

LOCHEARN SCHOOL NEWS OCTOBER 2023

Message from our Administration Team!

It's hard to believe one month of school is already behind us! We have had a great start this year and our students and staff are settled into their daily routines, and have embraced the new school year!



October will be another busy month! Please be aware we will continue our fire drill practices, and in the coming weeks, will practice our lockdown procedures. Please note this is a WRSD requirement to familiarize all of our students and staff with these drills.

For more information, check out Wild Rose School Division [AP 165, Appendix B](#) for Hold & Secure/Lockdown Procedures, and [AP 165, Appendix C](#) for Fire Drill Procedures.

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 10**, for our AGM/School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. During this meeting, we will also have elections for our new Council. If you are interested in filling a position, please reach out and let us know. If you are not looking to fill a position, please plan to attend and take part in what happens at our school! There are always volunteer opportunities!

Thank you to our School Council for our first hot dog day of the year. Each student and staff member were treated and it was very much appreciated! Also, mark your calendar for our Halloween Family Dance on Thursday, October 19. Details to follow!

Hot lunches are back! Thank you to Carma and Friends of Lochearn for getting this up and running. Stay tuned . . . our milk program will be re-launched soon! Thank you to Mrs. Nichol for organizing this for our school!

Remember to check out our [Facebook](#) and Lochearn [Webpage](#) on a regular basis. Keep up to date with what's happening current information and lots of photos!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by phone, 403.845.3721 or email kathy.mcnutt@wrsd.ca or lucas.brown@wrsd.ca .

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MILK PROGRAM

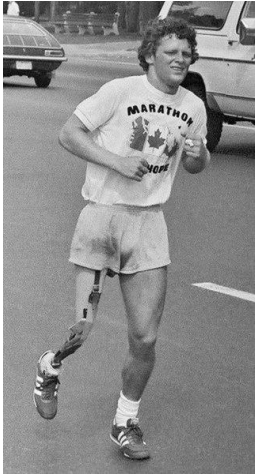
Lochearn School is pleased to offer a Milk Program for our students starting in October. The milk program is available five days per week for grades 1-5, and scheduled days for our Kindergarten programs. We are not able to accommodate our Pre-Kindergarten program.

All orders are through **SchoolCash online**. No late orders can be accepted, so please pay close attention to the monthly order deadlines.

If you have not registered for SchoolCash, click [here](#) and get signed up.



If you have forgotten your username or your password, we can help you in the office!

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to all that donated to our “Toonies for Terry”.

We collected \$724.91 that has been forwarded to

The Terry Fox Foundation to
continue with cancer research.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - October 3 - 5

Students will visit the Book Fair during their scheduled library times this week. Thank you for your support as this is a very important Library fundraiser for our school! Parents are welcome to join their child(ren).

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Wild Rose School Division offers School Cash Online as its preferred method of payment. If you are new to the school and have not registered, please click [here](#).

✓ Pre-Kindergarten Fees ✓ Field Trips ✓ Activity Fees ✓ Milk Program



There is no school on

Friday, October 6 and Monday, October 9

Enjoy a season of reuniting, giving thanks, and sharing a meal together!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS BEFORE THEY BRING THEM TO SCHOOL. YOU CAN USE CUSTOM MABEL'S LABELS (AN ONGOING FUNDRAISER FOR FRIENDS OF LOCHEARN) OR A PERMANENT MARKER AND WRITE THE INITIALS ON THE TAGS. PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR LOST AND FOUND ITEMS TO A MINIMUM!



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FRIENDS OF LOCHEARN FUNDRAISING SOCIETY

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm**. During this meeting we will be electing a new Council for the 2023.2024 school year. If you are interested in any of the executive positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer), please plan on attending or contacting Mrs. McNutt or Mr. Brown if you are interested. We would like to encourage all parents to participate in the school council, whether it be by regularly attending meetings or assisting with the school council initiatives.

We believe it is important to have a strong school council that forms an important link between the school and our parent community.



HALLOWEEN **Family Dance**



Thursday, October 19

6:00 - 8:00 pm

(doors open at 5:45 pm)

- Sponsored by Friends of Lochearn -

Watch for more information!

NO SCHOOL

Friday, October 6 - Students or Staff

Monday, October 9 - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, October 20 - Non-Instructional Day (staff only)



MONTHLY ASSEMBLY

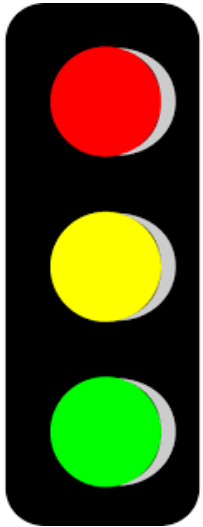
Wednesday, October 25

12:15 pm

Join us in our celebration of learning!



INCLEMENT WEATHER



Dressing properly is key to staying warm and active during our Alberta winter. Parents and guardians can help our students be prepared by dressing them appropriately for our sudden weather changes. Please ensure your child has a toque, mitts and warm winter boots. *Please note that outside activities are a regular part of our students' day.*

The following are indicators placed at the entrances for our students during inclement weather. *If there are no indicators on the doors, students are expected to play outside before school and during both recess breaks.*

Please dress your children appropriately for all weather conditions.

RED (-25°C) Too cold (or wet) to be outside. Students will stay inside in their classrooms.

YELLOW (-19°C) Students may come inside and warm up in their entranceway.

GREEN – Normal Day - Students expected to dress for the weather and play outside.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

Tuesday, October 31

Wear your Halloween Costumes!



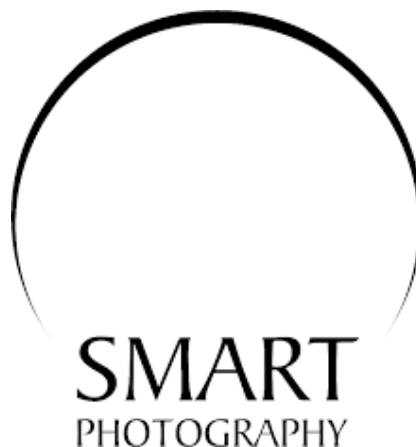
Please remember no bloody or gory costumes.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Thursday, November 2nd

9:00 a.m.

If your child has already had their picture taken, they will be available to “View and Order Online” at smartorders.ca on October 5. The order deadline has been extended until October 12. If you have lost your online code, please contact the school office.



CROSSWALKS / PARKING

Students are to use the marked crosswalks in front of the school before and after school. The crosswalk directly across from our staff parking lot, 54th Street and 54th Avenue, is supervised in the mornings as well as after school by our staff. We ask that students do not cross the street directly in front of the school.

During peak times of the day, directly before and after school, it is very busy in front of our school. Please give yourself a few extra minutes. A reminder that School Zones are 30 km/h.

It is also very important that you do not park in or drop off or pick up your child(ren) from the Staff Parking lot. It is very congested and the intent is for staff parking only. Kindly park on 54th Street or on any of the adjacent streets. Thank you for your cooperation.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent or will be late for school, please connect with our Safe Arrival Line at 1.855.756.2797 or use [SchoolMessenger](#).

The Safe Arrival program allows parents/guardians to report their child's absence in advance, or before a cut-off time of 9:00 a.m. for the current day.

**If you have any questions regarding busing,
please call Prairie Bus lines at 403.845.4255**



THANK YOU

LITTLE HOUSE OF HOPES COMMUNITY THIFT SHOP

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

TO OUR LUNCH PROGRAM!

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!



INFORMATION FROM ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

Check out the HEAL Handout (Health Education and Learning) - Influenza [here](#). There is lots of good information! For more information, contact the Public Health Office at 403.845.3030.



VOLUNTEERS - Information Updated!

Requirements for Criminal Record Checks have changed. Please read the following information.

★ CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK NOT REQUIRED:

- Volunteer is only assisting with a single event
- Volunteer will not be working with students out of direct supervision of school staff
- Examples: helping with food preparation during a special event, assisting with prepping materials in the staffroom, attending a field trip for skating (tying skates) – always with the large group

★ CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK REQUIRED:

- Volunteer is assisting with multiple events, requiring multiple visits in the school
- Examples: assisting with hot lunch program every week/month, doing one on one site words in the hallway every Friday

★ CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK (Including Vulnerable Sector Query)

- Volunteer is working with individual or small groups of students on a regular basis without direct supervision
- Examples: coaching a team, attending an overnight trip or trip that is outside of school hours and they are responsible for students

How to apply: You must take two pieces of government issued identification, at least one must be a photo ID, showing you reside in the same community as the RCMP Detachment.

Cover letters are available from the office so there is no cost. *Please be advised there is a waiting period for the completion of this check. If you require further clarification, please contact the office.*

USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS:

Pre-Kindergarten, click [here](#)
Kindergarten Handbook, click [here](#)
Parent Handbook, click [here](#)

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL (PD) DAYS FOR 2023.2024 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

- October 20
- November 24
- February 2
- February 22, 23 (Teacher’s Convention)
- March 8
- April 26
- May 17
- June 7
- June 27

LOOK WHAT’S COMING UP NEXT MONTH . . .

November	Dental Screening, K-2
November 2	Picture Retakes, 9:00 am
November 5	Daylight Savings Ends
November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony - 12:15 pm
November 10	No School - Day in Lieu of Remembrance Day
November 14	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
November 20	Deadline to order December hot lunches (hotlunches.net)
November 24	Non-Instructional Day (staff only)

Dates are subject to change.
To view the entire Parent Calendar for 2023.2024, click [here](#).