

Principal's Message....

Oki and hello!

We are excited to be finally seeing signs of spring all around our school community. It has been a long winter and each sunny day brings us closer to some beautiful southern Alberta weather! One of the highlights of our last month was our first in-person Celebration of Learning in a few years. It was wonderful to see our students sharing their successes with their families. Our teachers take pride in their work (as they should!) and they put care and attention into writing your child's report card. If you have not been able to access it online, please give us a call and we can help you out. A paper copy can be printed if you can't view it so, please don't hesitate to call. Whether you are staying close to home or getting the chance to travel, I would like to wish all our families a restful, relaxing and sun-filled break. I look forward to seeing all of you back at school energized and ready to take on the rest of the year.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please remember we are here to help. You can call the school at (403)381-1244 or email me at dawn.ronne@lethsd.ab.ca.

Ms. Walmsley

Council Corner

Parent Council Minutes are posted on the [school website](http://ns.lethsd.ab.ca). For any items you want brought up with the NS Parent Council, please e-mail our Chair, Tisha Elford at stelford2006@gmail.com. All parents/guardians are welcome to join the NS Parent Council meetings. The next meeting will be held in the Staff Room on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 @6:30pm.

Thank you to everyone that donated to our FUNdraiser Dance-A-Thon! We were able to make our goal of \$5000 and will be able to provide the staff and students at NS with some great resources and supplies!

Highest Individual Earner - Cole B won lunch with the Principal

Highest Earning Class - Mme Chudobiak's class gets to dye the Vice Principal's hair hot pink

Class with the Most Participation - Mrs. Niven's class earned free time at the Train Park
Congrats to the 24 Draw Prize winners too! Thank you to the donors - Genny Steed, Shopper's Drugmart West, Movie Mill/Soda Mill, Lethbridge Fresh Fruit, Crossings Dental, Kernels and the NS Parent Council!



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



April Wellness...

Spring is here!! Hopefully warmer Spring weather will be here soon as well!

April 7th is a very important day. It marks the 5th Annual Green Shirt Day. This is a day that honors Logan Boulet who was a member of the Humboldt Broncos hockey team that was involved in a tragic bus crash. Logan was not able to overcome his injuries sustained in the crash, but he was able to donate his organs and forever changed the lives of 6 individuals. His act inspired thousands of Canadians to register as organ donors and this became known as the Logan Boulet Effect.

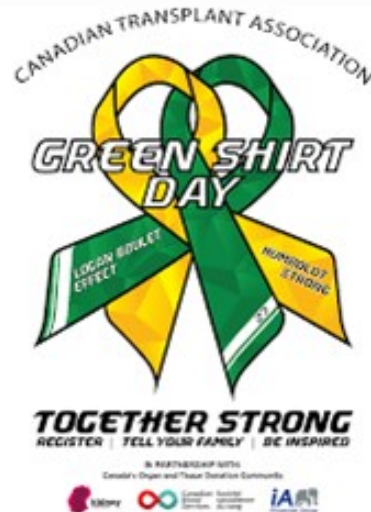
Since we are not at school on April 7th this year, please encourage your child(ren) to wear green to school on Thursday, April 6th!!

Don't forget to talk about organ donation. We can all show our support by wearing green on April 6th & 7th!

Mrs. Robinson, Student Support Worker



We are having some issues with parents parking in "No Parking" zones before and after school. It is very important that you cooperate with us as we have had several near-misses this year and want our students to be safe. Please only park in the Visitor Parking by the front park, the Visitor Parking past the Staff Parking by the creek, Laval Blvd before or after the School Bus Parking Zones, or on Columbia Blvd and have your child(ren) walk across the park. We need the "No Parking" spaces open in case of emergencies as well as loading/unloading our Nikki's Den students in/out of their transportation. Please do NOT park in Staff Parking - students should not be crossing through the parking lots as it is a safety concern. Also, please do NOT park in the Accessible parking spots unless you have a permit, placard and someone with a disability getting into or out of your vehicle. We have limited spots and they are all needed at this time by students/parents that qualify. Please contact the office if you have any concerns.



April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Monday Handbells @8:00am	4 Jr Choir @8:00am Spring Picture Day	5 Wed. Handbells @8:00am Values Assembly @9:30am (Handbells, Jr Choir & Sr Choir Performing)	6 Green Shirt Day Sr Choir @8:00am Handbells, Jr Choir & Sr Choir Performing at Age Care Columbia @10:00am	7 No School - Good Friday Booster Juice Drink Orders Due on SCO Sunday, April 9th @10pm
10	11	12	13	14
<i>Easter Break - No School</i>				
17 No School - Staff PL	18 Booster Juice Drink Day Calibri Fundraiser Starts - Runs Until May 1st	19 Grade 6 Band Presentations Parent Council Meeting @6:30pm in NS Staff Room	20	21 M/W & AM Kindergarten
24	25	26	27 SJFMS Grade 5 Parent Evening @6:00pm	28 T/Th Kindergarten

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Transportation



NEW



The Division is currently in the final stages of implementing a new registration system for student transportation.

Registration forms are scheduled to be available by early May for families that qualify for busing (+2.4 km) to register for yellow school bus for the 2023-2024 school year. Families will utilize PowerSchool to access the registration process. Notification will be sent out through *School Messenger* and Email when the registration process is available.

Changes to Transportation

Alberta Education announced in Budget 2023 that eligibility for transportation will be changing. Currently students are eligible for transportation when they reside 2.4 km or greater from the school in their designated boundary. These distances have been reduced to 1 km for kindergarten to grade 6 and 2 km for grades 7 to 12. **School divisions have until September 2024 to implement the new distance requirements.** The impact of these changes means many more busses on the road each and every day. To accommodate the change in requirements, the Division's transportation provider, Southland Transportation will need to purchase buses, hire and train drivers, attend to other logistics such as more bus storage space and other resources that support the transportation system. **Due to the complexity of the additional requirements and new routing required, the Division will continue to transport at 2.4 km for the 2023-2024 school year and implement the new distance requirements as required for the 2024-2025 school year.**



Distance Eligibility
to be in effect
September 2024

(no changes for the 2023-2024 school year)

ATTENTION!
PLEASE!



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You're invited to

The 2023 DEHR to Care Art Gala:

RESILIENCE

Wednesday, April 5 2023

6 - 9 PM

Galt Museum & Archives

All proceeds going to Project Sunflower.

Artwork pick up 8:30 - 9 PM



What is the DEHR to Care Art Gala?

A showcase and sale of student artwork.
This year's theme is resilience and strength.

Who are Project Sunflower?

A non-profit organization based in Southern Alberta
that has emerged in response to the crisis facing
Ukraine and it's people.

What is DEHR?

The Diversity, Equity and Human Rights committee
promotes diversity, equity and human rights in Alberta
schools





Scan me to
register!

KAINAI DIABETES WALK/RUN 2023



Wednesday, May 10, 2023

At Red Crow Park

Free to Participate!

2K and 5K races

Both races chip timed

Cash Prizes for 5K and 2K categories

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER!

Online: www.btdh.ca/diabetes
or pickup registration form at
Standoff Health Unit, Blood
Tribe Recreation or Levern
Clinic.

***Register before April 8th to
get a T-SHIRT***

RACE DAY

Wednesday, May 10th

9:00-10:00 check in

10:15 opening ceremony

10:30 5K starts

10:40 2K starts

Lunch and prizes to follow

**EVENT ORGANIZED BY BLOOD TRIBE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BLOOD TRIBE RECREATION & PARKS, BLOOD TRIBE POLICE.
CALL 403-737-3933 FOR MORE INFORMATION**