



DR. PLAXTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE BUZZ

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY ANDY TYSLAU

Welcome back to school everyone and I hope that your winter break was restful, rejuvenating and filled with time with family, friends and loves ones. We are so thrilled to be back with students and have so much learning to continue! We are also about to enter the exciting season of basketball for our Grade 5 students - good luck to all our athletes. A big thank you to our parents and volunteers for all the support and participation in all the amazing activities, performances and showcases of learning that were happening in December - we greatly appreciate your support in celebrating student achievement, learning and artistic ability and value the time you gave in support of our students and the school in 2023. Thank you, and thank you for trusting us and sending your children each day!



2024-2025

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Begins Monday, January 22, 2024

Registration for the 2024-2025 kindergarten program will begin on Monday, January 22nd. To register for kindergarten, students must be five years old as of December 31, 2024. Please check our website for more information in the coming days.

COLD WEATHER

Please remember to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside play and wellness. Gym classes and recesses will be going outside as often as possible, unless the temperature is below minus 20 degrees Celsius (with the windchill). So please make sure they come to school with boots, mitts/gloves, toques/hats and snowpants as much as possible.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Now that the cold weather is upon us, we would like to remind families that staff supervision begins at 8:30 AM which is when the school doors are open to students. Please do not drop-off students before 8:30 AM.

PL DAY - NO SCHOOL

Friday, February 2

February 2 is a professional learning day for staff. Staff will be learning about developing strong focus lessons for math classes. There will be no school on this day.

GRADE 5 BASKETBALL

Grade 5 basketball practices have started! Teams will participate in a division wide elementary league and will play in a final tournament at the end of their season. Players have been practicing hard so far!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday, January 17 - 7PM

Our next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the school's art room. Please join us! All are welcome!

STUDENT ILLNESS

Please help us prevent the spread of illness at school by following these guidelines:

Too Sick for School

HOT LUNCH DAYS

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

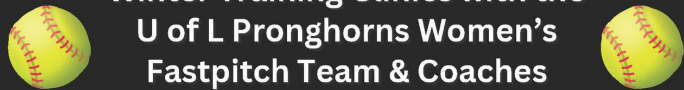
Hot Lunches are available to order through SchoolCash Online .

LINKS (click for more information)

- INDIGENOUS ED. NEWSLETTER**
- MULTI-CULTURAL NEWSLETTER**
- BELL LET'S TALK**
- DIGITAL DETOURS**
- WELLNESS BYTE**

LETHBRIDGE MINOR SOFTBALL PRESENTS:

Winter Training Clinics with the U of L Pronghorns Women's Fastpitch Team & Coaches



Lethbridge Minor Softball and the U of L PRONGHORNS are excited to offer their first winter training clinics for minor softball athletes of all ages and abilities!

This camp will focus on sharpening both defensive and offensive skills, building confidence and applying practice to game situations for community-ball level athletes.

Athletes will have the opportunity to work with members of the University of Lethbridge Women's fastpitch team and coaches learning both general and position specific skills.

DEFENSE/BATTING

6 WEEK PROGRAM - \$250

- Feb 11th - 2024
- U9-11-13 (2011-2016) @ 9:00-11:00am
- U15-17-19 (2005-2010) @ 11:15-1:15pm
- Feb 25-Mar 24th - 2024
- U15-17-19 (2005-2010) @ 1:00-2:30pm
- U9-11-13 (2011-2016) @ 4:15-5:45pm



PITCHING/CATCHING

5 WEEK PROGRAM - \$100

- Feb 25-Mar 24th - 2024
- U15-17-19 (2005-2010) @ 2:30-3:15pm
- U9-11-13 (2011-2016) @ 3:30-4:15pm

*Pitcher must ensure they have a catcher
**Limited spots available (10 pitchers/10 catchers)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER VISIT:
WWW.LETHBRIDGEMINORSOFTBALL.COM

*Discount will apply if registering in both clinics. *Minimum #'s required to offer clinics.

All sessions will be held at the Orion Sports and Training Facility.
**Orion Sports and Training Facility is located next to Airport Pick-A-Part. Take HWY 9 south, approximately 500m past the Airport, turn off, and take a left off HWY 9; you are now on Township Road 61A. Follow the road to the end; Orion will be on your right-hand side.

2024 OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

www.lethbridgesoccer.com - 403-320-5425 (KICK)

ONLINE ONLY:

Thursday February 1st - Sunday March 3rd

all registration must be done online REGISTER YOUR PLAYER BY THEIR BIRTH YEAR
*payments must be made online using RAMP



IF YOU ARE USING KIDSPORT OR JUMPSTART

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR FUNDING THROUGH JUMPSTART, KIDSPORT OR CITY OF LETHBRIDGE FAP - PLEASE APPLY ONLINE TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS FIRST. THEN REGISTER YOUR PLAYER ONLINE. WWW.LETHBRIDGESOCCER.COM

REGISTER: www.lethbridgesoccer.com Request Fee - \$40.00 - Payable at office or over the phone

Age Group	Birthyear	Fee	# of sessions	***Days Playing***	***Fields***	***Earliest Start Times***
U4 - CoEd/ Parent & Tot	2020	\$125.00	10 (30 min sessions)	Monday	Servus Sports Centre Indoor Field	5:15pm & 6:00pm
U5 - CoEd	2019	\$125.00	10 (45 min sessions)	Wednesday	Outdoor Servus Sports Centre Field	5:00pm
U6 - CoEd	2018	\$125.00	10 (45 min sessions)	Monday	Outdoor Servus Sports Centre Field	6:00pm
U7 Boys	2017	\$125.00	10 (45 min sessions)	Wednesday	Outdoor Servus Sports Centre Field	5:45pm & 6:30pm
U7 Girls	2017	\$125.00	10 (45 min sessions)	Wednesday	Outdoor Servus Sports Centre Field	5:45pm & 6:30pm
U9 Boys	2015 & 2016	\$190.00	18 (1 hr sessions)	Tuesday & Thursday	Park Meadows or Redwood Park (North)	5:30pm & 6:30pm
U9 Girls	2015 & 2016	\$190.00	18 (1 hr sessions)	Tuesday & Thursday	Park Meadows or Redwood Park (North)	5:30pm & 6:30pm
U11 Boys	2013 & 2014	\$190.00	18 (1 hr sessions)	Monday & Wednesday	St. Teresa School (North)	5:30pm & 6:30pm
U11 Girls	2013 & 2014	\$190.00	18 (1 hr sessions)	Monday & Wednesday	St. Teresa School (North)	5:30pm & 6:30pm
U13 Boys	2011 & 2012	\$190.00	18 (1 hr sessions)	Tuesday & Thursday	Gilbert Paterson School (South)	6pm & 7:15pm
U13 Girls	2011 & 2012	\$190.00	18 (1 hr sessions)	Tuesday & Thursday	Gilbert Paterson School (South)	6pm & 7:15pm
U15 - CoEd	2009 & 2010	\$190.00	18 (1 hr 10 min sessions)	Monday & Wednesday	Winston Churchill School (North)	6pm & 7:30pm
U18 - CoEd	2006, 2007 & 2008	\$190.00	18 (1 hr 20 minute sessions)	Tuesday & Thursday	Atsotawawa (Westy) Wilson Middle School (East)	6pm & 7:30pm

Please note if U7, U9, U11 and U13 age groups do not fill for gender specific they will be CoEd
*** START TIMES CANNOT BE REQUESTED AS TIMES WILL ROTATE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON ***
Sessions will be scheduled during the Victoria Day long weekend (Monday evening)

*** Days, Start times & locations are subject to change and are provided as a guideline only. Season to start on Monday April 22, 2024 and be complete by Saturday June 22, 2024***



U4-U6 Timbits: An introduction to soccer. All sessions run by ISA Staff Coaches, with activities based around players exploring the soccer ball and getting comfortable with an invasion sport. Some small sided scrimmages may be played, but this environment is purely about the players gaining their first touches of a soccer ball.

U7-9 Fundamentals: Individual development is paramount by building a love of the ball. Sessions will challenge players creative side as well introduce them to skills needed in the game such as dribbling, passing and shooting. Scrimmages will be played, but no scores will be kept, and all players will be asked to experience all positions of a soccer match (goalkeeper, defender, midfielder, striker).

U11-13 Learning The Game: This age is classed as 'The Golden Age Of Learning' where skills learnt in the earlier stages are now enhanced as well as an introduction to the tactical side of the game. Scrimmages will be played and although scores will be kept during the game, coaches and players are asked to keep games meaningful, competitive and to avoid blowouts at all costs. There will be no league standings.

U15-U18 Excel In The Game: Utilizing the technical understanding and tactical skills learnt in the previous three phases to excel in the game. Like the previous 'Learning the Game' phase, coaches are asked to avoid blowouts and keep games competitive throughout.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 15

Subway Hot Lunch

Wednesday, January 17

School Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Friday, January 19

Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday, January 30

Crazy Hair Day

Friday, February 2

PL Day - No School for Students

Website Calendar Link

Click on the pictures for more information

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Information for parents and guardians

About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.



Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.



How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It is not used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.



How will students take the survey?