

# NEWS

FEBRUARY 2021

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### FROM THE OFFICE

February is fast approaching, and we are entering the second half of the school year. February can be a challenging month for students as they (like us!) are tired of winter and especially this year are feeling cooped up. We need to 'keep our foot on the gas' though, as we still have a considerable amount of work to complete. Your assistance and support through the first five months has not gone unnoticed! It certainly helps us maintain a healthy school environment as we navigate through the pandemic.

February is a month when we think of kindness more than usual. COVID will not cancel Valentine's Day! It will however be altered. All items related to Valentine's must be in early so they can be "quarantined" before being shared. Your child's teacher will have shared this information with you. We will celebrate on Friday, February 12th. Your child's teacher can answer any questions specific to how their classroom will celebrate Valentine's Day.

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 is Pink Shirt day. This started a few years ago because of a bullying incident at a Nova Scotia school, this has grown into an international awareness campaign. We have some activities the students will be participating in to support this and will be encouraging our students to wear pink on that day.

Just a reminder of our school's dress code as outlined in our handbook on our website.

Although the school does not have a strict dress code, parents are urged to see that children dress appropriately and tastefully for school. Beach wear and T-shirts with offensive lettering are considered inappropriate and in poor taste. Also, what may be acceptable for younger students may not be for older students: halter tops, tank tops, short shorts, mesh shirts, etc. It is important that students wear footwear at all times at school. Parents are urged to provide their child with a second pair of shoes (need not be new) that can be kept for indoor use. Children will be asked to remove wet footwear upon entering the building.

In closing we continue to follow the AHS guidelines (mask use, distancing, hand hygiene, etc...) and to date, have had no positive cases in the New Year! Let's all stay vigilant in the weeks coming up and work together to protect our students and staff.

- Dawn Walmsley, Principal

#### REMINDER...

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

The week of

February 15— February 19

### SCHOOL COUNCIL CO

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend our last virtual School Council meeting. We discussed things like the adjustments to Running Club, purchases of new outdoor equipment, and ideas for more potential outdoor play activities. Due to the break in February, our next virtual meeting will take place on Feb. 23rd, at 6:30 pm. Please join us if you can!

Rachelle Ririe, Chair

### **PIVOT POINT**

The pivot point for students in Elementary School and Middle School will be moved to Monday, Feb. 22 (the Monday following the Family Day week students spend at home). This gives schools time over the week break in February to adjust and prepare for the change.

The information and survey for this February pivot point will be posted on the School Division website on Jan. 27. The request for change will remain open until Feb. 4.

This will give schools time to re-assign students and adjust teacher assignments for the Feb. 22 change. The February pivot point will be the last pivot point for elementary and middle school students for the school year.

#### 2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 school year will be in the spring of 2021. The registration date is yet to be announced. Your child must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2021 to be eligible to register.

We will send an email and add more information to our website once the date is set. Please watch your email in March/April.

## UPCOMING AND ONGOING

**Tue Feb 2** — Division Town Hall Meeting, 6:30pm, TEAMS (Email LeeAnne Tedder to register – leeanne.tedder@lethsd.ab.ca)

**Wed Feb 3** — Winter Walk Day. Send your student to school with warm clothing!

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Mon Feb 15 - Fri Feb 19} & - \textbf{No School for Students, Family Day holiday \& Teacher's Convention} \end{tabular}$ 

Tue Feb 23 — School Council meeting 6:30pm, TEAMS

Wed Feb 24 — Pink Shirt Day, wear a pink shirt to stand against bullying



### **LOOKING DEEPER**

https://lv.lethsd.ab.ca/about/newsletter

for information about:

- AHS Healthy Children newsletter
- The LOOP wellness newsletter
- Winter Walk Day
  - Lethbridge Regional Virtual Science Fair
- How Long to Stay Home From School





