

# École AGNES DAVIDSON SCHOOL

### March, 2019

#### **Dates to Remember**

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Click on me for the online calendar of events.

#### **One District One Book**

You've heard the buzzzz, the book is on it's way. Join us on March 25<sup>th</sup> for our 9am launch of the One District

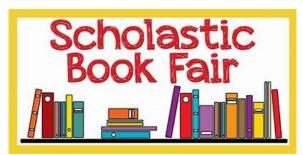


One Book! We won't let the cat out of the bag until then. When the book comes home, watch for the home reading schedule and then other activities going on around the school and district in support of this initiative. Thanks again to V Brocke Contracting for supplying every student at Agnes Davidson with a copy of the book. It's truly an amazing story and we can't wait to share it with you.

#### **English Book Fair**

Please join us in the Learning Commons for our English Book Fair. Students will have an opportunity to visit the book fair during class time. Parents are welcome to visit the book fair at their convenience as follows;

March 11-12 8:30-11:45, 12:15-3:30 (closed during recesses) March 14 11:00-4:00, 4:30 to 6pm (closed during recess)



#### **Unpaid and Overdue School Fees**



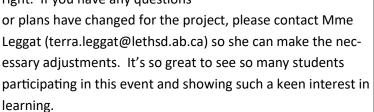
Please visit <u>School Cash Online</u> to pay any unpaid and overdue school fees. All of the fees collected go directly to offset the cost of class fieldtrips. If fees are not paid, if may result in not being able to go on the planned trips. Thank you for taking care of this matter in a timely fashion so classes can continue with their planned events.

#### Science and Heritage Fair

The Science and Heritage Fair is right around the corner. Participating students may set up their displays on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Judging of the displays will be on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and then all items are to be collected and taken home on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. To assist students with their projects, the committee has created a <u>STUDENT</u> HANDBOOK outlining some guidelines and helpful hints. This handbook can be viewed



on the school website or through the QR code on the right. If you have any questions





#### **Report Card and Celebration of Learning**

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, students will be receiving their second term report cards. This document can be viewed on Power Schools Parent Site and a hard copy will be sent home with your child. For this second reporting period, each class will be hosting a Celebration of Learning. This gives you the opportunity to come into your child's class with your child and have him/her walk you through some of the learning he/she has been doing this past term. This is a great time to see the accomplishments of your child, as well as the areas of growth. The teacher will be on hand to answer any questions and to facilitate the evening. This is a drop in format and you can expect to spend between 20-45 minutes with your child in the classroom. Teachers will also be offering private Parent-Teacher Interviews to discuss any issues if there is a need. A letter will be included in the report card indicating if the teacher is requesting a Parent-Teacher interview. If you would like to request an interview, please sign up for the individual Parent-Teacher interviews beginning March 8 at 5pm until 9pm on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> through the school website.

#### Celebration of Learning:

Thursday, March 14				
English Classes				
Gr. 1, 2, 3	4:00-6:00pm			
Gr. 4/5	5:00-7:00pm			
French Immersion Classes				
Gr. 1	4:00-6:00pm			
Gr. 2	4:00-6:00pm			
Gr. 3	4:00-600pm			
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Gr. 4 & 5	5:00-7:00pm			



#### **Counselling Connection**

# Gratitude

"It's not happiness that brings us gratitude. It's gratitude that brings us happiness."

Gratitude is the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

# **THE GRATITUDE GAME**

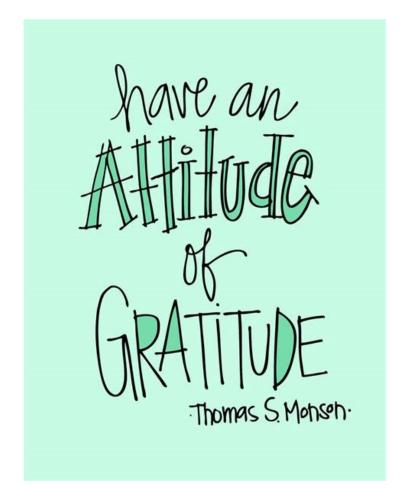
- \*Name a person you are thankful for
- \*Name a Place You are Thankful for
- \*Name a Food You are Thankful for
- \*Name a Thing You are Thankful for
- \*Name Anything of Your Choice

#### Here are 6 ways to teach your child gratitude and appreciation at home.

- 1. Be a positive role model
- 2. Focus on the GOOD parts of your day
- 3. Give unexpectedly
- 4. Help others
- 5. Send 'thank you' cards
- 6. Keep a gratitude journal

## Have a Happy, Healthy March







A music fundraiser gala

March 21st 6:00-8:00 pm

Amazing performances including: Agnes Davidson Choir, Handbells and violin

Special guests and activities:

LCI jazz band

Concession

Professional busking

Photo Booth

Instrument Petting Zoo

Attire: Semi-formal

Entry and events by donation — paid concession — All proceeds go to the Agnes Davidson music Program





SOUPER - SPECTACLE

**Traditional Sugar Shack Dinner** 

LES BÜCHERONS

## Mets traditionnels québécois

soupe aux pois . fèves au lard . pâté à la viande . jambon . creton . oeuf . pouding chômeur Tire d'érable

pea soup . baked beans . meat pie . ham . creton . eggs . pudding cake . MAPLE TAFFY

### PLACES LIMITÉES - LIMITED SEAT\*\*\*

Acheter vos billets avant le 7 mars 2019 -Buy your tickets before March 7, 2019

Aucun billet ne sera vendu à la porte

En vente à La Cité des Prairies ou en ligne frais supplément-les "frais supplémentaires en ligne On sale at La Cité des Prairies or online "Online fees

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20\$ 15\$

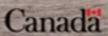
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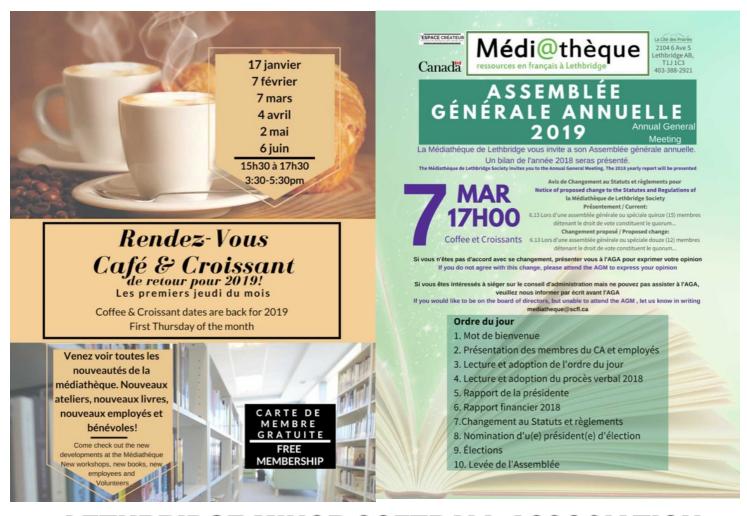
En ligne . Online: www.acfa.ab.ca/lethbridge

La Cité des Prairies 2104 - 6 Ave S Info: 403.328.8506









# LETHBRIDGE MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

<u>ABOUT US:</u> The Lethbridge Minor Softball Association is a non-profit organization which offers programs for Lethbridge and area youth to participate in the sport of softball. Boys and girls from age five to nineteen are eligible to play in divisions of two year increments.

Learn to Play programs offer instruction so that the skills to play are fundamentally developed. Players will participate, a minimum, twice a week in practices, training sessions or games which will run from late April, (weather permitting), through to the end of June.

Our association has a house league but also a competitive provincial team for players wanting to challenge themselves. We believe that you are never too old to register and regardless of experience we would love to have you come out and learn the sport which is described as a lifelong sport that encourages physical activity along with social enjoyment!

#### \*\*\*VISIT OUR WEBSITE WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION\*\*\*

VISIT www.lethbridgeminorsoftball.com TO REGISTER.

#### Online registration starts Feb 1st and ends Mar 31th.

#### In Person registration dates and locations:

March 18 - Mike Mountain Horse School - 6 to 8 pm

March 19 - Galbraith School - 6 to 8 pm

March 20 - Lakeview School - 6 to 8 pm

#### For more information, contact:

Jennifer Drader - President 403-360-7806

Lethbridge Minor Softball admin@lethbridgeminorsoftball.com

YEAR OF BIRTH	DIVISION	FEES	NIGHTS	
2011 - 2014	Learn To Play	\$55	M/W	
2009 - 2010	U10	\$60	Tu/Th	
2007 - 2008	U12	\$90	Tu/Th	
2005 - 2006	U14	\$90	M/W	
2003 - 2004	U16	\$90	M/W	
2000 - 2002	U18/U19	\$90	M/W	

# Healthy Children

March 2019 Parent Newsletter



# Nutrition Math: Are "treats" adding up?

Young children have small appetites and may feel full if they are snacking on treats such as ice cream, cookies, pop, chips and French fries. These foods are often high in added sugar, salt, and/or unhealthy fat, and provide little nutrition. They may replace healthy foods that contain more vitamins and minerals which are needed for ideal growth and development.

Treats are more common and more readily available than they were in the past. Children may be offered treats numerous times in or outside the home, such as at school, parties or after school activities. If you add them up, some days or weeks your child may be having more treats than you think! To decrease the number of unhealthy foods your family may be getting each week,

try to:

- Count all the times you think your kids are eating treats at home and school.
- Add in the treats eaten at after school activities and parties.
- Decide as a family how to cut back on how often and when treat foods are offered.
- Offer healthy choices most of the time at home and at school.
- Bring healthy food choices to parties and events. You may inspire others to do the same.

# For healthy food and snack ideas, visit

https://www.albertahealthservic es.ca/assets/info/nutrition/if-nfssnacks-for-children.pdf

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#### **Articles**

Nutrition Math: Are "treats" adding up?

How Much Shut-eye Do Children Need?

# Health advice is as easy as 8-1-1

Did you know you can get trusted health advice around the clock from a registered nurse by dialing Health Link at 8-1-1?

Health Link is Alberta's free 24/7 health information and advice line. They can help assess symptoms and help you decide if you need to seek medical attention.



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#### How Much Shut-eye Do Children Need?

According to the Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Youth, children aged 5-13 years should get 9-11 hours of sleep a night.

Why so many Z's? Sleep is critical to physical, cognitive and emotional development. The right amount of sleep improves attention, behaviour, memory and overall physical and mental health. Not getting enough sleep can result in an increase of injuries, obesity, depression and anxiety.

What makes it harder for your child to get sleep? Children are just starting to experience out of school time demands (e.g., homework, other activities). At the same time, they're becoming more interested in TV, computers, electronic games, Smartphones, the Internet and other technologies. Watching a screen within one hour before going to sleep has been linked to difficulty falling asleep and sleeping fewer hours.

Here are some tips to help your child get a good night sleep:



- Keep a consistent sleep routine, even on weekends.
- Keep your child's bedroom screen free (e.g., no tablets, phones or TVs).
- Help your child wind down with 30 minutes of "quiet time" before getting into bed (e.g., take a warm bath, dim lights, read, do relaxation breathing, address any worries).
- Keep your child's bedroom dark, quiet and at a cool but comfortable temperature.

If you're worried that your child is getting too little sleep, talk to your health care provider.

Here are some tips for your sleep:

- Be active. But not within 3 hours of bedtime.
- Avoid alcohol before bedtime. It can wake you up during the night.
- Avoid caffeine 4 to 6 hours before bedtime.
- Avoid smoking too close to bedtime.
- Avoid difficult conversations before bedtime.

#### Why Practice Self-Care?

Self-care can help to prevent burnout, help our relationships and can make us more effective.

Excessive stress can lead to mental and physical exhaustion. By engaging in self-care practices we can reset our minds and bodies, maintain healthy relationships with ourselves and others, and become more productive and resilient.

Self-kindness is taking actions and reactions we would have for others and applying them to yourself. Self-kindness leads to self-acceptance and greater satisfaction. When we embrace self-kindness, we offer ourselves better care.

#### Try these strategies:

- · Give yourself the bare essentials
- · Pay attention to your internal dialogue
- Feel your feelings
- · Reframe challenges
- · Find solutions
- Lower your expectations
- Start now

#### MORE RESOURCES

UCalgary.ca search "self-care starter kit"

AHS.ca search "ways to wellness"

#### Self-Care Tips

Self-care practices are usually things we enjoy doing. Practicing self-care does not have to be time consuming or difficult!

#### Try these activities out:

- Take a walk
- · Cuddle with a pet
- Listen to music
- · Spend time with friends and family
- Take 5 deep breaths
- Write down 3 things you are grateful for

#### 5 Tips to Be Kind to Yourself

Try adding these ideas to your selfkindness practice:

- 1. Forgive yourself
- Magnify your strengths
- 3. Participate in self-care techniques
- Make some positive affirmations and review daily
- Make a list of ways to encourage yourself

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:





Addiction Services Help Line 1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line 1-877-303-2642





POSITIVE OF THE PARENTING

March 27 6:00-8:00pm

Mike Mountain Horse School

Child care available



# Raising Confident, Competent Children

Learn about the 6 core building blocks to raising confident, competent children

Showing respect to others

Being considerate

Having good communication and social skills

Having healthy self-esteem

Being a good problem solver

Becoming independent

RSVP by March 20

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