



**DR. PLAXTON**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# THE BUZZ

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Grade 5 Nutrition Baking

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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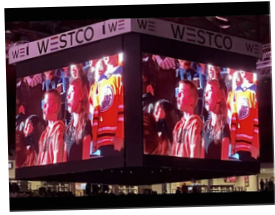
Good day Plaxton Families!

It is hard to believe that we are rolling into the month of December already! We want to firstly thank you for your support and volunteerism since the start of the school - we feel very fortunate to have a community that values education and the learning that happens in our school each day. The upcoming month brings lots of amazing learning opportunities, experiences and performances - and a time to connect as a community! Please check-out this latest addition of the Buzz for more information and specific dates. We wish everyone a safe and restful winter break, and happy holidays!

## FINE ARTS

Music has been a buzz this past month with so much to highlight. Our Senior Choir and Handbell groups had their first performance of the school year at our Remembrance Day Ceremony. The dedication of our musicians shone through as they set the tone for taking time to remember.

Let's celebrate the amazing performance and recording of the grade 3 classes who are participating in the CBC Classroom Music Challenge. Please cheer them on and watch their video contribution in this nation contest! Here is the link to our music video: ["If it Feels Good" - Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School & Dr Robert Plaxton Elementary - YouTube](#)



Congratulations Senior Choir and well done singing the National Anthem at the Lethbridge Hurricanes Game last week

## WINTER WONDERLAND

**Wednesday, Dec. 13 - 6:00-7:30 pm**

Join us for an evening of holiday crafts, games and an art gallery exhibit. A hot chocolate stand will be available. We also ask that each family send a nut-free square or treat that can be shared with the school.

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# Winter Wonderland

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
**ANYTIME FROM 6:00-7:30 PM**

COME BY AND PARTICIPATE IN SOME  
FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

Card making ❄️ Reindeer Games ❄️ Carols  
Holiday Stories ❄️ Outdoor Fire  
Art Show ❄️ Hot Chocolate ❄️ Cookies

## DATES AT A GLANCE

**Monday, December 4**

Booster Juice &/or Hot Dog Hot Lunch

**Wednesday, December 13**

Winter Wonderland - 6:00-7:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 13**

Gr 3,4,5 - Caroling at Extendicare

**Thursday, December 14**

Handbells & Choir - 2:45-3:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 19**

Tim Horton's Hot Lunch (order by Dec. 8)

**Wednesday, December 20**

K, Gr 1 & 2 - Caroling at St Therese Villa

**THEME DAYS, December 18-22**

**Monday - Red & Green Day**

**Tuesday - Tinsel Tuesday** (wear sparkly things)

**Wednesday - Holiday Sweater and Socks Day**

**Thursday - Christmas Character Day**

**Friday - Pajama Day**

**December 23-January 7**

Christmas Break - No School

**Monday, January 8**

Classes Resume

[Website Calendar Link](#)

## CHOIRS & HANDBELLS

**Thursday, December 14 - 2:45-3:30 pm**

On Thursday, December 14th, all of our handbell and choir students will perform at 2:45-3:30 in the foyer. Families are welcome to come and watch!

## SOCK IT TO 'EM



From Nov. 1-Dec. 13, schools throughout Lethbridge School Division will be accepting donations of socks for the 22nd Annual Operation Sock It To 'Em. Click for more information: [Sock it to 'Em](#)

## GRADE 5 VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to all our volleyball athletes! We are so proud of all your growth and development. And a HUGE thanks to our coaches for all their time and energy during the season. Keep an ear out for more information on the upcoming basketball season - information will be coming out this month, and the grade 5 season starts in mid-January.



## LETHBRIDGE BOOK MOBILE

The Lethbridge Public Library Book Mobile comes to Dr. Plaxton School for community members to enjoy on Tuesdays from 2:45-4:15 pm and can be found by the parking lot.



## LINKS (click for more information)

- [INDIGENOUS ED. NEWSLETTER](#)
- [MULTI-CULTURAL NEWSLETTER](#)
- [ANGEL TREE](#)
- [12 DAYS OF DIGITAL WELLNESS](#)
- [WELLNESS BYTE](#)



## HOT LUNCH DAYS

**Tuesday, Dec 19 - Tim Horton's**  
Deadline to order Dec 8

**Monday, Jan 15 - Subway**  
Deadline to order Dec 21

**Tuesday, Jan 30 - Tim Horton's**  
Deadline to order Jan 19

**Monday, Feb 12 - Taco Del Mar**  
Deadline to order Feb 1

**Tuesday, Feb 27 - Little Caesars**  
Deadline to order Feb 12

**Monday, Mar 11 - Booster Juice & Hot Dog**  
Deadline to order Feb 29

**Tuesday, Mar 26 - A&W**  
Deadline to order Mar 15

**Monday, Apr 15 - Subway**  
Deadline to order Mar 26

**Tuesday, Apr 30 - Little Caesars**  
Deadline to order Apr 19

**Monday, May 13 - Taco Del Mar**  
Deadline to order May 2

**Tuesday, May 28 - Tim Horton's**  
Deadline to order May 16

**Monday, Jun 10 - Booster Juice & Hot Dog**  
Deadline to order May 30

**Tuesday, Jun 18 - A&W**  
Deadline to order Jun 7

**Hot Lunches are available to order through SchoolCash Online .**

# TOY DRIVE



- \* Donations due December 7<sup>th</sup>
- \* Toys will be delivered December 8<sup>th</sup>
- \* Toys need to be NEW and UNWRAPPED
- \* Donation ideas: Books • Puzzles • Gift Cards • Lego • Dolls



Every year we do a toy drive for the kids who have to stay at Alberta Childrens Hospital over Christmas! We collect brand new toys and take them to the hospital for the kids. Gift cards are also welcome! The toys must be new, in their original packaging, not wrapped in Christmas wrapping, and under 20inches. (Stuffies) Me and Jude both have something called P.A.N.D.A.S. To learn more about pandas go to [inflamedbrain.org](http://inflamedbrain.org).

All donations are due by Dec 7<sup>th</sup>!

We hope to see you soon! Thank you!  
(Alberta Childrens Hospital) →



Peyton →

Jude →



## 2nd Annual Jr. Rams Boys Basketball Camp

**When:** Saturday, January 6th  
**Where:** LCI Large Gym/Small Gym  
**Grades 3-5:** 9:00 - 12:00  
**Grades 6-8:** 1:00 - 4:00

\*\*Athlete must be student of Lethbridge School Division

**Cost: \$30/Athlete**

Register by: LCI School Cash Online  
 (p) 403-328-9606

Every athlete needs to fill out Google Forms questionnaire

[Google Forms Link](#)

[School Cash Link](#)





**DECEMBER** *Events Calendar*

**DECEMBER 13**

**WINTER  
WONDERLAND @ 6PM**

**DECEMBER 13**

**GR.3/4/5 CAROLLING AT  
FAIRMONT EXTENDICARE (PM)**

**DECEMBER 14**

**HANDBELL & CHOIR  
PERFORMANCE (PM)**

**DECEMBER 18**

**RED AND  
GREEN DAY**

**DECEMBER 19**

**TINSEL  
TUESDAY**

**DECEMBER 20**

**KG, GR.1 & 2 CAROLLING  
AT ST. TERESE VILLA (PM)**

**DECEMBER 20**

**SWEATER &  
SOCKS DAY**

**DECEMBER 21**

**HOLIDAY CHARACTER  
DRESS-UP DAY**

**DECEMBER 22**

**PAJAMA DAY**

**DECEMBER 22**

**LAST DAY OF  
CLASSES**