



September 2019



From the Office

Hello Park Meadows School Community! From all of us here we welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. Your teachers, educational assistants, caretakers, and office & support staff have been hard at work the last week of August preparing learning activities in Literacy and Numeracy, cleaning the hallways, planting new gardens, painting walls, installing new projectors, and creating a safe and caring learning place for your children. We are excited to meet all our students.

Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 3 at 8:20 for all Grade 2-5 students. Students in Grade 1, EEP, and Kindergarten will have a staggered entry during the first week - as per the letter you received in the middle of August which indicates the appropriate first day for your son or daughter.

Be sure to come to our Meet the Teacher evening event on Wednesday, September 4th. Bring your own picnic supper and then come and meet your teachers. This event runs from 5:30pm—7:00pm.

Your School Leaders (Jackie Fletcher, serves as Vice-Principal; Mark Blankenstyn, serves as Principal) want to welcome new and returning staff to our building. Together, our mission at Park Meadows is to create a school where children, who are valued for their diversity, feel empowered to grow and influence their communities by taking care of themselves, others, and the world. We, as a staff, live out this mission in many tangible ways and engage your children in learning activities that guide them to develop life-long learning and life-long caring. We ask ourselves, our students, and our community the following questions: How are we caring for ourselves? How are we caring for others? How are we caring for this place? We challenge you to engage your child in these questions and get them thinking about creative answers. Be sure to check out our school's website at www.pm.lethsd.ab.ca. There is a host of information on our website about events and activities.

-Mark Blankenstyn & Jackie Fletcher (your School Leaders).

Hot Lunches

School Council has a great line up of Hot Lunches for this coming year! First, we'll have M&M Meats grill up some hot dogs for \$6 per meal on September 26. Remember to order before September 13! All payments must be made through School Cash Online, as per our District Cashless Movement (*more info available in office*).

Transportation

We have our first school bus for students living more than 2.4 km from our school. Please be mindful of the "Loading Zone" in front of our school to allow for bus parking. More information available in the office. We also have brand new scooter racks for students to park their scooters behind the playground, instead of bringing them inside. Remember your lock!

School Council Meeting — Tuesday, September 17 — 6:30pm

Welcome to a new school year. All parents and guardians are invited to join our School Council. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 pm at the school in the Learning Commons. Come join us as we counsel with our school administrators about school programs and plan this year's fundraisers to help pay for field trips, guest presentations, and more. We are looking forward to meeting and working with you.



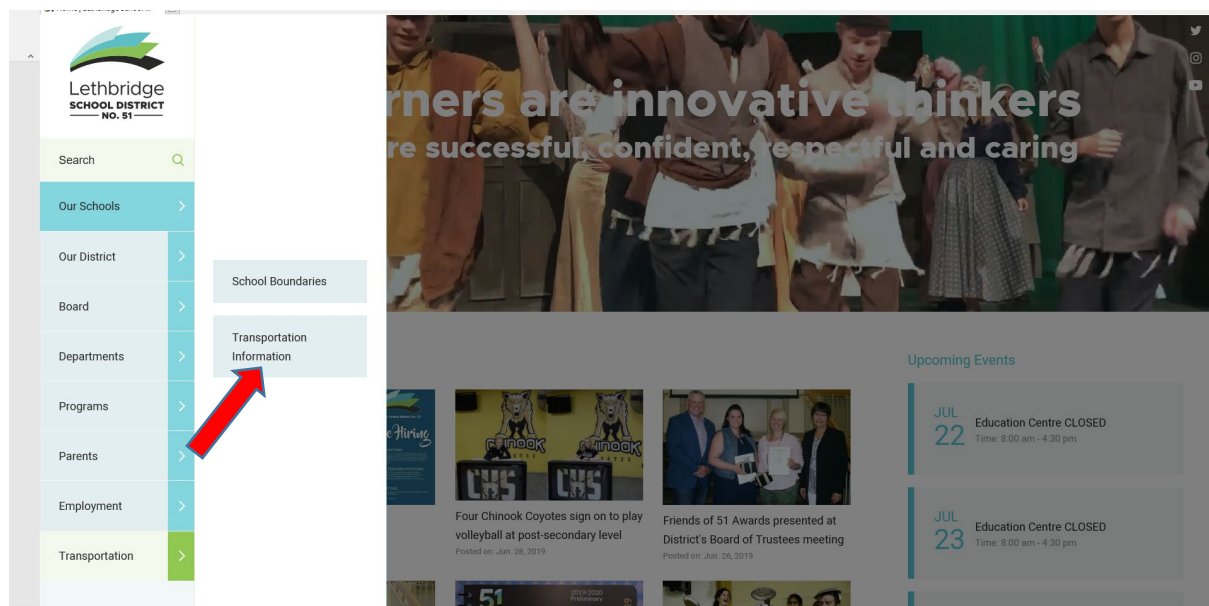
Park Meadows Elementary School Calendar 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Labour Day No School	3 First Day of School School Assembly 10:30am	4 Meet the Teacher Picnic 5:30-7:00pm	5 School Assembly 10:30am	6	7
8	9 Book Exchange Begins	10	11	12	13 Terry Fox Run <i>Bring a Toonie for Terry!</i> Hot Lunch Orders Due on School Cash Online	14
15	16	17 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	18	19	20	21
22	23 Picture Day	24 Swimming – Thielen	25	26 Hot Lunch – M&M Meats	27	28
29	30 Orange Shirt Day					

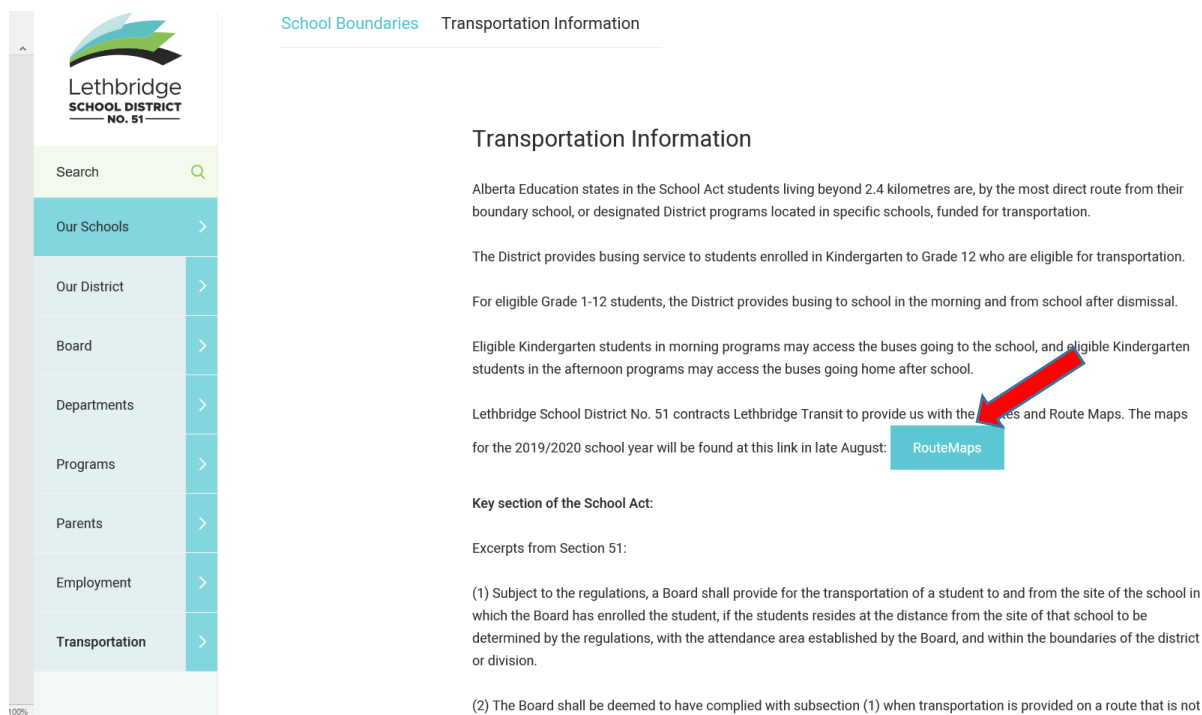
How to find Bus Routes and Maps

Go to www.lethsd.ab.ca

> click on [Transportation](#) > click on [Transportation Information](#)



➤ click on the link [“Route Maps”](#)



Once you click on your child's route the **Map** will appear on the first page, scrolling to the next page will provide you with the **exact location of the bus stop and the time of arrival.**



LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 51

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MEMO

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Cheryl Shimbashi, Transportation Coordinator
Date: June 25, 2019
Re: In-Eligible Student Rider Reminder

Under the provisions of Section 51 of the *School Act* as well as Student Transportation Regulation 250/98 of the *School Act*, it states “a board shall provide for the transportation of a student to and from the site of a school in which the board has enrolled the student if the student resides 2.4 kilometres or more from the boundary school.”

The board reviews availability on the buses after the 3rd week of September each school year for in-eligible students (students who are under 2.4 kms from their boundary school). Upon review, if space is available, a student may be allowed to ride the bus as long as space is not required for students who are eligible for transportation.

Please note, permission is only granted to in-eligible students after the third week of September for each school year and is not automatically granted into the next school year.

If your child is in-eligible for transportation for the 2019-2020 school year please note the procedure as outlined below:

1. At the beginning of the school year you may call my office and request that your child/children be placed on a waiting list. I receive a high volume of calls during this time, so please leave a message with your request. It could take several days for me to return any calls that require a response, however please note that all requests will be recorded and may not need a return call. Email requests will also be accepted.
2. Space availability will be reviewed during the 3rd week of September.
3. Parents are welcome to call my office during the 4th week of September to see if there is space for their child/children. Preference will be given to students whose distance from their school is the furthest.
4. If your child/children are granted access to the bus, you will need to sign the required acknowledgement paperwork in person at the Board Office. Once that has occurred, the school and Transit will be advised and your child/children will then be given a bus pass.

If you have any further questions or concerns I may be contacted at 403-380-5303 or cheryl.shimbashi@lethsd.ab.ca

Cheryl Shimbashi
Transportation Coordinator

SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, **Lethbridge School District No.51** would like to reduce the amount of cash & checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

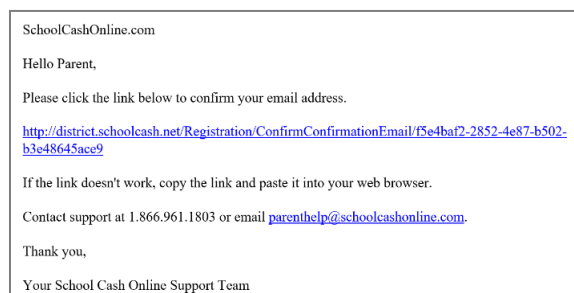
Step 1: Register

- a) If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://lethbridge.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name.
- b) Enter the School Name.
- c) Enter Your Child's Student Number (this can be found on the report card)
- d) Enter Your Child's Last Name and Birth Date.
- e) Select *Continue*.
- f) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
- g) Your child has been added to your account.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? [?](#)

School Name: [?](#)

Student Information

Do you have the student number?

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

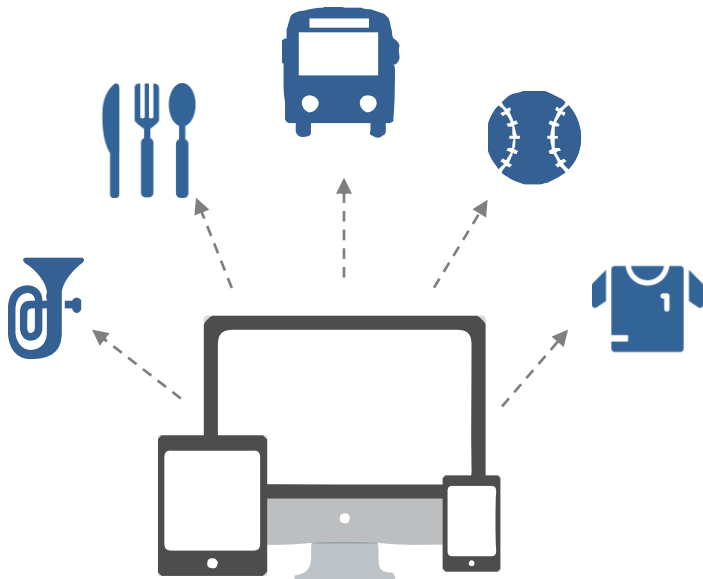
Welcome to *School Cash Online*

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

Why Use School Cash Online?

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your student's school items and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.

eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck through School Cash Online.

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 **Create Your Profile:**
Go to <https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".
- 2 **Confirm Your Email:**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 **Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.



Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.


For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com or 1.866.961.1803

School Messenger

Instructions for Parents/Guardians

Lethbridge School District 51 is pleased to introduce its student absence reporting system. This system makes it easier for you to report your child's absence, reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, and allows staff to respond to unexplained student absences more efficiently.

This new absence reporting system is called **SchoolMessenger**. It allows you to report your child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

1	Mobile App	 SchoolMessenger App
Download the Apple or Android app to report absences.		
2	Website	go.schoolmessenger.com
Log into this website to access the Parent Portal where an account can be set up to report absences.		
3	Phone Line	1-866-879-1041
Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system to report absences.		

All methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Therefore, absences may be reported ahead of time, e.g. Doctor or dentist appointment etc.

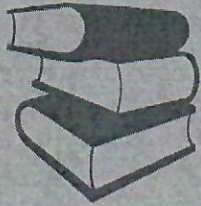
In addition, we will be using the SchoolMessenger automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. SchoolMessenger attempts to contact parents at multiple contact numbers until the designated contact(s) is/are reached. If the system is unable to reach a designated contact within 25 minutes, office staff will follow up. If you report your child absent in advance using the SchoolMessenger website, app or toll-free number, you will not receive these calls.

Please note that accounts must be created using email addresses that we have on file in the office. Student update forms can be found in the school office, if you need to change/update any information.

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SafeArrival

Telling the school
your child is absent

PHONE
1-866-879-1041

3

Press 3
For
"Attendance"

#

Enter Your
Phone Number
that you have
registered
with the
school

1

Press 1
For
"Absence
for Today"

1

Press 1
To finish

6

Press 6
For "Parent
Approved
Absence"

1 for illness/injury
2 for appointment
3 for out of town
4 for weather
5 for bereavement

1

Press 1
For Full Day
2 for late
3 for early
departure
4 for leave and
return



Call when your child
is not going to school

Resource Developed by Lethbridge Family Services



COR VAN RAAY
YMCA at ATB Centre

Youth & Sport Programs

Join us today!

- 3 Full sized gymnasiums
- 1 large field house (can divide into an additional 3 gymnasiums)
- A variety of open gym and leisure drop-in times
- Children, youth and adult sport programming
- Fitness classes and drop-in sport opportunities

Basketball

This program teaches foundational sport specific basketball skills and strategies. Taught in a fun and dynamic environment, this program focuses on personal development and teamwork, while applying new skills. Each week our coaches will guide participants through a warm up and skills session, then end with a recreation, non-competitive game where players can put their skills to the test. Participants must have appropriate indoor footwear and activewear. All skills and abilities are welcome. Skills taught will vary between age groups.

Badminton

Explore the foundational skills of badminton and develop a love for this fast-moving game. Each session will start with a sport specific warm-up, then move into a skills session and wind things up with non competitive games to apply your new skills. Badminton coaching and equipment is included. Participants must have appropriate indoor footwear and activewear. All skills and abilities are welcome. Skills taught will vary between age groups.



Volleyball

Serve up some fun and get ready to fall in love with the game of volleyball! Participants will explore the basic skills and game strategy of volleyball. Each week our coaches will guide participants through a warm up and skills session, then end with a recreation, non-competitive game where players can put their skills to the test. Your child will keep active while developing hand-eye coordination, team skills and sportsmanship. Participants must have appropriate indoor footwear and activewear. All skills and abilities are welcome. Skills taught will vary between age groups.

Indoor Soccer

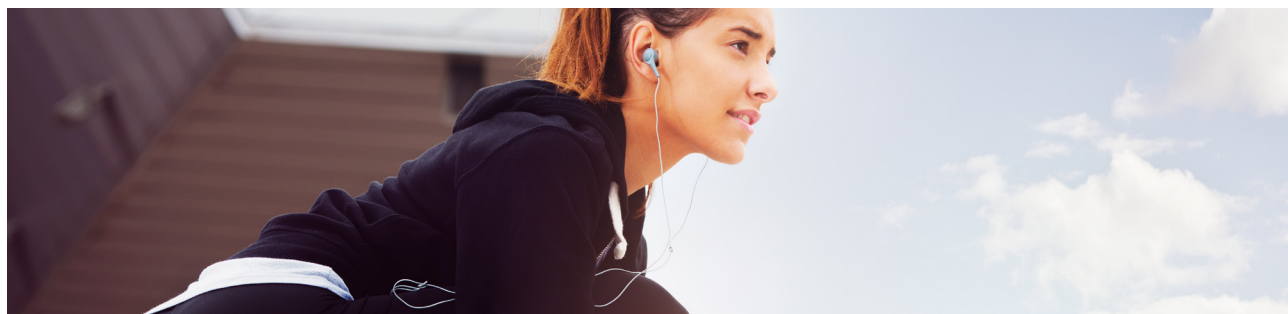
Get your kicks learning indoor soccer. Participants will learn a variety of soccer skills including running, kicking, dribbling, passing and receiving through practice and game play. Your child will develop an understanding of the game, develop motivation and confidence in movement, as well as important life skills such as teamwork and communication. Participants must have appropriate footwear and activewear. All levels and abilities are welcome. Skills taught will vary between age groups.

Multi-Sport

This multisport program will develop your competence and confidence by introducing them to a variety of sport activities including badminton, basketball, volleyball and more! This program is great for those looking for an opportunity to try a new sport, or for those just looking to improve their multi-sport skill set. Participants must have appropriate footwear and activewear. All levels and abilities are welcome. Skills taught will vary between age groups.

TGIF

Friday is Y-day! Get your weekend started right in this fun-filled Friday program. Participate in a wide range of activities each week including a variety of sports, games, crafts, and more! Come hang out with us, meet new friends and get ready to have some fun.



BOOK TODAY!



www.lethbridgeymca.ca



August 19, 2019

To avoid waiting in line at public Influenza clinics in Lethbridge, parents have the option to book appointments for their children aged 6 months up to and including 4 years of age.

This option is only available in Lethbridge. Parents will be able to call to book on/after 16 SEPT 2019.

When parents call to book the appointment for a child within this age range, they will also have the option of booking additional appointments so they and their other children can get their influenza immunizations at the same time.

Call the Lethbridge Public Health office at # **403-388-6666** to book appointments. Please have your Alberta Health Care cards available. Indicate that you want to book appointments at the Lethbridge Public Influenza clinic (at the Exhibition Park).

For information regarding clinic dates and times and for additional influenza information, visit www.ahs.ca/influenza