

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we find ourselves halfway through the month of October, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for each of you. This month, we embrace the spirit of thankfulness, and I am reminded of the incredible community we've built together.

I am truly thankful for our students, who bring so much joy and enthusiasm to our school every day. Their laughter, creativity, and willingness to support one another inspires us all. It's a privlege to witness thier growth and development and I feel grateful to be a part of their journey.

This month, we are encouraging our students to reflect on what they are thankful for, both in their lives and within our school community. We believe that cultivating a sense of gratitude can nurture compassion and resilience, which are vital skills for their futures.

We are so thankful for the members of Friends of Leo Nickerson. This small group of parents spend countless hours organizing numerous fundraisers to raise enough money to replace the large playground. We want you to know that we see the tremendous work you put into supporting the school and we are so appreciative of you. Later in the newsletter, you will find information about the various fundraisers that have been organized.

I also want to invite you to our upcoming Parent-Teacher Learning Coference on November 6 and 7. This is an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and collaborate on how we can best support them together. Your partnership means the world to us, and we are grateful for your involvement.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our school community. Together, let's continue to foster an environment filled with gratitude, kindness, and love.

Wishing you a wonderful October!

With gratitude,

Michael



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- 16 Photo Retakes/Sibling Photos
- 17 FOLN Meeting at 7:00 pm

- 18 Grade 6 Immunizations
- 25 Halloween Dance: 5:30-8:30 pm



- 1 NO SCHOOL: Staff Development Day
- 6-7 Parent Teacher Learning Conference
- 11 NO SCHOOL: Remembrance Day

- 12 NO SCHOOL
- 14 FOLN Meeting at 7:00
- 18 Cake Walk



- 2 NO SCHOOL: Staff Development Day
- 13 Outdoor Pursuits
- 20 Early Dismissal: Classes end at 12:30

23 December to 5 January: Winter Break





Truth and Reconciliation Day Activities



September Assembly







Reminders



Lost and found: Please check our Lost and Found to reclaim missing clothing items.

Reminder: As the days begin to get colder, please ensure that your children arrive to school in adequate warm clothing.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up: In order to help keep our students safe coming to and from school, please keep note of the following reminders. The student drop off zone in front of the school is an area where parents can drive up, drop their children off and then move on. If you park on the other side of Sycamore Avenue, please remind your children to please cross the road using one of the crosswalks. In addition, the bus lane on Cunningham Road is reserved all day for buses and for before and after school care vans. Please refrain from parking in this area.

Reverse Trick or Treat

Our annual "Reverse trick-or-treat" event is here! The staff and students at Leo Nickerson School want to use Halloween as an opportunity to trick-or-treat...in reverse! Instead of collecting candy for ourselves, we want to give our students a chance to give back by collecting food for the St. Albert Food Bank.

In past years, we have delivered bags to over 1000 homes in our community. Once again, we've decided to extend this opportunity to the families of Leo Nickerson. The hope is to make an extra impact for the St. Albert Food Bank as they have experienced a significant increase of families in need.

If you are able, you may send any nonperishable food item to school with your child and they can put it in the bin provided in the front foyer. We will be collecting up until October 31st.

The Food Bank is in need of the following items:

Juice (large & small) Rice Oatmeal/Dry Cereal Canned Fruit & Vegetables Granola Bars Fruit Cups Powdered Milk Baby Formula (Enfamil A+, Good Start)



We at Leo Nickerson Elementary School look forward to sharing this meaningful act of service with you. Together we can help families in St. Albert put food on their tables.

With Gratitude, Leo Nickerson Staff and Students





October 2024

Hello Leo Families!

Thank you so much for your incredible support of our September fundraising efforts for the big park replacement! We have lots of fun coming up in October and November for students and parents alike - we're excited to see you there!

Upcoming Events

Fit Body Boot Camp - sign up October 15 to 18 - If you've been remotely interested in checking out these fitness classes for all bodies, now is the time to do it. 100% of your \$99 membership fee is paid back to Friends of Leo Nickerson!! Please see the attached flyer for details.

Family Halloween Dance - October 25 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm - DJ Wilson brings the music, you bring your spooky spirit. Prizes for costumes and dance floor enthusiasm. Concession items will all be \$1. Please see the dance specific email for details on ticket sales.

Cake Walk - November 18 - Do you love to bake? Do you love to eat cake? We've got the event for you! We are looking for donations for our upcoming Colours of Leo Nickerson Cake Walk fundraiser. Cakes will be dropped off for display in the morning on Monday, November 18. Students, staff and parents will have the opportunity to view the cakes and purchase \$1 tickets to "bid" on the cake of their choice throughout the day. Winning tickets will be drawn before the end of the school day and cakes will be available to go home with winners when school is out. Email us at friendsofleonickerson@gmail.com and we'll get you more info!

Cash Calendar Sales - November - Calendars for January's cash draws will be mailed in early December in time for pre-Christmas delivery!

Stawnichy's Mundare Sausage - November 13 to 27 - for delivery on December 18, just in time for winter break snacks and charcuterie boards and *the best* perogies for any dinner (including the big family gatherings).

September Event Recap

Meet the Teacher Hot Dog Sale - Thanks in part to a generous donation of hot dogs from The Jade Village, we were able to raise just over \$1800 at this event. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this fundraiser an incredible success!

Indeygo Cookie Dough, Veggie & Turkey Sales - A Leo stalwart, this fundraiser has closed and orders have been delivered. Final fundraising totals are still being calculated as we have additional cookie and muffin dough left to sell. Check out the extra products that are still available for sale through our website store, here: <u>https://friendsofln.wixsite.com/friends/category/all-products</u>

We are so proud of our Leo families for purchasing 30 food bank bundles of vegetables - a whopping 185lbs of carrots and potatoes were delivered to the St. Albert Food Bank to help families in need.



Steve and Dan's Fresh BC Fruit - We had 19 purchasers on this fundraiser, with a modest profit of \$324. Orders have been delivered and we'd love to have feedback from our supporters - let us know if the quality of the fruit makes it worth running this fundraiser again next year. Congratulations to Hadleigh who was the winner of an Amazon gift card courtesy of Steve and Dan's!

If you'd like to know more about all the fun that Friends of Leo Nickerson is planning for the rest of the year, please feel free to join us at our monthly meetings. **Our next two meetings will be on October 17 and November 14 and will be held in the staff room at Leo at 7pm.**

With appreciation for the ongoing support of our Leo community, The FOLN Team

ST. ALBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOIN WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR THE EDMONTON OIL KINGS FAN-FAVOURITE TEDDY BEAR TOSS GAME AT ROGERS PLACE!



vs. RED DEER at 4:00 PM

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TEDDY BEARS TO THROW ON THE ICE AFTER THE OIL KINGS FIRST GOAL!



SCAN TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS!





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30 MINUTE SESSIONS All fitness levels welcomed Monday – friday Morning : 5:30 AM, 6:15 AM, 8:15 AM, 9:00 AM

MONDAY – THURSDAY EVENING : 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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SATURDAY MORNING: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM



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