



LOCHEARN SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2024



MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM!

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds everyone well-rested and filled with the excitement that a new year brings. The weather certainly cooperated, so hopefully you were able to get outside and enjoy some winter activities with your family and friends.



January is a time for reflection as well as a time to set new goals. As we step into 2024, we are committed to promoting an environment of kindness as well as a love of learning. Together, we will continue to provide our students with an education that prepares them for success and new opportunities in our ever-changing world.

Please remember to visit our school website or our Facebook page so you don't miss out on a thing! Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm we have our first School Council/Friends of Lochearn meetings of 2024! Please consider joining us as your input is very important. A Zoom link will be available if you are not able to attend.

Online registration for our 2024.2025 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs will be launching in the coming weeks! Also, our next monthly Assembly will be held on January 19 at 12:15 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Communication is vital for the success of our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. As your administration team, we value your input and are committed to working together to ensure the success and well-being of our students. We can be reached by phone at 403.845.3721 or email kathy.mcnutt@wrsd.ca or lucas.brown@wrsd.ca.



WRSD is looking for feedback for the 2024.2025 school calendar.

Click [here](#) for more information.



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Phone: 403.845.3721

Safe Arrival: 1.855.756.2797



- Pre-Kindergarten students must be 4 years old on or before December 31. 2024.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 31. 2024.
- Birth Certificates are required for all students.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Our Pre-Kindergarten program is a language rich program that adheres to the philosophy of learning through play. Pre-K is a quality, early learning, play based program focused on readiness, literacy and numeracy skills.

Our Program Includes:

- * Certified teacher
- * Monday to Thursday mornings, September to June (8:45 - 12:00 pm)

Program Requirements:

- * Screening required for speech, language and readiness needs

Monthly Program Fees:

- * Fees are posted on SchoolCash the first of each month, and due by the 15th. Program Fees are \$100/month. Students with special learning needs may qualify for a tuition subsidy.

Eligibility:

Children must be four (4) years of age by December 31, 2024 to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten. A copy of your child's birth certificate is required.

KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarten program offers two programs: full day Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday and scheduled Fridays. Programs are available first come, first serve. Please note each class receives the same programming hours.

Eligibility:

Children must be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2024 to be eligible for Kindergarten. A copy of your child's birth certificate is required.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

All parents/guardians are required to present legal proof of a student's name, citizenship and birth date when a child is registered in school. If a student was born outside of Canada, official documents from that country must be presented. As we are required by Alberta Education to have these documents for all students, you are required to provide them.

If you require an Alberta Birth Certificate for your child(ren), click [here](#) and follow the steps to order.



Order milk for the month of February from

January 8 until January 21.

Online orders through [SchoolCash](#). Sorry, no late orders accepted.



GRADE 5 SKI TRIP - Friday, February 9, 2024



The grade 5 ski trip to Canyon Ski Resort in Red Deer is Friday, February 9, 2024. Reminder the forms and payment are due by January 27, 2023. Payments are to be made on SchoolCash.

Please note the following:

- Supervisors must have their Criminal Record check, including Vulnerable Sector, current within three (3) years, on file at the school prior to the ski trip.

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

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.

Come and learn about being an:
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT
 In Wild Rose School Division!

Date:
 Thursday
 January 11, 2024

Time:
 6:00pm-7:30pm
 Division Office, 4912 43 St.
 Rocky Mountain House

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Process to becoming an EA
- Strategies and tools to support when working with students

REGISTER NOW:
 Register by text or email:
 Danielle Spencer-Student Services Coordinator
 403-877-1345 or danielle.spencer@wrsd.ca

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

School Spirit - Twin Day!

Monthly Assembly, 12:15 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!



**TWIN
DAY**



SKATING

Our students will be skating in the new year! All students are required to have skates and a CSA approved helmet. The school does have a limited number of skates and helmets available for the students if required.

If you have skates or CSA approved helmets you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.



K1	Monday - January 8, 15, 22, 29	11:45 - 12:45 pm
K2	Thursday - January 11, 18, 25, February 1	1:00 - 2:00 pm
Grade 1	Thursday - February 1, 8, 15, 29	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Grade 2	Wednesday - January 10, 17, 24, 31	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Grade 3	Wednesday - February 7, 14, 28, March 6	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Grade 4	Tuesday - March 5, 7, 12, 19	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Grade 5	Tuesday - January 9, 16, 23, 30	2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

HotLunches.Net

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

Pre-Ordered Hot Lunch Days:

January 10 - Subway

January 18 - Âsokêwin Friendship Centre

January 24 - A & W

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:

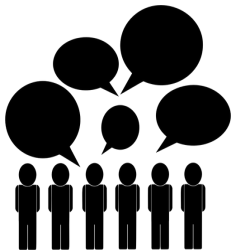
- Please remember to sign your child out in the office if they are leaving early. It is very important in case of an emergency that we know where your child is.
 - If your child rides the bus, and has been signed out early, please notify your bus driver that they will not be on the bus going home. If the bus driver does not know where your child is, the office receives a call from the Transportation Department.
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School Council

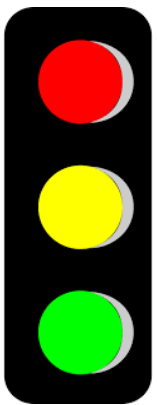
Friends of Lochearn Fundraising Society

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024
7:00 pm

Zoom link will be available . . . check our Facebook Page



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.



KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE!!

THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA & OTHER INTERNET TRAPS

January 24
Pioneer School
Doors Open: 6:00
Presentation: 6:30

SPEAKER: SERGEANT KERRY SHIMA
Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.) Unit

OUR SPEAKER

Sgt. Kerry Shima is a member of the Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation Unit that investigates incidents of child luring, sextortion, possession, transmission, and the making of child pornography, as well as internet-related voyeurism involving youth.



SGT. KERRY SHIMA
Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.) Unit

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

This presentation will focus on education, prevention, and putting parents, teachers, caregivers and coaches in a position to protect their children from online sexual exploitation.

Sgt. Kerry Shima will discuss:

- The role of I.C.E. in Alberta,
- Current applications , internet platforms, and resources available to parents so they can better support healthy and productive online experiences for their children and teens.



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. Kindly refer to 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
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★ 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
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★ CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK (Including Vulnerable Sector Query) - *Requirement for Grade 5 Ski Trip and Camping Trip*

- 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

- 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 . . . *Dates are subject to change.*

February 1	Winter Walk 2024 - 12:15 pm
February 2	Non-Instructional Day (Staff Only)
February 6/7	Scholastic Book Fair
February 9	Grade 5 Ski Trip to Canyon Ski Resort, 8:00-3:00 pm
February 13	Monthly Assembly, 12:15 pm School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
February 14	School Spirit - Dress in Valentine’s Colours - Red, White and Pink!
February 19	No School - Family Day Holiday
February 20	No School for Staff & Students Deadline to order March hot lunches (hotlunches.net)
February 21	No School - Non-Instructional Day (Teacher Only)
February 22/23	No School - ATA Teachers’ Convention

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