



DR. PLAXTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE BUZZ

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY ANDY TYSLAU

Our first month of school has flown by! Students and staff have taken time to develop routines and relationships through learning opportunities, engaging activities and outdoor experiences. We had a successful Hive Night #1 and Terry Fox Run and enjoyed having community join and connect with us! Don't forget to check out your new school photos from Mountain West Photography - they look fantastic! Our October newsletter has lots of information and dates to keep in mind - and if dates change we will communicate those as soon as we can. Thank you for trusting us with your students each and every day!

**PLEASE NOTE ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE,
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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Kindergarten Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 21 from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Kindergarten and Grade 1-5 Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 22 from 1:00-8:00 pm. **Grade 1-5** conferences will also be Thursday October 23 from 8:30-11:45 am.

Our focus for conferences is to engage families around the following questions:

- **What would you like to know as a result of the conversation?**
- **How can we make this meeting time a meaningful experience for you as a parent/guardian?**

Conferences will be 10 minutes long. Please keep an eye out for additional information to book using our new BookIt system online.

If you require an online meeting for PT Conferences, please leave a comment in the booking system along with your contact email. Thank you!



HALLOWEEN PARADE & DANCE

Friday October 31

Parade **first thing in the morning** and a
Halloween Dance **to follow!** More info soon.

Parents are welcome to the parade &
Families are welcome to the dance



OCTOBER 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, October 13
Thanksgiving - No School

Thursday, October 16
Mountain View Family Photo Night

Tuesday, October 21
Kindergarten Interviews 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
No school for kindergarten students only

Wednesday, October 22
AM - Staff Professional Learning
PM - K-Gr 5 Interviews 1:00-8:00 pm
No school for all students

Thursday, October 23
AM - Gr.1-5 Interviews 8:30-11:45 am
PM - Staff Professional Learning
No school for all students

Friday, October 24
Staff Professional Learning
No school for all students

Thursday, October 31
Halloween Parade & Halloween Dance

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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, Nov. 12**

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, November 12 after school council**

PANAGO PIZZA NIGHT

Panago Pizza North is once again partnering with our school for an opportunity to support our school! Purchases made on October 28th will have proceeds coming to our school! We super appreciate the partnership with Panago Pizza North. [You can preorder now here.](#)



MOUNTAIN WEST FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT

Family photos are coming up soon! The sessions will take place on Thursday, **October 16**. Mountain West provides quality portrait sessions within a comfortable location nearby to the school (location will be shared closer to the date). Their goal is to provide portraits that CELEBRATE YOU and your Family.

This is a fundraiser! 100% of the sitting fee goes directly back to our school, and each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 print.

To book your Family portrait sitting, please visit this link: [FAMILY PHOTO BOOKINGS](#)

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE HERE!

Student photos are now available for digital viewing and purchase! Simply scan the QR code your child brought home, and select your favourites.






Don't have the QR code? Not a worry. [Visit the Mountain View website here](#), enter the information required and your code will be emailed within one business day.

ORDER DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 16.

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We are pleased to invite families, local businesses, and community members to partner with us through a unique school-year sponsorship program. Your contribution goes directly towards funding programs, events, and materials that expand our students' learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Whether you're sponsoring a field trip, providing technology for STEAM learning, or supporting our arts programs, your sponsorship enriches the lives of our students in meaningful ways. [Click here for more information](#), or reach out to our Principal, Mr. Andy Tyslau at andy.tyslau@lethsd.ab.ca

DR. PLAXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM				
				
HONEYBEE	WORKER BEE	QUEEN BEE	BEEKEEPER	HIVE SPONSOR
<p>Theme listed in event programs at all major events.</p> <p>Certificate of Appreciation presented by students.</p> <p>Digital recognition on school social media.</p>	<p>Prominent name listed in event programs at all major events.</p> <p>Personalized thank-you from students.</p> <p>Recognition at school events with name on logo or large screen display.</p> <p>(Plus additional benefits specific to you / your organization)</p>	<p>Small feature message in the school newsletter to highlight your contribution.</p> <p>Small-sized name on logo featured on posters, digital banners and/or event invitations.</p> <p>School Sway Bag with swag items.</p> <p>Invitation to serve as a guest judge or speaker at school events.</p> <p>(Plus additional benefits specific to you / your organization)</p>	<p>Logo or name featured on custom school signage displayed at all school events.</p> <p>Half-page feature to highlight your contribution and the impact on learning.</p> <p>Personalized thank-you photo postcard with student messages showcasing your support and the school community impact.</p> <p>Custom student-created thank you gift and personalized school swag.</p> <p>(Plus additional benefits specific to you / your organization)</p>	<p>Prominent featured logo or name on custom school signage displayed at all school events.</p> <p>Exclusive event sponsor (10x) sponsored by "1".</p> <p>"Sponsor Spotlight" article highlighting sponsor involvement and impact.</p> <p>Personalized thank-you photo book at the end of the year with pictures, messages from staff and students showcasing how your support has impacted the school community.</p> <p>School tour with student ambassadors.</p> <p>Nomination as a "Friend of 51" for Lethbridge School Division.</p> <p>(Plus additional benefits specific to you / your organization)</p>
\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1000	\$2500

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

You are invited to join us for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We will gather on Friday, November 7th at 10:45 - 11:20am in our school gym. Seating will be available and doors will open at approximately 10:40am.



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

Connect with us!



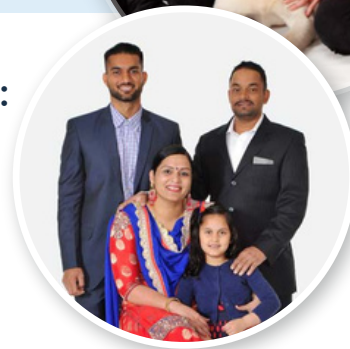
Thank you!

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

Terry Fox Run Photos



family portraits



Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer:
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

This event is especially popular for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and holiday gift-giving. It's a great way to support your school and provide precious memories for someone you care about!



**EACH FAMILY IS PROVIDED WITH
1 COMPLIMENTARY 8X10
PORTRAIT OF THEIR CHOICE!**

- An affordable and convenient option for family portraits, now that Sears and Walmart no longer offer this service.
- NEW! Easy, online signup
- Sitting fee is \$30. 100% of this fee is donated back to the school!
- Convenient weekend and evening portrait sessions
- 10 minute sitting includes 10-15 online proofs with additional ordering options

**SITTINGS ARE FILLING UP
QUICKLY, SO DON'T MISS OUT.
SIGN UP NOW!**

DATE: _____

Studio Location:
Mountain West Studios
6869 Merritt Avenue
Burnaby, B.C. V5J 4R5

Phone: 604.433.0551 x126
Toll Free 1.888.644.4494 x 126
family@mountainwest.ca
mountainwest.ca



MOUNTAINWEST
STUDIOS

Community Links & Info



We still have a few openings in the 12-13 (Born 2012-2013) age group!

Contact us using the form on our website if you are interested!

Interested in hockey but don't want the significant time or financial commitment that often comes with this great sport?

We offer an organized non-checking recreational hockey league for all genders aged 5-17. All skill levels are welcome.

One hour, once a week. Season runs from October to March.

www.lethbridgerechockey.com




NOV. 3 8:00 AM - 7:00PM

HALLOWEEN Candy Buy Back

DOOR PRIZE DRAW
WIN OUR SPOOOOOKY PRIZE BASKET!

WE WILL PAY YOU \$1.00 PER POUND!

Lethbridge Dental Services South
#50 2810 Fairway St. S



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](#)

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SEPTEMBER TO APRIL

YOUTH BOWL CANADA

REGISTER TODAY! SUNDAYS AT 12PM

SPONSORED PRIZES

- BOWLER OF THE WEEK
- BOWLER OF THE MONTH
- PERSONAL AWARDS

• GREAT TEAM BUILDING
• COMMUNITY & COMPETITIVE COACHES
• IN HOUSE, PROVINCIAL & NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS
• AFFORDABLE PRICES

CALL HOLIDAY BOWL TO JOIN
403-328-2855


FOOD SUPPORT

STUDENT LUNCH PICK UP WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Lethbridge Public Library Crossings Branch
255 Britannia Blvd W · (403) 380-7310

Lethbridge Public Library Main Branch
810 5 Ave S · (403) 380-7310

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES JUST NEED TO APPROACH THE DESK AND REQUEST A "HEALTHY HERO SNACK".



TEMPORARY BOOK MOBILE LOCATION CHANGE...

Alternate stop will be Tuesdays at the Extendicare Fairmont Park.



ABOUT US

Since 2020, we have created a safe and enriching musical space for students to learn an instrument, grow in community, build connections, and express creativity. Most importantly, we have fun while we learn!

OUR AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

- Group Instrument Classes
- Music Ensemble Class
- Snack/Community Time
- Instrument Practice Time
- Activities & Crafts
- Students in Grades 3-6
- September 15th, 2025 to June 19, 2026
- Monday to Thursday, 3:00-5:30
- Friday Programming (New for 2025!)
- Potential Instrument Options:
 - Guitar - Piano - Choir - Violin
- We place a high value on removing barriers for participation in our programs, and as such, **families are only asked to pay what they can... when they can... if they can.**
 - (Full cost is \$200/month - inquire about full and partial fee assistance.)



SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER



CONTACT US



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**Limited
Spaces!
Register
Today!**

2025/2026 PROGRAMS

Giving the gift of music, arts & community
to the next generation.