



# Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School

**March 7th**

## Things to Remember :

### Thursday March 7th

Gr. 7: 7:30-8:30am  
Gr 8: 3:45pm-4:45pm  
Gr.6: 4:45pm-5:45pm

Hockey Field trip

### Friday March 8th

Gr.6: 7:30am-8:30am  
G-Club: 11:45am-1:15pm

### Monday March 11th

GSL Tournament Gr 8  
Gr.7: 7:30am- 8:30am  
Gr.6 : 3:45pm-4:45pm

### Tuesday March 12th

GSL Tournament Gr 7  
Gr 6: 7:30am-8:30am  
Gr 8: 3:45pm-4:45pm

The Musical Gr 8 Cast 6:30pm

### Wednesday March 13th

G Club: 7:30am-8:30am  
GSL Tournament for Gr 6  
Gr7: 3:45pm-4:45pm  
Gr 8: 4:45pm -5:45pm

Peaks Field trip

The Musical Gr 7 Cast 6:30pm

### PowerSchool

PowerSchool will be shut down starting March 8th until March 22nd.

## Carl's Corner

What is the hardest shape to get out of?

The trap-azoid



### LOST AND FOUND!

We will be posting pictures of items starting next week. Keep your eyes open.





## **Student Fees Are Due**

All term 1 fees are now past due, please go to

[School Cash Online](#)

To pay any outstanding fees.

## **Sign up today!**

An easy way for parents to pay:  
SchoolCashOnline

## **Student Contact Information**

Please make sure all your contact information is up to date for your student. If you need to change address or phone numbers please email:

sjf@lethsd.ab.ca

to get an information change form.

## **Attendance**

Please make sure to use Safe Arrival when you know your student will be leaving early or when they will be absent for a day or more



Green Shirt Day is Friday, April 7th, 2024. It is a day that honours Logan Boulet and the Humboldt Broncos that were riding the bus to a junior hockey playoff game on April 6, 2018. Tragically, the bus was involved in a terrible crash, which resulted in the passing of 16 people. Logan was the only one able to donate organs. His story inspired over 150,000 Canadians to become registered organ donors. Green Shirt Day continues Logan's legacy and asks Canadians to *Register-Tell Your Family-Be Inspired*.

Need a Tutor?!

[2023-2024 EUS Tutor Request Form | Cognito Forms](#)

Please follow us on our Facebook page:

[Facebook](#)

Checkout our website as well to keep up to date

[Home | Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

Here is the Lethbridge School Division Policy Feedback Link:

[Policy Feedback | Lethbridge School Division \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

2024

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# Lethbridge Regional Science Fair and Science Olympics

April 26-27th  
University of Lethbridge

More information and registration at <https://www.scifusion.ca/>



Proudly organized by:







# New Hours for Academic Support!

The academic support program will run 4:30pm - 7:30pm Monday - Thursday starting January 8th.

For any questions, reach out to our education manager, Arnaud, at [arnaud.sparks@lethbridgeymca.ca](mailto:arnaud.sparks@lethbridgeymca.ca)



# MULTI-CULTURAL AND DIVERSITY NEWSLETTER



March 2024

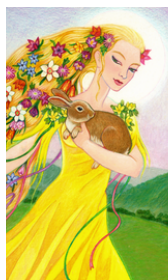
## Shivratri (Hindu)

March 8- On Shiva's night, the Hindu deity Lord Shiva performed the Tandav, the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. A 24-hour fast is kept and devotees make pilgrimages to major shrines for worship.



## Eostre (Wicca)

March 20- A fertility festival celebrating the birth of spring. The word Easter is derived from the Maiden Goddess. Celebrations including lighting fires at sunrise, ringing bells, and decorating hard-boiled eggs, an ancient Pagan custom associated with the Goddess.



## Ramadan (Islam)



March 11- This is the holiest month in the Islamic Year and begins at the sighting of the new moon. It commemorates the period during which Prophet Mohammad received divine revelations. Observing Muslims fast between the hours of sunrise and sunset during the entire month, read the Quran and worship in the mosque or at home. The dates vary by a day depending on the whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American Calendar is being observed.

## Shunki-Sorei-Sai (Shinto)

March 20- On this day, ancestors are given reverence at home altars and considered active members of the living family. Gravesites are cleaned and purified.



## Now Raz, New Year (Afghanistan, Iran-Bahá'í, Zoroastrian, Islam)

March 20- Nowruz means 'New Day' and is the traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New year. Iranians

celebrate it on March 20th. It is also a holy day for Zoroastrian, Sufi, Ismaili and the Bahá'í faiths. Persians (Iranians, Afghans, and Tajiks) and other Indo-Iranian groups (Kurds, Armenians, Azarbaijanis and Balochs) start preparing for the Nowruz with a major spring-cleaning of their houses and the purchase of new clothes to wear for the new year. They visit the elders of their family, then the rest of their family and their friends. On the thirteenth day, families leave their homes and picnic.



## Shunbun No Hi (Japan)

March 20- During the time of Spring Equinox, Buddhists meditate on the harmony in the universe.



## Palm Sunday (Christian)

March 24- Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was cheered by crowds who strewed palm branches in his path. It is observed by worship services and parades using palm branches.



## Purim (Jewish)

March 24- Purim is known as the Feast of Lots, which celebrates the deliverance of Jews in Persia from the machinations of Haman. Jews dress in costume and give gifts of food to each other.



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## Holi (Sikh, Hindu)



March 25–According to myth, a tyrannical king's son, Pralad, refused to worship his father as God and was condemned to death by burning. However, the boy's aunt, named Holika, transferred her own immunity from fire to Pralad, and burned to death in his place. This festival of colour celebrates Spring, where people play with liquid and powdered colours, light bonfires and blow horns to celebrate the destruction of Holika.



## Hola Mohalla, Bikarami (Sikh)

March 26– On this day, mock battles are fought and martial arts are displayed in honour of Guru Gobind Singh, who took to armed struggle against tyranny.



## Easter(Christian)

March 31– This day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from his grave. Christians celebrate the day with family meals and attending religious services, some as early as sunrise.



## Birth of Prophet Zarathustra, Fasli (Zoroastrian)

March 26–Zarathushtra (Zoroaster in Greek; Zarthosht in India and Persia) is the founder of the Zoroastrian religion dating back to sometime between 1500 and 1000 BCE. He lived in Persia, modern day Iran. Zoroastrianism became the state religion of various Persian empires, until the 7th Century CE. When Arabs, followers of Islam, invaded Persia in 650 CE, a small number of Zoroastrians fled to India where most are concentrated today.



## Reference

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Multicultural Calendar 2024. Toronto: )



# SA'AIKI'SOOM

## (SAW-AY-GEE-SOOM)

"Duck Moon"

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Buffalo Hide hearts with Gilbert Paterson

## OKI TO OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

A message from Mrs. Christiansen:

February was one of the busiest months for our Indigenous Education team in middle schools! Teachers have done an amazing job reaching out for ideas and resources, and giving our team ideas on more ways to bring Indigenous education into your classrooms!

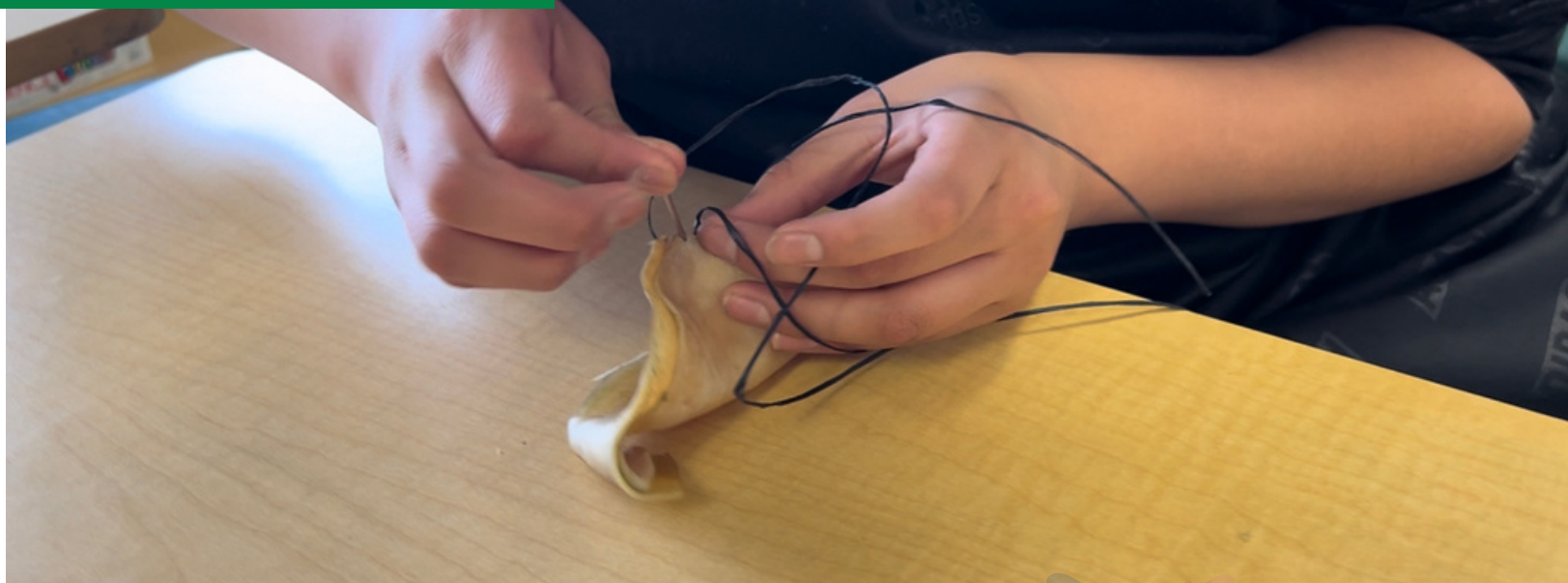
From Winter Counts to Frybread to tipi structure, we've had a lot of fun finding ways to fit Indigenous Education into your curriculum.

Way to go!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

- Indigenous Radically! Cyanotype workshop with Dakota Mace  
March 16 @ Galt Museum
- Drying Meat with Charlie Russell  
March 23 @ Galt Museum
- National Indigenous Languages Day  
March 31





Mrs. Bruised Head's grade 6/7 Blackfoot class making deerhide rattles at WMS

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS!

Check out what our Middle School's did this month!



Pemmican making at G.S. Lakie

Mrs. Christiansen brought Small Number stories to Lethbridge Christian School for their Family numeracy night on February 1st!

Gilbert Paterson's Tiger clan lunchgroup played handgames and made Buffalo Hide valentine hearts this month! We also made frybread with Mrs. Klein's K&E class!

Senator Joyce Fairbairn's Pisspsksiksi lunch group played handgames!

Mrs. Christiansen's grade 6 IndigeSTEAM options class at G.S. Lakie will begin this month! We had a visit with grade 6's to let them know what to expect! We can't wait to learn more about Indigenous innovation!

Shout out to Mrs. Bruised Head's Blackfoot class who made Rattles this month at Wilson Middle School!

Mrs. Adamson's foods class at G.S. Lakie got to work smashing dry meat with berries to make pemmican!

# JUST FOR MATH TEACHERS!

## MEET SMALL NUMBER!

The Math Catcher Outreach Program is a science outreach initiative at Simon Fraser University run by SFU faculty and staff members and students who volunteer their time towards the program.

Math Catcher introduces mathematics and science to students through the use of First Nations imagery and storytelling through their '*Small Number*' stories!



## CLASSROOM RESOURCES



To support teachers and students in the exploration of the mathematical concepts contained in the Small Number stories, Math Catcher has created a series of classroom resources based on each story. Each resource includes the following: mathematical concepts contained in the story; mathematical vocabulary used in the story; cultural components in the story; possible answers to the open-ended question at the end of the story; and mathematics in- and out-of-classroom activities based on the story.

Follow this [link](#) to find these resources.

# INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE NEWS NOW!

## Quannah Chasinghorse

(Diné/Lakota)

Indigenous model and activist known for using her platform to support Indigenous sovereignty and sustainability.



[Full Story...](#)



## INDIGENOUS INFLUENCER MOMENT

See how one Inuk influencer is using TikTok to share her culture!

**Shina Novalinga**

**Puvirnituk, Nunavik**

