



# NEWSLETTER

December 2021

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Hello families!

Welcome to December. Wow! Time has flown by.

We have had a fantastic November with Kindergarten interviews, Rock your Mocs and creating Metis dot art as a school (take a look at the school website for a picture of what it looks like!). Thank you also to teachers for getting report cards ready! We hope you had the opportunity to celebrate with your child.

Students have been working on demonstrating “Belonging” in school—students are showing others they matter and that others belong to our school community. We have also been enjoying Maker Spaces in the Learning Commons with Mrs. Zam getting multiple puzzles together for students to explore on Friday.

We are looking forward to a virtual Christmas Concert—thank you to School Council for decorating the music room and to Mrs. Schell for getting that together! Stay tuned for directions on how to view your child’s classroom. We also are anticipating a week of special days to complete our last week of December before Christmas holidays.

Thank you for all you do to support our staff and students! Have a fantastic December and, as always, reach out if you need anything!

-Sharon Willms-Laing

## Student Safety !

Please be mindful and respectful when driving in the alleyway to the east and south of our school. If you choose to use the alley to pick up/drop off your child, please do not park directly in front of garages that face the alley and please drive with care as many of our students and their families cross here to access their vehicles or their homes in the neighborhood.

Reminder that our Staff Parking lot is not permitted for parents to drop off/pick up students. Help us by keeping our parking lot safe for everyone by not using it as a drop off or pick up location for your child. Only students requiring access due to limited mobility may access the handicap parking stalls in our lot.

# Upcoming Events

Monday, December 13 — Winter Hat Day

Tuesday, December 14 — Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday, December 15 — **Red** & **Green** Day

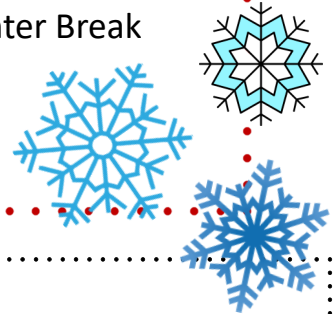
Thursday, December 16 — Winter Sweater Day

Friday, December 17 — Pajama Day

Friday, December 17 — Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

December 20 to January 3 — WINTER BREAK

Tuesday, January 4 — Classes Resume



**GET  
INVOLVED!**

**THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER MEETING**

The next School Council Meeting will be on  
Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30pm

[Please click here for the Teams meeting link.](#)

For more information contact your school council at [pmsc.leth@gmail.com](mailto:pmsc.leth@gmail.com)

Thank you to everyone that has brought in an Angel tree gift. If you require extra Angel tree tags, we have them available in the office. This is not a school expectation but an opportunity to support another child if you are able.

  
CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

**lost  
and  
found**

**At the end of December, all lost and found items will be donated.**

If you are missing something, please remind your child to check in the lost and found. We encourage parents to also come and have a look. Just come to the front of the school and ring the doorbell during office hours. There are coats, sweaters, toques, mittens, water bottles and more.

## COVID-19 HEALTH UPDATES

Interested in some information on vaccinations?

[Please click here to read a letter from Alberta Health](#)

Are you travelling during the Winter Break?

[Please click here to read the Government of Canada requirements for travellers](#)

## Metis Dot Art

Park Meadows participated in a special project as part of the celebration of Métis Days.

[Click here to see more pictures and a video](#)

The art that our students created is absolutely beautiful! Pictures do not do it justice.



Registration dates for the  
2022/23 school year are coming soon.  
Please watch our website for updates.

[www.pm.lethsd.ab.ca](http://www.pm.lethsd.ab.ca)



Park Meadows staff would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

# DECEMBER ISSTAATO'S (IS-STA-TOO-SEE)



## WINTER CAMP

Winter camp locations were often scouted by tribe members in October or November. The chief would take into consideration the reports from the scouts and choose a location for the tribe to move to. Ideally, wintering grounds were areas with many trees, in valleys, where people could be sheltered from the cold wind and snow. Camps were along rivers for access to fresh water and firewood.



## ORAL STORYTELLING

During the winter, days were long and gave the people the time to rest, spend time together, and share stories. During the long cold nights children would be encouraged to stay up late by the fire and listen to their elders share legends and stories of their tribe.



## Happy Holidays!

It is our wish to you that you and your loved ones have a beautiful holiday and that you enjoy this well deserved break!  
See you next year!

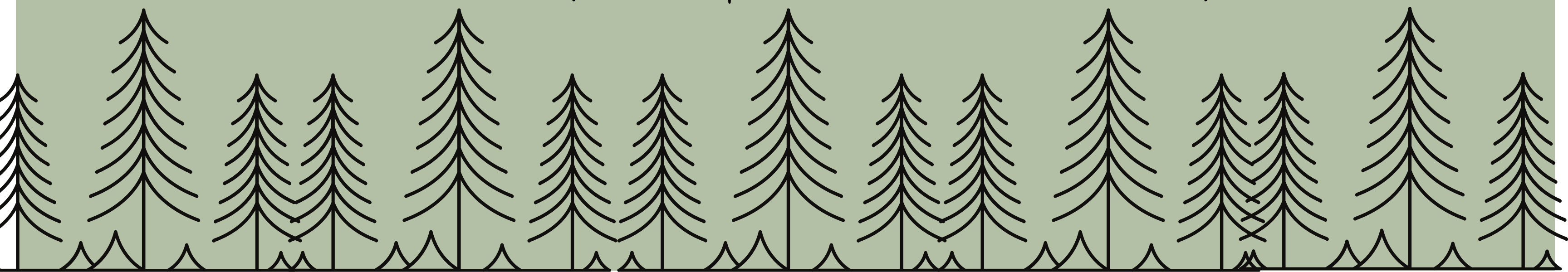


## Professional Learning Opportunities through SAPDC

January 12th- Collaborative community- Beyond Orange Shirt Day

January 18th- IFNMI22-41 Indigenous Stories of Peoples in Space and Place

February 1st- Cours en ligne: Éducation pour la réconciliation - Rassembler nos forces (francophones et immersions)



# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS...



Robert Plaxton Poppies



LCI Poppies



Chinook Poppies



Some of the poppies donated to the Legion



Chinook Blackfoot Flag Raising



General Stewart



Métis Flag Raising



Buchanan Rock your Mocs



Probe Rock your Mocs



Nicholas Sheran Métis Dot Art



ParK Meadows

