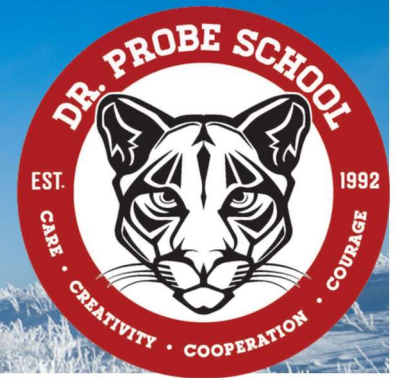


December

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Principal Message

Hello Probe Family! I can't believe that we are in December already! We hope that you enjoyed spending the evening with us for Mapping the Trail! Opportunities for our school community to connect and communicate are very important to us and we appreciate that you were able to make time in your busy schedules to attend. Our Division Literacy teacher and the representative from the YMCA were both very excited by the number of people that spent time talking with them about what they have to offer.

We have many exciting events taking place in December including our Winter Celebration on Thursday, December 19th during school hours. Activities that day will include a horse-drawn wagon ride around the field, winter craft, visit with Santa, plus delicious hot chocolate and student-made maple syrup treats. Alternative winter-themed activities will also be available during the Santa station. A big thank you to our School Council for covering the cost of the wagon ride! As there is some risk associated with the wagon ride, we require parental/guardian consent for participation.

We hope to see you around the school in December!

Reminder that Winter break starts December 21 and classes resume on January 6!

Probe Choir

Thank you to Mrs. Sheen, Mrs. MacKinnon and the entire Probe Choir for their fantastic performance at Southminster Church with the Lethbridge Orchestra on November 20th. We are amazed at the talent, dedication and enthusiasm that you displayed!



Links

- [School Calendar](#) – Please refer to this as it has the most up-to-date listing of events.
- [School Bell Times](#)
- [School Supply Lists](#)
- [School Handbook](#)
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Chris Harris, Principal

chris.harris@lethsd.ab.ca

Angel Tree Donations

Bring in your NEW, unwrapped toy to any of our official Angel Tree drop-off locations in the Lethbridge area including Dr. Probe School!



**Dr. Probe School Council - Next Meeting
Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:30 PM in the
Staff Room.
Everyone is welcome to attend!**

Online School Store



Looking to show off your Probe Pride? Well, we now have a school store that is open 365 days a year! You can purchase shirts, hoodies, hats, pants, etc. and have them shipped directly to your home! If you are interested, you can check it out here [Dr. Probe School Store](#)! There is also a link on our school webpage under Quick Links.

Grade 5 Volleyball

Thank you very much to Ms. Craddock, Mrs. Kitagawa, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Moline, Mrs. Goruk, Mrs. MacKinnon, Mr. Bennett, and Mrs. Ramotowski for sharing their time and expertise with our grade 5 students in helping them to learn the game of volleyball! Basketball sessions for grade 4 and 5 start December 9th at 7:30 am and continue on Monday and Wednesdays until February 26th!



Exploratory Classes

Throughout three Fridays in November and December, students will take part in the first round of Exploratory. During these sessions facilitated by teachers, students can select from a variety of activities. Some of the options available include yoga, speed stacking, Reader's Theatre, Tinkercad, Minecraft Education, drumming, and leadership.

Family Carolling

Families are invited to join us in the gym from 11:00-11:30 on December 20th for caroling and a fun assembly. The choir will sing, there will be a few games and singing of familiar Christmas carols.

Rock Your Mocs

On November 15th, our school community joined the rest of our School Division in wearing moccasins to recognize and celebrate indigenous culture. Here is a link to a video where you can learn more about Rock Your Mocs! [Video](#)



WANT TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?

EVERY \$
SUPPORTS
OUR
SCHOOL

Volunteer
IN THE
Learning Commons

DECEMBER 10 - 13
AFTER SCHOOL

Scholastic Book Fair will be open
Tues/Wed from 3:30 - 4:30
and Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30
Want to Help?

Email Ms. Shannon
shannon.nickel@lethsd.ab.ca
to sign up for a time slot!



It's time for
**24th ANNUAL
OPERATION:**

SOCK IT TO 'EM

From November 1 to December 11, 2024

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 Division
- Holy Spirit School
- Palliser Regional School

Heritage and Traditions Project

Hello Dr. Probe Families. We are excited to share with you a project we hope you will take the time to participate in. We are inviting ALL Dr. Probe families to take part in celebrating the diversity, cultures, and history of our school community.

Next week all students will receive a Heritage and Traditions letter and activity from their teacher. This activity is open to all of you families, and we encourage everyone to offer our school community insight into the unique aspects of your family heritage, culture, and traditions. In this activity feel free to include pictures, writing, drawings, magazine clippings etc. that highlight important elements of your family's heritage, history, and traditions.

We will be creating a bulletin board to share with our school community. Please use only the attached sheet that is sent home as we have lots of wonderful students to celebrate and a set space to do so. Please return to your teacher when completed. There is no set deadline to return your work. Simply do so as time permits, and we will add to our display. Also, if you are interested in sending in photos we will be creating a digital display as well. Those photos can be sent to ellen.probe@lethsd.ab.ca Please include in the subject 'Heritage and Traditions Project'.

STUDENT REPORTING



“SOARING THE SUMMIT”

We are excited for families to take part in a more immersive experience surrounding the learning and growth of their children. Please make note of the dates below as we invite you into the school to engage in this process.

Soaring the Summit

June 20th
7:30-9:30 AM

Pancake Breakfast &
Celebration of Learning

Tracking the Trek

March 6th
4:30-7:00 PM
Revisit Goals

Mapping the Trail

November 21st
4:30-7:00 PM

Literacy & Numeracy Goals

Basecamp

September 5th
4:30-6:30 PM

“Meet the Teacher” BBQ

Reporting Changes

At Dr. Probe, we aim to connect families and their children to the process of learning and growth. Therefore, instead of traditional qualitative report card comments in the fall and spring, we will offer meaningful opportunities for families to engage in their child's learning process. During these events, students will share and demonstrate their learning, growth, and goals.

Parent-teacher interviews will be held in addition to these events on October 23rd from 1:00-7:00 PM.

Students will continue to receive a report card to outline their academic progress on November 22nd, March 7th, and June 25.

Purpose & Goals

The purpose of "Soaring the Summit" events is to actively involve families in their child's educational journey.

Goals:

- support students to be actively engaged in their learning and goal setting
- support students to be reflective thinkers
- celebrate the challenges and growth students have experienced in their learning
- provide meaningful ways for families to understand where their child is at in relation to curricular outcomes and how they can work in partnership with the school to support continued growth
- inform families about resources and instructional programming at the school
- build stronger partnerships with our families

2024-2025 Parent Engagement Events & Progress Reporting

AUG
29

Optional Parent Drop-In Times

- Parents can request to meet with the teacher ahead of the school year to share any needs/understandings about their child that will ensure the best start to the year
- *To schedule a time, reply to the teacher email you receive on August 27th

SEPT
5
4:30-6:60

BASECAMP (Meet the Teacher)

- sponsored BBQ for all families
- Getting to Know You information

OCT
23
1:00-7:00
PM

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

- an opportunity to connect 1-1 with the teacher regarding student learning
- *Kindergarten interviews will also take place on October 22nd*

NOV
21
4:30-7:00
PM

MAPPING THE TRAIL

- Literacy and numeracy goal setting and sharing of learning
- Division staff and supports showcased

NOV 22

Report cards live on PowerSchool

MAR
6
4:30-7:00
PM

TRACKING THE TREK

- Revisit literacy and numeracy goals, sharing of learning
- Division staff and supports showcased

MAR 7

Report cards live on PowerSchool

JUNE
20
7:30-9:30
AM

SOARING THE SUMMIT & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- A time to celebrate student learning and progress this year!

JUN 25

Report cards live on PowerSchool

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Boston Pizza Hot Lunch (orders due by Nov 17)	5	6	7
	9 Book Fair this week	10	11	12	13 Popcorn (orders due by Nov 24)	14
8			18 Subway Hot Lunch (orders due by Dec 1)	19 Winter Celebration	20 Family Christmas Caroling 11:00am Pajama Day	21
15	16	17	25 No School: Winter Break	26 No School: Winter Break	27 No School: Winter Break	28
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