



**DR. PLAXTON**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# THE BUZZ

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Dear Dr. Plaxton Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed the February break and are ready for more learning and school events this March! This month, please look forward to our Celebration of Learning event as well as a Parent Literacy Evening featuring Dr. Robin Bright from the University of Lethbridge. Our Maker Space will be up and running with Mars Month, so look forward to your child learning about elements of Mars and learning from a speaker from NASA. Our Running Club will also be up and going and we thank Jennie Low for her organization of this!

All the best this March!

## GR K-5 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

**Thursday, March 16 - 5:00-7:00 PM**

All students and families are welcome to join us for our Celebration of Learning this spring! You are welcome to attend any time between 5:00 and 7:00 where you will have a chance to visit your child's classroom to learn about and celebrate the learning activities your child has partaken in throughout the school year. Classroom teachers will be facilitating the celebration in their classrooms during this time and will be available for short discussions. Please note if a longer discussion is required, a 1:1 conference will need to be booked (see information below).

## GR 1-5 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will occur Thursday, March 16 from 12:15-4:00 pm. These conferences will be requested by the classroom teacher, so if you don't receive a request, it means the teacher doesn't believe a 1:1 discussion is necessary at this time. After requested time spots are filled, teachers will communicate additional available spots, and a 1:1 conference can be booked.

## PL DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - MAR. 17TH

Teachers will be engaged in professional learning about numeracy on March 17th. There will be no school for students at this time.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday, March 10**

Report Cards

**Wednesday, March 15**

Parent Literacy Meeting - 7:00 PM  
Art Room

**Wednesday, March 15**

School Council - 8:00 PM

**Wed. Mar 15 & Thurs. Mar 16**

Kindergarten Interviews (Teacher Request)  
No school for kindergarten students

**Thursday, March 16 - PM**

No school for gr. 1-5 students  
Dismissal at 11:30 AM

**Thursday, March 16**

Celebration of Learning 5:00-7:00 PM

**Friday, March 17**

Professional Learning Day  
No School for Students

## KINDERGARTEN PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Kindergarten conferences will take place March 15th and 16th. These conferences will be requested by the classroom teacher, so if you don't receive a request, it means the teacher doesn't believe a 1:1 discussion is necessary at this time. After requested time spots are filled, Mrs. Baker will communicate additional available spots, and a 1:1 conference can be booked. Kindergarten students will not have school on these days.

## PARENT LITERACY PRESENTATION

**Wednesday, March 15 7:00 PM - Art Room**

Prior to our School Council meeting, Dr. Robin Bright from the University of Lethbridge will be providing a parent presentation on supporting literacy development in the home. Dr. Bright's background is both early and adolescent literacy development, and she comes with a plethora of research and tips to guide literacy learning. Questions and open dialogue with Dr. Bright are welcome this evening. We hope you are able to join us!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Next Meeting: March 15th 8:00 PM**

The School Council meeting this March will take place after Dr. Bright's literacy presentation in the Art Room. All parents are welcome to join. Held in the Art Room.

## HOT LUNCH DAYS

**Monday, Mar 13 - Booster Juice & Hot Dog**

Deadline to order Mar 3

**Tuesday, Mar 28- A&W**

Deadline to order Mar 20

**Monday, Apr 3 - Little Caesar's**

Deadline to order Mar 24

**Tuesday, Apr 25 - Booster Juice & Hot Dog**

Deadline to order Apr 17

**Monday, May 8 - A&W**

Deadline to order Apr 28

**Tuesday, May 30 - Little Caesar's**

Deadline to order May 19

**Monday, Jun 12- Booster Juice & Hot Dog**

Deadline to order Jun 2

Hot Lunches are available to order through [SchoolCash Online](#).

## REPORT CARDS



Report Cards can be accessed through PowerSchool on Friday, March 10th. If you need support accessing your child's report, please contact the office.

## JUNIOR & SENIOR CHOIR SPRING START UP!

The Junior and Senior Choirs have started up again. They will be practicing songs to get ready for the Spring Gala. If your child was not in choir before, but would like to join now, they can! Junior Choir runs every Tuesday morning from 8-8:30 am. Senior Choir runs every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30-2:00 pm.

If your child would like to join choir and you have not already filled out a permission click form, please email [tacy.thomson@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:tacy.thomson@lethsd.ab.ca) (junior choir) or [sarah.harmon@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:sarah.harmon@lethsd.ab.ca) (senior choir) to let us know that your child wants join. If your child is already in choir, you do not need to email!

## 2023-2024 STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year has started. Digital registrations for returning students were emailed out at the start of the week and are to be completed by **March 10th**. Please contact the office if you have not received the digital registration for your student(s), or if you would like to register a student who is new to our division.

## RUNNING CLUB



Running Club will begin this Tuesday, March 7th at 8:15 a.m. at the playground. All students, parents and guardians are welcome to attend, and kindergarten students must be accompanied by an adult. Plan to arrive at 8:10 a.m. to gather as a community before the run begins. The schedule for Running Club can be found through this link: [Running Club](#)

## LINKS *(one click away)*

[INDIGENOUS ED NEWSLETTER](#)  
[LETHBRIDGE FAMILY SERVICES](#)

# MARCH IS MARS MONTH AT PLAXTON!



We are excited to share that beginning in March, Grade K-5 explorers and scientists will be embarking upon an "out of this world" learning opportunity! March is Mars Month, and we have some exciting challenges, explorations and learning opportunities that each grade level will participate in. Each grade level will explore different aspects of Mars, Mars Exploration and Space as part of the continued emphasis on creative, collaborative and creative thinking and S.T.E.A.M. learning (which stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics).



We are asking families to take a peek around the house for any materials that they can provide to support our Mars Month. Please click on the posters for your child's grade level activity. We continue to focus on environmental stewardship, so any materials you can up-cycle or that are landfill safe are excellent choices. All donated materials can be brought to your child's teacher starting the week of February 27th. Mars Month activities will begin March 3rd.



Please check your email for specific grade-level information on materials and supplies needed! Grade 5, 3, KG and Grade 1 start on Monday. E-Learning information to follow. Information will also be shared on our social media sites.

