

LOCHEARN SCHOOL NEWS

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Mrs. Danielle Spencer, Principal
Mrs. Kathy McNutt, Vice-Principal

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

On behalf of the entire staff, I extend a warm welcome back to our returning families. We hope you all had a restful and relaxing summer!

For those of you who are new to Lochearn School, I wish you a special welcome. We invite you to take an active role in the school and wish both you and your children a very productive and enriching year!

I'd like to give a special thank you to all of our parents and students for attending our Open House on August 31. Our turn out was fantastic!

Our first Parent Council Meeting is Wednesday, September 12 from 1:00 – 1:45 pm!
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Please take some time and refer to the Parent Handbook on our website, <https://lochearn.wrsd.ca/>. Our goal is to keep you informed with this overview of our school, including programs, policies and procedures.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the school or email me at danielle.spencer@wrsd.ca.



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BALANCED SCHOOL DAY BELL SCHEDULE



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First Bell **8:49**
Learning Time: 8:55 – 10:42

1st Break (recess) 10:42 – 11:04
1st Break (lunch) 11:04 – 11:19

Learning Time: 11:19 – 1:07

2nd Break (recess) 1:07 – 1:29
2nd Break (lunch) 1:29 – 1:44

Learning Time 1:44 – 3:29



Dismissal **3:29**

***There is no outdoor supervision before 8:30 a.m.
Please do not drop off students before that time***

STUDENT ABSENCE/LATES: SAFE ARRIVAL – 1.855.756.2797

Lochearn School implements an automated service called the *Safe Arrival* Program for reporting student attendance. The *Safe Arrival* program allows parents/guardians to report their child's absence in advance, or before a cut-off time of **9:00 AM** for the current day in one of two ways:

- **Calling the *Safe Arrival* toll free phone number: 1.855.756.2797**
- **Logging onto the *Safe Arrival* Parent Portal website:
<http://wrsd.schoolconnects.com>**

The *Safe Arrival* Program uses an automated notification system to contact parents/guardians who have not reported their child absent. The automated notification system will contact parents/guardians at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after 30 minutes, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child(ren)'s absence in advance using the 1.855.756.2797 number or <http://wrsd.schoolconnects.com>, *you will not receive a call.*

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Anger in the school office.

LATE ARRIVALS

Please note the bell to enter the school is **8:49** and students are expected to be in class by **8:55**. Students arriving after that time are late and must report to the office for a Late Slip.

While we understand that being late can happen once in a while, we would ask that parents please be diligent and aware of the start times of school. It is disruptive for teachers and students who are on time with continuous interruptions.



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STUDENT PICK UP DURING SCHOOL HOURS

To ensure student safety, if you are taking your child from school during the school day for appointments, etc., you must come to the office and sign your child(ren) out.

Please note students may not sign themselves out of school.

AFTER SCHOOL MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

We would like to encourage our parents/guardians to make arrangements ahead of time with their child(ren) regarding after school activities. The best policy is to send a note with your child for their teacher. In case of an emergency, contact the school office. Please keep in mind that it is difficult for the office staff to get a message to your child(ren), especially if the call comes in at the end of the school day as students are not always in their classrooms.

STUDENT MEDICATION

If your child requires medication of any kind be administered at school (prescription or non-prescription), a Medication/Personal Care Request Permission Form, as per Wild Rose School Division Administrative Procedure, AP 317, must be completed and returned to the school office. Please note this form is also available on the Website.

All medication is kept in a locked cabinet in the school office.

Medication sent to the school must be in the original

container dispensed by the pharmacist.

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NEWSLETTERS/CALENDARS

Monthly Newsletters will be posted on our school website <http://lochearn.wrsd.ca/> under the "Newsletters" tab.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please send a request to karen.beck@wrsd.ca with Newsletter as the subject line. Forms are also available in the Gathering Area.

Our monthly Calendar is also located on the website. It can be found under the "Calendars" tab.

ASSEMBLIES

The focus of our assemblies is **Celebration of Learning** of our students, rather than the traditional Award Recognition! The assembly runs from **12:00-12:30 pm**. Our first assembly will be **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**.

DARE TO CARE

At **Lochearn School**, maintaining the dignity of each person, in all situations, is crucial in managing behavior. Effective discipline comes from the belief that teaching individuals to take responsibility for their behavior is more motivating in creating behavioral changes than teaching individuals to be obedient in order to avoid punishment.

At **Lochearn School**, we believe in the responsibility model of discipline. By implementing logical and consistent consequences, and by providing individuals with opportunities to become responsible and caring members of the community, they will learn about their behavior, their choices, and their impact on others while maintaining their dignity.

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NUT ALLERGIES

Please note we have several students in our school with nut allergies. Reactions to allergic substances can vary from mild to severe.

As a result, we are a **NUT SAFE** school and ask that parents be considerate of this when packing school lunches.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL (note the new time!)

Here is a great opportunity for you to have a voice in supporting the learning at Lochearn School! School Council will have its first meeting on **Wednesday, September 12 from 1:00 – 1:45 pm in Room 104**. Everyone is welcome!



SCHOOL PHOTOS – SMART PHOTOGRAPHY

Tuesday, September 18 - K2/K3, grades 1-5, 9:00 am

Wednesday, September 19 – PreK and K1, 9:00 am

Picture forms will be sent home soon!

MILK PROGRAM

Our Milk Program continues this school year. **Cycle 1** - October 1 to December 21. Milk Forms for the Cycle 1 will be sent home soon. Completed forms, along with payment, must be returned to the office by Friday, September 21. The milk program will start on Monday, October 1!

NEW THIS YEAR! Milk Orders will be available on *SchoolCash Online!* Easy and convenient . . . if you haven't registered yet, follow the link on our webpage!

Please note there will be no late orders accepted. Image: <http://www.clipartkid.com/>



TERRY FOX RUN – “TOONIES FOR TERRY”

Lochearn School students will participate in the Terry Fox Run on **Friday, September 22 at 2:00 pm**. Please consider donating a toonie to the “**Toonies for Terry**” on that day.



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ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Orange Shirt Day started in 2013. It was designed to educate people and promote awareness of the Indian residential school system and the impact this system had on Indigenous communities for more than a century in Canada.

We will honour and bring awareness to the experiences on **Friday, September 28**. Consider wearing an **Orange Shirt** to school on that day.

GATHERING AREA – Dismissal at 3:29

At the end of each school day (3:29), we ask that all parents/guardians meet their child/ren at the **Gathering Area** located at the front entrance of the school by the office, or at an established meeting area outside on the playground.



As the safety of our students is extremely important at Lochearn School, we must know who is in the building at all times. In this way, the school office is able to keep track of everyone who is entering and exiting the school facility.

Thank you for your continued support.

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VOLUNTEER READERS

Do you have a love of reading? If so, become a Volunteer Reader at our school! Email Mrs. Spencer at danielle.spencer@wrsd.ca and indicate when you are available.

Prior to becoming a Volunteer Reader, please note you must have your Criminal Record and Intervention Record checks on file at our office. (Please read the Volunteer/Visitors section below for the required information).

VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS

For the safety of our students, ALL volunteers and visitors MUST sign in at the office BEFORE going to classrooms and wear a "Volunteer" tag throughout your stay at our school. Wearing a "Volunteer" tag will indicate to all staff and students that you have signed in and are welcome in our school. Please return the tag and sign out when you leave the school.

Please note before you volunteer for any activity at our school (in the classroom, field trips, etc.) you are required to provide the following:

1. **Criminal Record Check**
2. **Intervention Record Check**
3. **Complete a Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement** (forms in the office)

Both Criminal and Intervention Record checks are required on file at the office, current within six months, when your child first registers at our school, or if your child changes schools within the division (Wild Rose School Division Administrative Procedure, AP 440).

You can request a letter from the school office to take to the RCMP for your Criminal Record Check so there will be no cost.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair from **Wednesday, October 10 to Friday, October 12**. We are looking for parent volunteers to help out each day from approximately 10:00 to 11:30 am.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Ms. Anger in the office or by email: trinda.anger@wrsd.ca

INCLEMENT WEATHER – Weather Symbols

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.

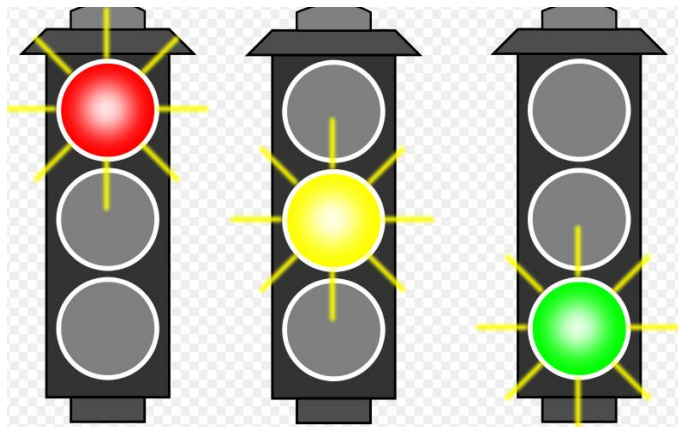


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RED Light (-25°C) Too cold (or wet) to be outside. Students will stay inside in their classrooms.

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

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

BUS CANCELLATIONS – SCHOOL ALWAYS OPEN

Please be advised that all bus cancellations will be posted on our website: <https://lochearn.wrsd.ca/> or the WRSD website: www.wrsd.ca and announced on the following radio stations: B94 (94.5 FM), Real Country (95.5 FM) and Big 105 FM.



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WRSD also has a **bus status app** available for download that provides up to date information about the status of buses. Parents and students can “favourite” the bus routes they use and receive push notifications when those buses are delayed or cancelled. The app is available for Android and iPhone users and can be downloaded at the iTunes store or Google Play.

The school is always open, even if buses do not run; however, remember that if your child's bus does not run in the morning, it will not run in the afternoon so you must make arrangements for your child to be picked up.

STAFF PARKING LOT

Please do not use the staff parking lot, before or after school, to pick up or drop off your children. Due to limited space there is also NO PARKING except for the handicap spot. Vehicles parked there must have a valid permit displayed in the window.

Central Zone Oral Health Program School Oral Health Services



- The Oral Health Program will be coming to your child's school to offer free fluoride varnish for all children from kindergarten to grade 2.
- We will also provide free dental sealants for all grade 1 and 2 students who need them.
- If your grade 3 child received sealants from us last year, we will recheck and repair/complete them if needed. A consent package will be sent home with the grade 3 children who had sealants placed last year.
- You can expect a consent package to come home **October 5th 2018**.
- Please read, fill out, sign and return the consent forms to your school by **October 15th 2018**.
- The Oral Health team will be at your school **November 13-21st & March 11th & 12th**. If you have any questions please call the oral health staff at **Johnstone Crossing at 403-356-6320**.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS FOR 2018/2019 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday, September 24
Thursday, October 18 (No School for K-9)
Friday, October 19
Friday, November 23
Friday, February 1
Friday, March 1
Thursday, March 14 (Teachers' Convention)
Friday, March 15 (Teachers' Convention)
Friday, April 12
Friday, May 3
Friday, June 7
Friday, June 27 (No School for K-9)
Friday, June 28

UPCOMING DATES . . .

Monday, October 1 – Milk Program starts
Monday, October 8 – No School (Happy Thanksgiving) ☺
Wednesday, October 10 - Book Fair – 1st break, 10:42 am **(K1, Grade 1 and 3)**
Thursday, October 11 - Book Fair – 1st break, 10:42 am **(K2/K3, Grade 2 and 4)**
Friday, October 12 - Book Fair – 1st break, 10:42 am **(Pre-K and Grade 5)**
Thursday, October 18 – Non-Instructional Day K-9 ☺
Friday, October 19 – Non-Instructional Day ☺
Tuesday, October 30 – Assembly at 12:00 noon, in the Gym