



Community Connect

Parking Lot in Winter

There has been increased traffic with the cold weather. In order to keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible and to keep children safe please remember:

- Park in any stall in the north parking lot that is available rather than stopping in the middle of the road to let children out.
- The parking lot and loop at the front doors is only for students with limited mobility and is also a fire lane. We do not have enough stalls for these students so we respectfully ask that you do not pick up or drop off in the loop as this is also a safety issue.
- Do not park at the end of the street where busses turn around. It creates congestion and backs up traffic. It is also a "no parking" zone.
- There has been traffic struggling to enter and leave the parking lot at the same time. If the traffic gets backed up, please yield to one another and take turns letting one car in and one car out.
- Keep the bus zone clear. DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF IN THE BUS ZONE.
- Ensure your children do not run through the parking lot. Tell them to go where the patrollers are.

Lifetouch Photos

We have rescheduled picture day for November 2nd (K, 8, 9) and November 3rd (K – 7). Photographers will be using the far east side of the gym and access the exit doors. Therefore, students will have their pictures taken indoors and it should not be cancelled.

Halloween

We will be celebrating Halloween on Thursday, October 29th. Students are asked to come to school dressed in their costumes. Celebrations will be held within each individual learning studio. Reminder that the following dress codes still pertain for costumes:

- No full face masks. This is for safety reasons – we need to identify students while in the building.
- No offensive slogans, pictures or sayings.
- If weapons are part of the costume, they are to remain at home. If brought to school, they will be kept by the teacher and parents will need to pick up by the end of the day.
- Costumes should cover all body parts and be appropriate to school community.

Dress for the Weather

Reminder with the snow and cold weather upon us that students go outside for recess every day. Also, we encourage outdoor learning. Therefore, students need to come dressed to be outside for an extended period of time. There are many students who came to school in hoodies, sandals and shorts this week. We ask that students ensure they have the proper attire in case of a fire drill, a cold recess, transportation breaks down on the way to or from school or their classroom learning is outdoors.

If your family needs help with finding proper outdoor clothing for winter, here are community supports you can access:

[Town of Okotoks Emergency Assistance Program](#)

[Jacket Racket](#)

Christmas Fundraiser

The Meadow Ridge Fundraiser Society is planning two Christmas Fundraisers this year. As you start to think about shopping for Christmas, we will have a Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser and FundScrips Fundraiser. To find out more about FundScrips, visit <https://www.fundscrip.com/>

Stay tuned for more information from the Fundraising Society.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, Oct 29th – Halloween Celebration

Friday, Oct 30th – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Nov 2nd – Lifetouch Photos (K, 8, 9)

Tuesday, Nov 3rd – Lifetouch Photos (K – 7)

Wednesday Nov 4th – Student Learning Conferences

Thursday, Nov 5th – Student Learning Conferences

Tuesday, Nov 10th – Remembrance Day Ceremony

Tuesday, Nov 11th – Remembrance Day: NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Nov 19th – School Council & Fundraising Committee Meetings (6 – 8 pm)

Friday, Nov 27th – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Nov 30th – Term 1 Learner Profiles emailed home.

Have a safe and warm weekend,

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