



NEWSLETTER

September 2021

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WELCOME BACK!

Families,

It is hard to imagine that another school year is upon us. I want to thank you all for the amazing amount of support, patience and understanding that you have afforded this COVID process. I would also like to thank you for the warm welcome you have extended both Mrs. Willms-Laing and I as we are privileged to join the Park Meadows Team this year. In welcoming students back to school, I cannot say enough about how excited we all are to have the honor of working with your children. Despite having again to follow a few new ways of doing things, at the end of the day, we are committed to maintaining a safe and caring learning environment where our students will be able to flourish and grow. I look forward to the weeks ahead.

Yours in Education,

Teri Smith

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 6 — Labour Day No SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 14 — Meet the Teacher Online Event

Friday, September 17 — Terry Fox Run

Tuesday, September 21 — School Council Meeting


Wednesday, September 29 — **Orange Shirt Day**

Thursday, September 30 — National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Tuesday, October 5 — Fall Picture Day



How to Report a Student Absence...

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.		



SafeArrival
Telling the school your child is absent

PHONE 1-866-879-1041

Press 3 For "Attendance" # Enter Your Phone Number that you have registered with the school

Press 1 To finish

Press 6 For "Parent Approved Absence"
1 for illness/injury
2 for appointment
3 for out of town
4 for weather
5 for bereavement

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

Press 1 For "Absence for Today"

Call when your child is not going to school

Resource Developed by Lethbridge Family Services

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. Please email the school office, if you need to change/update any information.

GET INVOLVED!

We invite all parents and guardians to join us at the upcoming *School Council Meeting* on *Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30pm* (online link will be available)

For more information contact your school council at parkmeadowsparentcouncil@gmail.com

GRADE K-5	Monday-Thursday	Friday
Outside Supervision begins	7:50am	7:50am
School Starts	8:00am	8:00am
AM Recess Rotation	9:25—10:00am	9:25—10:00am
Lunch & Recess Rotation	11:15am—12:20pm	-
PM Recess Rotation	1:15—1:50pm	-
Dismissal	3:00pm	11:45am

EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM (EEP)	Monday - Thursday
AM CLASS	
School Starts	8:10am
Dismissal	10:55am
PM CLASS	
School Starts	12:25pm
Dismissal	3:10pm

School bus routes are posted on Southland Transportation Ltd.'s website.

<https://www.southland.ca/lethbridge/>

Please note bus routes will continuously be assessed throughout the first two weeks of school, and adjustments will be made as necessary. Students that are eligible for bussing (2.4km or more distance from school) will be given a bus pass the first week of school. Thank you for your patience!

If your child is in-eligible for bussing and you would like your child to be placed on the waiting list, please email cheryl.shimbashi@lethsd.ab.ca



We are so excited to have you back! It's going to be a great year at Park Meadows! Office hours are Monday-Thursday 7:30am to 3:30pm and Friday 7:30am to 12:30pm. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact the office at 403.328.9965

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There are three ways to say September in Blackfoot: Traditionally, Blackfoot people didn't have a 12 month calendar like we have today. They kept track of the time of year by observing patterns in seasonal changes.

1. awakaasiiki'somm -- deer moon
2. iitaipa'ksikini'kaayi pakki' pistsi -- when cherries are mushy
3. iitaomatapapitsitsisko -- when the leaves change colour (Blackfoot Dictionary, 2017).

For your Calendar...

- September 7th: Orange shirt order deadline
- September 22nd: Treaty 7 Day
- September 27th: Faceless Dolls due to Melanie
- September 28th: Orange shirt delivery
- September 30th: Orange shirt day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

SAVE
THE
DATE

Deadline to
order Orange
Shirts is
September 7th!
Click on the
Orange Shirt to
order



In the works...

- All schools are choosing Indigenous Reps to attend exciting Division Wide PL
- Grade 1 Elementary Focus for 2021-2022
- Ongoing creation of curriculum connections and resources
- Faceless Doll Project with the Sisters in Spirit Committee
- Orange Shirt- "Every Child Matters" T-shirt contest
- September is Reconciliation month and the City of Lethbridge is busy planning events! Stay tuned!

