

JANUARY 2024

- 8 - First day back to school
- 9 - Last day to order Hot Dog Lunch!
- 9 - Grade 5 swimming lessons
- 11 - Grade 3 swimming lessons
- 12 - Hot Dog Lunch
- 16 - Grade 5 swimming lessons
- 17 - Toque/Hat Spirit Day
- 17 - Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 18 - Grade 3 swimming lessons
- 18 - Last day to order Hot Lunch
- 23 - Grade 5 swimming lessons
- 23 - Hot Lunch
- 25 - Grade 3 & 4 Ski Trip to Canyon
- 29 - School Council Meeting 11:30 am
- 29 - Assembly at 1:00 pm
- 30 - Grade 5 swimming lessons

Cold Weather Ahead

Children go outside for recess unless the windchill is colder than -25 degrees Celcius. Please ensure your child is dressed properly to be outside, including toques, mitts and snow pants.



When busses do not run due to cold weather, schools always remain open. Schools do not expect parents to transport children to school on these days but they may choose to do so if they can travel safely.

If busses do not run in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon either, so parents must be able to pick up at the end of the day if they drop off in the morning.



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

January 2024

As we step into the new year with hope and excitement, I extend my warmest greetings to each member of our school community. Reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year, I am proud of the positive learning environment our staff, students and families have worked together to create. As we begin another year, it is with renewed commitment to continue to build a culture that will build a brighter future for ourselves and those around us.

Parents and guardians, your continued support is invaluable to the success of our students. Your involvement in their education journey is a key factor in creating a thriving and supportive community. I invite you to stay engaged, attend school events, and collaborate with us to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

As we embark on this new year together, let us remember that each day is a chance to learn, grow, and make a positive impact. May 2024 be a year of personal and collective achievements, and may we continue to inspire and uplift one another.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Charlotte Small School family. Wishing you all a joyful and successful new year!

Warm regards,
Cheryl Kalev



SWIMMING LESSONS

Students have the opportunity to take Swimming Lessons in Rocky Mountain House this year. Complete packages have been sent home to

Grade 3 and Grade 5 only at this time (other grades to follow).

Cost to parents is \$20 per student for 6 trips to the pool, and is available to pay on School Cash until January 26, 2024.

If your student will not participate due to financial reasons, please contact the principal to make other arrangements.

On swim days, please send your child with a swimming suit, towel, bag for wet items, water bottle, and a snack.

Please contact your teacher if you are able to volunteer.



Grade 3 Swim Days:

Students will leave the school at 10:00 am and return by lunch time.

January 11 & 18

February 1, 8, 15 and 29



Grade 5 Swim Days:

Students will leave the school at 12:15 and return by 2:20.

They will eat lunch at the school before leaving.

January 9, 16, 23 & 30

February 6 & 13



**CHARLOTTE SMALL
ELEMENTARY**



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!!

Ski Trips

Please see the information packages sent home from the school for complete information about the following **optional** ski trips.

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

Deadline to return forms to the school was 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.

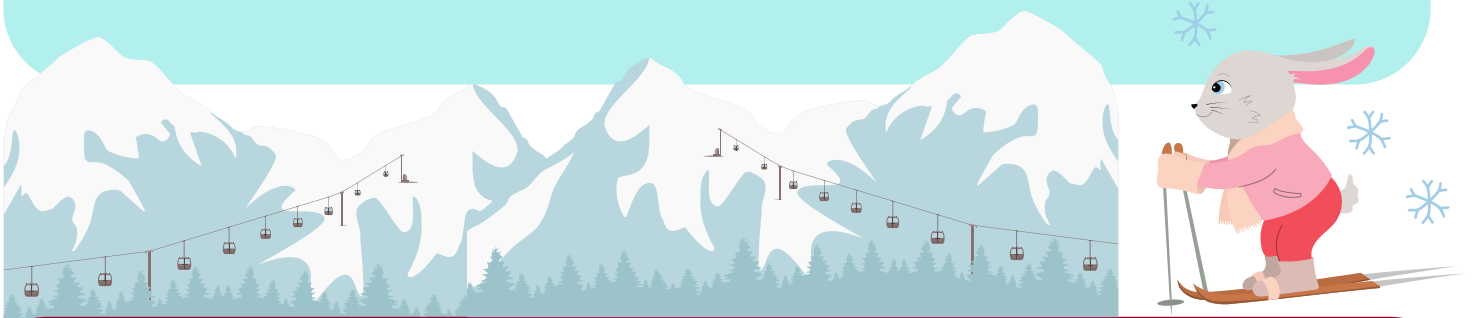
Please contact kobi.brower@wrsd.ca for more information.

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. Kalev 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.

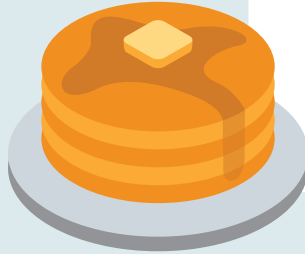


**TOQUE/HAT
SPIRIT DAY
JANUARY 17**

THANK YOU!

to parent council for the staff appreciation lunch and all those that made the wonderful treats on our last week of school before winter break

**PANCAKES +
BREAKFAST SAUSAGE
HOT LUNCH JAN. 23**



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.

Skating Continues at Charlotte Small!

Please watch for more details to come out regarding dates and times that children will be skating.



When children are skating:

- All children must wear a helmet (hockey or bike) that fits correctly.
- All children must wear warm gloves or mitts.
- K-3 must wear snow pants
- If hockey is permitted during certain times, students must wear a face mask.
- Please make sure your child's name or initials are on everything!
- Hockey sticks are permitted at school but are not allowed to go on the bus.

**Thank
you!**

Cory Pittendreigh and the Condor Fire Department for flooding the Condor rink!

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

**THE DANGERS OF
SOCIAL MEDIA & OTHER
INTERNET TRAPS**

**January 24
Pioneer School
Doors Open: 6:00
Presentation: 6:30**

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE!!

SPEAKER: SERGEANT KERRY SHIMA
Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.) Unit

OUR SPEAKER

Sgt. Kerry Shima is a member of the Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation Unit that investigates incidents of child luring, sextortion, possession, transmission, and the making of child pornography, as well as internet-related voyeurism involving youth.



SGT. KERRY SHIMA

*Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.)
Unit*

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

This presentation will focus on education, prevention, and putting parents, teachers, caregivers and coaches in a position to protect their children from online sexual exploitation.

Sgt. Kerry Shima will discuss:

- The role of I.C.E. in Alberta,
- Current applications , internet platforms, and resources available to parents so they can better support healthy and productive online experiences for their children and teens.



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



Family
Resource
Network

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



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

CHARLOTTE SMALL PARENT COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER



Coming up!

January

- Hot Dog Day
Jan. 12th
- Parent Council
meeting
Jan. 17th
- Hot Lunch
January 23rd
- January 29th
School Council
meeting



We want to send a HUGE THANK-YOU to all the awesome volunteers who helped make December extra festive! We super appreciated your help with the hot lunch days, the Christmas cookie baking/decorating and the staff goodies that were brought in!

School/Parent Council

The next meeting is January 17th at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join! This meeting will cover all things related to our fundraising society. Our school council meeting will follow later this month on Jan.29th @1130am before assembly. This meeting will cover school related topics and our main role as parents is to advise the school administrators. All parents are invited to attend either meeting!

Thank you to the Leslieville Elks for their donation to Penny Carnival! We appreciate you!

