you to access a medical doctor, mental health counsellor or dietician with your mobile device, from the comfort of your own home

#### ARE VIRTUAL CONSULTATIONS FREE?



Virtual consultations are available with physicians for all Alberta residents. Residents of AB who are covered under provincial healthcare plans can access virtual consultations at no direct cost (you will not be billed after your consultation) at this time.

\*\*Those without provincial health insurance can access virtual consultations for \$70 per physician consultation\*\*

#### WHO IS TELUS HEALTH MYCARE APP FOR?



TELUS Health MyCare app aims to serve Canadians currently without a family doctor or those who need to seek medical care after-hours.

\*If you have a medical doctor, it is recommended that you continue to see them.

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM REQUIRMENTS?



TELUS MyCare is available on iPhones (IOS 12 and above) and Android (Version 4.2 and above) smartphones. You will need to be connected to the internet- where possible it is recommended you use WiFi.

HOW DO PRESCRIPTIONS, DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AND REFERRALS WORK?



Prescriptions: After your TELUS Health MyCare doctor generates your prescription, it is handled by the Clinical Support team. Your prescription will be sent to a pharmacy of your choice, where it should be received within one hour. You will need to **provide proof of identification** at the pharmacy to be able to collect your prescription.

Diagnostic Tests: After your consultation, the Clinical Support team will ask you for your preferred lab/imaging center or will recommend one nearby. The Clinical Support team will then provide guidance on next steps.

Referrals: After your consultation, a referral letter will be sent to a specialist. Once your referral is accepted, a member of the Clinical Support team or the specialist office will call you to schedule an appointment.



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National Indian Residential School Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419 Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310 Mental Health Help Line: 1-877-303-2642





d family structure. Blackfoot facilitators and Elders lead discussions activities around the 5 domains of supporting father involvement Virtual Tuesdays: Sept. 28 – Dec. 7 6:00pm-7:30pm In-person Wednesdays: Sept.29 – Dec. 8 5:00pm-8:00pm.

Simple meal provided at 5:00pm followed by the program.

For more information or to register for either program, contact our Indigenous Coordinator Tico Iron Shirt at 403-320-4232 ext. 218 or tico.ironshirt@famcentre.ca

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- Post-Secondary Institutions registered for the virtual event. Alberta University of the Arts **Bow Valley College Canadian Armed Forces Reserves College of the Rockies Concordia University of Edmonton International Business University McMaster University Medicine Hat College** Memorial University of Newfoundland **Mount Royal University** Olds College **Queen's University Reeves Collage – Lethbridge** St. Francis Xavier University The King's University **Trinity Western University** 
  - Tyndale University
  - University of Alberta
  - University of British Columbia
  - University of Manitoba
  - University of Waterloo
  - Volunteer Lethbridge

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To make an appointment, email futurestudentelethbridgecollege.ca



<u>CLICK HERE</u> to access ScholarTree The #1 place to find scholarships or start a scholarship in Canada!



Round Dance Social Honoring the Children, Survivors & Families Every Child Matters

> Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:30-11:00 pm

Indigenous Learning Circle-Bannock & Jam

Adults: Wednesdays 11:30-1:00 Sept 1-Oct 21 Children/Teens: 12:30-2:00 Sept 24-Oct 15

An opportunity to connect and engage with Indigenous culture. Hands on learning with workshops and guest speakers. Everyone welcome!

Listen and Learn Orange Shirt Day September 30 Virtual Zoom from 10-11 am





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options?

paid internships available

#### job opportunities for high school students

#### CLICK HERE to access our website



Grade 6-12 MNS Tutoring provides private academic support for students in all math and all science courses (Grades 6 to 12). MNS Tutoring turns academic worriers into academic warriors. We have expanded our service to include small group sessions and Exam Jams.

Please see our new website for details: <u>MNSTUTORING.COM</u>



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| Raise The<br>Grade                      | Raise The<br>Grade                      | 3:30-6:00<br>LGBTQ+<br>Hangout | Raise The<br>Grade<br>3:30-6:00         | Free                      |  |  |  |  |  |
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| DROP IN<br>11-14                        | DROP IN<br>14-18                        | Creating<br>Connections        | 7:00-9:00<br><b>URBAN SKILLZ</b>        |                           |  |  |  |  |  |

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