



June

AT PROBE



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Principal Message

Hello Probe Family! Welcome to June! This year has gone extremely fast and I can't believe how much our students have learned and grown! June is a very busy month with many exciting and fun activities, including our Powwow, our Kindergarten and Grade 5 Farewells and a variety of field trips. We also have our Soaring the Summit Pancake Breakfast to culminate our growth and learning initiative. We hope that you are able to join us! In the next few weeks, we also have our first ever Lip Dub where we will be creating a year end celebration video to show off the amazing year! We hope that you will have a great end of the year and a fantastic summer. For those students and families moving on from Dr. Probe, we wish you the best of luck, and for those that are returning in the fall, we look forward to another outstanding year! Kaitama'tsin and Keepa ta wapintin!

(See you later in Blackfoot and Michif respectively)

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

**Dr. Probe School Council - Next Meeting
Wednesday, June 4th @ 6:30 PM in the Staff
Room.
Everyone is welcome to attend!**

Probe Powwow Dancers

We are having a Powwow at Probe on Wednesday, June 11th! The Powwow is intended to highlight Lethbridge School Division Indigenous Dancers. First Nations, Metis, and Inuit dancers are all welcome to show off their traditional dancing talents. If you have a student that would like to dance at the pow wow, please pick up a registration form at the office.

Online School Store

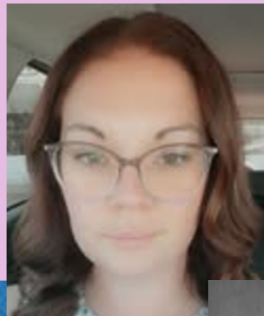


Looking to show off your Probe Pride? Well, we now have a school store that is open 365 days a year! You can purchase shirts, hoodies, hats, pants, etc. and have them shipped directly to your home! If you are interested, you can check it out here [Dr. Probe School Store](#)! There is also a link on our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

Staffing Updates

Hello everyone, I have several staffing updates to share with you all for the upcoming school year. First of all, it is with a great mix of happiness and sadness that I must inform you all of the retirements of 3 of our amazing staff members!

Sue Howg, Cathy Kitagawa and Michie Moline are all retiring at the end of this year! Our Retirement Assembly for these amazing folks will take place on Wednesday, June 18th at 9:00 am. We will also be saying goodbye to some other fantastic members of the Probe family. Brooke Binning, Regan Brooks, Janelle Egeland, Josie Hammerstedt, Katie Higdon, Michelle Jarina, Sandy Koberinski and Karalynn Tagg will all be moving on from our school next year. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles and hope to see them again in the future!



More Staffing Updates

In addition to the above mentioned changes, we have some other staffing information and updates to share. We would like to welcome Kevan Lomness to the Dr. Probe family as she will be our new Teacher Counsellor starting next year!



In addition, due to the current budget situation, our school has been reduced 3.0 FTE teaching positions. This means that we have had to make some changes for the upcoming school year. As you already know, Shea Mellow will be our Vice Principal next year. It also means that Lynda Wilkinson will be our Learning Support Teacher next year.

Our grade 1 team will remain the same, with Kelly Jo Craddock, Crystal Packard and Ellen Probe. We will no longer have a split grade 1/2 class next year. Our grade 2 team of Jordan Logan, Bobbie MacKinnon and Misti Rogers-Olson is back next year as well. For grade 3, we will have 3 classes, with Jennifer Day, Krista Dixon, and Heather Reddekopp as our teachers. For Grades 4 and 5, we will have three classes of grade 4, three classes of grade 5, and one split class for grade 4 and 5. Adam Campbell, Denise Cunningham, and Chris Tuck will be teaching the grade 4 classes. Krystal Wolfram will be teaching the grade 4/5 split class while Josh Campbell, Carlie Goruk and Dianne Rajcic will be teaching the grade 5 classes.

Lethbridge School Division

Elementary West Side



TRADITIONAL POWWOW

Wednesday June 11th

120 Rocky Mountain Blvd. West
Lethbridge, AB T1K 7J2

Special Guests:
Travis Plaited Hair
Julius Delaney
More coming soon!



Highlighting
Indigenous
dancers from
across
Lethbridge
School
Division

Dr. Gerald B. Probe Elementary School

Dancer registration:

Fill out the registration form and give it to your teacher.

Registration forms can be sent to Melanie and Shawnee at the Ed Center by May 30th, 2025.

Inquires can be sent to:

melanie.morrow@lethsd.ab.ca
shawnee.bigbull@lethsd.ab.ca
joel.tailfeathers@lethsd.ab.ca

Volunteer Opportunity for Next School Year

Looking for Hot Lunch Day Volunteers for 2025-26

We are planning 2 hot lunch days each month for next school year similar to this year. These days include 4 hot dog lunch days as well as orders from a variety of other vendors.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help in the following ways:

- Shop for necessary groceries for hot dog lunch days**
- Help prep veggie bags (cucumber slices and mini carrots) the day before hot dog lunch days.**
- Help cook and wrap hot dogs during hot dog lunch days**
- Help sort and deliver food orders to classrooms on various hot lunch days**

If you are interested in helping us out with any of these tasks, please email lynda.wilkinson@lethsd.ab.ca and let us know what your preferences are and how often you might be interested in helping out.

Thank you for considering!

**Dr. Probe Spring Concerts
and Airband Contest
are now available on our school
Youtube Channel!**

<https://www.youtube.com/@dr.geraldprobe4493>

Thank you to 2 Guys and a Pizza Place for partnering with us for our fundraiser from May 21st to 25th and thank you very much to all families for supporting us! All funds raised go to our Parent Council to help provide exciting learning opportunities, school-wide activities, and field trips!



Hockey Opportunity!



Spots still available in the following age groups:

5-7 (Born 2018-2020)
12-13 (Born 2012-2013)
14-17 (Born 2008-2011)

Interested in hockey but don't want the significant time or financial commitment that often comes with this great sport?

We offer an organized non-checking recreational hockey league for all genders aged 5-17. All skill levels are welcome.

One hour, once a week. Season runs from October to March.

Registration closes on September 15, 2025 - spots fill quickly so don't delay!

www.lethbridgerechockey.com



Soaring the Summit Update

Thank you very much to all of our families for joining us for our Basecamp, Mapping the Trail, Tracking the Trek, and Soaring the Summit Parent Engagement and Student Progress events! We have enjoyed being able to spend these times with you! We have a slight change to the final event this year, The Soaring the Summit Pancake Breakfast event will still start at 7:30 but will conclude at 9:00, rather than 9:30. The morning will start with the pancake breakfast at 7:30, then just before 8:30, teachers will go to their classrooms for Grade 1-5 students and families to come into the classrooms and collect their final stamps, look at student work collections and celebrate the year! Then, at 9:00 we will be returning to our regular class schedule and activities.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in our survey and provided us with feedback. We have also been evaluating the process this year. In addition, there will be a new report card for Elementary Schools in our division starting next year. It will look quite a bit different from the current one and we are planning on going through the report card, the changes and what they mean in the fall of next school year. With this significant change, we looked at our current initiative and how they will best fit together. As you know, the purpose of the Soaring the Summit initiative was to help families to better understand student progress and growth. Our new report cards will help with this and consequently, we have decided to change the process for next year. We will still hold our August early entry meet & greet, staggered entries, and Meet the Staff Night in the first week of school. Then, in October, we will have Parent-Teacher Interviews, report card in November, Celebration of Learning, Interviews and report card in March, as well as our Pancake Breakfast and final report card in June. More specifics for these events will come out in September.

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
7:30-9:00 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 - 9:00
AM

SOARING THE SUMMIT & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

JUN 25

Report cards live on PowerSchool

June 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Boston Pizza Hot Lunch (orders due by May 18) Grade 5 (Goruk and Campbell) Swimming School Council Packard/Probe/Craddock - Destination Exploration and Pool 10:00 am	5 Gr 3 Swimming at Nicolas Sheran 12:00 am Grade 4 Science Centre Field Trip Kindergarten Year End Celebration	6	7
8	9	10	11 Probe Powwow	12 Grade 4 Swimming at UofL 10:00 am	13 Grade 5 Farewell 10:30 am Popcorn (orders due by May 25)	14
15	16	17 Grade 5 (Tagg and Wolfram) Swimming 12:00 am Craddock/Packard/Probe to Corn Maze 10:00 am	18 Subway Hot Lunch (orders due by June 1)	19 Dress "Beachy"	20 Pancake Breakfast & Soaring the Summit 7:30-9:00 (come and go)	21 Indigenous Peoples Day
22	23 Sports Day K-2	24 Kona Ice Last Day for EEP Sports Day 3-5	25 11:45 Dismissal Last Day for Students Year End Assembly 8:45AM	26	27	28
29	30					