



November 2021

Upcoming Events for November

- November 1st - Classroom Cleaning
- November 11th - Remembrance Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- November 12th - Staff Planning & PD Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- November 17th - Gym Day in the classroom
- November 19th - Newsletter
- November 21st - LCDS Bingo Event
- November 24th - Board Meeting
- November 26th - Dynamyx Gym Field Trip
- November 28th - Family Christmas Party - TBD

Upcoming Events for December

- December 7th - Gym Day in the classroom
- December 12th - Bingo
- December 13th - 17th - Christmas Activity Week
- December 17th - Movie & Pajama Day, Last day of classes
- December 17th - Newsletter
- December 20th - January 2nd - Christmas Break



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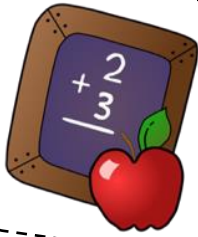
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour
on November 7th.



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Message from the Board

First and foremost, the board would like to extend their thank you and gratitude to the LCDS team. During these times, it is fantastic to know we have people working so hard to maintain a clean environment for our children. They are going above and beyond their contractual duties to do this. Please share your thanks with the team if you have the chance to talk with them before or during pick up of your children.

Thank you to all of the parents for continuing to follow the COVID protocols at school and keeping your children home when they are not well. You are truly going the extra mile to ensure there is no impact to our children.

I would like to thank everyone who was able to join us for our September General Meeting virtually. We would obviously love to see everyone face to face, but as COVID continues to hinder our normal operations we will continue with this mode of meeting until things change. We hope to see more of you on our next meeting!

We hope your children enjoyed the Welcome Bags given out in lieu of our Family Welcome Social. Who doesn't love an autographed photo of Sammy?

Thank you to everyone who donated treats to the children's Halloween treat bags! They are going to be so excited next week!

Due to COVID there has been an impact to some of the events that have been planned. Please see the notes below:

- The Halloween party will be the same as last year - week of fun activities to keep group numbers small and easier for the staff.
- We will continue with Gym Day to be held in the classroom this year with the time shortened. We are still concerned with the COVID numbers and using a shared space. Having Gym at the school saves the school money for rental space and the need for volunteers to transport equipment to the hall and back to the school. We will need parent volunteers to assist with bringing the equipment into the school from the shed and taking it back out to the shed. We will not be using a lot of equipment to minimize cleaning. Information will be shared in the newsletter and on the parent boards.
- Please make sure you have signed up for your Bingo Events or Classroom Cleaning date. If you are opting out of your commitments, please make sure we have your payment for the worker(s) in cash to the office. Please remember for Bingo events, you will need to show your vaccination status and ID.

We hope everyone will be able to attend the Dynamyx Gym field trip on Friday November 26th. Please see the Field Trip section and Ms. Michell's report for more details.



Message from the Board Continued

- If you have any suggestions to replace our Christmas Party with other options such as a drive by event at the school. Let us know what ideas you may have.

Our first fundraiser will be an online Silent Auction. Information was sent out to everyone on Thursday October 21st. Check your email for your instructions. We want to have a successful auction so we don't need to run a bunch of smaller fundraisers throughout the year. Get out to the local businesses or email businesses to secure some donations and bring them into the school. The more we have, the more money we make!

We will also be running a Purdy's Christmas Chocolate campaign. More information will be in everyone's mailboxes soon. Please share the information with your friends and family.

We will be supporting the Edmonton Food Bank again this year. Donations can be dropped off at the school beginning the last week of November. Ms. Michell will be teaching the children about being good community helpers by brining in a donation for the Edmonton Food Bank. **If someone is able to pick up two boxes for us, please let Ms. Shannon know.**

We always appreciate suggestions or feedback on how we might be able to improve your experience here at the school, please speak with our Board of Directors or send via email to the LCDS Board of Directors, lcds@telus.net

Reminder!

Reminders

- Please be on time to pick up your child at the end of class. The teachers have a short lunch hour and also need to clean between classes. LCDS has a \$5/minute late fee policy that will be charged if there is continual lateness occurring. Please call the school office if you are going to be late so we can let your child know that you are on your way.
- Please remember your snack day! Check which day you are scheduled to bring snack and schedule it in your phone so you don't forget.
- Please leave your child's outdoor shoes or boots on the rack at the entrance. As the weather will soon change we do not want muddy or wet boots or shoes in the shoe cubbies. Please leave your child's indoor shoes at the school in their shoe cubby so you do not forget to bring them back to the school.



Scholastic Book Orders



Scholastic book orders will help LCDS get free books for the classroom, which our kids benefit from. Please order your books thru LCDS for your children at home.

Scholastic Books has become an online service. If you would like to order books, go to www.scholastic.ca, create an account and shop whenever you like. Books will be shipped directly to your home. When you pay for your order insert our school code to help us earn free books for the school. Orders \$35 and over receive free shipping with our school code.

LCDS School Code: RC157909

Thank you for supporting our school!



Emergency Parent Helper, Classroom Cleaning and Bingo Lists

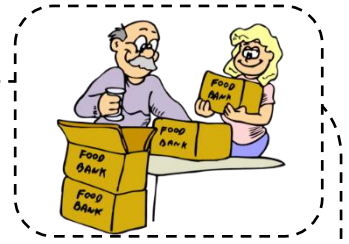
For our members convenience we are creating a paid emergency list for Parent Helper duty, Classroom Cleaning and Bingo.

If you are interested in putting your name on the lists as a paid helper, please see Ms. Shannon in the office.

- Emergency parent helpers will be paid \$30.00 for working (if we return to in-class parent helpers); snack is still supplied by the scheduled family unless otherwise arranged with the emergency parent.
- Emergency Classroom Cleaner will be paid \$50.00 for each cleaning event.
- Emergency Bingo Workers \$50.00 for each Bingo event.

The emergency lists will be distributed to all LCDS Members for their use. It is up to the hiring family to arrange for paying the workers. Payment may be left with the school office in advance.

LCDS Food Bank Donations



LCDS will have donation boxes for the Edmonton Food Bank outside the office the last week of November. Please bring in some non-perishable food items or cash donations to help support.

Fieldtrips



Gym Day



We will have our first Gym Day on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021

****We need a few volunteers to assist with cleaning the equipment and putting air into the balls before the Gym Day. If you are able to spare some time during the class time to do this, please speak with Shannon in the office.**

Please drop off and pick up your child at school

AM Class: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

PM Class: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

All children are welcome to attend even if Wednesday is not their regular day.

Please dress your child in loose comfortable clothing for stretching and exercise and tie long hair back.

We will need some volunteers to assist with the equipment set up/take down and cleaning on the Gym Day, please sign up on the parent boards.



Dynamyx Gymnastics

Friday, November 26th, 2021

Dynamyx Gym- #110 - 175 Carleton Drive, St. Albert.
Please drop off and pick up your child at the Dynamyx Gym.

- All children must be in bare feet, dressed in t-shirts, shorts or sweats,
 - Long hair must be tied back.
 - No jeans, leotards, dresses, skirts or jewelry.
 - Waiver must be completed before the field trip



AM CLASS: 9:15am - 10:30am

PM CLASS: 1:15pm - 2:30pm



DO NOT ARRIVE MORE THAN 10 MINUTES EARLY!!

AM CLASS WAIVER LINK:

<https://www.waiverfile.com/b/DynamyxGymnasticsClub/Waiver.aspx?id=e1dc917c-c85c-4bea-a3f3-5c5a632ca150>

PM CLASS WAIVER LINK:

<https://www.waiverfile.com/b/DynamyxGymnasticsClub/Waiver.aspx?id=e6a6efbf-573e-40df-aff9-8bd12c4b80a6>

-Children should be masked upon entry and exit, but do not have to wear them while participating in activities.

-Adult teachers/volunteers should be masked for the entirety of their visit.

-Dynamyx Gym is participating in the Restrictions Exemptions program; any adults attending with the group will need to show proof of vaccination, negative test or exemption.

- We will check the children's temperatures at the gym as they arrive.

- They ask parents or caregivers who are not participating to not wait inside the gym for the end of class. Please feel free to leave and get a coffee. Exceptions will be made for those parents or caregivers who do not drive and will be waiting to be picked up.



Cleaning Report

The next classroom cleaning date is **November 1st** and **November 29th**, 2021
The following families are scheduled:

Monday November 1st, 2021

Sloan Bhatti Li Graw Zhu El Hakim

Monday November 29th, 2021

Tenney Fossen Halabi Chandra Padua

The Classroom Cleaning will be in the LCDS Classroom

From 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

If you are unable to attend please call the school office at least 72 hours before the classroom cleaning. If you have an emergency and cannot make it please call Summer Halabi 780-834-8524

It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot attend.
A paid worker can be arranged if needed.



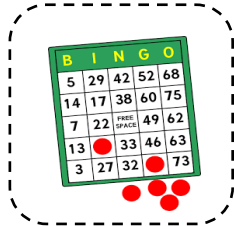
Recycle Materials Needed

We are in need of small metal jar lids for an upcoming project. Baby food size lids are great. Please send in by November 4th. We need 2 per child.



Bingo Report

Thank you to all of the workers who attended the
October 26th, 2021 Bingo Event.



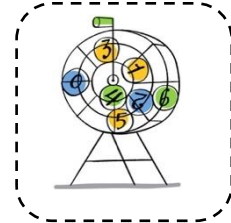
Our next scheduled Bingo Date is:

Sunday, November 21st, 2021

Kensington Bingo Hall

12538-132 Avenue

10:30am - 4:00pm



The following families are scheduled to work this Bingo:

Sloan - 2 workers

Graw - 2 workers

Tilahun - 1 worker

Walters - 1 worker

Bhatti - 2 workers

Amotte - 2 workers

Yosef - 2 workers

El Hakim - 2 workers

(Families who have opted out of Bingo are scheduled above but paid workers will be obtained for your shifts.)

If you are not able to make your scheduled Bingo date, it is up to you to find a replacement worker for your shift(s). Please speak to the office if you need to hire a paid worker to attend in your place.

If you have an emergency and you are not able to make your scheduled Bingo or you will be late, please call

Victoria Pellegrino (780) 982-9925 or email: victoriaperelman@yahoo.ca

or Holly Dinisyk (780) - 999-1071 or email: hudgood@gmail.com

Please keep in mind last minute replacements are very difficult to fill and you will be responsible for paying for the replacement worker (\$50).

For anyone who hasn't signed up for their Bingo Dates or may want to switch dates, please speak with the office to sign up.



Teacher's Report - Ms. Michell

A big thank you to all of the parents who participated in virtually reading to the class and telling the children about the job that you do in our community. Thank you for taking the time to make the short videos to share with the class. The children enjoyed watching and learning about your job and watching you read the stories. We heard this process was quite stressful for some of our parents and we thank you very much for your efforts!! Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to read and to those we couldn't get to.

The children have settled into the daily classroom routine and are doing well. We would like to ask all parents to please leave their children's outdoor shoes on the shoe rack in the school entrance and keep their indoor shoes in their personal shoe cubby in the hallway. As the weather becomes wet and muddy we would like to make sure all children have a pair of indoor shoes to wear in class for safety.

The children have been learning about how to exit the building in the event of a fire. They all participated in our classroom fire drill routine at the school. **We have 4 steps to follow during a fire drill. Step 1 is to Stop. Step 2 is to line up. Step 3 is to walk out of the building with the teachers. Step 4 is answering "Here I am" when the teacher calls their name outside.** The children did a great job following the fire drill procedures. It is a great idea to talk about your emergency plans for your own home and plan to get everyone out safely.

The students are thrilled about the upcoming **Halloween Week scheduled for Monday, October 25 to Friday, October 29th**. The children can dress up everyday of the week in costume if they like. **Please make sure the children's costumes are not scary, and please do not send any toy weapons, wands or costume masks to school.** Please make sure your child can go to the washroom in their costume independently. Each day we will have special fun Halloween activities and projects during this week. We will be doing a pumpkin inquiry and the students will have a chance to explore all the characteristics and parts of a pumpkin (inside and out). The children will even get the opportunity to taste the pumpkin seeds after we roast them. The child will be receiving special Halloween treat bags during this week. Thank you to all of the families who donated treats to put in the Halloween treat bags.

November is going to be a fantastic exploration month in our classroom!

Beginning on Tuesday November 2nd, we will begin Outdoor Play with the children. The Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten children will come for class at their regular time and they will begin inside with their Kindergarten work and will join the other children as soon as their work is finished. The Preschool children will sign in at the Play Park with the Educational Assistants and will play outside for the first 25 minutes of class which is

Teacher's Report - Ms. Michell

always Free Play time. Please take your child into the school and use the washroom before coming to the Play Park. As the weather is getting cooler, especially in the mornings, please dress your child appropriately for playing outside. This may mean, a winter coat, gloves or mitts, a hat and warm boots. Outside Play will be weather permitting and will be held on days when Therapists are not visiting with children. We will post whether it will be "Inside" or "Outside" play on the entrance doors so you know where to go.

There will be No School on Remembrance Day, Thursday, November 11th and on Friday, November 12th as we will have a PD day for our staff. Our teachers will be doing some extra preparations and planning for December and January.

I will be working on individual reports for some of the children and will have a few days of parent meetings again in November. **Ms. Rita** will be in class on **November 5th, 10th, 15th and 16th.**

The themes for November are **Music Nov. 1st - 10th**. The children will get to play and learn about different musical instruments and they will learn some new music vocabulary. **November 15th - 26th**, we will learn about Dinosaurs and the different types of Dinosaurs. In the last week of November and the beginning of December we will be learning about Winter Animals.

We have our first **Gym day on Wednesday, November 17th**. We will be putting the classroom furniture away and off to one side of the room and we will hold our **Gym Day in the classroom**. This will be a shortened class to allow for set up and clean up before and after the Gym class.

Please make note of the change in class times for this day:

Morning: 9:00-10:30 am and Afternoon: 1:00-2:30 pm.

All children are welcome to attend, even if Wednesday is not their regular day. Please sign up on the parent boards. Parents please bring your child and pick up your child at the times listed above for the Gym Class. Please make sure your child comes wearing loose gym clothing and has their indoor running shoes and have long hair tied back.

We will need a few Parent Volunteers to help bring in the equipment and assist with cleaning the equipment in the morning on Tuesday November 16th. We will need some help moving the classroom furniture at the end of the day on Tuesday, November 16th. Lastly, we will need some Parent Volunteers at the end of the day on Wednesday, November 17th to help with returning the equipment back to the shed after the gym class and restoring the furniture in the class at the end of the day and to assist with cleaning. We will have sign up sheets on the Parent Boards; please sign up if you are able to assist. We thank you in advance as we can't provide these types of events without your help.



Teacher's Report - Ms. Michell

On November 26th, 2021, we will have our first Dynamyx Gymnastic Day. Please note that they have moved to a new location: 175 Carleton Drive, #110, St. Albert. The Morning Class is from 9:15 am- 10:30 am and the Afternoon Class is from 1:00 pm- 2:15 pm. Please arrive on time and not too early. We will have a sign up sheet for a few parent volunteers to assist at the facility. Volunteers and Staff will be required to show ID and proof of vaccination. All children will be required to wear a mask upon entry to the facility in the coatroom and at the end of class in the coatroom. They do not have to wear a mask during the activities in their smaller groups. All adults will be required to wear a mask for the duration of the activities. They are also limiting the number of parents in the facility, so we ask that you do not wait around at the gym, but maybe go for a coffee and come back for pick up time. For those who usually wait to be picked up, you will be required to show your ID and proof of vaccination to stay at the facility. Please ensure your child comes wearing gym clothing and has their long hair tied back. The children will be in bare feet inside the gym. No indoor shoes are needed. Please see the link in the Field trip section of the newsletter for you to sign the waiver for your child to participate at the facility. Ms. Shannon will also have a printed copy of the QR code at the school. Please make sure you sign up on the parent boards and sign the wavier before the event day.

The Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten children will continue to focus on letter and number formation and recognition.

Other important dates coming up...

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, is our next In-Class Gym Day. We will need volunteer help again for this event, please sign up on the parent boards.

Friday, December 17, 2021, is the last day of class before the winter break. It will be a Pajama and Movie Day; all children will be welcome to attend. Watch the parent boards for the sign up sheets. I will be away this day as I am going away to visit family for Christmas. Ms. Rita will be in class that day.

Winter break – December 18th – December 2nd, 2021

Our first day back to school is Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

If you would like to contact me to discuss your child's progress or if you have any concerns or questions, please either email me at lcds.teacher@telus.net or use the Class Dojo App. If have not signed up for the Class Dojo App, please see Ms. Shannon to get your login code as this is where we will share reminders, photos and videos from the class activities and you can contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

~Ms. Michell



Parent Helper Schedule (AM)

November 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Snack	Sandwiches	Parent's Choice	Fruit & Grains	Cheese & Grains	Vegetables & Grains
Allergies & Restrictions	Eggs, Peanuts, Milk, Pork, Lard & Gelatin	Pork, Beef, Lard, Gelatin & Peanuts	Eggs, Peanuts, Milk, Pork, Lard & Gelatin	Pork, Beef, Lard, Gelatin & Peanuts	Eggs, Peanuts, Pork, Lard & Gelatin
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	Sophia 1	Hazel 2	Amelia 3	Leo G. (B-DAY) 4	Rowan 5
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	Yara 8	Brady 9	Sebastián (B-DAY) 10	Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL 11	PD Day NO SCHOOL 12
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	Elizabella 15	Josephine 16	GYM DAY Mathias 17	Keshara 18	Elisia (B-DAY) 19
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	Layla 22	Yul 23	Nicholas 24	Jiya 25	DYNAMYX GYM Amara & Myra 26
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	Ella 29	Nolan 30			

- Please take note of the allergies and restrictions for the day you are scheduled. **LCDS is a NUT FREE ZONE!!**
- On a regular day, please bring enough of the designated snack and beverage of your choice (1L) for 17 children.
- **Birthdays: Do Not Bring the scheduled snack; please bring a Birthday Snack** with some fresh fruit. A Birthday Snack may be nut free cupcakes (1 cupcake each, for 17 children) with fresh fruit or ice cream (Nut Free Chapman's Vanilla Ice Cream) with fresh fruit. Nut Free Muffins or Bear Paws also work. Please see the snack suggestion booklet for cupcake store brands. **All cakes must come from a nut free bakery, no homemade cupcakes or birthday cakes please.**
- **November 17th - GYM DAY - Please bring an individually packaged snack for 22 children; no beverage.**
- **November 26th - DYNAMYX GYM - Please bring an individually packaged snack for 22 children; no beverage.**

Parent Helper Schedule (PM)

November 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Snack	Sandwiches	Parent's Choice	Fruit & Grains	Cheese & Grains	Vegetables & Grains
Allergies & Restrictions	Eggs, Peanuts, Milk, Pork, Lard & Gelatin	Pork, Beef, Lard, Gelatin & Peanuts	Eggs, Peanuts, Milk, Pork, Lard & Gelatin	Pork, Beef, Lard, Gelatin & Peanuts	Eggs, Peanuts, Pork, Lard & Gelatin
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	1 Anthony	2 Mila & Ember	3 Orion	4 Eliam	5 Madison
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	8 Malina	9 Liam	10 Summer	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12 PD Day NO SCHOOL
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	15 Kiara	16 Brody	17 GYM DAY Charlotte	18 Ezra	19 Sina
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	22 Edvin	23 Leo H.	24 Irena	25 Jasnaz	26 DYNAMYX GYM Asher
Bring the Snack and a Beverage	29 Hawke & Blake	30 Kyra			

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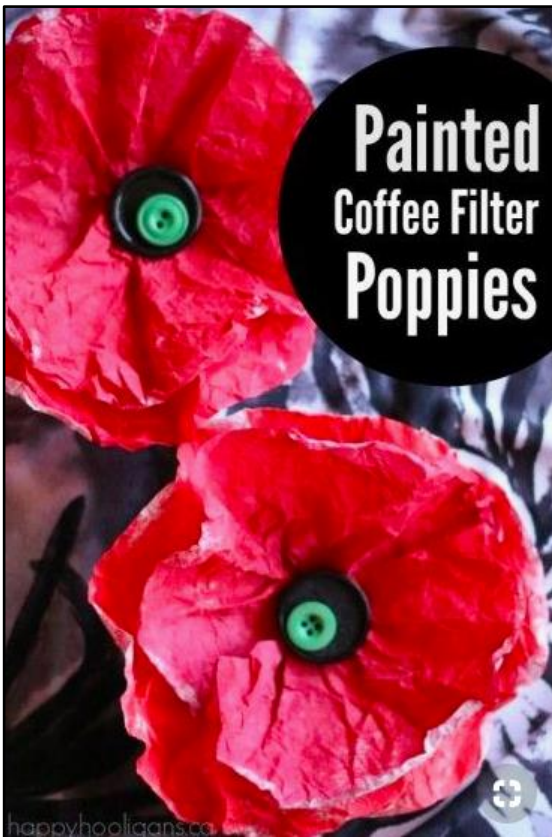
November Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Classroom Cleaning	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12 PD Day - NO SCHOOL	13
14	15	16	17 Gym Day	18	19	20
21 Bingo	22	23	24 Board Meeting	25	26 Dynamyx Gym Field Trip	27
28 Family Christmas Party (TBD)	29 Classroom Cleaning	30				



Kid's Corner

Painted Poppies



Supplies Needed:

- Paper coffee filter (2)
- Red paint
- Paint brush
- Buttons (black and green)
- Glue

Instructions:

- Paint the coffee filters, completely covering one side of the filter with red paint. Let dry.
- Crumple the dry, painted coffee filters into tight, little balls.
- Uncrumple the coffee filter so they're somewhat smooth, but still wrinkly.
- Layer 2 coffee filters loosely together and pinch the centre-back of the filters together, giving a little twist to hold bind them together.
- Glue a black button onto the front of each poppy, and top with a smaller green button.

