



<p><u>Monday Jan 20<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p>Parent Teacher Bookings Open for Families (9:00 am)</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Jan 21<sup>st</sup></u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup></u></p> <p>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thursday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup></u></p>	<p><u>Friday Jan 24<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Friday 1 Option</p> <p>Westside Invitational Basketball Tourney</p>
<p><u>Monday Jan 27<sup>th</sup></u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday Jan 28<sup>th</sup></u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Jan 29<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p>Parent Teacher Bookings CLOSE for Families (2:00 pm)</p> <p>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p>Regular Day of School with Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-8:00</p>	<p><u>Friday Jan 31<sup>st</sup></u></p> <p>No School for Students – Parent Teacher Interviews 8:00-11:30 am</p> <p>Yearbook Order Deadline</p>

### **Attendance Matters!**

January can be a challenging month for many, with cold weather, shorter days, and the winter lull taking a toll on both mood and energy. However, it's also an excellent opportunity to help children develop resilience. One of the most important factors for academic success is consistent school attendance. Here are five tips to support your child's success:

1. **Establish a Consistent Routine** – Ensure your child has a regular bedtime and morning routine to help them feel prepared and energized for school each day.
2. **Address Health and Mental Health Concerns** – Take time to talk to your child about any health or emotional challenges they may be facing. Don't hesitate to seek guidance from a counselor or doctor if necessary.
3. **Maintain Communication with the School** – Stay in touch with teachers and school staff to keep track of your child's attendance and academic progress. Tools like PowerSchool are great for staying informed.
4. **Reward Consistent Attendance** – Motivate your child to attend school regularly by offering rewards or positive reinforcement for maintaining good attendance.
5. **Seek Support if Needed** – If your child is struggling, whether academically or socially, reach out to the school for guidance and support.

Together, we can help build the resilience your child needs to thrive in school and beyond.

### **Handicap Parking Notice!**

As winter weather has arrived, we want to remind all drivers that parking along the front of the school building is reserved for those with mobility issues to assist students needing support entering/leaving the school, as indicated by the signs posted and the painted island. ***This is in effect at ALL times!***

Snow and cold temperatures make mobility even more difficult for persons with disabilities. Please help these members of our school community by leaving this area open for them.

Feel free to park beyond the front walkway to the main doors of the school, which is outside of the posted disability access signs.

### **Yearbook Orders**

This is a friendly reminder that yearbook sales for the 2024-2025 school year will close on Friday, January 31st. The cost is \$35, and yearbooks serve as a cherished keepsake for students. To ensure you don't miss out, please place your order today via [School Cash Online](#). Yearbooks will be distributed in late June to those who have purchased them, with designated time for students to have their peers sign them.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

In-person interviews will take place January 30<sup>th</sup> (4:00-8:00 p.m.) and 31<sup>st</sup> (8:00-11:30 a.m.). You will need to book your interviews in advance on our G.S. Lakie website under the "[Bookings](#)" tab. The bookings tab will open January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Westside Invitational Basketball Tournament**

Our annual basketball tournament, in partnership with Senator Joyce Fairbairn MS, will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. The boys draw will take place at Lakie with the girls playing at SJF. Click [here](#) to access both the boys and girls tournament draws. It would be great to see students and families come out to support our teams!

### **LSD Town Hall – Need Volunteers**

The annual Lethbridge School Division Town Hall is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm at Victoria Park High School (gymnasium). Each school has been asked to advertise the event as well as find volunteers to attend. We are in need of six parent volunteers, four students and one community member to attend this event on behalf of our school. A cross section of attendees brings diverse perspectives to the table. Click [here](#) for more information on the event. Please email [brad.dersch@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:brad.dersch@lethsd.ab.ca) if you would like to be a part of this.

### **Lakie Online Clothing Store**

We have partnered with Custom Clothing to open an online clothing store that is active all year long. There are many options with most items available in multiple colors. You can choose to pick your order up at the store, have it delivered to the school or have it delivered to you at home! Since all orders are custom, no refunds will be given. Go to Online Store | Custom Clothing [www.customclothingstore.ca](http://www.customclothingstore.ca) to submit your order today! The store will be open for the foreseeable future with no hard-closing date at the current time.

### **Student Fees Are Due**

All student fees are due. Please go to [School Cash Online](#) to pay any outstanding fees as soon as possible. Thank you!

### **Reporting Absences**

Daily attendance can and should be monitored through PowerSchool. If your child is going to be away or needs to leave early, please inform our office staff in advance. The best method to do so is through the **Safe Arrival app**. You can download this in the app store on your phone (SchoolMessenger app) or submit absences through the Safe Arrival website (<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). Alternatively, you are welcome to excuse your child's absence by calling our front office.

### **Lakie Hot Lunch Orders**

Hot lunch orders need to be made the week before on [School Cash Online](#) with the cutoff being Wednesday evening of each week. Currently, we are working with Quesada, Boston Pizza, Booster Juice, and Subway as our hot lunch vendors. Weekly menus will be posted on our school website and included in our weekly Gator Gab newsletter.

### **PowerSchool & School Cash Online**

PowerSchool allows you to view updated information on your child's grades, homework and attendance. School Cash Online is an electronic payment system for all fees, etc. ***This year School Cash Online will be used for preordering lunches for your child.***

If you need assistance signing up for PowerSchool or School Cash Online, please call the office at 403-327-3465.

### **LSD Multi-Cultural & Diversity Newsletter – January**

You can find the January edition of the LSD Multi-Cultural & Diversity Newsletter [here](#).

### **Division Indigenous Education Newsletter – January**

You can find the January edition of the LSD Indigenous Education Newsletter [here](#).

### **Division Digital Wellness Newsletter – January**

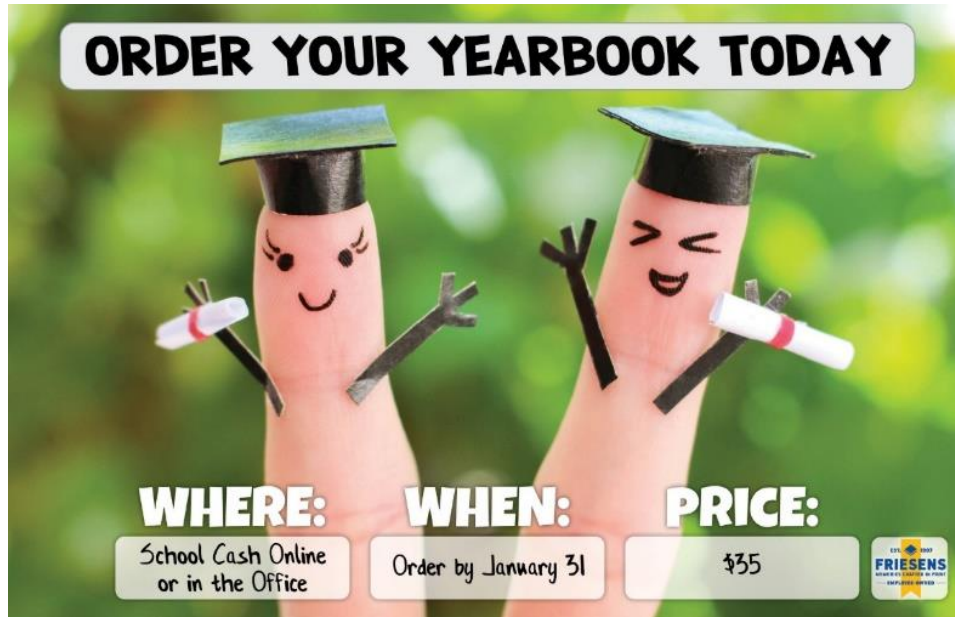
You can find the January edition of the LSD Wellness Newsletter [here](#).

### **Follow Us !!!**

As always, feel free to follow us on Social Media. If you want to see all of the great things that we are doing at Lakie, check us out on one of our Social Media Platforms:



# School & Community Informational Flyers



**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY**

**WHERE:** School Cash Online or in the Office

**WHEN:** Order by January 31

**PRICE:** \$35

**FRIESENS**  
EST. 1989  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
Lethbridge, Alberta

Order your yearbook [here!](#)

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

We value your involvement in your child's education and are excited to invite you to our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Registration for interviews opens January 20th at 9:00 am and closes January 29th at 2:00 pm

Register at <https://gsl.lethsd.ab.ca/bookings>



- January 30th (4:00-8:00 pm) &
- January 31st (8:00-11:30 am)

## Free Tutor Program

Would you like help in your school studies? The YMCA of Lethbridge is hosting a FREE tutor program for all subjects open to both high school and middle school students. The program will be held in the Upper Galleria at the Cor Van Raay YMCA.

Our tutor programs will be running Monday-Thursday from 4:30pm-7:00pm.

*No membership required!*

For any questions, reach out to Arnaud at: [arnaud.sparks@lethbridgeymca.ca](mailto:arnaud.sparks@lethbridgeymca.ca)

 Lethbridge  
Shine On



# Triple P Teen: Raising Competent Teens



All parents/caregivers with preteens/teens are welcome!

In this seminar learn & discuss:

- how to help them develop self discipline.
- how to help them become a good problem solver.
- how to get them involved at home and school.
- new strategies & tips to build your relationship.



Wednesday, January 29

6:00pm-8:00pm

Online only

REGISTER: [WWW.FAMCENTRE.CA/PROGRAMS](http://WWW.FAMCENTRE.CA/PROGRAMS)  
OR CALL 403-320-4232



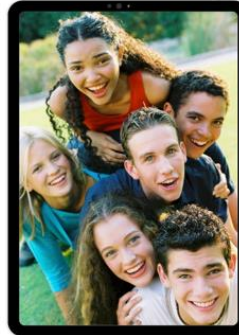
# Triple P Teen: Raising Responsible Teens



All parents/caregivers with preteens/teens are welcome!

In this seminar you will learn & discuss:

- their need for increased independence.
- the key areas that shape the way they become young adults.
- strategies & tips that can help with behavior.



Wednesday, January 22

6:00pm-8:00pm

Online only

REGISTER: [WWW.FAMCENTRE.CA/PROGRAMS](http://WWW.FAMCENTRE.CA/PROGRAMS)  
CALL: 403-320-4232



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PARTNERED WITH HORNS REC.

# YABBA

KIDS AND TEENS  
CLASSES FOR AGES 3+



**6 WEEK PROGRAM STARTS  
JANUARY 17TH 2025**

• Teens: ages 8-13  
classes run Fridays at 4:50-5:30pm

• Kids: ages 3-7  
classes run Fridays at 4:10-4:40pm

Classes will help youth build healthy habits, learning proper lifting techniques that will help them as they grow and perform new sports.

Lets help kids be strong, confident and so much more with the benefits of strength training

**REGISTER NOW AND JOIN YABBA!!!!**

Email [yabbafitnessprogram@gmail.com](mailto:yabbafitnessprogram@gmail.com) to register



**U12-14 & U15-17 SPRING LEAGUE**

**ATTACK VOLLEYBALL**

**WHO'S GOT NEXT?**

30 MINUTES OF SKILLS AND 90 MINUTES OF GAMEPLAY EVERY SESSION!

REGISTER AT [ATTACKVOLLEYBALL.CA](http://ATTACKVOLLEYBALL.CA)



# KITSIKAKOMIMM

I LOVE YOU  
2025



In honour of **Pink Shirt Day** the Lethbridge School Division Indigenous Education team and Mental Health Capacity Building team would like to invite you to take part in an act of kindness this February. Our entire community thrives when we are kind to one another. No matter how small an act, our kindness makes a difference and does not go unnoticed.

We are asking all elementary schools to collect  
**Bottled Water**  
**Non perishable food items**

We are asking all middle schools to participate in collecting  
**Mitts/Gloves/Toques**  
**Socks**  
**Hand and Foot Warmers**

We are asking all high schools to participate in collecting  
**Personal hygiene products**  
**feminine hygiene, deodorant, wipes, toothbrushes,**  
**toothpaste, etc.)**

All donations will be collected and distributed to community agencies around Lethbridge that work with and support people in our community.

Collection ends February 26th, 2025

## Collection Info:

Each school will be provided with a basket for donations. Once full please reach out to someone from the Indigenous Education to arrange pick up.



# Food Order Menu

[Click here to order](#)



## Lunch Menu

### Hot Lunch

**JAN. 14 - 22**



#### WEEK 1

#### TUESDAY Jan. 14: Quesada Burritos & Tacos

*(Choice of meat or Roasted Veggies)*

Tacos (c/w 2 soft Tacos with lettuce & Cheese) \$8.50

8" Burrito (c/w rice, beans, corn, tomatoes, lettuce & cheese) \$8.00

Jr. Burrito Bowl (c/w rice, beans, corn, tomatoes, lettuce & cheese) \$8.50

#### THURSDAY Jan. 16: Boston Pizza

Personal Size Pizza (Pepperoni/Cheese/Hawaiian) with Drink \$8.00

Personal size Pizza (Pepperoni/Cheese/Hawaiian) no Drink \$6.25

Pasta (Meat Sauce/Marinara Sauce/Tomato Sauce) with Drink \$8.00

Pasta (Meat Sauce/Marinara Sauce/Tomato Sauce) no Drink \$6.25

#### WEEK 2

#### MONDAY Jan. 20 : Booster Juice

SMOOTHIES (355ml or 710ml) \$5.50 or \$8.75

Wraps (Various to choose from) \$5.50

#### WEDNESDAY Jan. 22: Subway - choice of white or Gluten bun (\$1 extra)

*(c/w white cheddar, lettuce, pickles & mayo, choice of drink, cookie or apple sauce)*

Meat (Choice of Ham, Turkey, Turkey & Ham) \$8.00

Pizza (c/w pizza sauce, pepperoni, white cheddar) \$8.00

Veggie (c/w white cheddar, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, pickles) \$8.00