



École AGNES DAVIDSON SCHOOL



December, 2019

Dates to Remember

- 3 Grade 4/5 Gratitude Assembly (1pm)
- 5 Family Skate (3:30pm-Henderson Arena)
- 5 LOTGO- (Boston Pizza)
- 11 Winter Extravaganza (surnames A-L)
- 12 Winter Extravaganza (surnames M-Z)
- 13 Family Skate (3:30pm-Henderson Arena)
- 19 Movie Night (5:30pm)
- 19 Family Skate (3:30pm-Henderson Arena)
- 20 Christmas Carols (9:00am)
- 23 Winter Break Starts (12:00pm)
- Jan 6 Classes resume

Overdue School Fees

Fees for field trips and other such extra-curricular activities are now past due. These fees can be paid through [School Cash Online](#). If you have an account from previous years, you are set to go. If you are new to this system, you will need your child's ASN number which can be found on the student's last report card (from any school in Alberta) or by calling the school office. Lethbridge School District schools "cashless" and therefore all payments must be made online.



MAKING CONNECTIONS

Cineplex Lethbridge, and other cities across Canada, is hosting a FREE Family Christmas Movie event on Dec 7 from 9 – 11 am. The doors open at 9:00 and you do not need a ticket. The choices for movies are: A Christmas Story, Elf, Gremlins, National Lampoons Christmas Vacation, Polar Express. There will be a huge reduction in prices for drinks, candy, and popcorn. Proceeds will go to Boys and Girls Club.

Growth Mindset - Building Positive Attitudes about Math.

Brain research shows that messages children receive from their parents about math and their parents' relationships with math can change their math learning and achievement. Regardless of your personal experiences, when you are interacting with your child it is important to keep the messages positive about math. When a child feels positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to persevere with an activity or with finding a solution to a problem. Through this, children learn that their brains can physically change with effort and it leads to increased motivation and achievement. One of the best ways to model a Growth Mindset with your child is to talk about positively about mistakes and struggles. It is important encourage your child that it is okay to make mistakes and to tell them that times of struggle are the most important times for our brains. When we are making mistakes, our brains grow the most – celebrate making mistakes with your children!

For more information check out Jo Boaler's research and work on Mathematical Mindset.

<https://www.youcubed.org/resource/parent-resources/>

After School Skating

This year our school will be participating in "Free Family After School Skating" at Henderson Ice Rink. Please join us for this fun family activity which begins Thursday, December 5th from 3:30 to 4:45 pm. We have the following Thursdays booked for skating: December 5th, 12th, 19th, and January 9th, 16th, 23th, and 30th.

All students need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian (either skating or in the stands). In accordance with Lethbridge School District policy, all children skating must wear a CSA approved skating helmet on the ice. Biking helmets do not meet the safety requirements but the school does have a handful of CSA approved helmets to lend out. As well, strollers, sleds, and those not wearing skates will not be permitted on the ice. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!



Tis The Season For Sharing and Good Will

Toys For Tots

Once again, our school will be supporting the Salvation Army by participating in their Toys for Tots Christmas campaign. Contributions of new unwrapped toys for less fortunate children aged 0 - 12 are being accepted. All toys can be brought to the school any time up until December 12th when we will present our donations to a member of the Salvation Army. The toys can be placed in Santa's sleigh and boxes located just outside the office doors. Thank you in advance, for spreading Christmas cheer and helping our students be leaders through caring for our community.



Sock It To 'Em' Campaign



From December 2nd to December 13th, the Caretakers and Maintenance staff in Lethbridge and area schools, CUPE 290, are collecting NEW SOCKS to be donated to local charities for Christmas. Please join them and make someone's Christmas a little bit warmer! Students may bring socks any time before December 13th and place them in the bin located just outside the office.

Early Education and Kindergarten registration will not occur in January. In order to determine a timeline for registration there are still a few determinants that need to be confirmed by Alberta Education. We will be sharing more information about registration timelines for the 2020/21 school year later in January. As we receive more information it will be posted on our website. Thank you for your eagerness to join our school community! Once registration is open, we will let our school community know.



Winter Extravaganza

On your family's evening please use either the front doors, the staff parking lot doors, or the south entrance by Mrs. Walker's room (opposite the playground). All muddy and wet foot wear should be removed in the boot room you enter and then placed in your child's boot room.



SPARK CONNECTION WITH YOUR CHILD

Feeling connected allows us to feel a sense of belonging, wanted and cherished. Humans need each other. It's important that we feel supported, valued and loved. Those who have strong connections are happier, healthier and tend to live longer than those who report feeling disconnected or lonely.

- Surprise your child with an EXTRA chapter at bedtime
- Cook you child's favourite meal without them asking for it
- Spend ten minutes playing with your child no matter how old
- Plan a "date" night with your child
- Read the same book as your child
- Make a family handshake
- Take a walk holding hands
- Share daily gratitude at dinner time
- Build a blanket fort



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Sock it to Em' Campaign Starts</i> <i>Toy Drive Starts</i> <i>Yoga Club</i>	3 <i>Junior Choir</i> <i>Grade 4/5 Gratitude Assembly</i> <i>Advanced Handbells</i>	4 <i>Senior Choir</i> <i>Beginner Handbells Math Club</i>	5 <i>Junior Choir</i> <i>LOTGO</i> <i>Family Skate</i>	6	7 <i>Mayor's Christmas Concert</i> 
8 	9 <i>Yoga Club</i> <i>Scientists in School (Mme Mills)</i>	10 <i>Seussical the Musical (Gr.3 French Immersion)</i> <i>Junior Choir</i> <i>Scientist in School (Mrs. Baker)</i> <i>Advanced Handbells</i>	11 <i>Senior Choir</i> <i>Beginner Handbells Math Club</i> <i>Winter Extravaganza (A-L)</i>	12 <i>Scientists in School (Mme Mooney)</i> <i>Toy Drive Ends</i> <i>Senior Choir</i> <i>Family Skate Winter Extravaganza (M-Z)</i>	13 <i>Sock it to Em' Campaign Ends</i>	14
15	16 <i>Yoga Club</i>	17 <i>Junior Choir</i> <i>Advanced Handbells</i>	18 <i>Reindeer Games (grade 4/5 students)</i> <i>Senior Choir</i> <i>Beginner Handbells</i> <i>Math Club</i>	19 <i>Pancakes & PJ's (all EEP programs)</i> <i>Family Skate</i> <i>Movie Night (advanced ticket purchase re-quired)</i>	20 <i>Winter Break starts at 12:00pm!</i> <i>Have fun!</i>	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31	<i>See you on January 6th!</i>			

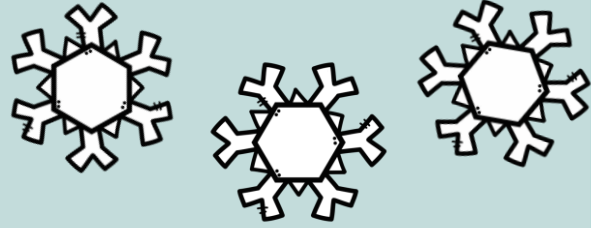


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Winter Family

Extravaganza

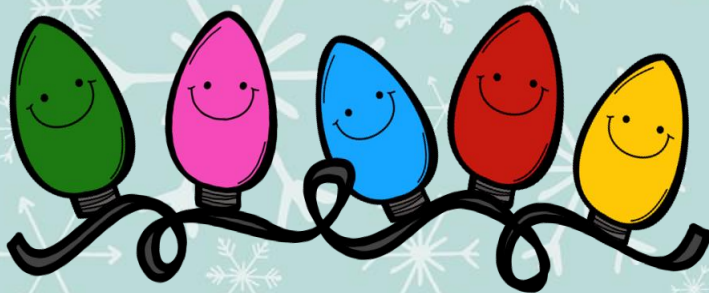
Wednesday, Dec. 11th
Surnames A-L



Thursday, Dec. 12th
Surnames M-Z

6:30 –
8:00

Join us for an evening of
fun family-friendly activities
throughout the school.





Winter Family Extravaganza!



Come Join Us!
There will be:

Dancing
Snacks and Hot Chocolate
Sing-alongs and Stories
Photobooth with a special guest!
Crafts
Bingo
Scavenger Hunt



Please join us at Agnes Davidson on December 11th or 12th, 2019 from 6:30-8:00pm while we celebrate the winter season with our school families. There will be several events happening around the school throughout the evening to enjoy all the season has to offer!

It is recommended that families with surnames from A-L attend on December 11th and families with surnames from M-Z attend on December 12th. Enter through either the parking lot doors or the playground doors, proceed to your child's coatrack to leave coats and change shoes. Then feel free to explore the school and enjoy the variety of fun, seasonal events that will be taking place. Go and dance to some seasonal songs and dance tunes in the gym, then take a break and quench your thirst with hot chocolate and snacks in the staff room. Then maybe come and do some singing in the music room or indulge in some bingo or craft making. It's a choose your own seasonal adventure kind of night so come and enjoy with the wonderful families of Agnes Davidson!



..... École Agnes Davidson School Presents

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, December 19th

Doors Open at 5:30pm



Movie begins at 6:00pm



Tickets can be purchased in the school office for \$2.00 each. Only 500 tickets available.

Get yours before they are sold out.

See you at the movies!



Families are encouraged to bring blankets & wear pajamas!



You Are Invited to Attend

All My Relations Seminars

At Opokaa'sin Early Intervention Society

241 Stafford Drive North Lethbridge, AB. T1H 2A5

Attention: Chantilly Prairie Chicken 403-380-2569



- Enjoy a sense of identity and belonging
- Learn Traditional knowledge from Blackfoot Elders
- Strengthen meaningful individual & family relationships
- Free child care & supper provided

Wednesday November 27, 2019 From: 5:30 – 8:00 PM (RSVP by the 26th)

Niisto (The Individual) - Self-concept and personal goals for change

Wednesday December 4, 2019 From: 5:30 – 8:00 PM (RSVP by the 2nd)

Nistawatsimin (The Parent – Child Relationship) - Involved parenting is important to children's development and health

Wednesday December 11, 2019 From: 5:30 – 8:00 PM (RSVP by the 9th)

Aaki'yihkaakiimaa't (The Couple Relationship & The Four Generations) - Encouragement of your family, identity, resiliency & not to give up.

Wednesday December 18, 2019 From: 5:30 – 8:00 PM (RSVP by the 16th)

Saipao'ohtaka (The Community) - The Blackfoot Concept of All My Relations

TO REGISTER CONTACT THE FAMILY CENTRE 403-320-4232

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