



**ICES Parent Update  
September 21, 2020**

**SCHOOL ABSENCES**

If your child will be absent from school, please inform the front office before 10:00 am. There are three options for contacting ICES:

Email the front office: [ices@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:ices@lethsd.ab.ca) (preferred)

School Website, parent tab – email: [ices@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:ices@lethsd.ab.ca).

Call the front office: 403-317-7860. If the call is not answered in person, please leave a message with the necessary details.

**ICES CLOTHING SURVEY**

Please complete the attached survey regarding interest in school clothing.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Y4sOPE7mjUykDx0hO2cEca5R24jFbhRCmjz-Yx5cKuZUQ0RVQUM5UVVXVDk1UkhMTE43STNZSziWOC4u>

**SCHOOL COUNCIL TOWN HALL**

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm will be the first School Council meeting of the year. If you are looking for the opportunity to serve on the School Council Executive for the upcoming year, the position of vice-chair needs to be filled. The Agenda, May 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes, and ICES Principal's Report are attached. This will be an on-line meeting using the Zoom virtual platform. Link and information are below:

<https://zoom.us/j/93410443466?pwd=VWRwMmw4cDFVLzh3QWJLY29wWDIzUT09>

Meeting ID: 934 1044 3466      Passcode: qp0TWa

**TERRY FOX WALK**

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Terry Fox Run! ICES students will be participating in this on Friday, September 25. Unlike other years, when this was done collectively, students will be doing so in their cohorts with their homeroom teachers. Students are encouraged to dress in red and white or in a Canadian theme.

Students may bring cash and submit to their classroom teachers or donations may be made through the following link:

<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=917907>

**SCHOOL MESSENGER – TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE**

We are preparing our data base for our Text Messaging Service. If you have NOT opted in to this service before, please follow the instruction on the attachment to opt in . This is optional but is a very handy tool for our school to have. We try not to overuse this

texting option but only use it for emergencies if they should come up, we often use it for reminding parents of Early Dismissal. We would use it for a snow day or any kind of message we want parents to know about right away. Thank you for opting in – it helps us out greatly! Please see the attached PDF.

### **SCHOOL GUIDE APP**

The School Guide app allows parents to select ICES and other schools they want to follow. Parents will they receive notices on news and calendar updates for those schools. By downloading the app, parents will also be able to receive notifications from their schools and from the school division, which can certainly be helpful if there is a school closure due to weather or an important COVID-19 update.

Here is a link to a news item on the division site that explains the app process:

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/news/post/schoolguide-app-update>

### **MEET THE TEACHER EVENT**

Prior to the school year, October 8 was designated as an evening for parent to meet the teachers of their child(ren). However, due to COVID restrictions, this in-person event is not possible. Hence, Friday, October 23 will be a day for parents to book a time for a phone or Teams call with their child(ren)'s teacher(s), to have a brief conversation regarding how school is going. Similar to our August Open House, parents will be have opportunity to sign up for a specified time and the teacher(s), will connect with you. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, September 30: Orange Shirt Day

September 28 – October 9 – Food drive for the Food Bank

Friday, October 9 – virtual Thanksgiving Chapel lead by Grade 5

Monday, October 12 – Thanksgiving - no school

Tuesday, October 13 – Professional Learning Day – no school

Wednesday, October 14 – Professional Learning Day – no school

*You can also access the calendar on the school website and School Guide app.*