



DR. PLAXTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE BUZZ

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY ANDY TYSLAU

Welcome to a brand new school year! Our community is now alive and whole again with students, families and community back in our building. I hope that the summer months have been all that you needed it to be, and we are excited to start a brand new year of learning and growth. We look forward to the continued collaboration and connection with parents and guardians to support student success. Thank you for trusting us with your children and sending them to us each and every day!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, Sept 11

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

Wednesday, Sept. 17

School Council 7PM

Friday, Sept 26

Terry Fox Run

Monday, Sept 29

Orange Shirt Day

Tuesday, Sept 30

Truth and
Reconciliation
NO SCHOOL

Dr. Robert Plaxton Elementary BELL SCHEDULE 2025-2026	
Kindergarten—Grade 5	
Monday - Thursday 8:35 am - 3:35 pm	
Friday 8:35 am - 11:30 am <i>*No School Friday afternoon</i>	
K-Gr 2 Nutrition Breaks	Gr 3-5 Nutrition Breaks
Mon-Thurs: 10:25-10:55 am - Morning snack & outside recess 12:40-1:10 pm - Lunch & outside recess	Mon-Thurs: 11:10-11:40 am - Morning snack & outside recess 1:25-1:55 pm - Lunch & outside recess
Fri: 10:15-10:30 am - Morning snack & outside recess	Fri: 10:15-10:30 am - Morning snack & outside recess

CLICK THE IMAGE FOR A PRINTABLE VERSION!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

SEPTEMBER 29

Dr. Plaxton will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by wearing orange shirts on September 29th. During the week of September 22-26th, staff will bring awareness through lessons and activities related to nature, empathy, relationships, and Blackfoot language. **There is no school on September 30th in recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.**

Events around Lethbridge (click the links):

[Arts Days - Orange Shirt Day Activities](#)

[Indigenous Fashion Show](#)



TERRY FOX EVENT



We are so proud to be joining the many schools across the city and country taking part in the Terry Fox School Run once again. This year marks the 45th Anniversary of Terry's run across Canada.

Our annual Terry Fox Run is taking place on **September 26th**. Families are welcome to join us that morning for the run - please keep an ear out for more information on start times and the run routes.

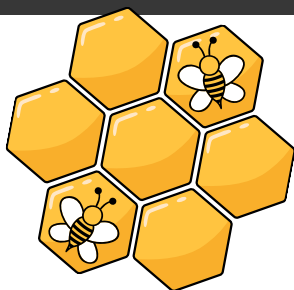
Students are encouraged to #TryLikeTerry, and set their own personal goals and challenges for themselves. Our school continues to support the Terry Fox Foundation by accepting donations on their behalf. If you would like to donate, you can do so on our school run page, click on the link below.

DONATE



HIVE NIGHT #1:

What's the Buzz?



We are thrilled to invite you to experience an innovative approach to parent engagement and communication at our school! In a refreshing shift from traditional meetings and structures, we're offering a more engaging and meaningful format that puts our students and learning at the heart of the discussion. These events are designed to showcase your child's progress and achievements in a way that is transparent and directly involves them in their own learning journey.

Our first Hive Night on September 11 is an informal opportunity to visit the school and your child's classroom! For more information, click on the link below for Hive Handbook.

Hive Handbook

[Arabic Handbook](#)

[Bengali Handbook](#)

[Gujarati Handbook](#)

[Korean Handbook](#)

[Chinese \(Simplified\) Handbook](#)

[Punjabi Handbook](#)

[Spanish Handbook](#)

[Chinese \(Traditional\) Handbook](#)

[Nepali Handbook](#)

[Ukrainian Handbook](#)

[Tagalog Handbook](#)

Thank you!

Thank you
for trusting
us and
sending us
your children
each day.

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>

SCHOOL COUNCIL & PLAXTON SOCIETY

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dr. Robert Plaxton School Council provides the opportunity for parents to work together with the school community to help enhance and engage in school learning. Our school council alongside teachers, administration, and school board members meet once per month to provide opportunities to communicate, exchange ideas, discuss topics, and plan activities to help support the students. The school council is an elected group of parents, but all parents are encouraged and welcome to attend the meetings. **School Council meeting will be in the Art room on Wednesday, Sept. 10**

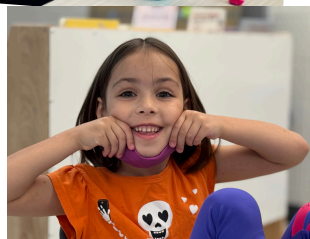
Our school has a society - the Plaxton Busy Bees Fundraising Society. The goal of the society is to raise and allocate funds to support and enhance the educational experience for students and support the school community and the activities of school council (e.g. playground, technology, school gym equipment, field trips, etc.). **Society Meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 17**

Both meetings begin at 7PM and all parents are welcome to attend either. The first meetings will also be the Annual General Meeting.

Connect with us!



First Day Photos



Lethbridge School Division 2025

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Our reconciliACTION this September is to learn and call Lethbridge by it's traditional Blackfoot name.

Sik ooh kotoki

'sig-ohh go-do gi'



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).



Community Links & Info

2025-2026 INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION LYS LEAGUE
www.lethbridgesoccer.com // 403-320-5425 (KICK)

ONLINE ONLY: August 1 - September 8, 2025

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON STARTS: October 2025 - March 2026. ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE SERVICES SPORTS CENTRE. **INDOOR LEAGUE IS BASED ON TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS FOR THE SEASON**

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 - 2 PLAYERS ONLY!

If there are not enough registrants per gender in U12 age group - Will be combined CoEd

Age Group	Birthyear	Fee	# of games	Days Playing	**ESTIMATED START TIMES**
U5 CoEd	2021	\$275.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Monday	5:00pm
U6 CoEd	2020	\$275.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Wednesday	5:00pm
U8 Boys	2018 & 2019	\$275.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 5:00pm and Sat 9:00am
U8 Girls	2018 & 2019	\$275.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 5:00pm and Sat 9:00am
U10 Boys	2016 & 2017	\$325.00	21 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 6:00pm* - Sat 12:00pm*
U10 Girls	2016 & 2017	\$325.00	21 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 6:00pm* - Sat 12:00pm*
U12 Boys	2014 & 2015	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays	Wed 6:00pm* - Fri 5:30pm* - Sat 3:00pm*
U12 Girls	2014 & 2015	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays	Wed 6:00pm* - Fri 5:30pm* - Sat 3:00pm*
U14 CoEd	2012 & 2013	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesdays and Saturdays	Wed 6:00pm* - Sat 5:00pm*
U16 CoEd	2010 & 2011	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Evenings
U18 CoEd	2008 & 2009	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Evenings

****Start times are subject to change due to registration numbers and are provided as a guideline only****

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:
 U5 & U6, Timbts 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 TIMBTS: 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 - U12 FUNDAMENTAL: At this stage, individual player development is paramount. Developing soccer creativity skills in a fun environment.

U14 & U16 LEARN TO TRAIN: Golden Age of Learning, that learnt technical skills are introduced to the beginning of the tactical environment.

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

Junior Badminton Classes

Lethbridge Badminton Club
 in Lethbridge and Coaldale

Junior (8 through 19 years old) paid coaching program starts in September and runs through to June (Fall, Winter and Spring semesters)



Come and learn the fastest sport on the planet.

Shuttles can reach 565 km/h (351.07 mph)

Please email to enquire about spaces in the junior coaching program. Classes for beginners through to advanced

lethbadclub@gmail.com

THE WORD ON THE STREET
 LETHBRIDGE BOOK & MAGAZINE FESTIVAL

15TH ANNIVERSARY
 September 20, 2025 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Lethbridge Public Library - Main Branch

Featuring Authors
 Linda Bailey | Crave Bakery | Maggie Helwig
 Ryan North | Jessica Waite | Kevin Van Tighem | and more!

Live Music | Food Trucks | Workshops | Author Signings | Marketplace

Celebrating Reading. Advocating Literacy.

For full events details visit thewordonthestreet.ca/lethbridge

\$190 +GST

Cubs to Kodiaks
"Intro to Volleyball"
 9U (Grades 1-3) & 12U (Grades 4-6)
Starting October 1st
REGISTER TODAY AT STARSVBALL.CA

COACH ARO

YOUTH BOWLING @ HOLIDAY BOWLING

Ages 3-19 and is scheduled for noon on Sundays. Registration is \$35 and then \$12.50 per week. Players are fully coached each week with tournament advancement (which can include tournament costs). Please contact Chelsie Neben chelsie.neben@yahoo.com if you'd like any more information!