



Dear Trailblazing Parents and Families,

This past week has completely filled my bucket. It was incredible to have so many families celebrate with our students during their Winter Concert. The students did an amazing job, I was impressed by the courage shown by our students who took on leadership roles, bravo! This upcoming week we are looking forward to more celebration and holiday festivities as we fast approach the winter break.



### **A Few Things**

#### **Winter Wonderland Activities**

This week our Spirit Team is hosting Winter Wonderland Spirit Week

**Monday December 16** - Wear Holiday Colours

**Tuesday December 17** - Ugly Christmas Sweater

**Wednesday December 18** - Dress as your favourite character

**Thursday December 19** - Santa Hat/Reindeer Ears & Holiday Caroling

**Friday December 20** - Christmas Wear/PJ Day & Door Decorating

#### **Integrated School Support Program (ISSP) Parent Survey & Consent**

This year LGMS has received special funding through the ISSP. This is an early intervention and prevention initiative that is intended to provide essential services to address a variety of needs in diverse schools. The aim is to provide wrap-around services that may include a positive police presence, on-site mental health worker (Ms.Ashley), physical education specialist, breakfast and lunch programs and after school programs. The ISSP wants to evaluate how well this program is working and is asking for parents and students to take part in the study by completing a parent survey. **Parents can complete the parent survey and fill in consent for their child(ren) to complete the survey here:**

[https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV\\_cZpcv5WCBH2sCIm](https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_cZpcv5WCBH2sCIm).

#### **Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Sessions**

The SWIS team is offering the following free SWIS events, aimed at foreign-born students, parents, and family members.

1. Positive Ways to Parent  
Tuesdays: January 14, 21, 28, and February 4  
Time: 6:00–7:00 pm (online via Zoom)  
*Pizza will be provided.*  
[Register here](#)
2. Schooling in Canada: Open Discussion and Skill Building  
Monday, January 20, 2025  
Time: 6:00–7:30 pm (online via Zoom)  
*Pizza will be provided.*  
[Register here](#)
3. Schooling in Canada: Grade to Grade  
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
Time: 6:00–7:30 PM (online via Zoom)  
*Pizza will be provided.*  
[Register here](#)

### **Holiday Supports in the Bow Valley**

Link to available supports in the Bow Valley. [Holiday Supports in the Bow Valley.](#)

### **Other Resources**

[Right From the Start Blog](#)

[Family Connection Centre](#)

[Schools Healthier Together - Parent Resources](#)

[Alberta Health Services: Healthy Together](#)

[Government of Alberta: Children's Mental Health](#)

### **Important Dates in December & January**

Wednesday, December 18 - Pizza Day

Friday, December 20 - Students dismissed at 12:00 pm

Monday, January 6 - Back to School

Wednesday, January 8 - Pizza Day

Thursday, January 9 - Parent Council Meeting 7-8:30pm

Friday, January 17 - Special Assembly for Students

Friday, January 17 - Half Day Friday

Monday, January 20 - Knowledge Keeper Visit

Wednesday, January 22 - Pizza Day

Friday, January 31 - Progress Reports Released to Parent Portal

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school either by phone (403) 678-6006 or email.

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