



LANDING TRAIL SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 1-15 - Food and Toy Drive
- Dec. 2 - Concert ticket request deadline
 - LT's 40th Birthday celebration
 - 80's Dress Up Day
 - Hot lunch - Pizza
- Dec. 5 - PD Day - No Classes
- Dec 6 - 9 - Santa Shop (class specific shopping days)
- Dec 13 - Pre-K and Kinder concert 6:00pm
- Dec. 15 - Gr.1-4 Concert 1pm and 7pm
- Dec. 16 - School wide pancake lunch
- Dec. 22 - LOGOS Christmas Chapel 10:30am
- Dec. 23 - Last day of classes
- Dec. 31 - Hot lunch -Term 2 order deadline
- Jan. 9 - Classes resume

Landing Trail School is turning 40!



Students and staff will celebrate this milestone with an 80's dress up day complete with cake

GR. 1 - 4 CONCERT INFO

- Dress - Students are encouraged to dress their best or wear their favourite Christmas attire
- Due to fire regulations only those with a ticket will be permitted entry
- Ticket request deadline - Friday, December 2nd
- Tickets will be distributed in student agendas Dec. 12. If you requested tickets and no longer require them you are asked to return them to the office so another family may use them.
- Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance
- Food and toy donations will be accepted at the door
- Silver collection will be available for the Gibbons / Bon Accord Food Bank

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

December is gearing up to be a busy month and one that is a milestone at Landing Trail...we're turning 40 years old! Our school opened on Dec. 2, 1982, and to celebrate, we are kicking it off with an 80's themed birthday party in the gym for our students, staff, and a few invited guests on Friday, Dec 2. We're celebrating with cake, decorations, and singing our school song (and Happy Birthday, of course!). Grade 4 Leadership students have compiled a list of the 40 greatest things about Landing Trail School from each class. We can't wait to hear what's on their list! We are planning a larger legacy event on June 2, 2023 for the whole school community to attend. To make this event amazing, we are looking for input and involvement from all of you. We have a 40th Anniversary website you can visit to get involved, and share stories and photos. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/edu.../40yearsoflandingtrail/home> or email LT40years@sturgeon.ab.ca. We'd love to hear from you!

Did you know...students in Grades K-3 are learning new curriculum this year in English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical Education & Wellness? Teachers meet in grade teams every 3 weeks with our Learning Coach to examine curriculum outcomes and resources to create optimal learning environments for students. This year, teachers will also have access to 3 days of professional learning to support them with implementing new curriculum. Teachers can choose from a menu of sessions offered by Sturgeon Public Schools or choose other professional development opportunities. When teachers collaborate and improve their practice, student learning improves!

On behalf of Laura Vickerman, School Council Chair, and myself, we'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the Value Scoping Survey sent out last week. We received 25 responses to the survey and gathered valuable feedback that helped inform our discussions at the sessions we attended this week. The sessions were rich in conversation, ideas, and optimism about the future of our schools and community. The school division will use this feedback as they create the division's capital plan and priorities going forward. The future looks bright in Gibbons!

December is an exciting month with a lot of activities happening in the school. We have Christmas concerts, the Holiday Gift Shop, Candy Cane sales, the Food Bank Drive, school wide pancake lunch, LOGOS Christmas Chapel, a door decorating contest, and so much more! Please contact your child's teacher if you'd like to help out during this busy time of year. Thanks to a few decorating elves, our school is looking beautiful and festive and bringing joy to everyone who walks the hallways. We have so much to be excited about and thankful for this December.

I am always eager to hear from you! The next "Coffee With the Principal" is on December 20, between 9:00 and 10:00 AM. Drop by to say "Hi" or chat about something important to you about our school. You can also call me at the school or email me at any time at traci.upshaw@sturgeon.ab.ca. I'd love to hear from you!

From everyone at Landing Trail School, I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Traci Upshaw



Winter has arrived! We do go outside for recess as long as it is not colder than -25 with the windchill. Please ensure children have all of their winter gear and that these are clearly labelled with their name.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

School bus service may be suspended at a temperature of minus forty (40) degrees Celsius, as determined by the Weather Network at Bon Accord, AB, or as articulated in 2.4.1. Other contributing factors include:

- Visibility under 1 km. or impassable roads;
 - Reports from bus drivers, counties or municipalities concerning the conditions of rural roads;
 - Notification of severe weather provided by Alberta Emergency Alert and/or;
- Information received from neighboring school jurisdictions.

Communication of Altered or Cancelled Bus Service

A decision by the Superintendent to suspend school bus service shall be communicated to all families. Communication channels will include local media, the Division website, and social media.



Candy Cane Sales December 7th

Candy canes are available for a minimum
50 cent donation to the Bon Accord /
Gibbons Food Bank.
Limit of one per student.

Landing Trail Mental Health and Wellness

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fall Break!

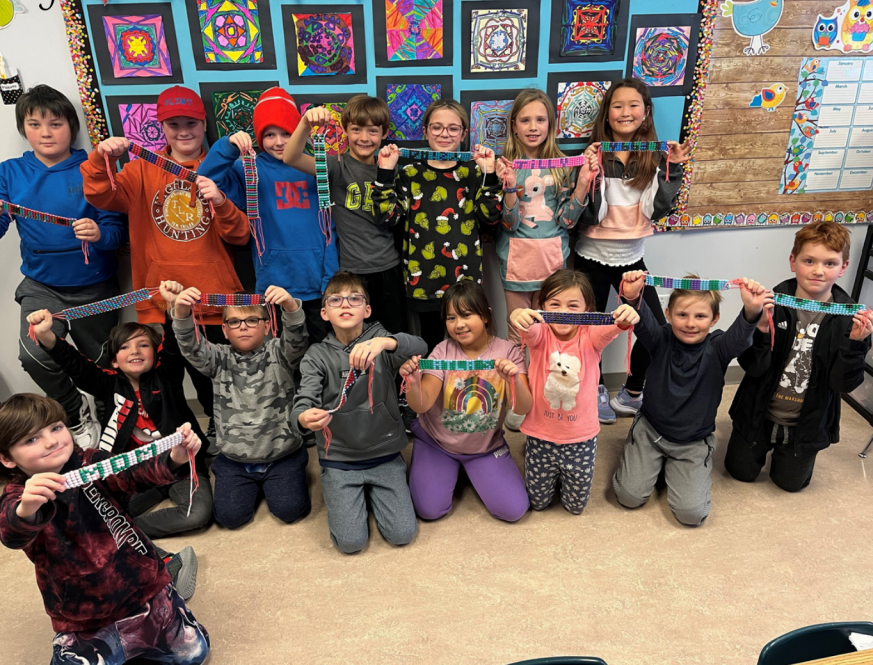
I have been in classes during this month making "Worry Stones" with the students. We have been discussing what the word worry means and how it can make us feel. We have been brainstorming ideas about how we can manage our worries when they get to be too much for us. We've talked about taking deep breaths, going for walks, and talking to a friend or adult to help us through our worries. Moving forward the students will be learning about how the brain works and some more ways to manage their emotions when they get worried or upset.

I hope everyone has a wonderful December!

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time!

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A Look at
November

Pawâcakinisîsipisim

Pronounced: pah-wa-chug-inah-see-see-pee-sim

Frost Exploding Tree Moon



December has arrived! A new month, and a new moon. This month's moon is called the frost exploding tree moon. This moon got its name from the process of the sap freezing in the trees. When the sap freezes it expands and causes the trees to crack. On a really cold night during this moon, if you listen carefully you can hear this cracking sound.

Traditionally as the weather is colder we spend more time indoors. This is a time to tell stories, pass on traditions, culture and spend time with those who are important to you. Do you have any family traditions or cultural practices you like to pass on during this season?

This month's challenge is to create a new tradition with your friends or family.

* MERRY *
CHRISTMAS



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