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# Nicholas Sheran News

February 2024

#### Principal's Message

How can it be that we are entering our sixth month of the school year already? It feels like we've had a busy and exciting year so far, and yet there are still so many amazing things to come. Please read through this newsletter and learn about the great things taking place at our school and in our community. Mrs. Miklos spends a great deal of time updating newsletters, calendars, the website, and of course our Facebook page, so we hope you can always find the information you are looking for.

Being new to our community can present with challenges and opportunities. If you're new to Canada, or learning a new language, or adjusting to new cultural norms, these challenges and opportunities can be heightened. Did you know that our school division publishes a multicultural and diversity newsletter each month? We post these newsletters to our school website, which you can find <a href="here">here</a>. Our school division has a robust Indigenous Education department, and our elementary teacher of Indigenous Education is Ms. Melanie Morrow. Learn more about our Indigenous Education team <a href="here">here</a>.

Although February is a short month, there is a lot happening in our school. Please take full advantage of all the exciting things taking place in our school and share those experiences with your children. Although students may groan at the question "What did you do at school today?" I think it's a great way to learn about what is taking place in the classroom and around the school.

Reach out anytime with questions and suggestions.

Take care, Aaron Fitchett, Principal



Lethbridge School Division

Multi-Cultural and Diversity Newsletter

& Indigenous Education Newsletter



#### February Wellness

In January, our Nicholas Sheran school community supported Bell Let's Talk Day by writing kind messages in our speech bubbles. This month, we get to continue to show our caring nature by supporting Pink Shirt Day on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Pink Shirt Day is a reminder for all of us to Choose Kind. It is important for all of us to reflect on how we regularly treat others and look for ways to improve. Whatever terminology we choose to use – "Lift each other up", "Be Kind", "Kindness Fits All" - the message of acceptance, respect and embracing diversity is positive and powerful.

We encourage everyone to wear pink on February 15<sup>th</sup> to show support for inclusion and kindness.

Jennifer Robinson, Student Support Worker

#### Candygram Sales

Parent Council will be selling candygrams Monday, February 5th - Thursday, February 8th from 3:00-3:48pm each day and Friday, February 9th from 12-12:35pm. The candygrams will then be distributed at the end of the day on Monday, February 12th.



Each candygram will cost \$2. Students will be encouraged to purchase them for their friends and for other students that may not receive any.

#### **Council Corner**

School Council offers an opportunity for parents to get involved in your child's education by volunteering in a school-wide activity or helping out in the classroom. Your involvement will help to ensure the best possible school experience for your child(ren). Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on

### Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm in the NS Community Room.

Please feel free to join as all are welcome!
We also have a new Facebook
page! Follow us on FB
@Nicholas Sheran
Parent Council GET INVOLVE





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@ NICHOLAS SHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **NS Breakfast Program**

Our school is the recipient of important funding for a school nutrition program. This funding, along with the support of families, community agencies and partnerships, allows us to run a breakfast program, snack program, and supplemental lunch program.

Our breakfast program will operate five days/week and students will be able to choose from a variety of prepared and ready to serve items. Our goal is to provide a low-barrier, and high-access nutritious start to our students' academic day! Any student may access breakfast or other food as needed

throughout the day, and our thanks are extended to the Alberta School Nutrition grant alongside individual donations and community partners.

If you have any questions, please reach out!

We are always accepting donations (nut free food products, cash/ cheques/online donations)



#### 2024/25 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten for the 2024/25 school year is now OPEN!

Please note, students must be five years old as of December 31, 2024 to register for Kindergarten (born in 2019).

Lethbridge School Division prides itself on offering Kindergarten programs with an early-intervention and child-centered focus.

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School will determine its programming based on the students numbers and class preference choices once registration forms start coming in.

Please encourage families with Kindergarten aged children to register soon!

**REGISTRATION LINK:** 

https://lethsd.schoolengage.ca/#/login



Grade 1 - 5 Registrations will occur after Easter.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be set up from February 12-16 in the NS Learning Commons! It will be open from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday, as well as during Literacy Night on Thursday, February 15 from 6-7pm and Friday, February 16 from 8:30am-1:30pm!



# February 2024



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educated decisions while exchanging photos/videos online

- Privacy-Once shared it is difficult to control who else might see it.
- Consent-Obtain consent (permission) before sharing photos.
- Stored safely and securely-Ensure photos are stored somewhere safely and securely.
- Legal Implications Sharing explicit or inappropriate content could have serious consequences, including potential legal implications.





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# THE GREAT LIBRARY Read-a-thon

Join the Crossings Branch for the month of February, where you are encouraged to read every day to help us fill up our reading snow globe! Set your own reading goal, gather snowflakes, and enter to win prizes.

Everyone who participated in the challenge is welcome to join us for our Wrap-Up Readathon Party!



FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

#### Kids and Families

Kids and families are welcome to join us for a fun wrap-up party in the Friends Place Meeting Room. There will be popcorn and refreshments, fun activities, and prizes.

#### Adults

Adults are welcome to join us in the Servus Community Meeting Room for tea, coffee, and refreshments, as well as door prizes.



# THE KIDS GREAT LIBRARY READ-A-THON



You are cordially invited to join...



#### THE DRAGON READING CLUB

Dragon Reading Club members meet once a month to play games, complete roleplaying campaigns, and even design their own trading cards!

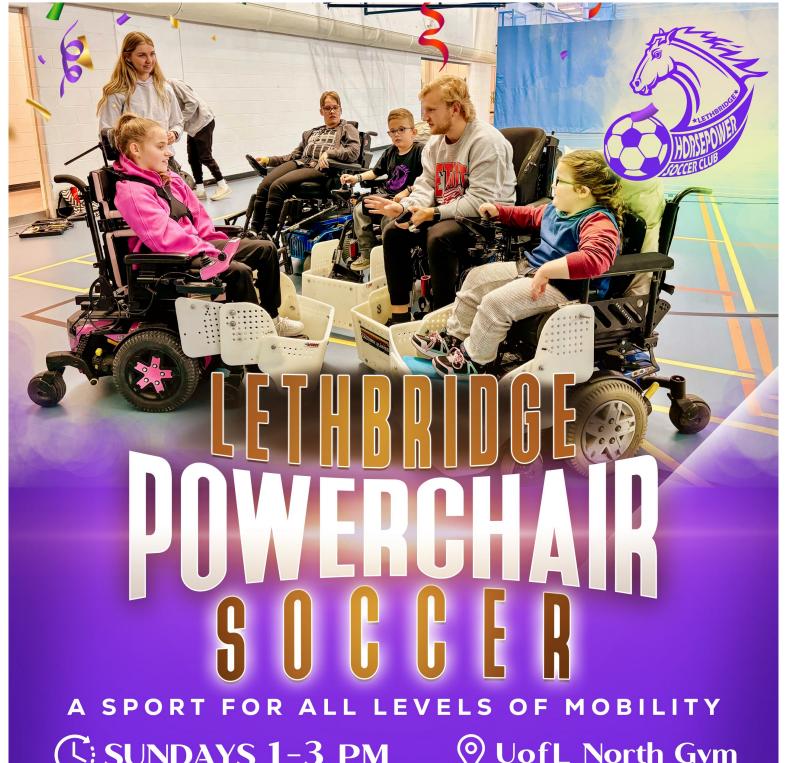
From February 1 - 29, 2024, for every 3 days you meet your reading goal, come to the library and desk staff will you give you a random card. You can wait to come in until the end of the month and claim several cards at once, or visit every time you've earned one! Plus, if you read for at least 20 days of February, you will receive the special legendary card.

If you're wanting to collect all the cards, don't worry! Join the monthly reading club, and you'll have plenty of time to collect all the cards!

Upcoming Meetings: March 21 & April 25, 5:00 - 6:00 PM at the Crossings Branch.

## DRAGON READING CLUB CARD CHECKLIST





(S) SUNDAYS 1-3 PM

**Output** UofL North Gym

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