

LOCHEARN SCHOOL NEWS NOVEMBER 2024

MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM!

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

November is also when the Term 1 Reporting Period ends. Report Cards will be sent home on **Friday, November 22**.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 28 from 4:00 - 6:30 pm**. Watch for details in your child's home notes on how to schedule your appointment through School Interviews. This year we will be offering both in-person and phone call 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 **Thursday, November 7 at 12:15 pm** in our gym.

Our classes will be taking part in the Dare to Care Bully Prevention Program this month. Watch for information to come home in weekly home notes and find the link to sign up for the on-line parent session later in this newsletter.

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 .

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Phone: 403.845.3721

Safe Arrival: 1.855.756.2797

Don't Forget! . . . Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3.

Remember to set your clocks back an hour.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Thursday, November 7th

9:00 a.m.



MILK PROGRAM & HOT LUNCH

Our Milk Program and Hot Lunch program is up and running! 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! Thank you to Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Wilbur for helping to organize this on a daily basis!

Milk orders and hot lunch orders are monthly and due on the 20th of each month. Watch for reminder 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

Thursday, November 7

12:15 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Gym



Least We Forget

NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 8 - Non-Instructional Day (staff only)

Monday, November 11 - Remembrance Day

Friday, November 29 - 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

Kaleigh Byrne - Vice Chair

Ember Seidlitz - Secretary

Faye Roseth - Treasurer

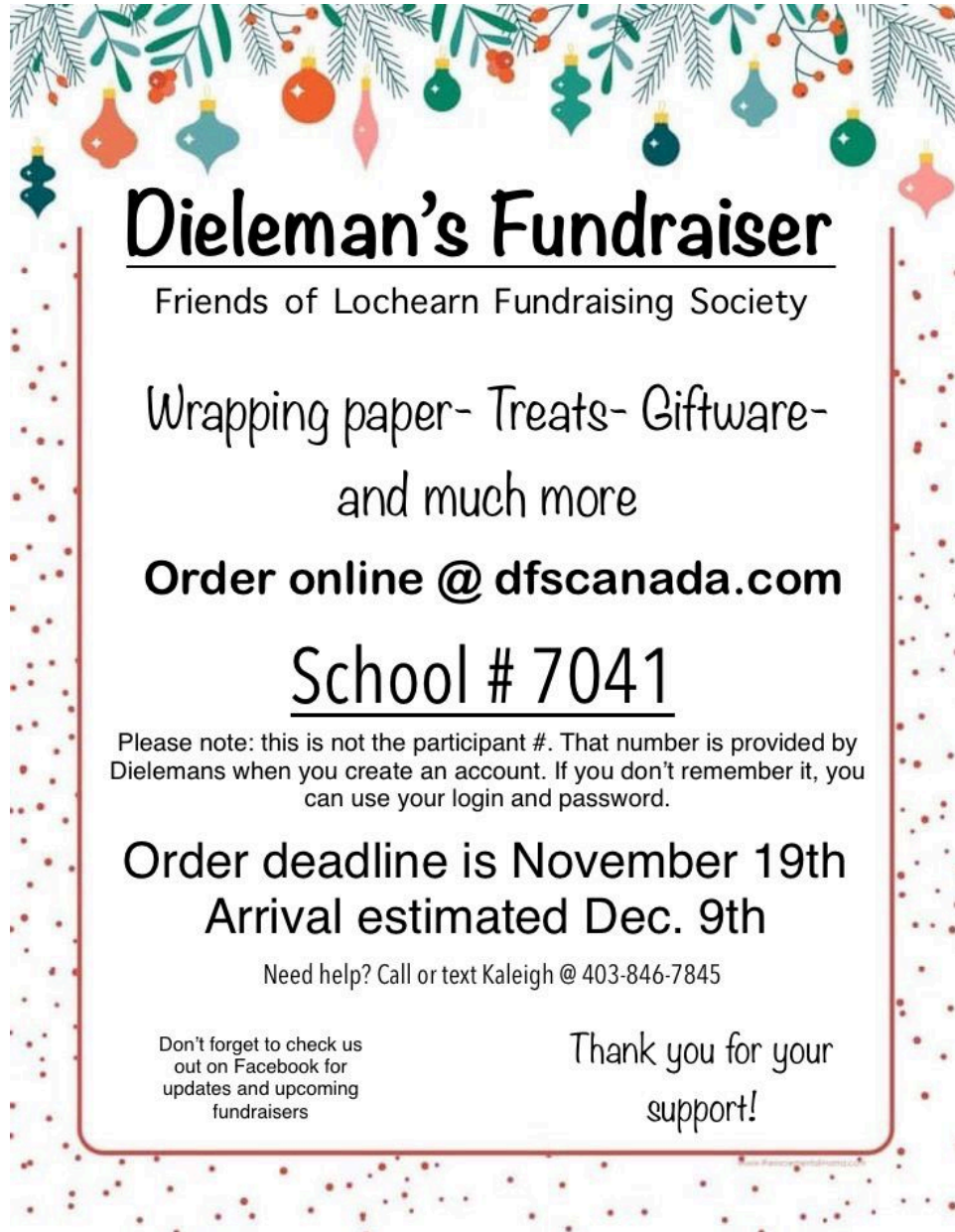
Also a big thanks to:

Kaleigh Byrne - Fundraising Coordinator

Stephanie Anderson - Facebook Page Administrator

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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Dieleman's Fundraiser
Friends of Lochearn Fundraising Society

Wrapping paper- Treats- Giftware-
and much more

Order online @ dfscanada.com

School # 7041

Please note: this is not the participant #. That number is provided by Dielemans when you create an account. If you don't remember it, you can use your login and password.

**Order deadline is November 19th
Arrival estimated Dec. 9th**

Need help? Call or text Kaleigh @ 403-846-7845

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook for updates and upcoming fundraisers

Thank you for your support!



Thank You Friends of Lochearn

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



\$2,049.10 was raised . . . thank you for your support!



Parents are welcome to sign up for the parent course. It is available all year.
Please use the following link and choose the *Parent Enrollment* option.

<https://daretocare.thinkific.com/bundles/lochearn-school>

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Fortis Alberta, for covering the cost of
the program for Lochearn School this year!

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! ❤️💜❤️



WHY IS SCHOOL COUNCIL & FRIENDS OF LOCHEARN FUNDRAISING SOCIETY IMPORTANT AT LOCHEARN SCHOOL?



Forms an important link between our school, the Board of Trustees and our parent community.

Keeps you informed on decisions that affect your child's education.



Creates a vibrant school community.

Next meeting is **Wednesday, November 13** 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



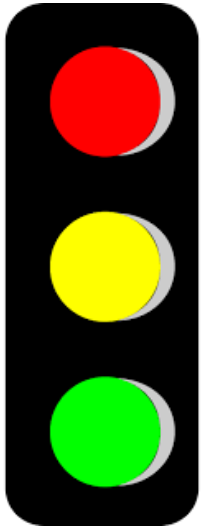
Friday, November 22

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.

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
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★ 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 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 . . .

December 2-13	Kindness Countdown to Christmas 🎄
December 6	Friends of Lochean- Christmas Movie- 6pm in School Gym
December 9-20	School Spirit - Wear Anything Christmas! (sweaters, pj’s, red/green, etc.)
December 16	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, 11:15 am
December 17	Christmas Concert with PreK/K2, grade 3 & 5 parents, 12:00 noon

December 18	Christmas Concert with K1, grade 1, 2 & 4 parents, 12:00 noon
December 20	Deadline to order January hot lunches (hotlunches.net)
December 20	Last day of class before the break 🥰
December 23-27	Christmas Holiday
Dec. 30-Jan 3	Christmas Holiday
January 6	School Resumes

Dates are subject to change.

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