



February 2022

Upcoming Events for February

February 2nd - Ground Hog Day
February 7th - Classroom Cleaning
February 7th - September registration
deadline for returning families
February 7th - 11th Valentine's Day Week
February 14th - Valentine's Day - regular
Monday Classes
February 17th - Clay Guys in class
presentation
February 18th - PD Day - **NO SCHOOL**
February 19th - Bingo Event
February 21st - Family Day- **NO SCHOOL**
February 23rd - Board Meeting
February 23rd - Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bully)

Upcoming Events for March

March 3rd & 4th - Teacher's Convention- **NO SCHOOL**
March 7th - Classroom Cleaning
March 11th - Dynamyx Gym Field Trip
March 24th - Gym Day - Walk-a-Thon
Fundraiser
March 23rd - Board Meeting
March 19th - Bingo Event
March 26th - April 3rd - Spring Break- **NO SCHOOL**

2022-2023 Board of Directors & Committee Positions

We are beginning to plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

If your child will be returning to LCDS for school in September, please consider adding your name to a Board or Committee position for next year.

Some of our Board Members may stay on in their positions, other families will be moving on to Kindergarten or Grade One with their local schools. We cannot offer the wonderful program and special events without the extra support and assistance of our members in these positions.



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Happy 2022 LCDS families!

We hope your winter holiday season was an enjoyable one! Already three weeks into 2022, we're still dealing with COVID, still experiencing crazy weather and the Oilers are still not playing well. Hopefully, there are better things on the horizon.

Thank you to all who attended the AGM earlier this week. A lot of great information was shared about our year to date, the months ahead, and the next school year. We decided to renew the Bingo license for another 2 year term and we are going to begin building our plan for corporate sponsorship and yearly donation drive.

Welcome back to two former families, the Mahood family and the Halabi family. They are joining us for the remainder of the year.

Registration for next year is beginning again. Please see Ms. Shannon for forms if you are returning. If you know of anyone looking for a great preschool or kindergarten send them our way.

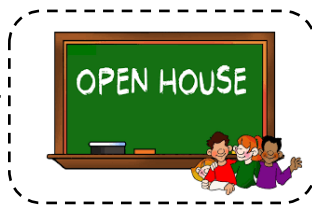
As you weigh your options for kindergarten, LCDS offers Kindergarten; it's worth considering that LCDS has smaller class sizes and more in-class support than many programs in the public and separate school systems. Not to mention a strong early childhood program led by an amazing team!

For further details about re-registering for next year see below or talk to Ms. Shannon. Please also consider signing up for a board or committee position if your child will be returning to LCDS.

We are in need of a Secretary for our Board Meetings and we need two volunteers for the Digital Yearbook (one for AM and one for PM). Please speak with Ms. Shannon if you can help.

Next board meeting is January 26th at 6:00 pm.





Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year

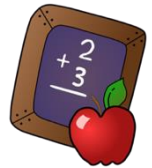
LCDS Members, if you are planning to have your child return to LCDS in September 2022 either for Kindergarten, Jr. Kindergarten or Preschool, please pick up a registration package from the office before **February 7th**.

All returning registrations must be in by **February 7th** in order to secure your spot for September. After February 7th, registration is open to the public and we will not be able to guarantee your registration spot.

If you know of anyone who would like to register their child at LCDS for Kindergarten, Jr. Kindergarten or Preschool, please let them know they can pick up a registration package from the LCDS Office.

We will make individual appointments for families who would like to meet our teacher and visit the classroom, weeknights between 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm on available dates. Let them know to call the school office to book an appointment.

Kindergarten & Jr. Kindergarten



If your child is transitioning to Kindergarten in September, please consider LCDS for your child. LCDS offers the same curriculum programming as the Public and Catholic Boards set out by the Alberta Government. LCDS has the benefit of being able to offer your child a small class setting with lots of individual teacher support.

If you are interested in having your child attend Kindergarten or Jr. Kindergarten at LCDS, please speak with Ms. Michell about our program.

For Jr. Kindergarten you must commit to at least 4 to 5 days of attendance and your child must turn 5 between September 1st and March 1st of the coming school year.

**If your child will turn 5 before December 31st, 2022,
they are eligible to register for Kindergarten**

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 \$40 and over receive free shipping with our school code.

LCDS School Code: RC157909

Thank you for supporting our school!



Clay Guys

Thursday, February 17th, 2022
LCDS Classroom Presentation

Parent volunteers are needed to assist with the activity in class.

Please sign up on the parent boards.

Please remember only fully vaccinated parents can assist. We will still limit the numbers of adults to limit exposure to the children.

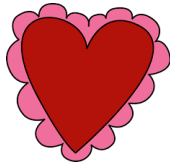
Thursday children please come for your regular class times;
if Thursday is not your child's regular day, please come to class for the times listed below:

AM CLASS: 10:15 am - 11:45 am

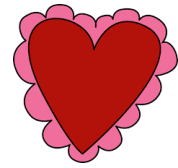
Presentation Parent Volunteers please arrive for 10:15 am

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

Presentation Parent Volunteers please arrive for 1:00 pm



LCDS



Valentine's Day Week!

Come celebrate Valentine's Day Week!!

February 7th - February 11th 2021

All children come for their regular class times.

Regular classes will be adjusted to incorporate the Valentine and Friendship themes into the learning activities. We will have some fun party activities each day.

PLEASE COME DRESSED IN RED, PINK or PURPLE ALL WEEK.

February 14th will be a regular class day, the children can come dressed in red, white, pink or purple.

We encourage everyone to bring Valentine Cards for all of the children in their class (AM or PM, not both).

Please help your child distribute the cards into the class mailboxes in the hallway.

For easier card distribution:

Do not address the cards to each child individually;

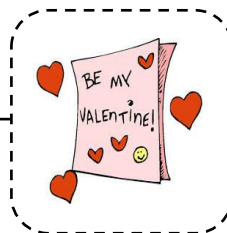
Address the cards "to my friend", or have you or your child sign the cards with their name. A stamp or a computer label is always good too.

AM Class: 14 Girls, 10 Boys

PM Class: 11 Girls, 10 Boys

For those who would like to give a card to the Teachers:

Ms. Michell, Ms. Joumana, Ms. Corina, Ms. Simone (SLP), Ms. Helen (OT), and Ms. Shannon





Cleaning Report

The next classroom cleaning date is **February 7th, 2022**

The families who were scheduled for the January cleaning have been moved to this cleaning date. If you are not able to attend please make other arrangements with Ms. Shannon.

The following families are scheduled:

Naidoo	Charbonneau	Walters
Wellana	Hewawasamage	Olazo

The 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

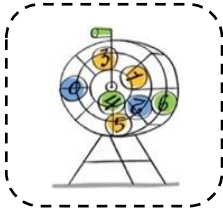
call Summer Halabi 780-834-8524

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



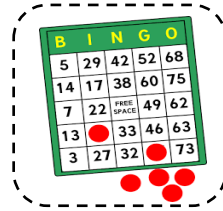
BINGO REPORT

Our next scheduled Bingo Date is:



Sunday, February 19th, 2022

**Kensington Bingo Hall
12538-132 Avenue
10:30am - 4:00pm**



The following families are scheduled to work this Bingo:

Naidoo - 1 worker

Waye - 1 worker

Walters - 1 worker

Tenney - 1 worker

If you have not signed up for your Bingo dates, please contact the school office as we need 10 more workers for this event.

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.

For those families who volunteer to work an extra bingo shift, they will receive an entry for a draw for a \$100.00 restaurant gift card for each extra shift worked.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

If you have an emergency and you are not able to make your scheduled Bingo or you will be late, do not leave a message on the school email, we do not check it on the weekend.

Please call:

Victoria Pellegrino (780) 982-9925 or email: victoriaperelman@yahoo.ca
or Holly Dinisyk (780) - 999-1071 or email: judgood@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).



TEACHER'S REPORT - MICHELL FUNG

At the beginning of January, the children learned about the different colors, and they enjoyed presenting their pictures of the colored items from home. They love all the colored projects they made. Please check them on our boards and walls.

We are really encouraging all the children to be more independent when getting when dressed and undressed with their coats, snow pants, winter accessories, and backpacks. We would love to see the children try to do more of this on their own. We would love to see them find their own hooks and look for their name on their shoe cubbies. This will really strengthen their fine motor skills, sequencing skills and build their overall confidence in themselves.

Our classroom playhouse has been recently transformed into a **Hospital**, and the children are learning the roles of doctors, nurses, patients, and receptionists. In February we change up the playhouse into a **Grocery Store**.

Kindergarten children will start their Home reading books next week. The children will change their books every day with Ms. Michell. Following L.C.D.S. policy lost or damaged books will be assessed a recovery fee of \$12 per book. These books are part of a set and they are hard to replace. Please take care of these books and have a fun time reading.

We will send home some booklets for all the children at LCDS to keep at home in the next coming month. Please read and go over the vocabulary in the story with your children.

Please let me know if there are any ways that I can help support you and your child or children reading together at home. Remember that reading does not need to be done only at bedtime. Anytime is a good time to enjoy a story with your child! This activity does not have to take a long time and it is a great time to spend some quality time together.

In **January** the Kindergarten curriculum has focused on the **Jj, Ss, Dd, and Bb**. **February** we will be looking at **Rr, Kk, Aa, and Vv**. Make looking for these letters a fun activity whether you're reading a book or driving around to different places.

Our Next theme will be **Friendship and Valentine's day January 31-February 14, 2022**. The children will learn about the **Chinese New Year and the Year of the Tiger on Feb 1st, 2022**.

TEACHER'S REPORT CONTINUED

The children will learn about **Ground Hog Day** on **February 2, 2022**.

In early February, I plan to meet with Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten families and other families who receive specialized services with our LCDS. Please watch your e-mails for more details.

Our theme for **February** is **Friendship/ Valentines**, a meaningful topic for our young students. Learning about friendship begins at an early age. Learning how to share and compromise is often hard for young children, whose view of the world is largely self-centered. Providing children with opportunities to play with their peers, offering suggestions for compromise, and helping provide possible solutions when necessary are ways in which adults can help children "practice" the skills of being a good friends. The examples we set at home and within our friendships are vital in helping our young children learn "how" to be a friend.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day week from February 7- 14, 2022. We will have special activities for the children every day. The children can wear red, pink and purple the whole week. We encourage your child or children to either make or buy valentine's cards and pass them out in the mailboxes during this week. **Presently there are 24 children in the morning class (girls and boys) and 21 children in the afternoon class (boys and girls).** *Our teaching staff will have mailbags, as will Sammy, our magical classroom squirrel.* **It is preferred that the valentines you bring are not addressed to individual children, but simply signed on the back with your child's name. It makes distributing them so much easier and great practice for writing their names!**

We have an in-class presentation, Clay Guys, Thursday, February 17th, 2022

No school on Friday, February 18th, and Monday, February 21st, 2022, for PD Day and Family Day

It will be Pink Shirt Day On Wednesday, February 23, 2022. This is to encourage Anti-bullying with all the students.

At the end of **February**, we will end with the **Farm Animals** theme. The children will be learning about different Farm Animals.

No School for Teacher's Convention Thursday, March 3rd, and Friday March 4th, 2022.

TEACHER'S REPORT CONTINUED

In March we have **Multicultural Month**. The class learns about a new country each day. The children who are scheduled for a helping hand day in March, from both morning and afternoon classes will prepare a poster with their parents on their designated country and present it to the class on their helping hand day. **Please practice going over your questions and the poster with your child since this promotes great public speaking and they also develop a great sense of pride in their work.** The children will each receive a passport and they will get them stamped when they come to class each day.

Our March Gym Day is on Thursday, March 24th, 2022, which will be our Walk-a-thon. You are asked to get donations ahead of time to raise money for the school. At the beginning of Gym, they will walk, run, or dance around the Gym to earn that money. The money raised will go towards new gym equipment and field trips/ classroom events. At the end of Gym, the children will receive a medal and pedometer to help track their steps. We ask that the children be dressed for the weather since we will be outside for the Walk-a-thon at beginning of the Gym Day.

At this time of the year, I often have parents wanting to discuss children's progress and placement options for next year. Some families may question a child's readiness for Kindergarten or seek reassurance as to whether their child is ready for the "big school". Whether to keep their child here for Kindergarten or go on to another school. Please remember that I do love to speak with you about your children whether they are moving on or returning for another year at L.C.D.S. I would be happy to arrange a time with you or contact Shannon in the office to make an appointment.

Other important dates

Spring Break is at the end of March 26th-April 3rd, 2022

Class resumes on Monday, April 4, 2022

February 2022
Parent Helper Schedule (AM)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Snack	Cheese & Grains	Vegetable & Grains	Sandwiches	Parent's Choice	Fruit & 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
Snack and Beverage		1 PATRICK B-DAY	2 NICHOLAS	3 HAZEL	4 MYRA & AMARA
Snack and Beverage	7 AIDEN	8 YARA	9 BRADY	10 YUL B-DAY	11 AMELIA
Snack and Beverage	14 MATHIAS	15 SOPHIA	16 ELLA	17 KESHARA B-DAY CLAY GUYS PRESENTATION	18 PD DAY NO SCHOOL
Snack and Beverage	21 FAMILY DAY NO SCHOOL	22 JIYA	23 LAYLA	24 LEO G.	25 ROWAN
Snack and Beverage	28 SEBASTIÁN				

- 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.**
- **February 17th- Clay Guys presentation - please bring enough snack for 17 children. Snack will be before the presentation for regular Thursday class attendance. Please bring a Birthday snack as noted above.**

February 2022
Parent Helper Schedule (PM)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Snack	Fruit & Grains	Cheese & Grains	Vegetable & Grains	Sandwiches	Parent's Choice
Allergies & Restrictions	Pork, Lard & Gelatin	Peanuts and Strawberries	Pork, Lard & Gelatin	Peanuts and Strawberries	Pork, Lard & Gelatin
Snack and Beverage		LIAM ¹	EZRA ²	MADISON ³	HAWKE & BLAKE ⁴
Snack and Beverage	IRENA ⁷	LEO H. ⁸	JASNAZ ⁹	ELIAM ¹⁰	ANTHONY ¹¹
Snack and Beverage	JOY ¹⁴	KYRA ¹⁵	CHARLOTTE ¹⁶	ORION ¹⁷ CLAY GUYS Presentation	PD DAY ¹⁸ NO SCHOOL
Snack and Beverage	FAMILY DAY ²¹ NO SCHOOL	EMBER & MILA ²²	SINA ²³ B-DAY	SUMMER ²⁴	ASHER ²⁵
Snack and Beverage	MALINA ²⁸				

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February Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Classroom Cleaning	8	9	10	11	12
	Returning Member Registration Deadline	Valentine's Day Week - Feb. 7 th to Feb. 11 th				
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Clay Guys	18 PD-Day NO SCHOOL	19 Bingo
20	21 Family Day NO SCHOOL	22	23 Board Meeting Pink Shirt Day	24	25	26
27	28					



Kid's Corner



Ingredients:

- clothes pins
- pom poms
- red washable paint



Directions:

- Print an image of a heart.
- Pour red paint on a plate.
- Attach a pom pom to a clothes pin.
- Dip the pom pom in the paint and dab dots of paint on the printed heart.

