

NEWS

NICHOLAS SHERAN NEWS



DECEMBER | 2021

IMPORTANT DATES...

Dec 3 - AM Kindergarten Class
Dec 10 - PM Kindergarten Class
Dec 16 - Classroom Winter Movie Day
Dec 17 - AM Kindergarten Class / Red & Green Day
Dec 20-Jan 3 - Christmas Holidays, No School for Students
Jan 4 - Classes Resume

*Please Remember to Report All Lates and Absences using [SchoolMessenger](#) or the Toll Free Number 1-866-879-1041

Council Corner...All parents and guardians are welcome to join us for our virtual Parent Council Meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th at 6:30pm on TEAMS. Parent Council and Society Meeting Minutes can be found on the school website. If you have any questions, concerns or comments for School Council, Email: ns.scpres@lethsd.ab.ca

Staff Parking Lot...We ask that parents please do not park in the staff parking lot. All the parking spaces are occupied. Some staff work modified hours and arrive after the bell so even if there are empty stalls after the bell rings, please **do not** park in the Staff Parking Lot. Thank You!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...Time is going by so quickly at Nicholas Sheran! The way that the winter break falls this year means that we have a very short month of school. We are busy preparing for the Holiday Season and are excited to share and learn about all of the different cultures our school community is made up of. We are working on a family activity that can be completed at home to celebrate the season so please stay tuned for that. We thank you for your support in keeping our school community healthy. We understand it can be challenging to keep your children home when they are not well, but it makes a huge difference to the health of our school. There are schools in our division with multiple classes being sent home to work online and we really want to keep our kiddos in school where they learn best, so thank you for helping us stay in school.

If you are planning to travel out of the country this holiday season please check the latest re-entry requirements for children under 12 years of age using this link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/fully-vaccinated-travellers-without-covid-19-symptoms-returning-canada.html>

After the break we will be starting registration for Kindergarten and Early Education Programs (EEP- Preschool). Please keep your eyes open for an email with specific dates for the online registrations. To get information first please consider attending our school council meetings that are held online each month starting at 6:30pm on teams. It's a great way to get the "inside scoop" and hear first hand about what is happening at Nicholas Sheran.

On behalf of the staff at Nicholas Sheran I would like to wish you all a very safe, healthy and happy holiday season with your family!

Dawn Walmsley

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December Wellness - Celebrate & Enjoy

It is hard to believe we are already in the month of December!! What an amazing start to the school year we have had at Nicholas Sheran! I have been so welcomed into classrooms and have enjoyed getting to know so many students and families so far. Please feel free to contact me by calling or emailing if I can be of support to you or your families.

Give the gift of your time this holiday season. Although it is easy to get overwhelmed and be incredibly busy over the month of December, please remember to give some quality time to yourself and your families. Your child(ren) want to be connected to you and their loved ones. It doesn't have to cost money or be difficult to connect. Head outside for a winter walk, noticing what animals are around and what sounds you hear. How about doing some baking together? Decorate those cookies with sprinkles and share them with your friends and families. Children love to make things with their special people. Get out the craft supplies and let your imagination run wild. An afternoon of board games is sure to bring smiles and laughter into your household.

Remember to celebrate all that you have this holiday season!! Wishing you all the best!

Jen Robinson

Nicholas Sheran will once again be an Angel Tree drop off location. We will welcome unwrapped gifts for children 18 and younger. until December 15th. Lethbridge Family Services will accept unwrapped gifts at their location until December 21st.

THE LOOP will provide you with snapshots of professional development opportunities, community partner updates, child and youth community activities and referral information. The purpose of this newsletter is to share what supports are available in our wonderful city! We hope THE LOOP helps you to stay informed. [Click here](#) for the December edition.

Late Arrivals... If your child arrives late to school, please have them come to the front doors. Please ring the doorbell and then have your child(ren) check in at the office to pick up a late slip. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND ...We have many items in our lost and found. Please have your child stop by the caretaking office if they are missing any items.

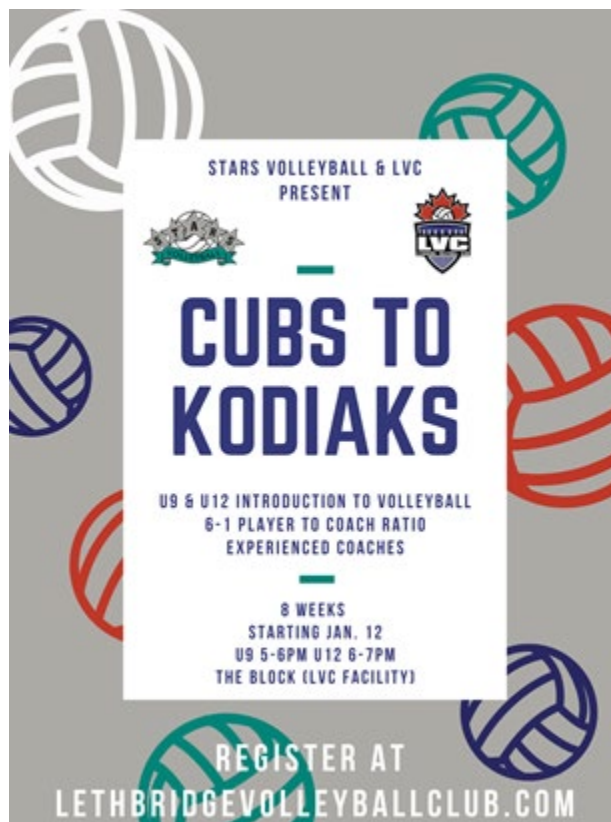


Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

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

STARS VOLLEYBALL & LVC JOIN FORCES!!!

STARS Volleyball and the Lethbridge Volleyball Club have partnered up to bring you "**Cubs to Kodiaks**"! The focus of this initiative is to teach the game of volleyball in a fun way to youth players ages 6 - 12. The emphasis is on fundamental skill development with the help of modified rules and equipment. STARS Volleyball's teaching philosophy is to emphasize the components of Fun, Fair Play and Positive Attitude while the participant learns to play the game of volleyball. STARS volleyball uses a 6-1 player to coach ratio to ensure lots of feedback for each participant! The 8 week program will run on Wednesday evenings from 5-7 PM at the LVC facility (The Block). It will start on January 12.



To register go to <https://lethbridgevolleyballclub.com/camps-and-events/>.
For more information contact coach@lethbridgevolleyballclub.com

DECEMBER IS STAATO'S (IS-STAA-TOO-SEE)

WINTER CAMP

Winter camp locations were often scouted by tribe members in October or November. The chief would take into consideration the reports from the scouts and choose a location for the tribe to move to. Ideally, wintering grounds were areas with many trees, in valleys, where people could be sheltered from the cold wind and snow. Camps were along rivers for access to fresh water and firewood.



ORAL STORYTELLING

During the winter, days were long and gave the people the time to rest, spend time together, and share stories. During the long cold nights children would be encouraged to stay up late by the fire and listen to their elders share legends and stories of their tribe.



Happy Holidays!

It is our wish to you that you and your loved ones have a beautiful holiday and that you enjoy this well deserved break!
See you next year!

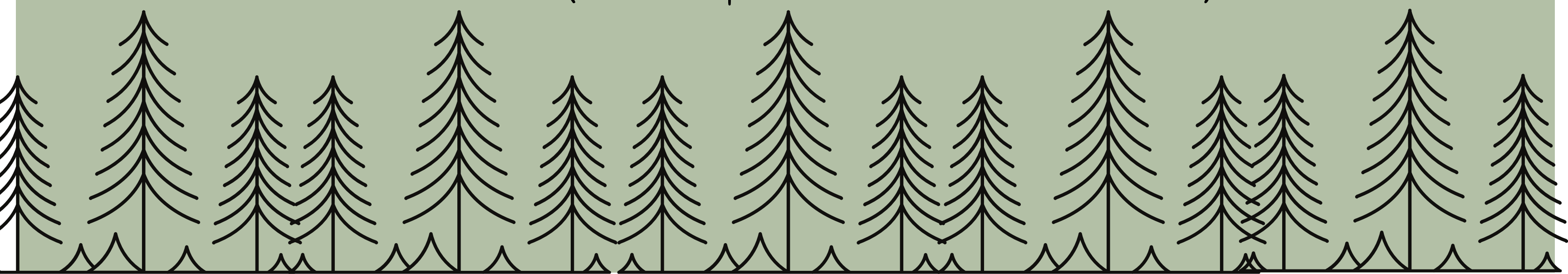


Professional Learning Opportunities through SAPDC

January 12th- Collaborative community- Beyond Orange Shirt Day

January 18th- IFNMI22-41 Indigenous Stories of Peoples in Space and Place

February 1st- Cours en ligne: Éducation pour la réconciliation - Rassembler nos forces (francophones et immersions)



NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS...



Robert Plaxton Poppies



LCI Poppies



Chinook Poppies



Some of the poppies donated to the Legion



Chinook Blackfoot Flag Raising



General Stewart



Métis Flag Raising



Buchanan Rock your Mocs



Probe Rock your Mocs



Nicholas Sheran Métis Dot Art



Park Meadows

