

# LOCHEARN SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2024

## 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!



Due to our increased enrollment, we will be adding a teacher to our staff to lower the class sizes in grade 1 and grade 2. We hope to have the class in place before the Thanksgiving weekend. Something we are truly thankful for! 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 8**, 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!

Tentatively mark your calendar for our Halloween Family Dance on Thursday, October 24. Details to follow!

Hot lunches are back! Thank you to Mrs. Griffith for getting this up and running. Our milk program is back too! Thank you to Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Wilbur 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](mailto:kathy.mcnutt@wrsd.ca) or [lucas.brown@wrsd.ca](mailto:lucas.brown@wrsd.ca) .

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## HOT LUNCH & MILK PROGRAM

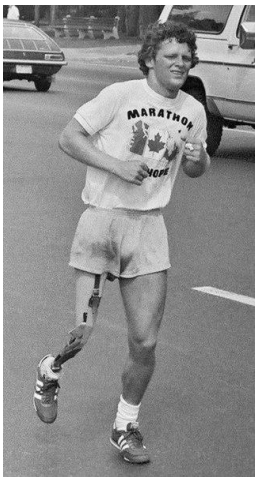
Lochearn School is pleased to offer a Hot Lunch and Milk Program for our students starting in October. The milk program is available five days per week for grades 1-5, and scheduled days for our Kindergarten programs. The Hot Lunch program will run weekly alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays. 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 \$367.00 that has been forwarded to

The Terry Fox Foundation to  
continue with cancer research.

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - October 1-2

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).

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## 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

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There is no school on

Friday, October 11 and Monday, October 14

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

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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!



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## SCHOOL COUNCIL/FRIENDS OF LOCHEARN FUNDRAISING SOCIETY

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 pm**. During this meeting we will be electing a new Council for the 2024.2025 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.

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# **HALLOWEEN** **Family Dance**



**Thursday, October 24 (tentative)**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**(doors open at 5:45 pm)**

**- Sponsored by Friends of Lochearn -**

**Watch for more information!**

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**NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, October 11 - Non-Instructional Day (staff only)**

**Monday, October 14 - Thanksgiving Day**

**Friday, October 25 - Non-Instructional Day (staff only)**

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## MONTHLY ASSEMBLY

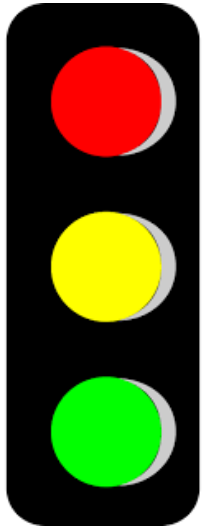
Tuesday, October 22

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.**

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## SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

Tuesday, October 31

Wear your Halloween Costumes!



**Please remember no gory costumes or weapons.**

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## PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Thursday, November 7th

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](https://smartorders.ca).



## 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.

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## 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.

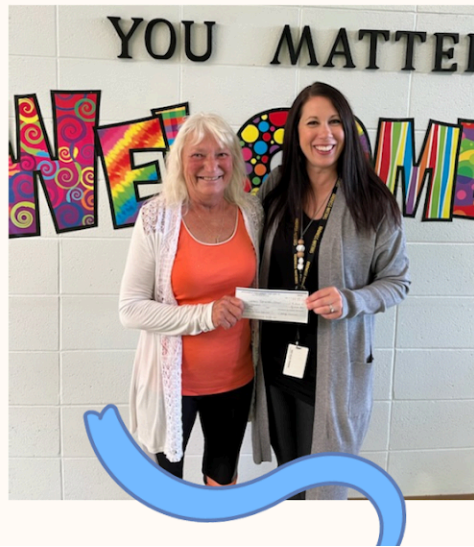
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**If you have any questions regarding busing,  
please call Prairie Bus lines at 403.845.4255**



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 2024.2025 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

October 11 & October 25

November 8 & November 29

January 31

February 20-21 (Teacher’s Convention)

March 7

April 22

May 16

June 6 & June 26

**LOOK WHAT’S COMING UP NEXT MONTH . . .**

November	Dental Screening, K-2
November 3	Daylight Savings Ends
November 7	Remembrance Day Ceremony - 12:15 pm & Picture Retake at 9 am
November 8	No School -Non-Instructional Day
November 11	No School - Remembrance Day
November 12	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
November 20	Deadline to order December hot lunches and milk orders
November 22	Term 1 Report Cards go home
November 29	Non-Instructional Day (staff only)

*Dates are subject to change.*

To view the entire Parent Calendar for 2024.2025, click [here](#).