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FEBRUARY | 2022

IMPORTANT DATES...

Feb 1 - Town Hall Meeting at 6:30pm

Feb 4 - PM Kindergarten Class

Feb 7-18 - Expression of Interest Process begins for NEW EEP Students

Feb 9 - Values Assembly on Teams

Feb 11 - AM Kindergarten Class

Feb 16 - Pink Shirt Day

Feb 18 - PM Kindergarten Class

Feb 21-25 - No School for Students

Feb 28 - Continuing Student Registration starts Feb 28th until March 11th

*Please Remember to Report All Lates and Absences using <u>SchoolMessenger</u> or the Toll Free Number 1-866-879-1041

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...February is finally here, and we are entering the second half of the school year. February can be a challenging month for students as they (like us!) are tired of winter and especially this year are feeling cooped up. Your assistance and support through the first five months have not gone unnoticed! It certainly helps us maintain a healthy school environment as we navigate through the pandemic. 2022/2023 Kindergarten Registration...Kindergarten

Registration for the 2022-2023 • school year began Monday, January

17th. 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 <u>https://ns.lethsd.ab.ca</u> or you can pick one up in the office. Registration forms and supporting documents can be brought to the school or emailed to <u>sheran@lethsd.ab.ca</u>.

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 11th regarding their placement outcome. EEP registration for returning students will take place from Jan. 24th to Feb. 4th.

2022/23 Registration....Registration forms for current Kindergarten through Grade 4 students will be emailed on February 28th. This will assist us in facilitating staffing for the 2022-2023 school year. ALL forms must be submitted online by **Friday, March 11th**. Please make sure the school has the correct email address on file. Please email any updates to <u>sheran@lethsd.ab.ca</u>. Registration for new students will happen late March.

February is a month when we think of kindness more than usual. COVID will not cancel Valentine's Day! It will however be altered. All items related to Valentine's must be in by Friday Feb 10th (Thursday Feb 10 for EEP and PM Kindergarten) so they can be "quarantined" before being shared. This information was previously shared in an email.

Wednesday, February 16th is Pink Shirt day. This started a few years ago because of a bullying incident at a Nova Scotia school and has grown into an international awareness campaign. We have some activities the students will be participating in to support this and will be encouraging our students to wear pink on that day.

As we work our way through some more wintery weather please remember to send your children to school with warm clothing so they can enjoy their time outside. We have a beautiful outdoor space to explore and we want to do it in any kind of weather! Parents are urged to provide their child with a second pair of shoes (need not be new) that can be kept for indoor use. Children will be asked to remove wet footwear upon entering the building.

As always please contact us at the office if you have any questions or concerns. Ms. Walmsley sheran@lethsd.ab.ca | 403.381.1244 | ns.lethsd.ab.ca

February Wellness...February brings us Pink Shirt Day and the continued message of KINDNESS. Pink Shirt day is celebrated nationally on February 23rd but since that is a non-instructional day for the Lethbridge School Division, we will celebrate it on February 16th.



We are so excited to launch our 2022 Pink Shirt Day Campaign! Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to **Lift Each Other Up** and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important. This year we are asking you to join us in celebrating our diversity while raising funds to support inclusive anti-bullying programs for kids in our communities. Talk to your children about the importance of being kind to others. We all would benefit from a little more kindness in our lives.

be kind.

THE LOOP provides 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. <u>Click here</u> for the February edition.

NICHOLAS SHERAN VIRTUAL PROJECT FAIR...

WHAT: Canadian Heritage or Science Project Showcase WHERE: Online WHEN: Tuesday, March 15th

WHO: Anyone from Kindergarten - Grade 5

WHY: Do you often have many unanswered questions? Choose one question to study and research or test a theory and showcase your work. The question could be about a Canadian topic or a scientific query. You will receive wonderful feedback from helpful judges and may be eligible to enter the regional competition to see other amazing entries and even win prizes. Start brainstorming and let's have fun! If you wish your child to participate in the Project Fair please complete the permission form and return to the office by Friday, February 18, 2022.

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, March 16th 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: <u>ns.scpres@lethsd.ab.ca</u>

OUTSIDE RECESS... Just a friendly reminder that during each recess, every student will be going outside unless it is extremely cold (-20). Please make sure your child comes prepared for all types of weather each and every school day.

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* Sci-Fusion District Science Fair submission deadline is April 2nd.

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