

LOCHEARN SCHOOL

NEWS

NOVEMBER 2023

MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM!

November is upon us . . . we have been very fortunate to have enjoyed such a beautiful extended fall this year!

November is also when the Term 1 Reporting Period ends. Report Cards will be sent home on **Thursday, November 23.**



Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday, November 29 and Thursday, November 30 from 4:00 - 6:30 pm.** Watch for details in your child's home notes on how to schedule your appointment through School Interviews.

It is also a time of reflection and remembrance as we remember the men and women who fought to keep our country free. This year, our Remembrance Day ceremony will be held **Wednesday, November 8 at 12:15 pm** in our gym.

Cold and flu season has returned! Please keep your children home if they are experiencing any cold and flu-like symptoms.

Be sure to check out our [Facebook](#) page and Lochearn [Webpage](#)! Keep up to date with what's happening.

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.

Don't Forget! . . . Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5.

Remember to set your clocks back an hour.

5416 54 Street / Rocky Mountain House, AB / T4T 1S6

Phone: 403.845.3721

Safe Arrival: 1.855.756.2797

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Thursday, November 2nd

9:00 a.m.



MILK PROGRAM

Our Milk Program is up and running. Thank you to Mrs. Nichol and Ms. Nicks for organizing this program. Our grade 3 students are the designated milk helpers, so they make sure the milk is sorted and delivered to the classrooms each and every day and in a timely manner!

Milk orders are monthly, so please watch for ordering dates and deadlines in your home notes. All orders are through **SchoolCash online**. Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.

Not registered for SchoolCash? Click [here](#) and get signed up. If you need assistance, please contact the office.



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

- Please remember to sign your child out in the office if they are leaving early. It is very important in case of an emergency that we know where your child is.
- If your child rides the bus, and leaves the school early, please notify your bus driver that they will not be on the bus going home. The office receives calls from the Bus Shop looking for your child(ren).

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday, November 8

12:15 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Gym



Least We Forget

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, November 9 - Students or Staff

Friday, November 10 - Day in Lieu of Remembrance Day

Friday, November 24 - Non-Instructional Day (staff only)

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL/FRIENDS OF LOCHEARN FUNDRAISING SOCIETY

Welcome our new Board Members for the 2023.2024 school year!

Mary Gideon - Chair

Carma Griffith - Vice Chair

Kate Dodwell - Secretary

Kristin McKenelley - Treasurer

Also a big welcome to:

Carma Griffith - Hot Lunch Coordinator

Jen Barker and Kaleigh Byrne - Fundraising Coordinators

Stephanie Anderson - Facebook Page Administrator

We would like to thank outgoing Board Members, Christine Giguere and Marion Cale for their valuable contributions made to our School Council.

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!

mabel's labels

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PURDYS CHOCOLATIER - Order No. 26284

<https://www.purdys.com/.../SF-Xmas-Catalogue-2023-v7.pdf>



Order Deadline November 3rd

Need Help?
Kaleigh 403.846.7845
Jen 403.846.7993



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Thank You Friends of Lochearn



for hosting the
Family Halloween Dance!
It was well attended and
so much fun!



\$2,051.25 was raised . . . thank you for your support!

Remember to order Hot Lunch by the 20th of each month at

HotLunches.Net

Haven't signed up yet? Click [here](#) for instructions!

Thank you Carma Griffith for setting up the hot lunch program on behalf of Friends of Lochearn Fundraising Society. 🙌

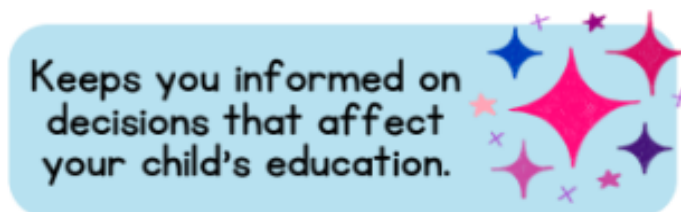
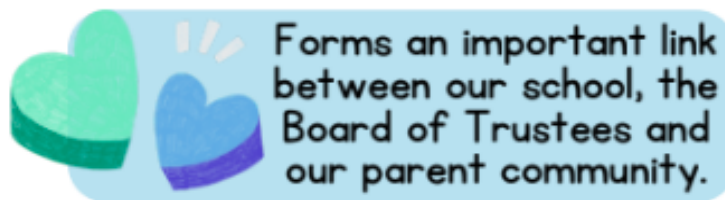
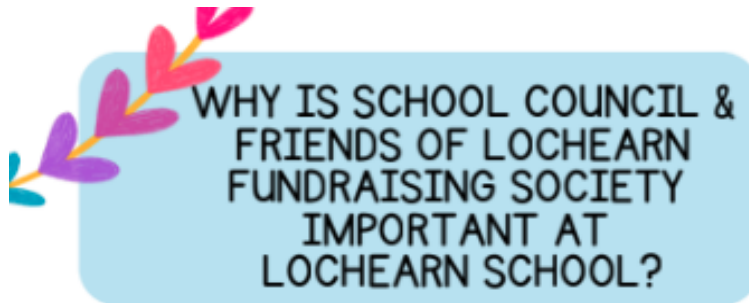
Questions: carmagriffith@outlook.com

HOTLUNCHES.NET
MAKING HOT LUNCH SERVICE
EASY FOR EVERYONE

It's never too late to join the School Council and Friends of Lochearn Fundraising Society Meetings.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, except December and June.

Volunteers are always needed. . . there is something for everyone! You all have something in common; children at Lochearn School! ❤️💜❤️



Next meeting is Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm.

A Zoom meeting link will be available. Contact Mrs. McNutt at kathy.mcnutt@wrsd.ca if you are interested.

MONTHLY ASSEMBLY

Thursday, November 23

12:15 pm

Join us in our celebration of learning!

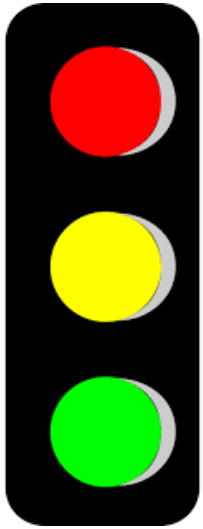


Thank You

TAQA NORTH

**FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION TO OUR LUNCH
PROGRAM. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!**

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.

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.

USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

Pre-Kindergarten, click [here](#)

Kindergarten Handbook, click [here](#)

Parent Handbook, click [here](#)

VOLUNTEERS - Information Updated!

Lochearn School loves volunteers and invites you to take an active role in volunteering at our school.

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.*

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

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 . . .

December 1-15	Kindness Countdown to Christmas 🎄
December 11-22	School Spirit - Wear Anything Christmas! (sweaters, pj's, red/green, etc.)
December 18	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, 11:15 am
December 19	Christmas Concert with PreK/K2, grade 3 & 5 parents, 12:00 noon
December 20	Christmas Concert with K1, grade 1, 2 & 4 parents, 12:00 noon
December 20	Deadline to order January hot lunches (hotlunches.net)
December 22	Last day of class before the break 🥰
December 25-29	Christmas Holiday
January 01-05	Christmas Holiday
January 8	School Resumes

Dates are subject to change.

To view the entire Parent Calendar for 2023.2024, click [here](#).