

LOCHEARN SCHOOL NEWS

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OCTOBER 2018



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

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It's hard to believe one month of school is already behind us! What a great start we have had! Our classes are now in full swing, and our students have settled into their daily routines!

October will be a busy month with our School Council meeting and elections, Jr. ATB kickoff and our Scholastic Book Fair, just to name a few things!

On behalf of our staff, we would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to our Lochearn Family! There will be no school on Monday, October 8.

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

FIRE DRILLS/LOCK DOWN PROCEDURES

Please be aware we have started our fire drill practices, and in the coming weeks, we will be practising our lock down procedures. As per Wild Rose School Division Administrative Procedures, AP 313 and AP 133, it is a requirement to familiarize all of our students and staff with these drills.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORMS

Please make any necessary corrections/changes to the Student Information Verification Forms that have been sent home, sign and return to the school as soon as possible. *All forms need to be signed and returned, even if there are no corrections/changes.*

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anger in the office.



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BALANCED SCHOOL DAY BELL SCHEDULE

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*

SPOOKY SPOOKY FAMILY DANCE!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17/2018

6:00 - 8:00 pm

(doors open at 5:45 pm)

\$2.00/ticket or \$10.00/family of five or more!

Bake sale items are always appreciated, please no gummies!

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NO SCHOOL

Thursday, October 18 (Non-Instructional Day for Students, K-9)
Friday, October 19 (Non-Instructional Day)

Wellness Corner

Welcome back to school!! My name is **Candice Larson**, I am the Family Wellness Worker here at Lochearn School. I work with students and their families as needed both in the school and in homes. I am a social worker, mother, wife and avid singer! I'm so looking forward to working with the students, staff and parents here at Lochearn.



Feel free to pop by and meet me, my office is in the Wellness Room or call/text if you have a question or need some support 403-846-6453.

My office hours at Lochearn are:

Monday: 12:00pm-3:30pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-3:30pm

Friday: 9:00am-3:30pm

PARENT REMINDERS

☺ Remember to call the **Safe Arrival program, 1.855.756.2797**, to report student absence/lates. 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.

☺ The bell to enter the school is **8:49** and students are to be in class by **8:55**. Students arriving after that time are late and must report to the office for a **Late Slip**. **Please remember there is no outdoor supervision before 8:30 a.m.**

☺ 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.

☺ Whenever possible, please make arrangements ahead of time with your child(ren) regarding after school activities. Please keep in mind that it can be



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 classroom.

☺ **Monthly Newsletters** are posted on our school website (<http://lochearn.wrsd.ca/>). You will also find the monthly Calendar under the "Calendar" tab. If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, stop by the office and sign up!

☺ Have you signed up for Lochearn School's **REMIND**, the free text messaging service? This allows you to receive updates from the office for upcoming events, general school messages, etc. **Enter this number: 306.988.1619 and text this message: @loche** Please reply with your full name!

☺ We love our volunteers at the school! Remember prior to volunteering in any capacity, you are required to provide two (2) checks, current within six (6) months to the office:

1. **Criminal Record Check**
2. **Intervention Record Check**

☺ Please do not use the **staff parking lot**, before or after school, to pick up or drop off your children. Parents are not to park in the staff parking lot with the exception of the Handicap spot. Vehicles parked there must have a valid permit displayed in the window.

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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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair from **Wednesday, October 10 to Friday, October 12.**

October 10 – 1st break, 10:42 am **(Pre-K, K1, Grade 2 and 5)**

October 11 – 1st break, 10:42 am **(K2/K3, Grade 1 and 4)**

October 12 – 1st break, 10:42 am **(Grade 3)**

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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PARENT COUNCIL

Here is a great opportunity for you to have a voice in supporting the learning at Lochearn School! Parent Council will meet on **Wednesday, October 10 from 1:00 – 1:45 pm in Room 104**. Everyone is welcome!

TERRY FOX RUN – “TOONIES FOR TERRY”

Lochearn School students participated in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 22. Thank you to everyone that contributed to such a worthwhile cause. We collected **\$319.65** for the Terry Fox Foundation.



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Photo Retakes
Tuesday, October 30
Mid Morning (after Pioneer School retakes)

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.

VOLUNTEER READERS

Do you have a love of reading? If so, become a Volunteer Reader at our school! Email Mrs. Spencer 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.

ASSEMBLIES

The focus of our assemblies is Celebration of Learning of our students, rather than the traditional Award Recognition!

Our next assembly is **Tuesday, October 30, 2018** from 12:00 – 12:30 pm.

LOST AND FOUND

Has your child lost a hoodie? A coat? Their boots or shoes? This is a sample of what is currently in the school's Lost and Found.

Please stop by and check out the items . . . the box is full after only one month of school!

KANGOO JUMPS FOR KIDS – Lochearn School Gym

Eight Week Session – October 1 until November 26 (except for holidays/PD)

Kids of all fitness levels, ages 6-12 - Cost: \$120.00

Register by calling or texting Theresa Buck at 403-844-6479 or email

kangoodrocky@gmail.com

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

A quick reminder our school is now offering School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school expenses. Last year we added the Hot Lunch Program; this year the Milk Program!

To register online, click on <https://lochearn.wrsd.ca/> and look for the link to School Cash Online Payments on the left side of the screen (it takes less than 5 minutes!).

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.

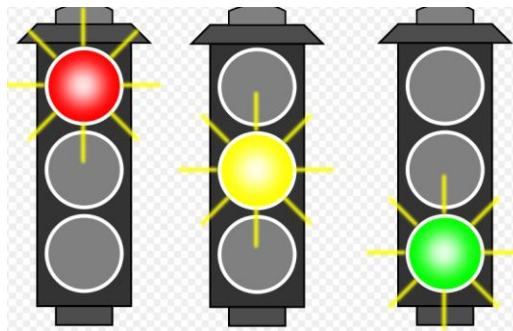


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RED Light (-25°C) Too cold (or wet) to be outside. Students will stay inside in their classrooms.

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.



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.

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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.

Lochearn Elementary School

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September 2018



Dear Parent / Guardian:

We're thrilled to announce that our school is taking part in the *2018 Indigo Adopt a School* program! Our school has been adopted by Cascade Plaza Indigo_spirit in Banff! That means that from September 15 to October 7, this store is going to fundraise on our behalf.

We're also going to be raising funds to support our library by using the *Adopt a School* online fundraising platform, which you can find at adoptaschool.indigo.ca.

There are four ways that our community can support our school during the *Adopt a School* program:

1. **Book Bonus:** For every two books you donate to our school online, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate a bonus book, up to 100 books!*
2. **Tell a Story, Give a Story:** Every time you post a story to our Adopt a School profile, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate one book in support of our school library, up to 20 books!
3. **Adopt a School Story Contest:** "Heart" your favourite story to help us win big! The five most-loved stories in each province will be entered into a random draw for a chance to win* a grand prize of a \$2,500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books! The remaining four top "hearted" schools in each province will win a \$500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books.
4. **Visit Cascade Plaza Indigo_spirit and donate to our school at the cash register!**

Our school is going to receive every dollar raised to support our library and a 30% discount off books when we shop at Indigo, Chapters and Coles using program donations.

Please visit adoptaschool.indigo.ca or visit Cascade Plaza Indigo_spirit from September 15 to October 7 to show your support for our library! I look forward to surprising the staff and children at Lochearn School with all the new library books this year!

Sincerely,

Danielle Spencer
Principal



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**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 5, 2018**.
- Please read, fill out, sign and return the consent forms to your school by **October 15, 2018**.
- The Oral Health team will be at your school **November 13-21 & March 11 & 12**. If you have any questions, please call the oral health staff at **Johnstone Crossing** at **403-356-6320**.

*Rocky Band Parents Association
is proud to present*



Dinner and Dance

DATE: Friday, October 12, 2018

LOCATION: Lou Soppit Community Centre, RMH

TIME: Cocktails 5:30 pm • Dinner 6:30 pm

Presenting **WCHS Jazz 1**

Featuring **The Mocking Shadows**

Professional funkband from the Calgary area, featuring Will Sinclair High School alumni, Carsten Rubeling.

COME ENJOY a fabulous evening of great music and drink, as well as dinner and dancing to The Mocking Shadows.

There will be a SHAKER RAFFLE and a SILENT AUCTION. All proceeds will go toward music education for the students enrolled in the Band Programs at Pioneer School and WCHS.

*Have a Great Time
While Supporting
Local Music Education!*

TICKETS: \$50.00

Available at Copper Creek Café
5115 - 50th Street, Rocky Mountain House, AB
or by contacting Janice Petersen at 403-871-4993

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

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 . . .

November 2018

02	K1 attend
04	Daylight Savings Ends (<i>Fall back one hour!</i>)
09	K2/K3 attends
09	Remembrance Day Assembly, 12:00 noon
12	No School (<i>Day in lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews</i>) ☺
13-16	Dental Screening, Kindergarten – Grade 2
14	Parent Council Meeting, 1:00 pm, Room 104
16	K1 attend
16	Report Cards Go Home ☺
19-21	Dental Screening, Kindergarten – Grade 2
21	Learning Conferences (<i>4:30 – 7:30 pm</i>)
22	Learning Conferences (<i>4:30 – 7:30 pm</i>)
23	No School (<i>Professional Learning Day/CAAMSE Day</i>) ☺
28	Assembly, 12:00 noon, Gym
30	K1 attend

December 2018

07	K2/K3 attends
12	Parent Council Meeting, 1:00 pm, Room 104
14	K1 attend
18	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, 12:00 noon
19	Christmas Concert for K-grade 2 parents, 12:00 noon
20	Christmas Concert for grade 3-5 parents, 12:00 noon
21	K2/K3 attends
21	Milk Program Ends – Cycle 1
21	Last day of classes! ☺
24-38	Christmas Break

January 2019

01-04	Christmas Break
07	School Resumes ☺