

As we wrap up September, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic start we've had to the school year! It's been wonderful to see our students embracing new challenges, making friends, and diving into their studies with enthusiasm.

This month, we celebrated the beginning of the school year with our Week of Welcome. We had our first assembly of the year, and the book of the year was introduced. This year's book is entitled, <u>When Things Aren't Going Right</u>, <u>Go Left (Quand Ça ne Tourne Pas Rond, Chande de Direction)</u>, by Marc Colagiaovanni and Peter H. Reynolds. In reading this book, our students will learn better how to manage their feeling and be better equipped when things don't go well for them.

We were thrilled to see such a great turnout at our Meet the Staff evening! It was such a great opportunity to see many of our returning students and to welcome new students and their families to the École Leo Nickerson family. Thank you to our parent fundraising group, the Friends of Leo Nickerson, for organizing the hot dog sales for that evening. All proceeds from the hot dog sale will be used toward the replacement of our large playground.

Lastly we finished off the week with our annual Terry Fox Run and corn roast. Students had a great time getting some exercise and raising money for cancer research. It was also great to finish up by eating a freshly cooked cob of corn. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping make this such a success.

Looking ahead, we have exciting activities planned for October, including Parent Teacher Learning Conferences on October 23 and 24. We encourage you to stay engaged and participate, as your involvelment enriches our student's experiences.

Another great way to be informed and involved is through our School council. School council meets virtually once a month. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.. If you would like to attend, please contact Mr. Erickson.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or feedback. Together, we can ensure that our students continue to thrive both academically and socially.

Monique Waters

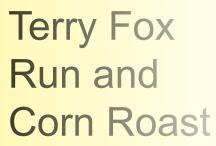
Wishing you a wonderful October filled with learning and growth!

Michael Erickson

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- 20 NO SCHOOL: Staff Development Day
- 26 Friends of Leo Nickerson Meeting (FOLN) at 7:00 p.m.
- 30 NO SCHOOL: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation



- 11 NO SCHOOL: Staff Development Day
- 14 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving

- 16 Photo Retakes
- 17 FOLN Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

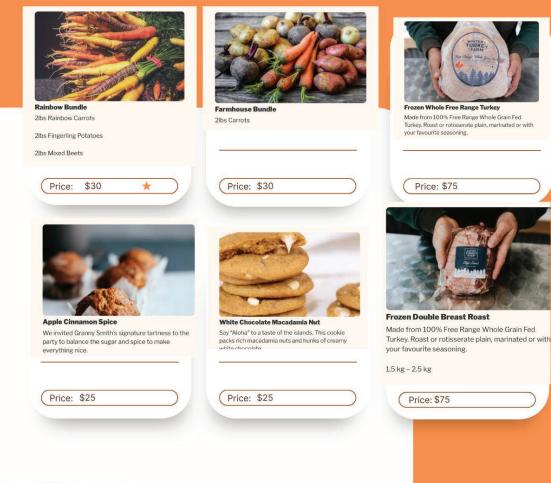


- 1 NO SCHOOL: Staff Development Day
- 6 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 11 NO SCHOOL: Remembrance Day
- 12 NO SCHOOL: In lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- 25 Gr. 6 Immunizations

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POMME MD (ELECTROLYTE APPLE DRINK) 12 CANS PER CASE \$45 PER CASE

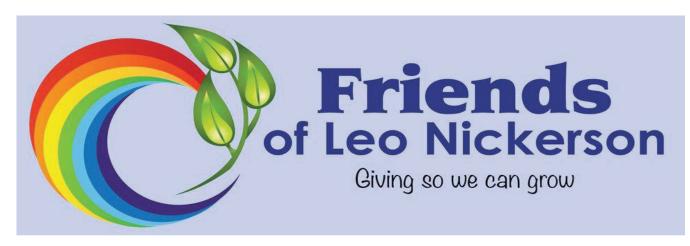


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BIG PARK REPLACEM



September 2024

Hello Leo Nickerson Families!

Friends of Leo Nickerson School Enhancement Society (aka "Friends" or "FOLN") is a legally incorporated Society in Alberta, organized for the purpose of fundraising to support the needs of Leo Nickerson and its students. We wanted to start this year off with an introduction for new parents - and a recap for our returning parents - to help you understand who we are, what our goals are and why, and what we're doing to reach them.

Who Are We?

We're parents, just like you. We volunteer our time to run a variety of fundraisers and the proceeds all go to support the school and your children. As an incorporated Society, we have bylaws that we must follow (recently updated by our Board). Our Society status allows us to access funding opportunities that are not available to the school - like government grants, casino fundraisers and gaming licenses. New volunteers are always appreciated and welcome - feel free to ask any of our members for more information at an event or reach out to us at **friendsofleonickerson@gmail.com**. You can also follow us on Facebook for the most current information on our events - or watch for emails sent by the school on our behalf.

Our Goal?

Leo Nickerson has been told by the City of St. Albert that the "big park" is at the end of its lifespan. As portions of the big park are deemed unsafe, they will be removed from the playground. The school has been advised that city officials expect these removals to start happening soon, and probably within the next year. As such, the replacement of the big park is our fundraising priority. Given the significant footprint of the big park and the variances caused by inflation, the estimated cost to build a new playground is just shy of \$500,000. Friends has formed a Playground Committee who is working with the City of St. Albert to obtain appropriate permits and approvals for the park replacement. Friends will also apply for matching grants to maximize the impact of the funds we receive from our school community. The "big park replacement" goal is for summer 2026.