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NICHOLAS SHERAN NEWS



JANUARY | 2022

IMPORTANT DATES...

- Jan 10** - Classes Resume
- Jan 14** - PM Kindergarten Class
- Jan 17** - 2022-23 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- Jan 19** - School Council Meeting at 6:30pm via Teams
- Jan 21** - AM Kindergarten Class
- Jan 24** - Returning EEP Registration Begins
- Jan 28** - No School for Students, PL Day

*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 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

2022/2023 Kindergarten Registration...Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins **Monday, January 17, 2022**. In order for your child to be eligible for the 2022-2023 kindergarten program, they must be 5 years old on, or before, December 31, 2022. There is a possibility of having both an AM/PM Program and a M/W or T/Th Full Day Program (both with every other Friday morning programs). These programs will be available based on registration numbers and are NOT guaranteed. You will be contacted in June with program confirmation.

Registration forms are available on our website at <https://ns.lethsd.ab.ca> or you can pick one up in the office. Registration forms and supporting documents can be brought to the school or emailed to sheran@lethsd.ab.ca beginning on **Monday, January 17th**.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Welcome to 2022! As I reflect on the first part of the school year I am filled with pride. Your children have done an amazing job being resilient and kind learners. They have handled the changes involved in going to school during a pandemic exceptionally well. They are truly remarkable children, and we are so fortunate to have them with us at Nicholas Sheran. Of course, none of this would be possible without our dedicated staff who have shown themselves to be flexible and adaptable and committed to providing the best education for your children. We are so lucky to have our Nicholas Sheran staff members!

We are also grateful for you, our Nicholas Sheran families who have supported us through multiple changes and trusted us to educate your children despite a constantly changing pandemic. We are disappointed to be starting our year with uncertainty of programming for our students. Our staff is working hard to prepare for both scenarios, in school and at-home learning. Even as I write this note plans may change one way or the other as our Government makes their decision. We are hopeful to see our students soon face-to-face!

I would like to take a moment for some thank-you notes: Thank you to our Music Teacher- Mr. Sheedy for his work in preparing our Digital Winter Concert! I hope you enjoyed watching your children and their classmates. It certainly brought that magical feeling of the season home for us. Thank you to our Parent Council for treating us so well during the month of December. Your treats made our days brighter.

We look forward to an exciting new year and are thankful to all of you for being a part of our journey. Please know that even though we can't have you in the building at this time you can contact us at any time by phone or email. Take care and be well!

Dawn Walmsley, Principal

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January Wellness... Happy 2022!! As we begin a new year, I hope you can look back at some of your personal highlights of 2021 and find some joy. Looking forward to the new year, think of some goals and hopes you wish to work towards. Although we are still navigating our way through the Covid 19 Pandemic, we need to remember that we have overcome a lot in the past year and we are able to continue to move forward through our everchanging days ahead. Please know that we are here for you and your children. Reach out by email or phone if you would like any assistance from the wellness crew.



Bell Let's Talk Day is Wednesday January 26th ...

As we are still working through the Pandemic, many Canadians are feeling the impact on their mental health. Now more than ever, mental health matters and every action can make a difference. On Bell Let's Talk Day, Bell will donate 5¢ to mental health initiatives, for every text, call, tweet or TikTok video using #BellLetsTalk, social media video view and by using our Facebook frame or Snapchat lens. Let's all connect to those we care about and help these valuable resources at the same time!



We are excited to be working with one of our Community Partners, Big Brother and Big Sisters Lethbridge and District to offer some after school groups in the new year. We hope to be running Go Girls! And Game On! In the upcoming months. Referral for students will be through classroom teachers and the Administrative/Wellness teams. If you would like any information on these groups, go to <https://lethbridge.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/> for more information. Please contact Jen Robinson if you think this would be a good fit for your child.

2022/23 EEP Registration... An Expression of Interest process will take place from Feb. 7-18 for school-location preferences. A link to the Expression of Interest form will be available on the School Division website very soon, and can be completed electronically. This Expression of Interest period is designed for first-year EEP students. A lottery will be held to determine placement, and families will be notified by March 11 regarding their placement outcome. EEP registration for returning students will take place from Jan. 24 to Feb. 4.

Nicholas Sheran Cares...

We have some "Nicholas Sheran Cares" packages of non-perishable food for our families. We realize things are financially tight and would love to drop off a package on your doorstep. Please contact Jen Robinson at (403)381-1244.

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

WELCOME TO 2022

Whatever comes
our way, we've
got this!

I hope you had a
chance to visit
loved ones and
recharge.

January

Omahksiki'soom - Old Moon
Áisstoyiimsstaa - Causes cold weather

FYI - Our virtual world....

Due to our ever changing context and guidelines for dealing with and mitigating COVID the Indigenous Education team will be taking caution and scheduling only virtual appointments for the first few weeks of January.

Save the Date

January 4th: National Ribbon Skirt Day

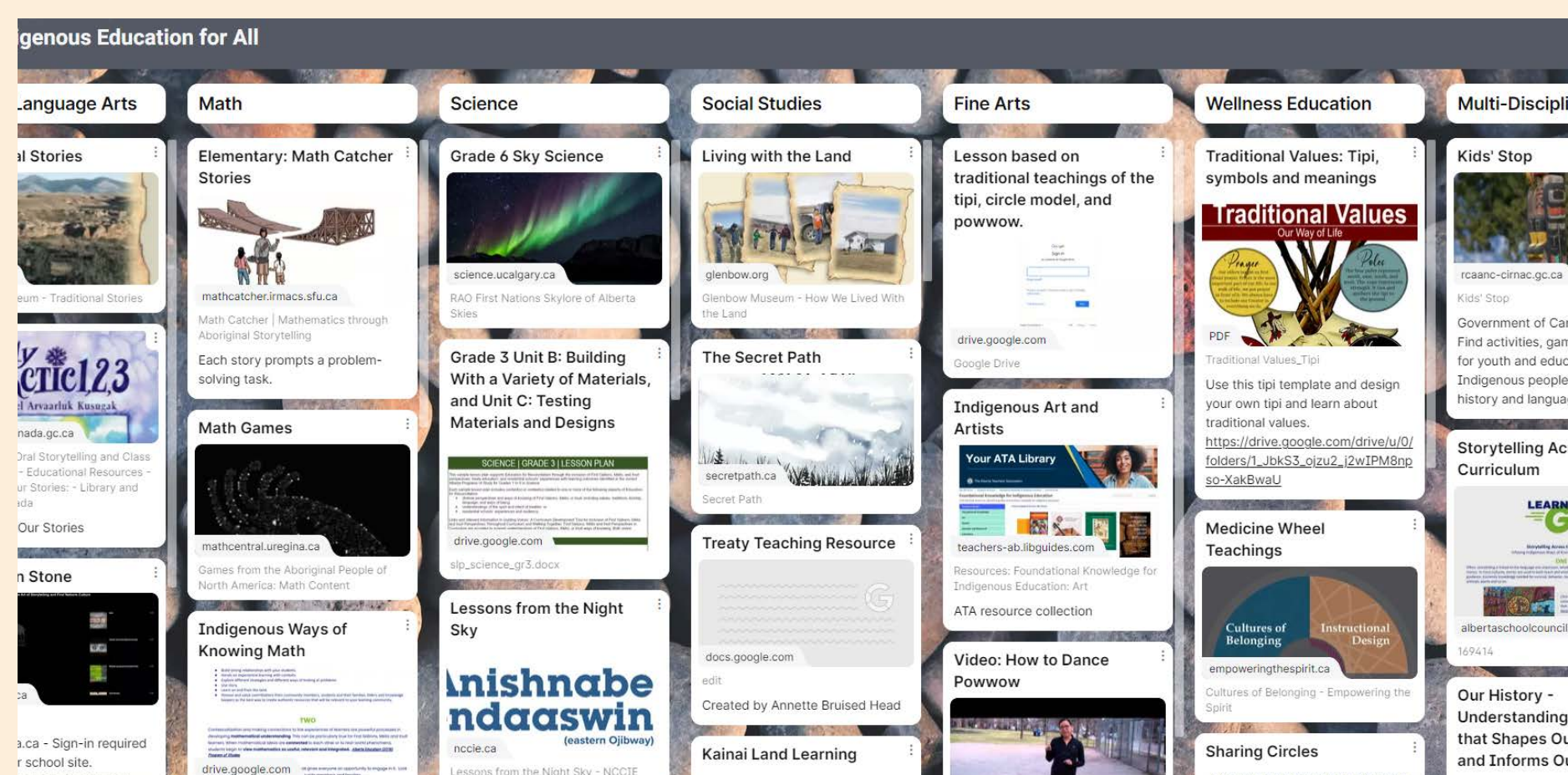
January 26th: Grade 1 PL Day

January 28th: No School

I'M A TEACHER.
WHAT'S YOUR
SUPERPOWER?

Sik-OOh-Kotoki Friendship Society is currently accepting donations of towels and non-perishable food items.

Check out this online resource!



National Ribbon Skirt Day

SENATE OF CANADA: BILL S-227

An Act respecting a National Ribbon Skirt Day

This enactment designates the 4th day of January in each and every year as “National Ribbon Skirt Day”.



Whereas Indigenous women are life-givers and are entrusted with traditional knowledge to care for their families, their communities and the environment;

Whereas the ribbon skirt is a centuries-old spiritual symbol of womanhood, identity, adaptation and survival and is a way for women to honour themselves and their culture;

Whereas the ribbon skirt represents a direct connection to Mother Earth and its sacred medicines;

Whereas Indigenous culture, tradition and ceremony, including Indigenous ties to language and the land, are critical to the vitality and well-being of Canada’s First Peoples;

Whereas section 1 of Article 15 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to which Canada is a signatory, states, “Indigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information”;

Whereas Call for Justice 2.1 of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls calls “upon all governments to acknowledge, recognize, and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples to their cultures and languages as inherent rights, and constitutionally protected as such under section 35 of the Constitution [Act, 1982]”;

And whereas Call for Justice 15.2 of that report calls on Canadians to “[d]ecolonize by learning the true history of Canada ... and learn about and celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ history, cultures, pride, and diversity”;