



Charlotte Small Elementary School CONNECTION

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

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OCTOBER 2025

- 3 - Grand Opening of the new Outdoor Classroom
- 10 - Turkey Wobble 1:30 - 3:00 pm
- 13 - Thanksgiving Day!
No School for Students
- 20 - No School for Students
- 21 - Photo Retake Day
- 24 - Assembly @ 1:00 pm
- 28 - 4H Swimming
- 29 - 4/SH Swimming
- 31 - Halloween



**PHOTO
RETAKES
OCT. 21**

Photo Retakes for students who would like them, or for students that missed photos in September, will be on October 21

No pre-registration is required.

Parents of Mon/Wed ECS students who would like retakes, please bring students to school that morning.



ATA STRIKE ACTION POSSIBLE:

If the teachers go ahead with strike action, there will be **no school** for Alberta students (including Charlotte Small students)

as of

Monday, October 6, until teachers resume work.

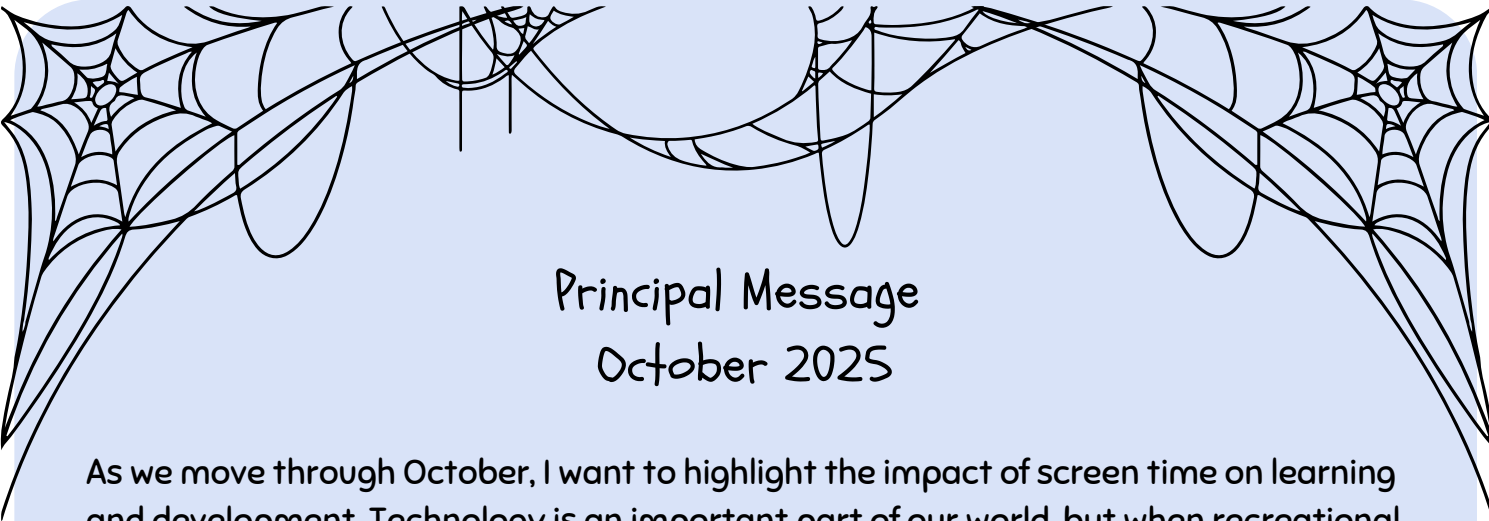
Please regularly check the Wild Rose School Division website for updates.

<https://www.wrsd.ca/labour-action-information>.

This information will be updated as the situation changes.

This newsletter has been shared so parents know what is planned, should the teachers strike not happen, or for when they come back. **All events listed, however, will be cancelled while the strike is in effect.**

Please see the next pages for a list of FAQ's and answers for parents.



Principal Message October 2025

As we move through October, I want to highlight the impact of screen time on learning and development. Technology is an important part of our world, but when recreational screen use becomes excessive, it can interfere with children's sleep, attention and memory. Research also shows that too much screen time can limit opportunities for play, physical activity and face-to-face conversations--experiences that are essential for healthy brain development.

The Canadian Paediatric Society recommends limiting recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day for children ages 5-17. Families can help by setting aside device-free times, such as during meals, before bed and while spending time outdoors. These small routines can make a big difference in helping children arrive at school rested, focused and ready to learn.

Thank you for working with us to support your child's learning.

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR HALLOWEEN

Students usually will go to the gym for a costume parade at 1:00 pm, with a classroom celebration to follow.

Students will be encouraged to come dressed in their costumes when they come to school.

Teachers will send out details regarding classroom parties closer to Halloween

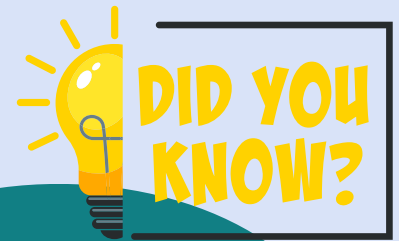


HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE?

www.charlottesmall.wrsd.ca

Staff work diligently to ensure our website is kept up to date with relevant information. Please go there for:

- Student and Parent Handbook
- Athletic Calendar
- Field Trip Information
- Newsletters
- Coming Events
- All things Charlotte Small!



You can click directly on
calendar items
to view detailed forms
and information

SEPTEMBER students of the month

ECS

ATLAS PIERS
WYATT CAMERON

GRADE 1

NASH STRONG
EVA PUFFER
REMI BLACKHURST
BRYLEE HATALA

GRADE 2

TEXIE HODGSON
WESTON STUART
ROYCE JACKSON

GRADE 3

SKYLAR FIELDING
BRIGGS CECH
ISOBEL PEPPARD

GRADE 4

BLAKELY HARMAN
GUNNER IMESON
EVERLY PRINS
RYLEE BLACKHURST

GRADE 5

REID ELLERTSON
JADA OXLEY
DANIEL BJORGE

GRADE 6

EDEN GLASIER
LIAM ALEXANDER
CASTYN KNIGHT
GRAYSON ILLINGWORTH
LEVI PHILLIPS
AMELIA SHORTNECK
JULIA WATERS

Congratulations!



get to know

YOUR CHARLOTTE SMALL STAFF!

Watch for different staff members to be featured every month...



Hello, my name is Brenda Lewis. I am a proud mom of two boys and grandma to four wonderful grandchildren. I have been teaching for 29 years, and during that time I have had the opportunity to teach every grade from 1 through 7.

This year, I am excited to be teaching Grade 2!

At home, I have a Cane Corso who keeps me on my toes and always makes life interesting. Outside of school, I enjoy gardening, caring for my flowers, and spending relaxing time at the lake with family and friends.

I am truly looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growing, and fun with your child!

I am a proud dog mom and outside of school, my husband and I are eagerly preparing to welcome our first baby. When I'm not in the classroom, you'll often find me adventuring in the mountains and on lakes or camping with family. I am a self-proclaimed puzzle enthusiast, I love tackling brainteasers and regularly participate in local puzzle competitions with friends and loved ones.

I am extremely proud to live and teach in the wonderful communities of Condor & Leslieville! Watching the students learn and grow throughout the years and having the privilege of being a part of their journey is truly so special.



by Cassidy Spencer



I'm so proud to be the Vice Principal at Charlotte Small School.

I hold a Master's Degree in Teaching, Learning, and Neuroscience, and I'm committed to supporting every child's learning, development, and sense of safety—all in a fun and engaging school environment! I'm a mom of three busy boys, and when I'm not at school, you'll usually find me at the hockey rink cheering them on or out riding my horse. As a family, we love spending time outdoors—camping, fishing, skiing, and making the most of every season. I feel incredibly lucky to be part of this amazing school community and can't wait for another great year!

by Jackie Heide

Thank you

A huge thank you to Country Garden Greenhouse, Mrs. Shona Sawyer, and to parent council for the beautiful flowers, the dirt and bins, and for looking after the flowers all summer. Our grade 2 class had so much fun creating the gorgeous flower baskets that decorated the school entrance all summer.



ALLERGY AWARENESS

This year, we have students with severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts. For these students, exposure to nuts — whether through ingestion or contact with surfaces contaminated by nut products — can result in a serious and potentially fatal allergic reaction.

In order to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students, we are asking for your cooperation in the following ways:

- **Students in ECS, Grade 4, and Grade 5 should not bring any food items containing nuts or nut products to school.** These classrooms have students with known severe allergies, and it is essential we maintain a nut-free environment in these spaces.
- **For students in other grades, we ask that families avoid sending nut-containing items whenever possible.** If your child does bring a food item that contains nuts, we ask that you notify their teacher, so appropriate precautions can be taken (e.g., handwashing, avoiding shared surfaces).

Additionally, we have a student with a severe allergy to horses. We ask families to be mindful of clothing or belongings that may have come into contact with horses. This includes horsehair on jackets, backpacks, and footwear.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we work together to make Charlotte Small Elementary a safe environment for all children.

THANK YOU!

Thank you, parents,
for getting your “Re-Enrolment Forms”
completed and back to us
so quickly!
Your cooperation is
so
appreciated!

Save The Date

TEACHER/
PARENT
CONFERENCES
DECEMBER
3 & 4

A graphic for a Penny Carnival event. It features a dark blue rounded rectangle with a red banner at the top that says "SAVE THE DATE". Below the banner, the text "Penny Carnival :" and "Nov. 21, 2025" is written in a white, cursive font. To the left of the rectangle is a decorative illustration of a pumpkin with orange and yellow stripes, surrounded by green leaves and orange autumn leaves. To the right of the rectangle is another decorative illustration of a branch with green leaves and orange autumn leaves.

SAVE THE DATE

Penny Carnival :

Nov. 21, 2025

Penny Carnival is almost 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

A photograph of the exterior of Charlotte Small Elementary School. The building has a red wood-grain upper section and blue corrugated metal lower sections. The school's name is mounted on the red section. In the foreground, two women are standing on the sidewalk in front of the entrance, one holding a small white card. There are potted plants with purple and pink flowers on either side of the entrance.

CHARLOTTE SMALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

thank
you

Thank you so much to the
Little House of Hopes for
their generous donation
towards our Nutrition
Program here at
Charlotte Small Elementary!



Terry Fox Run 2025

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Toonies for Terry raised
\$487.10!

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



Diamond Art

October 15
Age 11+
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Family Resource Network



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

YOUTH CULTURE CRAFT

MON OCT 20

AGES 11+

Come join Courtney on October 20th at the Family Resource Network Hub. Where we will be learning about DIWALI, making crafts and having some snacks.

Call/Text 403.844.7439 to Register

Books for Babies

Ages 0-2

Books for Babies will be a monthly program with Family Resource Network. Families will have the opportunity to receive a book each month and learn the positive impact we have on our children's emerging literacy skills.

Call/Text 403.844.7439 to Register

Tues October 14th 9:30-11AM

Family Resource Network



Family Resource Network PRESENTS

NERF NIGHT TEEN

AGE 12 - 18
OCTOBER 20

6:30 - 8:00pm

Rocky Public Library
4922 - 52 Street, RMH

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



Family Resource Network

CONDOR HALL PLAY GROUP

TUESDAYS, 10AM - 11:30AM

October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28

A drop in group for Ages 0 - 6 and their caregivers. Join us for coffee!



Family Resource Network

Button Making

October 22
Age 9 - 15
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Create your own buttons! Feel free to bring your own images or use what we provide!

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




Family
Resource
Network

ROLLING WITH

ADHD



Support, tools and strategies for
caregivers of children with ADHD

October 27
7:00pm - 8:30pm

5340 - 59 Avenue, RMH
CALL/TEXT (403) 845-6301 TO REGISTER

**HALLOWEEN
SENSORY FUN!**



Age 2 - 6
10am - 2pm

CALL/TEXT (403) 845-6301 TO REGISTER!

CULTURE CLUB



TUE OCT 7
3-5 PM

AGES 7+

Family
Resource
Network

Family
Resource
Network

*The Life Of A
Show Girl*

Listening Party on Friday
October 3rd.

**At McMan Youth Family &
Community Service Association.**

Call/Text to Register

403.844.7439



4 - 7 PM

Ages 11+



ROCK 'N

' CRAFT



Friday October 24th.

**At McMan Youth
Family & Community
Service Association.**

Call /Text to Register

403.844.7439

BOYS ROCK

4 - 7 PM

AGES 11+

**DRESS AS A
ROCKER!**

PIZZA

