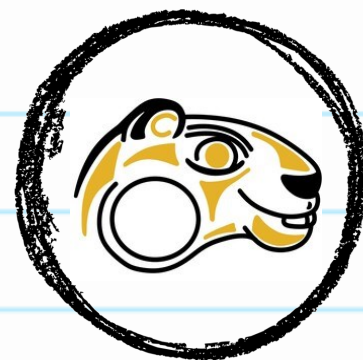


NICHOLAS SHERAN NEWS

SEPTEMBER | 2022



Principal's Welcome Message!

Dear Families, Welcome home to Nicholas Sheran Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year!

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School is a special place, and I am honored to be able to work with the students and families in our community. The staff has been very busy planning and preparing to welcome our students back and I know your children will have an excellent start to their year. The maintenance department has been working all summer painting classrooms, installing a new gym curtain, and putting in a new concrete sidewalk to replace the crumbling asphalt at the back of the school. Our caretaking team has been working tirelessly to have our school looking great!

We are so excited to meet your children outside the school on the morning of September 6th or 7th. Our staff will be outside with nametags on and brightly colored balloons with the grade level on them. Although parents and guardians will not be in the building that first day (so we can focus on building relationships with our students) We will be hosting a Meet the Staff evening inside the school on September 14th so please keep your eyes open for that information. We are looking forward to welcoming you all into our school.

We are also having our first School Council meeting on Wednesday September 21st at 6:30 p.m. We have many new families joining us this year and I encourage you all to be a part of the School Council. School Council is a simple way to get the "inside scoop" on what's happening in school and how our community can support us to meet the needs of our students. Thank you for being a part of our school community. We look forward to working with your child(ren) and your family! Reach out if you have any questions.

Take care,

Ms. Dawn Walmsley
Principal

Important Dates:

Sept 6- Staggered Entry

Grade 1 - 5 Students Last Names A-M from 8:45am-3:48pm

T/Th Full Day Kindergarten Students Last Names A-M from 8:45-11:45am and N-Z from 12:48-3:48pm

AM Kindergarten Students Last Names A-M from 8:45-11:45am

Sept 7- Staggered Entry

Grade 1 - 5 Students Last Names N-Z from 8:45am-3:48pm

M/W Full Day Kindergarten Students Last Names A-M from 8:45-11:45am and N-Z from 12:48-3:48pm

AM Kindergarten Students Last Names N-Z from 8:45-11:45am

Sept 9- T/Th Kindergarten

Sept 14- Meet the Staff Evening (More info sent out at a later date)

Sept 16- M/W & AM Kindergarten

Sept 21- Treaty 7 Day & School Council AGM at 6:30 PM in the NS Community Room

Sept 23- Terry Fox Walk & T/Th Kindergarten

Sept 29- Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- NO SCHOOL

2022-2023 Grade 1-5 Bell Times

Monday to Thursday

Warning Bell 8:40AM

Start Time 8:45AM

AM Recess 10:30-10:45AM

Lunch 12:15-12:40PM

Lunch Recess 12:40-1:00PM

PM Recess 2:30-2:45PM

End Time 3:48PM

Fridays

Warning Bell 8:40AM

Start Time 8:45AM

Recess 10:40-11:00AM

End Time 12:35PM

Supervision starts 10 minutes before the morning warning bell and is for 10 minutes after school each day. Please be sure to have before and after school plans with your child(ren) made prior to each school day.

2022-2023 Kindergarten Times

M/W Full Day Program	8:45am-3:48pm Mondays & Wednesdays	8:45am-12:35pm every other Friday
T/Th Full Day Program	8:45am-3:48pm Tuesdays & Thursdays	8:45am-12:35pm every other Friday
AM Half Day Program	8:45am-11:55am Monday to Thursday	8:45am-11:55pm every other Friday

2022-2023 EEP Times

AM Program	8:30am-11:15am Monday to Thursday	Target Time (ESL/MM) 11:15am-11:45am
PM Program	Target Time (ESL/MM) 12:15pm-12:45pm	12:45pm-3:30pm Monday to Thursday

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September Wellness...

Welcome back!! The Nicholas Sheran school community is so excited to welcome all our students and families! Jen Robinson is our Student Support Worker who will be the main connection for the Wellness Team at Nicholas Sheran this year. She is excited to be here full time and is looking forward to meeting all of you! She will offer direction and support to students and their families. This could be done in the classroom, in small groups and/or one to one. She can also connect families with various community supports in terms of mental health, food and clothing supports, etc. Families may access Wellness Support by teacher referral, recommendation from school administration, following learning team meetings, through the school psychologist and by inquiries to Jen directly.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Jen Robinson, SSW

(403) 381-1244 or jennifer.robinson@lethsd.ab.ca



Council Corner...we are in need of parents to join School Council. School Council offers an opportunity for parents to get involved in your child's education by volunteering in a school-wide activity or helping out in the classroom. Your involvement will help to ensure the best possible school experience for your child(ren).

Council representatives will be noted in and meeting dates and times will be determined at the first meeting on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30pm in the community room. Please feel free to join as all are welcome!

Alberta Curriculum Information:

- In Alberta, Curriculum or Programs of Study are determined by Alberta Education. It identifies what students are expected to learn and do in all subjects from Kindergarten to Grade 12. You can find the new K-6 Curriculum and the current Gr. 7-12 Programs of Study on the Alberta Education website.
- Lethbridge School Division does not decide what is taught in our schools. However, our teachers decide how the curriculum is taught in their classrooms.
- New K-6 Curriculum Development & Implementation Alberta Education released its new K-6 curriculum in English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical Education and Wellness on April 13, 2022.
- English Language Arts and Literature (K-3), Mathematics (K-3), and Physical Education and Wellness (K-6) will be used in classrooms across Alberta beginning in the fall of 2022. Additional curriculum will be implemented and/or piloted in 2022/2023.
- Alberta Education has shared new curriculum resources for parents and school boards, as well as an implementation plan, on their new digital resource, LearnAlberta.
- -More information on the next page.

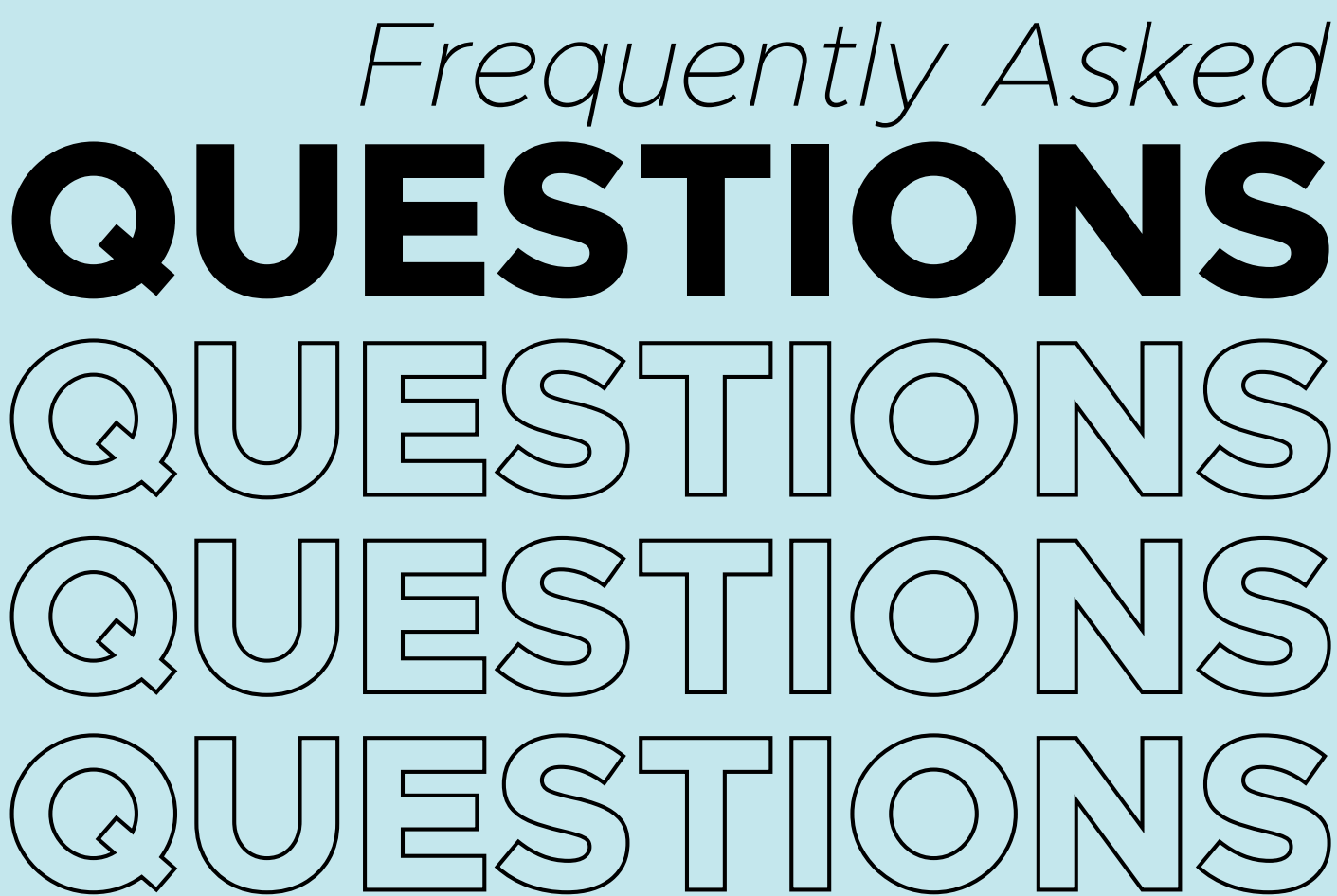


Beginning the last week of September, Mrs. Britton and Mr. Sheedy will be starting up choir.

Jr. Choir (Grades 1 & 2) will be on Tuesdays and Sr. Choir (Grades 3, 4 & 5) will be on Thursdays.

Both choirs will run before school from 8:00 - 8:40 in the music room. Stay tuned for more information!

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



Implementing new curriculum is an exciting opportunity and an important part of teaching practice. Our teachers will be well supported with professional learning opportunities throughout the upcoming school year.

Yes, all schools in the Division use the curriculum developed by the Government of Alberta. The language of instruction and resources used by teachers and students may vary, but the content of the curriculum is the same. An exception is the French Immersion Literature and Language Arts curriculum, used in schools offering the French Immersion program instead of the English Language Arts and Literature curriculum.

Many resources have been made available to school districts and teachers. The Division is working with other school divisions and Alberta Education to source and develop resources that will support students in our language programs.

Regardless of the curriculum being taught, teachers continuously work to meet each student where they are at in their learning. While curriculum is grade-specific, many concepts are revisited each year, giving students ample opportunity to build on their previous knowledge or be introduced to new material.

While the curriculum is new, a significant amount of the content has been carried over from the previous Alberta Programs of Study.

Teachers will continue to use existing resources where they align with new curriculum. Alberta Education has provided school divisions with some funding to purchase new resources where required. Additional financial support from School Councils may be considered to enhance the resources available to support student learning.

Teachers work to plan the delivery of curriculum content in ways that are engaging, creative, and inspiring for students. Personalizing learning to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed to the best of their ability continues to be important work for Division schools.

The curriculum outlines what students are expected to learn. The Division's Assurance Plan, as well as other documents and strategies such as a school's Assurance Plans, provide insight on the Division's approach to how students learn. Throughout the year, you will be encouraged to attend celebrations of learning, parent teacher conferences, meetings and discussions with your child's teacher, and events at your child's school. These events help demonstrate what your child is doing at school and start conversations about their learning. Alberta Education has developed a series of resources for parents on their website, curriculum.learnalberta.ca. We encourage you to explore these resources and learn more about the content and structure of the new curriculum.

Yes, elementary report cards have subject titles that reflect the new curriculum.



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