



Charlotte Small Elementary School CONNECTION

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

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December 2023

DECEMBER:

- 5 - Hot Dog Lunch
- 8 - Last Day to Order Hot Lunch
- 14 - Christmas Concert
- 15 - Dress in anything
"Christmassy" Day
- 15 - Hot Lunch (Pizza)
- 22 - Last Day of Classes

JANUARY:

- 8 - First Day Back to School



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.

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.

Principal Message

December 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

“When we remember a special Christmas, it is not the presents that made it special, but the laughter, the feeling of love, and the togetherness of friends and family that made that Christmas special.”

-Catherine Pulsifier

December is always special in our school. There’s something about holiday stories and crafts that have a way of feeling a little extra special. The students, although tired and ready for a break, are also excited as the holidays draw near. Our classrooms and hallways are decorated with bright cheerful colors and one can feel the energy the children bring with them every day.

One of our favourite events that brings the community together is our annual Christmas concert. I am sure many of us remember the nerves and excitement when we were on the stage ourselves back when we were children. For grandparents, parents and other family members, seeing our children on the stage brings us pride and enjoyment. Our students are busy learning their songs, poems and/or dances to share with you on December 14th.

We look forward to seeing you there! On behalf of the entire staff at Charlotte Small School, I would like to wish everyone a joyful holiday season.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Kalev



THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023
DRESS REHEARSAL: 9:30 AM
AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE: 1:00 PM
EVENING PERFORMANCE: 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PLEASE WATCH THE CHARLOTTE SMALL WEBSITE
CALENDAR FOR MORE DETAILS



Athletic Calendar

The athletics calendar is updated to include some basketball practices and adult drop in volleyball.

Please check the athletics calendar **DAILY** as events can be cancelled at a moment's notice due to weather, custodial hours, staff availability, or school needs.

GO HAWKS GO!!



School Council meeting minutes are available on the Charlotte Small Elementary website.

Parent Council minutes are available to view any time at the school office.

Ski Trips

Please see the information packages sent home from the school for complete information about the following **optional** ski trips. Information regarding the Grade 3 and 4 ski trip has already been sent home. Information regarding the Grade 5 and 6 ski trip will be going home on December 4.

Grade 3 and 4 - Canyon Ski Resort on January 25, 2024

Deadline to return forms to the school is December 15, 2023.

Deadline for payment on SchoolCash is January 10, 2024.

Please contact jackie.heide@wrsd.ca for more information.

Grade 5 and 6 - Nakiska Ski Area on February 1, 2024

Deadline to return forms to the school and submit payment to SchoolCash is January 9, 2024.

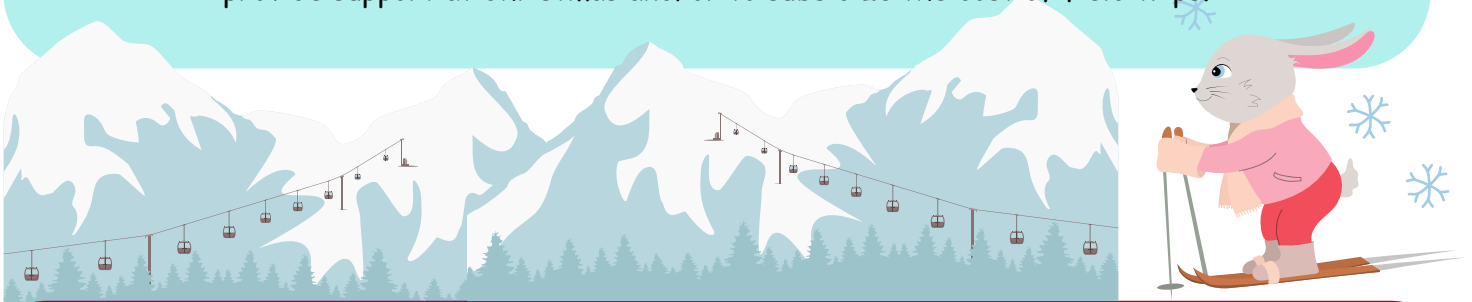
Please contact kobi.brower@wrsd.ca for more information.

Parent Council has generously offered to cover the cost of student busing for both ski trips. Both trips are available for purchase on SchoolCash Online.

Parent Volunteers are needed. In order for ski trips to be successful, we will need as many parent volunteers as possible.

We thank you in advance for being a part of this opportunity for our students if you are able to volunteer!

If financial issues are preventing your student from attending this field trip, please call Mrs. Kaley confidentially to discuss options for help. Our school connects with agencies and sponsors to provide support at Christmas and/or to subsidize the cost of field trips.



Volunteers
needed

If you plan on volunteering for this or other school field trips and events,

please ensure your criminal record check is up to date and submitted to the office.

Criminal Record checks must be completed every three years.

In order to transport students (other than your own) to a school event, a 5-year driver's abstract must be submitted to the office every year.

Please contact the office for more information.

Congratulations! Students of the Month

ECS - Mrs. Hall

Rhett Madsen
Caleb Wright
Theodore Tarr

Mr. Henkelman - Grade 4

Kennedy Hermiston
Willow Dichard
Jaxson Beaudin

Mrs. Mason - Grade 1

Jaida Crebas
Cole Kunzelman
Isobel Peppard

Mrs. Carson - Grade 4

Makenna Hollingsworth
Adilynn Walker
Levi Crebas

Mrs. Lewis - Grades 1/2

Kadence Terpstra
Wylder Lago Money
Gwen Church

Mrs. Spencer - Grade 5

Grace LeBlanc
Korbyn Fisher
Rusty Bexson
Bentley Richardson

Mrs. Kuhn - Grade 2

Molly Jean Cox
Forrest Whitecotton
Cason Smith

Mrs. Brower - Grade 6

Sydney Poulin
Avery Skoven Kleinschroth
Saydee Miller

Mrs. Britton - Grade 3

Gwendolyn Jones
Odessa Brower
Hudson Bleakley
Daniel Bjorge

Mrs. Schmidek - Grade 6

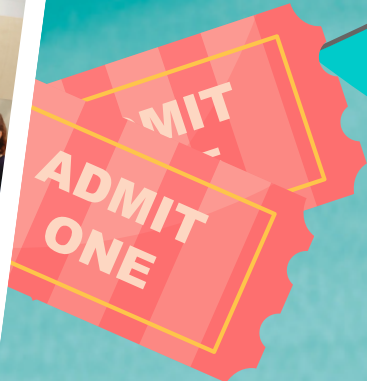
Hannah Pike
Giulien Bart
Annika Bangon

well
DONE

Penny

2023

Carnival



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



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](#)

**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



FAMILY ORIENTED PROGRAMMING PRESENTS:



Nov. 23, 2023



From Chaos to Calm, by Behavioral Specialist, Candice Larson

This session will focus on overview of the brain, how we regulate emotions/behaviors and strategies to support yourself and your child.

Location: Subway Room at the Rocky Regional Rec Center (Arena), Time: 10:00-11:30am

Dec. 6, 2023



Articulation Antics by Speech and Language Therapist, Nancy Kindjerski

Focus on playful ways to develop speech sounds!

This session will focus on developing joint attention using visuals, recognizing communication signals and developing a communication dictionary for your child.

Location: Subway Room at the Rocky Regional Rec Center (Arena), Time: 9:00am-11:00am

Jan. 19, 2024



Lego Adventures by Occupational Therapist, Jan Gervais

This informal interactive session is intended for both child and parent to attend. Children will have the opportunity to play with activities geared toward teaching fine motor skills.

Location: Subway Room at the Rocky Regional Rec Center (Arena)

2 Presentations: 9:00am-11:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm

Feb. 27, 2024



Exploring Books by Speech and Language Therapist, Nancy Kindjerski

This session will explore speech and language through books! Books are an excellent resource for helping children explore and expand their language. Come see what Nancy has in store for this interactive fun session all about books!

Location: Subway Room at the Rocky Regional Rec Center (Arena)

Apr. 26, 2024



Cycling for Two by Occupational Therapist, Jan Gervais

Time for Spring! Bring your bike and helmet and have some fun!

This session will teach the basics of bike riding for first timers. This interactive session is intended for both the parent and their child, to attend together. Please join Jan Gervais, Occupational Therapist, who will use elements of the You Can Ride Two Program to share how to size a helmet, improve balance and ride on two wheels.

Location: ERE 10:00-11:30am, Lochearn 12:30-2:00pm

Childcare will be provided.

Register by texting our WRSD Early Learning Coordinator at 403.877.1345

December



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE & AREA FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

Find us on
Facebook



**Family
Resource
Network**

1 Gnome Ornaments (Age 8—13) 3:45—5:45pm	2 Leslieville Hall Kids Christmas Party 1—4pm
3	4 Play & Learn: Trains (Age 0—6) 9:30am—11:00am
5 Bellies, Babies & Beyond 9:30am—11am Adult Life Skills 1—3pm	6 Play & Learn: ASQ (Age 0—6) 9:30am—11:00am
7 Play & Learn: Winter (Age 0—6) 9:30—11:00am	8
9 Fur Trade Christmas RMH Historic Site 10am—3pm	10
11 Nerf Night (Age 7—11) Rocky Public Library 6:30—8pm	12 Bellies, Babies & Beyond 9:30am—11am Adult Life Skills 1—3pm Christmas Tastes from Around the World (Age 9+) 4pm—5pm
13 Messy Play (Age 0—6) Immanuel Lutheran Playschool 9:30am—11am	14 Family ELL Game Night 6:30—8:30pm
15 Play & Learn: Gingerbread (Age 0—6) 9:30am—11:00am	16
17	18 Moms Matter Cookie Exchange 10am—11:30am Play & Learn: Trains (Age 0—6) 1:00—2:30pm
19 Condor Hall Active Play (Age 0—6) 9:30am—11am	20 Play & Learn: Christmas Fun (Age 0—6) 9:30am—11am Caroline Library 3:30—5pm
21 Leslieville Hall Creative Kids & Active Play (Age 0—6) 10am—11:30am	22 Christmas STEAM (Age 8—13) 3:30—5:00pm Free Santa Pictures (No registration necessary) 6:00pm—7:30pm
23	24
25 	26 
27 	28 Christmas Cookie Caper Rocky Public Library (Age 8+) 11:00am—12:00pm
29 Play & Learn: Playdough (Age 0—6) 10am—11:30am Games Night Rock City Comics (Age 11—18) 2—4pm	30

Please Pre-register for all programming.
Call/Text (403) 845-6301 to register!
5340—59 Avenue (Lower Level, Back Entrance)

GNOME CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

RMH FRN
DEC. 1
3:45 TO 5 PM
AGES 8 - 13
5340 - 59 AVE, LOWER LEVEL.
CALL/TEXT (403) 845 6301 TO
REGISTER.



**Family
Resource
Network**

FESTIVE COOKIE CAPER

Come enjoy a festive cookie and hot chocolate - but first you must solve the puzzles and unlock the ingredients!

December 28 - 11am @Rocky Library
Ages 8 and up

Call/Text (403)845-6301 to register.





Bellies, Babies & Beyond

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Provides Pre and Post natal support | Group Sessions | Information on pregnancy, childbirth, parenting issues, family dynamics and self care | For mothers with children of any age

December 5

Books for Babies



Babies Love Books!

December 12

Managing Stress Over the Holidays



January 9

Safe Sleep for Your Baby



January 16

Raising a Green Baby



Contact Dana at:
403-845-6301 | dana.dennis@mcmancentral.ca

5340 - 59 Avenue, RMH



CHRISTMAS TASTES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



RMH FRN OFFICE

DECEMBER 12

AGES 9+

3:45 - 5:00PM

CALL/TEXT (403) 845 6301 TO REGISTER!



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NERF NIGHT

Space Limited

December 11
6:30 - 8:00pm

Registration Required

AGES 7 - 11

Rocky Public Library



Call/Text (403)845-6301
to register!



Messy PLAY

December 13
9:30am - 11:00am

Immanuel Lutheran
Playschool

5236 - 54 Street
(Back Alley Entrance)

SPACE LIMITED!

Call/Text
(403) 845-6301
to register!



Charlotte Small Parent Council

Newsletter

Coming up!

- Hot Dog Day
Dec. 5th
- Hot Lunch
Dec. 15th
- Parent Council
meeting
Jan. 18th 2024
- School Council
Meeting
Jan. 29th 2024

We're trying things a little differently this time! Charlotte Small Parent Council meeting is on Jan 18th at 6:30 pm. The School Council meeting will be on Jan 29th before assembly @11:30am. All welcome to attend!

Thank - you to all the businesses that donated towards the Penny Carnival Silent Auction. Our Silent Auction contributed over **\$8000** to the total funds raised!

Thank you

Penny Carnival Thanks!

We want to send a big **Thank-you** to all the Staff at Charlotte Small & every parent volunteer that helped make Penny Carnival a HUGE success! In total Penny Carnival raised over **\$15,000!**

WAY TO GO!

Parent Council
50/50 Raffle
added **\$421.50** to
our Penny
Carnival total!
AWESOME!

Fundraising Supports our Kids!

Here are just some of the fantastic activities, events and items our fundraising has helped support. Have a wicked fundraising idea? Reach out to Parent Council or join us at a monthly meeting!

- *Snack / Fruit Cupboard for students
- *Alien In-line indoor skating
- *Gr. 7 Grad ceremony
- *Gym/Recess Equipment
- *Teacher Appreciation
- *Classroom Extras (microwaves, books, games ect)
- *Literacy Program



- *Funds for extra-curricular bussing
- *Chromebooks/Ipads
- *Subsidized swimming lessons Gr. K-6
- *Field Trips
- * Quest and Cornerstone Theater
- *Sports Jerseys
- *Year end Hot Lunch
- *Ski Trip
- *Family BBQ



NOW
THAT →
IS SERIOUSLY
EPIC

All fundraising dollars go directly back to supporting our children in Charlotte Small Elementary School.





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.

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 25th, 2023 – Wednesday

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

November 23rd, 2023 - Thursday

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

December 15th, 2023 - Friday

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

January 25th, 2024 – Thursday

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

February 28th, 2024 – Wednesday

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

March 21st, 2024 – Thursday

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

April 24th, 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 12th, 2023 – Thursday
- November 8th, 2023 – Wednesday
- December 5th, 2023 – Tuesday
- January 12th, 2024 – Friday
- February 13th, 2024 – Tuesday
- March 6th, 2024 – Wednesday
- April 11th, 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

Condor School Parent Advisory Council
Regular Meeting
Nov. 14th

Call to Order - 6:56 pm

Attendance - Dawn Sinclair, Nancy Lublinkhof, Allison Casey, Shelby Shortneck, Janneke Steegink, Kayleigh Rempel, Brittany Sands, Miranda Cameron, Taylor Liivam, Penny Lougheed, Cheryl Kalev, Jackie Heide, Jodeen Swan, Bernadette Britton

Approval of Previous Minutes - [Oct. 2023 minutes](#) Allison motions, Dawn Seconds, all in favor.

Treasurer Report - Banking has been changed to Rocky Credit Union. Casino account will stay at Connect First until our society name change is complete. General account balance will be moved from Connect First to Rocky Credit union asap. We do have some cheques from Rocky.

Fundraising Report -

- Penny Carnival - Tickets are planned to be sold at two doors. Kinder door and Main entrance. Running from 6 pm-8:30 pm. Concession opens at 6 but games will start at 6:30. Arm length for \$7 or .50 each. We will need parents on the day to help set up and get organized for the evening. We will use the gym as well as Ms. Schmidek room. We will have face painting and nail painting as well in the room. Pie walk and cake walk will be in separate rooms this year. Silent auction will be in the learning commons room. If there is no school that day we will end up postponing the event. 50/50 raffle and merch together. Possibly change rooms or have better signage for lines for cake/pie walks. Have tables set up for the silent auction payments ahead of time. Close the auction at 8:15 instead of 8:30. More signage as well. We have a few etransfer donations as well as some bigger donations for the silent auction. End all volunteer shifts @ 8:15 pm. Allison will get the volunteer list organized for the stations that need to be filled.

Previous Business

1. Apparel - Charlotte Small Merch orders are live until Nov. 24th. Will be sold at Penny Carnival night. Motion to have orders received through our council account - Brittany Motions. Allison seconds. All in favour We are looking for about 24 hoodies to make it worth it.
2. A cotton candy machine and supplies has been donated to parent council by Bernie and Nancy Lublinkhof. Cotton candy will be sold at PC (Penny Carnival) \$3.00 a bag
3. Taylor Liivam makes a motion to purchase popcorn supplies. Nancy has donated the use of a popcorn machine for PC. Kayleigh Rempel seconds the purchase. All in favour. \$1.00 a bag
4. Kayleigh Rempel motions to run the PC ad in the Western star for 3 weeks. Cost of \$75 a week. Nancy seconds the motion. All in favour.

New Business

1. Classroom Funding - Last year we did \$300. Nancy motions to continue with the \$300 for the K-6 classes and \$150 for the pre-k classes. Brittany seconds. All in favor.
2. Ski Trip Support - Trying to find a date for March. No quotes or anything yet. We would need at least 3 coach buses if we did 4-6. Allison motions to do a 3-4 trip to Canyon and a 5-6 Nakiska trip. Dawn seconds. All in favor. Nancy suggests we do an earlier trip to Canyon because spring skiing isn't as good. Jackie will look into booking tomorrow. Motioning costs will be tabled to the January meeting.
3. Xmas Teacher Appreciation - Allison motions to purchase pizza for the teachers for the December hot lunch. Janneke seconds All in favor.
- 4.

Next Meeting is a Split meeting. CSPAC will be held on January 19th @ 6:30
School meeting is on January 29th following assembly.

Adjourned at 7:58pm