

LINSFORD PARK SCHOOL

"Building Healthy, Inclusive Relationships and Academic Competencies"



October 2018

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Warm weather and beautiful autumn colours are a wonderful way to begin the month of October! With one month of school behind us, we have much to celebrate and things to move onto!

END OF DAY PICK UP PROCEDURES

We kindly ask that ALL parents waiting for their child(ren) inside the school do so in the main foyer by the office. This is both for the security of our students as well as helping to keep hallways less congested and quiet while learning is still in progress. Please note that strollers are not allowed in the school hallways.

STUDENT PICK UP PHONE REQUESTS

The end of the day can be very busy in the school office. If you have requests or instructions for pick up or bussing please write a note in your child's agenda for the teacher. If you have to make a last minute request please call the office before 2:00 pm so there is time to deliver the message.

PICTURE DAY!



Student pictures (Pre-K, K, and Grades 1-6) for purchase will be taken Wednesday, October 3. Tuesday/Thursday Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will have their photos taken on Thursday, October 4th. Parent Council has contracted ICON for this event. Hope to see some amazing smiles on these days! Retakes are booked to occur on October 24th.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Wednesday
October 3

@ 2:30



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Important
Message

VISITORS

Visitors to the school must report to the office when entering the school. This is for the safety of all students. All outer school doors will be locked during the school day except the front entrance. Parents are asked to remain in the foyer by the front office until the bell rings at 3:15 before going to classrooms. In this way less disruption occurs to the learning environment and the security of knowing who is in our school remains optimal. Thanks for your support in this matter!

VISITOR PARKING

We wish to advise visitors that you may not use the staff parking lots or the bus loading zone when visiting the school. Please also do not park on the crosswalks or by the pylons in front of the school. For the safety of our students, community and traffic, the road in front of the school is frequently monitored by the RCMP who will ticket anyone not abiding by the rules of the road and signage.

CUSTODIAN DAY!

October 2nd is National Custodian Day. Please feel free to let Mrs. Esopenko and Mrs. Kisch, Linsford's custodians, know how much they are appreciated! They do an incredible job keeping Linsford clean and safe!

FALL FOOD BANK ROUNDUP

We are collecting items for the Leduc Food Bank until the morning of October 5th. Please send non-perishable food items along with your child to school. Let's help support some needy families. It's all about caring and sharing!



POWER SCHOOL PARENT PORTALS

Each student **MUST** have a parent with a working Power School Parent Portal. Please make sure you can access your Parent account. If you can't OR if you've never set one up please contact the office immediately. If you don't have a computer at home you can use one here at the school. Without this account you will **NOT** be able to do the student verification, field trip permission forms or any of the on-line consent forms. **Thank you to all of our parents who have taken the time to set this up.**

TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

Thanks to all the generous donations from our students and staff, we were pleased to make a donation of \$65.45 to the Terry Fox Foundation.

BOTTLE DRIVE

Thank you to all of those families who participated in our fall bottle drive! We raised \$474.55 for the school. Thank you for your continued support! Jackie Ohlmann, Fundraising Coordinator

POPCORN AND MILK CARD SALES

Milk and popcorn cards can now be purchased on your "Power School Parent Portal". Popcorn cards are \$5.00 for 5 bags. Popcorn days are once a month; the same day as early dismissal. Milk cards are \$20.00 for 20 milk and you can purchase either white or chocolate on your parent portal.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Linsford Park is delighted to announce our 2018/19 Parent Council team:

President - Noelle Williams; Vice President - Patty Burak

Treasurer - Lacy Fontaine

Secretary - JoyDawn Corbeil

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Tiana Zwarich

Healthy Snack Coordinator - Tina Budinski

Fundraising Coordinator - Jackie Ohlmann

Popcorn Coordinator Colleen Buhler & crew.

Please join us for the 1st meeting - **Thursday, October 4th @ 6 pm** in the school library. All Linsford parents are welcome to attend as members at large. Mrs. Oppermann & Mr. McDonald will also attend as staff members.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

October 19th and November 1st, 2018

****No School for Students****

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY



The school will be closed Monday, October 8th for a three day Thanksgiving weekend. Enjoy time with your family as you celebrate this special time of thankfulness!

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES



At 1:45 pm on October 31st students are welcome to dress in their Halloween costumes. Prior to this time it is a regular school day without costumes so that the focus is on daily learning. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite character from a book or movie! Characters depicting violence or gore are not appropriate in a school setting. Weaponry is also not appropriate. At 2:15 pm we will have a costume parade in the gym followed by individual classroom activities till the end of the day. Please join us for the parade! If you would prefer that your child not participate in this part of the day, please let your child's teacher know so that other arrangements can be made for them.

HEALTHY SNACK

We will be having a healthy snack sale on **TUESDAY**, October 23, 2018 during the morning recess. If your child would like to participate, please send them with some money that day. Items will range in price from 50 cents to \$1.50. Watch for further dates in the November newsletter.

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Alberta Government has given every school in Alberta funds to support a nutrition program. Starting in October each classroom at Linsford Park will have a selection of healthy snack options available for students in need of something to eat. Eating healthily and enough helps a child's mood, focus and energy level; positively influencing their success as learners.





FAMILY WELLNESS

Hello Everyone!

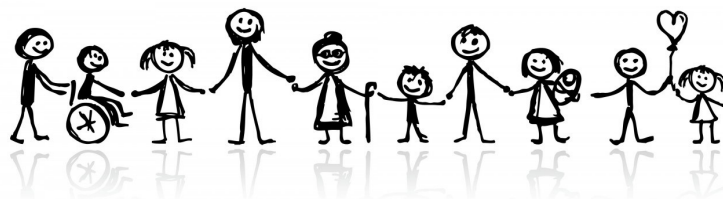
I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself, I am Katelynn Sullivan the Family School Liaison Worker at Linsford Park School. This month I am going to be in many of your children's classroom talking with them about self regulation. I am going to be using a program called Zones of Regulation to help the kids learn about how to identify their feelings as well as teaching tools to help them learn to cope with their emotions. I will be sending a parent letter home when I am in your child's class with more information. To support your child in learning more about their feelings and regulating them, you can help by openly talking about your own feelings and your child's feelings at home ! Looking forward to a wonderful year working together to assist in your child's success at Linsford Park School.

In the Community

A few resources in the community this month

Free Workshops Co-parenting and Children in Change
Oct.13th 10am-4pm.

Contact FCSS Leduc for more information or to register 780-980-7109.



A message from Parent Council

We would like to give all of the parents at Linsford Park some information on what our group is and does, and send out an invitation to join us.



We help create a fun environment for our kids. Some of the events organized and funded by the parent council are:

- Funday
- Ice cream day
- Hot lunches
- Swimming day to celebrate end of school
- Popcorn
- Fieldtrips
- Safety patrol swimming day and pizza party
- Grade 6 year end party
- Teacher appreciation lunch

"NOTHING YOU DO FOR CHILDREN IS EVER WASTED."

Garrison Keillor

BE INVOLVED AND HAVE A VOICE IN DECISION MAKING:

- How and where funds are spent.
We have contributed money to the Mind Up program, Red Cross swimming lessons for Grade 1 and 2 and assisted with playground equipment
- School photographer

Get connected

- Know what's happening in school
- Know the staff
- Be aware of upcoming events and programs at school

IT'S EASY!

- Meetings are only once a month
- Even if you only have a small amount of time to pitch in, all contribution matters and makes a difference!

Without the help of parents, we won't be able to offer these programs and events to our kids, so we are inviting you to come out and join our team!

Please join us at our monthly meetings in the school library or contact Noelle Williams at williamsn@shaw.ca if you have any questions.



Linsford Park Spirit Wear

All orders must be placed online through:
[One Stitch Two Stitch](#)

Orders must be placed by October 20, 2018 and will be ready by November 24, 2018. Any orders placed later than October 20 may have to wait longer to receive their items.



If you have any questions,
please contact Miss Archie at:
Tiffany.archie@gshare.blackgold.ca

Regional Collaborative Service Delivery School Team Visits



October 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are working together with our partners in the Leduc and Area Regional Collaborative Services Delivery area [LA RCSD] to support learning opportunities for students at our school.

Members of the LA RCSD team will visit our school during the year. The team includes:

- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Mental Health Nurse

The team may also include:

- Family School Liaison Worker
- Other developmental, social, emotional and behavioural services accessed by the school to support learner needs.

This team will work with the School-Based Team (teachers, support staff, and administrative staff) to support all children. They may visit classrooms and share ideas with the teacher. They will contact you as a parent / guardian directly if any follow up is required for your own child.

More information is available at

[Government of Alberta](#)

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Oppermann", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ann Oppermann
Principal, Linsford Park School