

# Charlotte Small Elementary School

## CONNECTION

"Where Every Child Can Dream, Believe, and Achieve."

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<https://charlottesmall.wrsd.ca>

October 2023

## OCTOBER:

- 3 - Caroline Cross Country Meet  
(for those who chose to sign up)
- 5 - Turkey Waddle at 1:30
- 5 - Grade 6 Immunizations
- 6-9 No school.... Happy Thanksgiving!
- 18 - Parent Council Meeting
- 24 & 25 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- 27 - Pajama Day
- 30 - Assembly at 1:00
- 31 - Halloween

### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

ECS Supply FEES DUE  
Grade 6 Volleyball Fees DUE  
Hot Lunch and Hot Dog Lunch  
Now Available!

## RE-ENROLMENT REGISTRATION FORMS

Please make sure you have completed this form for each of your children. These are no longer sent home via paper copy, they can be found in your Parent Portal- School Engage. If you have trouble, please contact the office and we will be happy to help you. You may just need a reminder of your username and a reset of your password. These forms contain very important info that we need to keep updated, parent/guardian info/emergency contacts/medical/FOIP consent/citizenship status.

**PLEASE COMPLETE ASAP**

# Principal Message

## October 2023

Happy Fall! Our school is lucky to be nestled amongst this beautiful background, now filled with autumn colors. Sometimes, we take for granted how special this country school really is until we stop and notice it! It is the month of Thanksgiving and a time to be grateful for those around us and all our blessings.

It also means the weather will begin to cool soon. The fresh air, sunshine and play are important all year round so students do go outside for recess and other outdoor activities, except in the most extreme conditions. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately so they can stay warm while getting their wellness breaks outside. If you are in need of sourcing warm winter gear for your children, please contact the school as we often have donations to give away.

Please note our parent conferences are scheduled for October 24 and 25 this year. Term one report cards will be sent digitally on November 30 this year, but teachers do like to meet with parents before then in order to share initial observations and to make plans for a successful year. Conferences are a chance to discuss your child's start of the year and exchange ideas with teachers to support student success. Attending these conferences can give you a glimpse into your child's schooling and is a great time to take away ideas on how to help your child with their overall learning. Teachers look forward to chatting with parents and sharing student work with them so please keep an eye out for booking appointments. A reminder message will be sent next week with further details.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for the positive start to the year and we are truly grateful to have the opportunity to spend our days with your children.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Kalev







The Student/Parent Handbook is available to view on the Charlotte Small Elementary website. Check it out for all things school.



Make sure you are following us on Facebook- [Charlotte Small Elementary School](#)




We would like to say a great big Thank you to the Little House of Hopes Community Thrift Shop for the generous donation towards our student nutrition program. We really appreciate your support!

## Athletic Calendar

For everyone's convenience, an Athletic calendar has been created for the Charlotte Small Hawks. Please follow along to stay updated on our sports teams schedules/events. Keep in mind, this is a LIVE calendar and is continually changing, so please always double-check to confirm dates and times.

**GO HAWKS GO!!**

Thank  
you



# 2022/2023 School Fluoride Varnish & Sealant Application Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2

To support good dental health, AHS is offering our students FREE fluoride varnish applications (ECS, 1 & 2) and Sealants (Grades 1 & 2 only)

A letter of consent has gone out.

**Please send back by October 6.**

Dates for procedures TBA

Location: CS Elementary

**Nut allergies are a serious concern for some of our students who have potentially life threatening allergies. We need your support and cooperation in making a reasonable effort to send food to school which does not contain nuts. Also, please speak with your child about not sharing their food with other children. We will continue to ask our students to eat their lunches in their classrooms and to not take food outside.**

**Allergy Aware School**





# ***Hand Bell Choir***

The first practice was Wednesday, Sept 27 from 3:30 to 4:30 and from 7 to 8 p.m. This was for registration and to start songs for Christmas time. There is no cost to join. Ages 8 and up. Please join our Facebook page to get notices.

Call 403-357-4859 for more information



## *Parent-Teacher Interviews*

**Oct 24 and 25  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Please call the office after October 10 to book an appointment.**

**(403) 729-3868**



# **October 5**

## **Public Health Nurse**

Grade 6 Immunizations will be taking place at the school on October 5, 2023.

If you have any questions/concerns please contact:

Jennifer Harty, RN BScN

Eckville Community Health Centre – Public Health

Ph 403-746-2201



# Student of the Month

## ECS - Mrs. Hall

Blayke Smith  
Ava Mercia  
Bostyn Harman

## Mrs. Mason - Grade 1

Bailey Skoven Kleinschroth  
Holden Wright  
Peyton Nordstrom

## Mrs. Lewis - Grades 1/2

Kal-El Hummel  
Luke Lightbown

## Mrs. Kuhn - Grade 2

Lexie Steegink  
Blakely Harman  
Padder Crossey

## Mrs. Britton - Grade 3

Sawyer Hackenschmidt  
Aidyn Allen  
Ben Meikle

## Mrs. Carson - Grade 4

Kylee Smith  
Amelia Shortneck  
Kashis Thomas

## Mr. Henkelman - Grade 4

Grace Perepelkin  
Adalind Rapley  
Finley Vandenberg

## Mrs. Spencer - Grade 5

Wyatt Bourassa-Rolfes  
Faith Wiggans  
Crewe Brower  
Hadley Leask

## Mrs. Brower - Grade 6

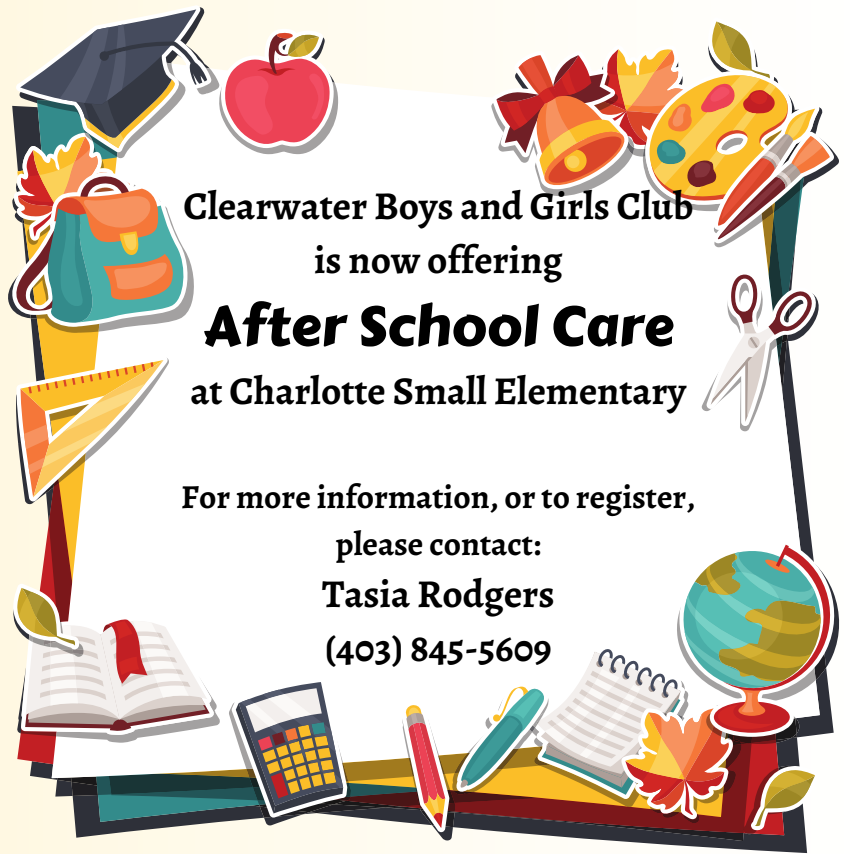
Kole Scott  
Ben Crisp

## Mrs. Schmidek - Grade 6

Caine Vandenberg  
Josh Alexander  
Koby Pittendreigh



**For all things busing  
please call  
Prairie Bus Lines @  
403-845-4255**



Clearwater Boys and Girls Club  
is now offering  
**After School Care**  
at Charlotte Small Elementary

For more information, or to register,  
please contact:  
**Tasia Rodgers**  
**(403) 845-5609**

Prairie Bus Lines is currently hiring Bus Drivers in the Rocky / Caroline / Leslieville / Condor areas including:

**Route 26**  
**Route 28**

Please forward resumes with a 10-year Driver's Abstract to  
[carriehu@prairie.pwt.ca](mailto:carriehu@prairie.pwt.ca)

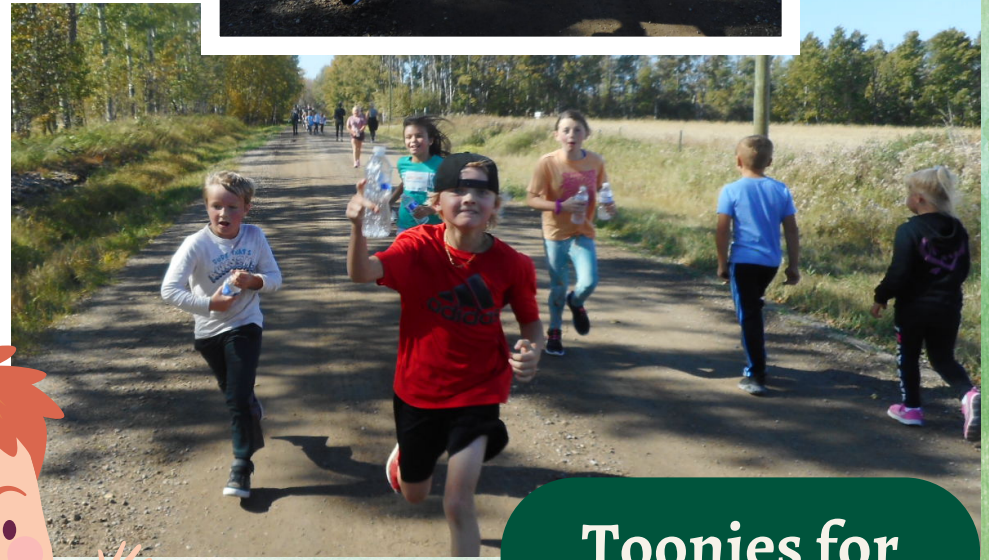
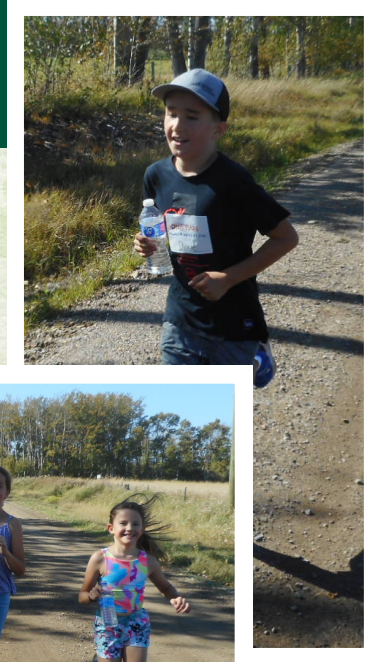
Alternately, resumes  
can be dropped off at Prairie Bus Lines office at 4915 54 St in  
Rocky Mountain House during regular  
business hours: 6:30 am – 5:30pm (front desk).

At Prairie, you can bring your little ones to work with you & get paid!  
Quality time & a pay cheque!

Please pass this along to anyone you may think might be interested in becoming  
a Bus Driver!



# Terry Fox Run 2023



Thank  
YOU!

Toonies for  
Terry raised  
\$689.95!

All money raised goes to the  
Terry Fox Foundation for  
cancer research



# CHARLOTTE SMALL PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

- Hot Dog Day Oct. 12th ( Please order by Oct. 4th)
- School & Parent Council meeting Oct. 18th 6:30pm
- Hot Lunch Oct. 25th



Hot Lunch & Hot  
dog days are  
BACK!

Check Pg.2 for all  
the info!



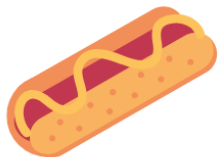
Save the Date!  
Penny Carnival is  
November 23rd

## Volunteers Needed!

Penny Carnival is here again! Time to start cleaning out your used toys and games! Donated items will be used for carnival game prizes. Drop off date TBD

Parent Council is running a silent auction during the upcoming Penny Carnival. If you can help gather business donations or know of a great business that would like to support our school please reach out to Janneke @ 403-322-3887





# Hot Lunch Day



Charlotte Small Parent Council runs a monthly Hot Lunch and Hot dog Day program that parents can choose to purchase for their children. The money collected goes back to the school as fundraising dollars.

Both programs run through School Cash Online. Parents are able to fill out the order form and pay online at [wildrose.schoolcashonline.com](http://wildrose.schoolcashonline.com).

Orders and payment will be able to be submitted until the end of the day that orders are due.

Paper forms will not be sent home, however, info and reminders will be posted on the Charlotte Small Parents Facebook page and through School Messenger.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please reach out to Allison Casey at 403-598-5266

## Charlotte Small Elementary Hot Lunch Days

### October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Wednesday

- Ham & Perogies with Corn - \$5.00
- Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$0.50
- Juice Box -\$0.50

### November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 - Thursday

- Macaroni & Cheese with Sausage and Fresh Veggies - \$5.00
- Cherry Tart - \$0.50
- Juice Box - \$0.50

### December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Friday

- Pizza (Hawaiian, Pepperoni or Cheese) - \$5.00
- Sugar Cookie - \$0.50
- Juice Box - \$0.50

### January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Thursday

- Pancakes & Breakfast Sausages with Fresh Fruit - \$5.00
- Rice Crispy Treat - \$0.50
- Juice Box - \$0.50

### February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Wednesday

- Spaghetti and Meat Sauce with Fresh Veggies - \$5.00
- Jello - \$0.50
- Juice Box - \$0.50

### March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – Thursday

- Taco in a Bag - \$5.00
- Pudding - \$0.50
- Juice Box - \$ 0.50

### April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Wednesday

- Beef on a Bun with Caesar Salad - \$5.00
- Brownies and Ice Cream - \$0.50
- Juice Box – 0.50

### May – TBA

- Track and Field BBQ

## Hot Dog Days

- October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Thursday
- November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Wednesday
- December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Tuesday
- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Friday
- February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Tuesday
- March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Wednesday
- April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Thursday
- May 2024 - TBA

### Hot Dog Day Menu

- 1 Hot Dog - \$3.50
- 2 Hot Dogs - \$7.00
- Ice Cream - \$1.00
- Juice Box - \$0.50



# Charlotte Small School & Parent Council

We Want You! Everyone is Welcome!

School Council gives parents the opportunity to work with our school and administrators directly. It is a very relaxed, open floor conversation. We advise the principal on important issues and play an active role in shaping our school environment.



Join us for a meeting! It's a great way to see what's going on in the school and share your parent voice

Parent Council is a way for parents to discuss how we can financially support our school and children. This includes fundraisers or hot lunch programs. In the past, funds have gone towards field trips, classroom extras and teacher support. We get to provide the extra fun stuff!




Our next Meeting is Oct. 18th 2023 at 6:30

Join the Facebook page to stay up to date on all things school!



Charlotte Small Elem Parents Page

Questions? Email or reach out to one of these awesome parents!

Email -  Charlottesmallparentcouncil@gmail.com

## Parent Council

Chair - Shelby Shortneck  
Vice Chair - Allison Casey  
Treasurer - Brittany Sands  
Secretary - Kayleigh Rempel  
Hot Lunch Committee - Allison Casey  
Fundraising Leader - Nancy Lublinkhof  
Communications - Leah Casey

## Annual General Meeting School Council September 14, 2023 Location: 6:30

### Format of meetings

1. Introductions:
2. Annual General Meeting School Council (On School Matters)
3. Condor School Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (the Fundraising Society)

## Charlotte Small School Council Annual General Meeting

Goals: School Council is a group whose purpose is to advise the principal and the school board on matters relating to the school. It functions to work together with the school to enhance student learning. The School Council is based on premises of mutual understanding, relationships, trust and clear communication.

### Guiding Principles:

1. Concise, timely meetings with clear agenda
2. Agenda items submitted to the School Council chair or principal at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.
3. Chairperson ensures every person wishing to speak is given the opportunity; one person speaking at a time.
4. Motions must be formally recorded with who made a motion, seconder and record of vote results
5. Notes can be anecdotal summary of discussion unless motion is made
6. [Operating Procedures](#) -

### Call to order at 6:30

Attendance - Cheryl Kalev, Jackie Heide, Burnie Britton, Brenda Lewis Brittany Sands, Shelby Shortneck, Allison Casey, Samantha Smith, Jodeen Swan, Marissa Nixon, Dawn Sinclair, Nancy Lublinkhof, Miranda Cameron, Kayleigh Rempel, Ashley Perepelkin, Amy Wiggins, Jessie Edwards

1. [Approval of Last meeting minutes](#)
2. [Trustee's Report](#)- See Attached link [Trustee Report](#)
3. Community Report - Rink and ball diamond repairs and updates have been completed. Sea cans have also been repainted. Shale work will happen next year. Community fundraisers are planned for the year.
4. [Principals' Report](#)-Caretaking, Indigenous Day -activities are planned for students and staff. Volunteers are welcome to join Tuesday the 27th. Start Up - fantastic start up this year. Staff Update - additions of Mr. Whitecotton and some new EA's, class Size -,donation - Little house of hope has donated \$2500 towards a school nutrition program., pre-k - excited about the program and so far it is going very well. , after school program - once licensing is approved can accept 24 kids. Right now they can only accept 6 kids.
5. [Teacher's Report](#) - Great start to 2023 year so far.
6. [New Business:](#)
  1. Current Executive
    - a. Chairperson- **Shelby Shortneck**
    - b. Vice-chairperson -
    - c. Treasurer-Brittany Sands
    - d. Secretary-Taylor Liivam
    - e. Communications Officer -Leah Casey
    - f. Events/ Volunteer Officer -Allison Casey



## 2023 New Executive

- g. Chairperson- Shelby Shortneck
- h. Vice-chairperson - Allison Casey
- i. Treasurer-Brittany Sands
- j. Secretary- Kaleigh Rempel
- k. Communications Officer - Leah Casey
- l. Events/ Volunteer Officer - Allison Casey

2023 New executive directors have accepted the positions above. Samantha Smith motion to accept the new executive directors listed above for the 2023-2024 school term and Ashley Perepelkin seconds. All in favour.

Meeting Schedule - Thoughts on splitting meetings - Try a school meeting after assemblies. Parents are interested in the school side of meetings and would like it to be accessible to all parents. January we will try a split meeting schedule and see what the outcome is.

### Setting the Year's Meeting Schedule

(Last year: October , November,January, March, May

October - Combination meeting Oct. 19th 630

November - Combination meeting Nov 2nd 630

January - School council 29th following assembly. (Parent council meeting will be Jan 19th)

March - Combination meeting - march 21st

May - Combination meeting MAY 9th

Bussing questions -North kids get here later and are having trouble not having that downtime. School and teacher direction is helping kids make those connections and forming friendships. Seating arrangements change monthly and children move in different groups each day. Staff are not loving the split dismissal and arrival times but are working with the kids to ensure they have productive days. Things are starting to settle into a good routine. Any bussing concerns should be taken to WRSD directly and to our Trustee Penni Loughed. School dismissal and sign out process concerns. Sign out will be streamlined with the office to help all parents. If your child needs to be dismissed please make sure you contact their teacher, bus driver and sign them out at the office.

May 2023 [Minutes](#)

Adjournment: 7:54pm



Minutes of Parent Council Meetings are also available for parents to view. Please ask at the office for more information!