



# NEWSLETTER



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

This year, Parent-Teacher Conferences will occur on Thursday, October 15th (pm) and Friday, October 16th (AM) to facilitate earlier discussions about student learning. Report cards will be sent out on December 4th, a later date than usual, to allow more time for learning and assessments before grades are assigned for the first term. Conferences will not occur again in December; however, parents are welcome to schedule meetings at any time throughout the year as needed.

Interviews will be booked through the school webpage under the "Parents" tab with booking starting on October 5th at 8:00 AM and closing October 14th at 11:59PM.

All interviews will be conducted using Microsoft TEAMS as a COVID safety protocol. [Please click the following link as a refresher in how to use TEAMS software.](#) Your child's teacher will then contact you using TEAMS at your scheduled time. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the office with any questions.

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## TERRY FOX

Thanks to all Probe families for helping us raise \$1181.35 to support cancer research. Our students did an amazing job showing care and concern and bringing awareness to such an important cause.





## SCHOOL COUNCIL

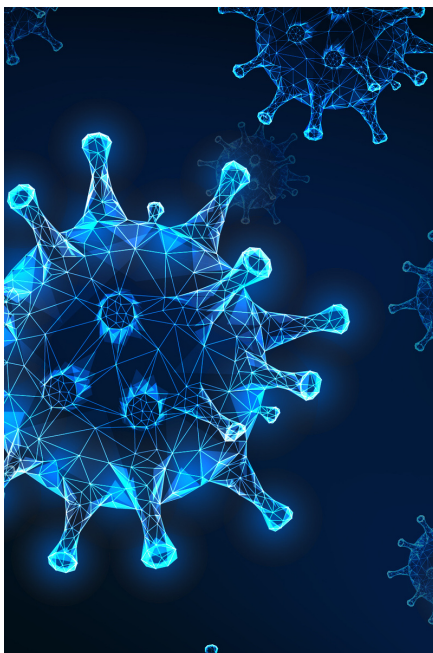
Our next School Council meeting will occur on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30pm in the gym. Covid-19 protocols will be adhered to. School Council is a group of parents and staff who work together to enhance the learning experience of all of our students. School Council is also a place for parents to have opportunities to be involved in decisions at Probe. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend one or all meetings; it is a great way to connect with other Probe parents. By attending the regularly scheduled School Council meetings, parents can keep informed of school issues and take an active role in their child's education.

[September School Council Minutes Link](#)

## SCHOOL GUIDE APP

By downloading the app, parents will receive notifications from Dr. Probe School and from the school division, including news and calendar updates.

More information can be found by following the [SchoolGuide App Link](#) or by visiting the Lethbridge School Division Website.



## COVID-19 UPDATE

You are legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days if you have a **cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat** that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition. The mandatory isolation period is 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer. This order is provincial and is a legal obligation. If you are able to access a COVID-19 test and the result indicates your child is negative for COVID-19, they are permitted to return to school before the 10-day minimum isolation. For all other Covid-19 symptoms, students are able to return to school as soon as symptoms resolve.

Parents can call Health Link 811 or their primary health care practitioner, and fill out the AHS Online Self-Assessment tool to determine if their child should be tested.





## FILL THE BUCKET

We are excited to announce “Fill the red bucket!” Commonly known as “Heap the Jeep” here at Dr. Probe School. It is an annual food drive that happens in Lethbridge in honour of the Thanksgiving Holiday. It is the 26th anniversary of this amazing event, started by Shanda McKnight, at Lakeview Elementary School.

The whole idea is to collect as much food as we can to donate to the Lethbridge Food Bank. Due to COVID there seems to be more need than ever. Therefore, we would like to help with this food drive as much as possible. Although it will look a little different this year, Dr. Probe School is proud to be able to take part once again. All we need you to do is send in non-perishable food items from October 5th - October 9th. Your child's classroom teacher will accept the food and deliver it to the large red bin in the foyer. We will be sure to have limited contact with the food. Unfortunately, due to COVID we will not be able to have our traditional assembly line, however we encourage you to send what you can to help support those in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Lethbridge Food Bank will pick up the large red bin on Friday, October 9th just in time for Thanksgiving. We thank you in advance for helping us to support our community.

## GPRO WELLNESS TEAM

The first month of school has seen many unique routines established and our Probe community settling into the new school year COVID 19 style. With that our team wanted to share an update on some universal learning that has been provided by the Wellness Team in classrooms. It is our hope to provide supports to all students here at the school, especially this year. Students have been learning about Safety and how we can play a role in our physical and emotional safety.

Throughout the year we will touch on other topics such as: connection, regulation, and restorative practices.

Mrs. Kitagawa is finalizing a counselling website. It is a work in progress, please be patient. There are items related to mental health supports and resources, agency contacts, links to the lessons that are being offered in classroom, helpful videos etc.

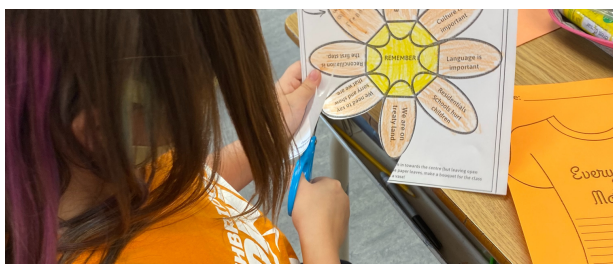
[Following this link to check it out!](#)

Mrs. Robinson (is working alongside Mrs. Kitagawa on the Wellness Team) she has spent the month of September learning her new role, meeting the students and staff and getting into classrooms. Her role is new at the elementary level and she is working hard to support the social-emotional well-being of the students and families at Dr. Probe.



# ORANGE SHIRT DAY

All week students have been engaged in developing their understanding of the meaning of Orange Shirt Day and the impacts that residential schools have had on Indigenous people. The book *When We Were Alone* was shared widely with our community and facilitate important conversations. As a culminating activity, students designed their own orange shirts using the theme of "you hold me up".



## DATES OF IMPORTANCE

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

October 5 - Picture Orders Due

October 7 - School Council (6:30PM)

October 12 - Thanksgiving

October 13/14 - Professional Learning Days (No School for Students)

October 15(PM)/16(AM) - Parent Teacher Conferences on TEAMS

October 29 - Picture Retakes

October 30 - Halloween Class Celebrations



# STAY INVOLVED AT DR. PROBE

## We need your *voice*.



Parent input is something that we highly value and welcome at Dr. Probe. Your insights and reflections regarding the things that are happening at the school and with your children are fundamentally important in helping us to provide the highest quality educational experience for each student in our care.

Some suggestions in how to become involved in decisions about your child's education and decisions at Dr. Probe School include, but are not limited to:

- Attending School Council Meetings: next meeting is Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30
- Attending Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 15th and 16th
- Attending the Division Town Hall Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2021
- Scheduling a meeting or sending input via email to Dr. Probe Administrators

As always, we thank you for your continued support,

Keith van der Meer, Principal

Carlie Ramotowski, Vice Principal



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Fill the Bucket (Food Bank donations)  Picture orders due 12:00 am	<b>6</b> Fill the Red Bucket	<b>7</b> Fill the Red Bucket  School Council 6:30 pm	<b>8</b> Fill the Red Bucket	<b>9</b> Fill the Red Bucket	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> No School: Thanksgiving Day	<b>13</b> No School: PL Day	<b>14</b> No School: PL Day	<b>15</b> No School: PL in AM; Parent/Teacher Conferences in PM	<b>16</b> No School: Parent/ Teacher Conferences	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Photo Retakes	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



# TEAMs Instructions



## DR. GERALD PROBE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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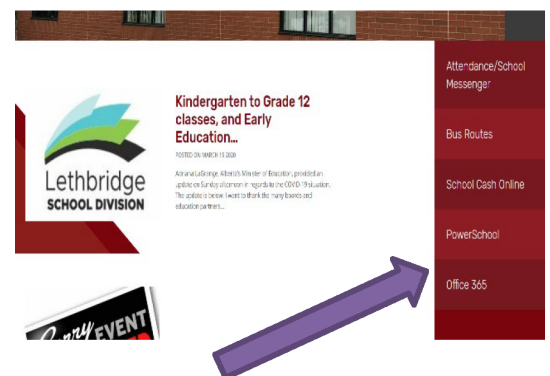
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Dear Parents,

We will be using Microsoft Teams to do our Parent-Teacher Conferences this year. I know that some families are more familiar with this than others, so we wanted to send out instructions on how to access your child's account.

### How You Can Access Teams:

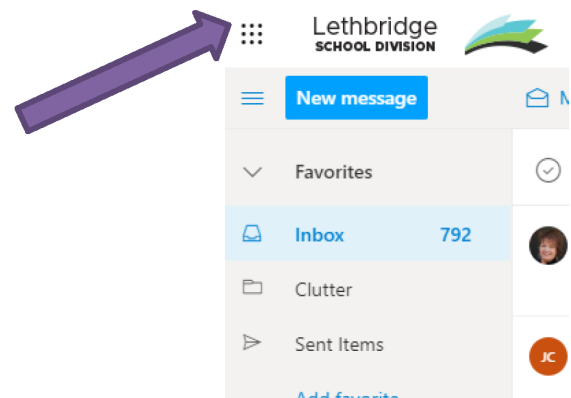
1. Log into Office 365 through the Office 365 link from the Dr. Probe website (gpro.lethsd.ab.ca). Office 365 is where they can access their OneDrive, Outlook student email, Teams, Word and PowerPoint programs.



2. If you haven't ever logged into your child's email address, you will get a window here that asks you to enter your child's email address and password. Their email is [firstname.lastname@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@lethsd.ab.ca). The number that goes in the blank space will be '28' for Grade 5 students, '29' for grade 4s, '30' for grade 3s, '31' for grade 2 students, '32' for grade 1s and '33' for Kindergarten. Their password has been reset by the School Division to their Alberta Student Number (ASN) and this information was sent out to you in an email directly from the Division at the end of August.

You can access Teams once you are in your email.

3. Go to the "waffle" up in the top left-hand side of the screen.

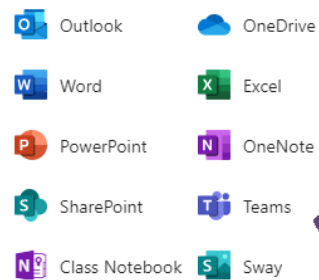


4. Click on Teams



[Office 365](#) →

### Apps



5. Once you are logged into Teams, wait for the teacher to call you. Just click on the picture, not the red phone button. This will hang up the call.

Please feel free to contact the office if you have any additional questions.

Thanks for your continued support,