

# COALBANKS CHRONICLE

December 2023

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## Indoor Recesses & Cold Weather

Now that the cold winter weather has arrived, we thought we would send a friendly reminder about our indoor and outdoor recesses. The temperature for indoor recesses is -20 degrees as per district policy. It is important that all students are always dressed appropriately for the weather.

## Dates to Remember

Dec 8—Last day to purchase Christmas concert tickets

Dec 13—6:00pm Christmas Concert last name A-K

Dec 14 —6:00pm Christmas Concert last name L-Z

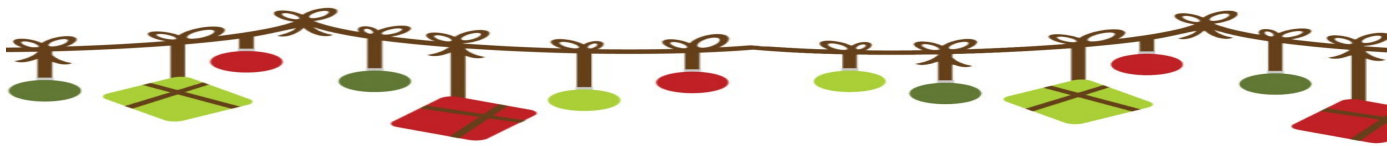
Dec 22—Spirit Day, cozy PJ day

Dec 22—12:00pm Students dismissed for Christmas break

Dec 23—Jan 7—Christmas Break

Jan 8—Classes Resume





## Kindergarten

### Registration

Spanish Kindergarten Registration:  
8:30am on January 15th to 19th

English Kindergarten Registration:  
8:30am January 22nd

Please check our [School website](#)  
and the [School Division website](#)

\*Please note registrations will not  
be accepted before these dates



### Lunch & Snacks

Please remember to send  
healthy choices in your  
child's lunch

Follow this link for ideas

[MyHealthAlberta](#)

## Spirit Day

Friday December 22nd

Be sure to wear your cozy  
Pajama's to  
school



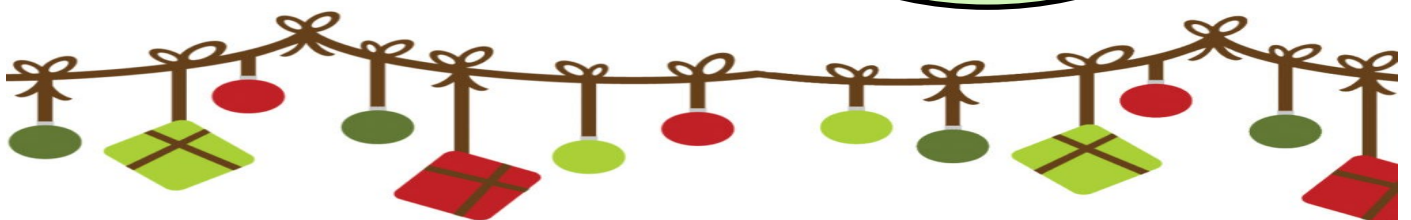
## School Council

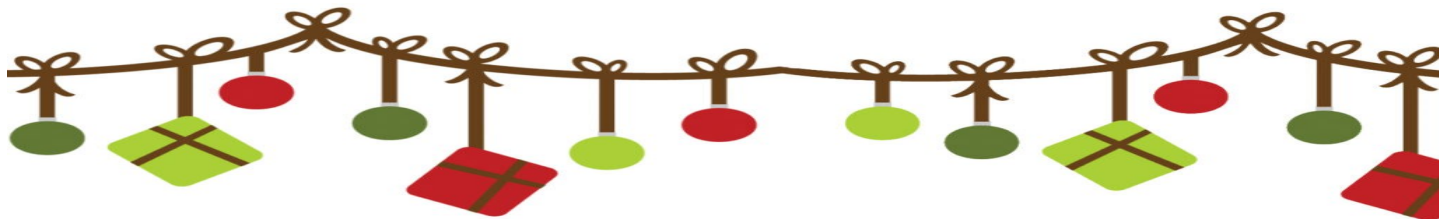
Our next meeting is January 24th  
@ 6:45pm in the Commons Area

The minutes, agendas & information  
about school council can be found  
[here](#).

As always, if you have an questions  
or concerns for School Council,  
please email

[ce.scpres@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:ce.scpres@lethsd.ab.ca)





## Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert is being held over 2 nights:

Students with the last names starting with A-K will be performing on  
Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm. \*doors open 5:45pm

Students with last names starting with L-Z will perform on  
Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 pm. \*doors open 5:45pm

## Ticket Sales

Tickets are limited to 2 tickets per family at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket

Tickets will go on sale starting on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> until Friday,  
December 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will need to be purchased at the office between 8:30 am and  
4:00 pm Monday—Thursday and Friday from 8:30-12:00 pm. Any tickets not purchased  
by December 8<sup>th</sup> will be available to other families on a first-come-first-serve basis on  
December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 4:00pm (maximum of 2 additional tickets per  
family, available until tickets are sold).

\*Due to the gym capacity no strollers will be permitted in the gym for the evening  
performances, younger siblings may sit on your lap

The school will only accept cash and if possible, please bring in the correct amount

\*We know that this may limit the number of family members able to attend, but we  
will also be hosting afternoon performance on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30pm,  
free of charge for other family members.

Students with the last names A-K will be performing on the 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon,  
Students with the last names L-Z will be performing on the 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

\*Afternoon performances for Kindergarten students will be by the day they attend  
school not the last name, for example if your student attends the Mon/Wed program  
but last name starts with S they will perform in the Wednesday afternoon performance  
and also the Thursday night performance.



# Feliz Navidad



¡Hola Diciembre! Hello December!

Hispanic countries around the world have a variety of traditions, celebrations and foods they consume around December and Christmastime! Below are a few examples for you to read about.

## Las Posadas

Las Posadas, translated as 'inns' or 'lodges,' are related to the biblical story of Mary and Joseph looking for shelter in Bethlehem. In Mexico, families walk the streets singing these songs, 'posadas,' at doorsteps asking for a place to stay.



## Tamales

Tamales are a dish made with a paste of ground masa (a type of corn) and mixed with meat or vegetables, then wrapped with a corn husk or banana leaf. Sweet tamales can be filled with dried fruit.



## El Día de las Velitas

In Colombia on December 7th, families commence the Christmas season by lighting candles, lanterns and lights in homes, buildings and churches.



## Roscón de Reyes

This ring-shaped cake is often made for January 6th, Three King's Day (the Epiphany). It is meant to be in the shape of a crown to represent the wise men that visit baby Jesus on the Epiphany. It is a sweet bread filled and topped with dried fruit.



## Twelve Grapes


In Spain on New Years Eve, people eat 12 grapes during the twelve clock strikes at midnight. If you eat them all in time, you are meant to have a year full of prosperity and good fortune.



## Polvorones

Polvorones, also known as Latin American Christmas cookies or wedding cookies, are soft, heavy shortbread cookies. They are made with lard and nuts (often almonds). Many countries have their own twist on this traditional cookie, but almost all enjoy these cookies around Christmastime.





Coalbanks Elementary School is participating in the Lethbridge Family Services Angel Tree Christmas Campaign. Over the next few weeks these community helpers will give more than 4000 Lethbridge and area children and youth a bright and hopeful holiday. We are inviting the families of Coalbanks to participate in this amazing event by using the Angel that was in the Angel Tree bags sent home in November and purchasing a gift for the child described on the Angel. Your unwrapped gift can then be brought in, with the Angel taped to it until December 20th.


At Coalbanks school, Santa's little helpers will make sure they make it to a family in need.

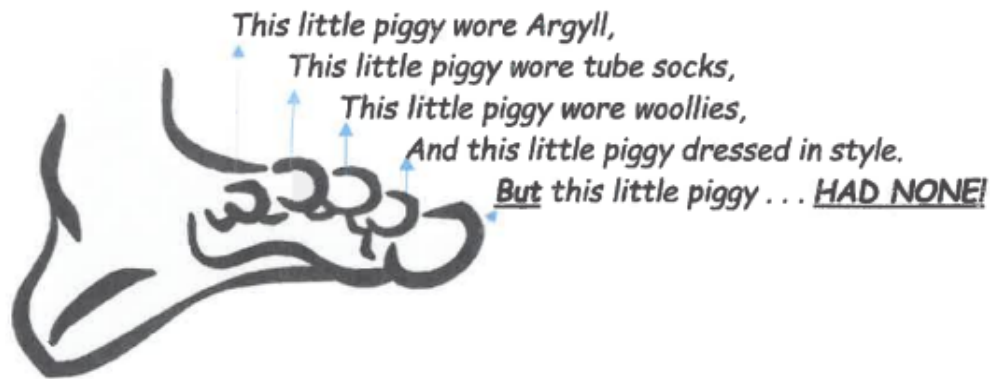


Thank you all for your help in making the  
Holiday Season at Coalbanks bright!



Another great Coalbanks opportunity in December is our Sock Drive. Students are encouraged to bring a pair of new socks to donate to our Lethbridge community. The socks are dispersed to multiple agencies within the community and then given to the people that need them most.





# It's time for 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL OPERATION: SOCK IT TO 'EM

**From November 1 to December 13, 2023**

**Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre, the Caretakers,  
Maintenance & Support staff in Lethbridge & Area  
schools are collecting *NEW SOCKS* to be  
donated to local charities and those less  
Fortunate for Christmas.**

***Please join them and make Someone's Christmas  
a little bit warmer!***

**To donate, contact any Custodial staff at  
your local school.**



**QUESTIONS?**

**Call Gail Petrie (403) 327-6520  
Charlene Kocken (403) 329-3222**

**-Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre  
-Lethbridge School District #51  
-Holy Spirit School  
-Palliser Regional School**