



**DR. PLAXTON**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# THE BUZZ

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY ANDY TYSLAU

Welcome to a brand new and exciting school year! We are thrilled to once again welcome new and returning families to our school community. This month, keep on the lookout for information regarding our very first Hive Night (Sept. 17), the first school council of the year (Sept. 18), our school Terry Fox Run (Sept. 20) and Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 30). We are very happy to have our hallways filled with children once again and are eager to once again learn, grow and play together. Thank you for trusting us with your children each day, and for your continued support in their learning.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday, Sept 17**

Hive Night #1  
4:30-6:30 PM

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**

School Council 7PM

**Friday, Sept 20**

Terry Fox Run

**Friday, Sept 27**

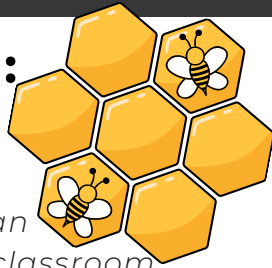
Orange Shirt Day

**Monday, Sept 30**

Truth and  
Reconciliation  
**NO SCHOOL**

# HIVE NIGHT #1:

## What's the Buzz?



Many of our students may have already brought home an information page from their classroom teacher. This sheet is the first part of the goal setting and learning conversations we are engaging in this year with you and our students. The page, with hexagon shapes, is parent "homework" where we would love your feedback and participation. Please keep an eye out for this parent page, and either return it to your child's teacher before or on our upcoming Hive Night. For more information, check out the handbooks below.

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| <a href="#">English Handbook</a> | <a href="#">Korean Handbook</a>  | <a href="#">Tamil Handbook</a>    | <a href="#">Chinese (Traditional) Handbook</a> |
| <a href="#">Hindi Handbook</a>   | <a href="#">Tagalog Handbook</a> | <a href="#">Persian Handbook</a>  | <a href="#">Chinese (Simplified) Handbook</a>  |
| <a href="#">Spanish Handbook</a> | <a href="#">Arabic Handbook</a>  | <a href="#">Pashto Handbook</a>   | <a href="#">Ukrainian Handbook</a>             |
| <a href="#">Ahramic Handbook</a> | <a href="#">Nepali Handbook</a>  | <a href="#">Tigrinya Handbook</a> | <a href="#">Gujarati Handbook</a>              |

# NEW STAFF

Welcome to our new staff this year!

- Ms. Leah Harman - Support Staff
- Mrs. Diane Wiggers - Support Staff
- Mrs. Marylou Williams - Support Staff
- Ms. Kaitlynn Zimmer - Support Staff

# HONEYCOMB OF WELLNESS



We are very happy to introduce Mrs. Steph McLennan (aka Mrs Steph) to our school community. She is our Teacher Counsellor and this year she will be at our school on Mondays. You can connect with her via email at [stephanie.mclennan@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:stephanie.mclennan@lethsd.ab.ca). Check back for Mrs. Steph's monthly wellness tips.

# PLAXTON STAFF 24/25

- Kindergarten** - Mrs. Baker
- Gr. 1** - Mrs. DeJong, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Pirie
- Gr. 2** - Mrs. Herbst, Mrs. Leavitt, Mrs. Norton
- Gr. 3** - Mrs. Goruk, Ms. Dykslag, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Lozano
- Gr. 4** - Mr. Vanden Dungen, Mrs. Murray
- Gr. 5** - Mr. Firth, Mr. Morrison, Ms. McFarland
- Learning Support Teacher** - Mr. Scott
- Fine Arts Teacher** - Mrs. Harmon
- Vice Principal** - Mrs. Van Roon
- Principal** - Mr. Tyslau
- Learning Commons** - Mrs. Leusink
- Student Support** - Mrs. DiPalma
- Office Staff** - Mrs. Manderville, Mrs. Luchanski
- Education Assistants** - Mrs. Bedard, Ms Edward, Mrs. Fehr, Ms. Harman, Mrs. Hauschildt, Mrs. Krogman, Mrs. Murillo de Duran, Mrs. Wiggers, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Zimmer
- Caretaking Staff** - Mr. Steed, Mr. Gordon, Ms Yang

# SCHOOL COUNCIL & PLAXTON SOCIETY

The first school council meeting will be held in the Art Room on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM. The Plaxton Society meeting will follow at 8:00 PM in the Art Room. All parents are welcome to attend any meeting. Click to sign up for our school council information bulletins: [\*\*School Council\*\*](#).

Dr. Robert Plaxton Elementary

## BELL SCHEDULE

2024-2025

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### Kindergarten—Grade 5

**Monday - Thursday**  
8:40 am - 3:45 pm

**Friday**  
8:40 am - 11:30 am  
\*No School Friday afternoon

**K-Gr 2 Nutrition Breaks**

Mon-Thurs:  
10:25-11:00 am - Morning snack & outside recess  
12:40-1:15 pm - Lunch & outside recess

Fri:  
10:20-10:35 am - Morning snack & outside recess


**Gr 3-5 Nutrition Breaks**

Mon-Thurs:  
11:10-11:45am - Morning snack & outside recess  
1:25-2:00 pm - Lunch & outside recess

Fri:  
10:20-10:35 am - Morning snack & outside recess

# BLANKET STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Did you know that the Division has Blanket Student Accident Insurance? If a student has an accident, for instance falls and breaks their front tooth or requires an ambulance, there is a form for you to complete to access this coverage. It is important to note is that this coverage is "second" payer. This means if parents have benefits through their employer, their insurance would cover first before the student blanket coverage would kick in. Information and forms may be accessed here: <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/parents/student-insurance>



**SEND BEFORE 6**

SUPPORTING WELL-BEING FOR STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN THE LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

KEEPING OUR EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS FREE FROM NON-EMERGENCY EMAILS AND TEXTS

TOGETHER IN WELLNESS

LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION IS COMMITTED TO ALL STAFF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. WE HONOUR YOUR PERSONAL TIME AND THE IMPORTANT ROLES THAT YOU PLAY OUTSIDE OF THE WORK DAY.

**THE WHY:**  
OUR HOPE IS THAT SEND BEFORE 6 WILL SUPPORT EVERYONE IN THE LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION TO ENJOY HEALTHY WORK/LIFE BALANCE ALLOWING EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS TO BE SPENT ON ACTIVITIES THAT BRING RENEWAL AND REST.

**WHAT IT MEANS:**  
SEND BEFORE 6 MEANS THAT ALL NON-EMERGENCY EMAILS AND TEXTS WILL ONLY BE SENT BEFORE 6PM ON WEEKDAYS. AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS CAN WAIT UNTIL REGULAR WORK HOURS. (NOT BEFORE 7 AM OR AFTER 6 PM).

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

## LINKS TO OTHER PAGES

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- [MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY NEWSLETTER](#)
- [SCHOOL SWAG STORE](#)



**LETHBRIDGE VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

**STARS Volleyball**

**\$170 +GST**

**Cubs to Kodiaks**

**"Intro to Volleyball"**

9U (Grades 1-3) & 12U (Grades 4-6)

Starting October 4th

REGISTER TODAY AT [STARSVBALL.CA](http://STARSVBALL.CA)

COACH ARO

## LETHBRIDGE BULLS CITY CONNECT JERSEY DESIGN CONTEST!

The Lethbridge Bulls are hosting a contest with local schools & organizations for kids to design a new "City Connect" Jersey & Hat for the 2025 Bulls Season!


**THE CONTEST WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2024 - JANUARY 15, 2025**

### CONTEST RULES:

- Design front and back of a jersey
- Design front and back of a hat
- Team name change is PERMITTED
- Ages 17 and under can participate
- Enter as many times as you would like
- Entries can either be digital or by hand

**THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A JERSEY WITH THEIR DESIGN, 2 SEASON TICKETS, a "DAY WITH THE BULLS" & WILL HAVE THEIR DESIGN WORN BY THE 2025 BULLS TEAM!**

Digital submissions can be emailed to [customer.service@underthelights.ca](mailto:customer.service@underthelights.ca)  
By hand submissions can be dropped off at our office: 2425 Parkside Dr. S or scanned and sent to our email [customer.service@underthelights.ca](mailto:customer.service@underthelights.ca)




**LOCOMOTIVE**

**\$130 per player**

All sessions led by head coach Ian Bennett

Grades 2-4: Age appropriate intro

Grades 5-6: Transition towards full game



**Fall Youth Camp**

Registration open:

[www.locomotivevolleyball.ca](http://www.locomotivevolleyball.ca)

Sundays: October 6, 20, 27

November 3, 10

Grades 2-4: 930am-11am

Grades 5-6: 11am-1230pm

**U of L Gymnasium**



**2024-2025 INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION LYS LEAGUE**

[www.lethbridgesoccer.com](http://www.lethbridgesoccer.com) // 403-320-5425 (KICK)

**ONLINE ONLY: August 1st - September 16th, 2024**

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON STARTS: October 2024 - March 2025 (dates are subject to change) ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE SERVIS SPORTS CENTRE

Register your player in their BIRTH YEAR (all age groups are from birth dates January 1 - December 31 of specified year)

Players will remain playing in their age groups no movement up or down an age group

Player Request Fee \$40.00

If there are not enough registrants per gender in U8 - U12 age groups - Groups will be combined CoEd

Age Group	Birthyear	Fee	# of games	**Days Playing	**Estimated Start Times
U5 CoEd	2020	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	8:00am or 9:00am
U6 CoEd	2019	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	9:00 am or 10:15am
U8 Boys	2017 & 2018	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	11:00pm or 12:45pm
U8 Girls	2017 & 2018	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	11:00pm or 12:45pm
U10 Boys	2015 & 2016	\$275.00	20 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 5pm* - Sat 8am*
U10 Girls	2015 & 2016	\$275.00	20 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 5pm* - Sat 8am*
U12 Boys	2013 & 2014	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday (Some Friday's)	Mon 5:30pm* - Fri 5pm* - Sat 12pm*
U12 Girls	2013 & 2014	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday (Some Friday's)	Mon 5:30pm* - Fri 5pm* - Sat 12pm*
U14 CoEd	2011 & 2012	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesday and/ or Saturday	Wed 5pm* - Sat 2:00pm*
U16 CoEd	2009 & 2010	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 7pm* - Sat 4:00pm*
U18 CoEd	2007 & 2008	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 8pm* - Sat 5:30pm*

**\*\*Days and Start times are subject to change and are provided as a guideline only\*\***

**PLAYER EQUIPMENT:** U5 & U6, Timbits Jersey, shorts & socks will be provided for each player to keep. U8 - U18, Full Kit Jersey, Shorts & Socks will be provided for each player to keep.

Soccer Shoes or Soccer Cleats are acceptable, Shin Guards are MANDATORY - Not included in player fees

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

U5 & U6 TIMBITS: This is our introductory level, where all sessions are run by our CSA Certified Coaches who will help your child build a love for the ball.

U8 & U10 FUNDAMENTAL: At this stage, individual player development is paramount. Developing soccer creativity skills in a fun environment.

U12 & U14 LEARN TO TRAIN: Golden Age of Learning, that learnt technical skills are introduced to the beginning of the tactical environment.

U16 & U18 LEARN THE GAME Combining previously developed technical and tactical skills, into a more mature game setting.