



## ICES Weekly Update September 16, 2024



### SCHOOL SUPPLY SURVEY

We are hoping for parent/guardian input to be able to gauge the success and value of the school purchasing the school supplies for all students this year. We took on this pilot program in an effort to maximize the purchasing power we have through the school division as well as to try to help utilize the amount of time our families have. Being the first time, we have done this program there has been a steep learning curve for all involved.

Our school team has observed a few different benefits and a few draw backs. A few benefits to this program including cost savings through bulk purchasing, standardization of supplies so all students have the exact supplies they need when they need it, and moving forward, we should be able to have further cost savings as some supplies such as rulers and scissors will not need to be purchased every year. We also understand that there have been some drawbacks with the program including there are many families that enjoy the tradition of school supply shopping, that some families were a bit confused by what they needed to purchase for the start of the school year, as well as that just like we hope to reuse items every year there are many families that planned on doing the same.

We would like our community as a whole to provide some input so we can continue to evaluate the success and drawbacks that you have had going through the process so that we can assess the viability of the program and proceed in the best way possible.

*Please know that your submissions are completely anonymous, and the survey will remain open until Tuesday, October 1. Here is the link to the survey: [ICES Supplies Survey](#)*

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**September 23 @ 7:30**

Next Monday, September 23, we will hold our first School Council Meeting in the ICES Wellness Space. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and meet the Trustee and Executive Council liaisons from our School Division as well as our Society Board representative. We will also be seeking to fill 1 position on the School Council Executive during this time.

*\*Please see the attached Agenda.*

### SAFE ARRIVAL

ICES uses the Safe Arrival App to make it easier for you to report and respond to the school absences of your child(ren).

When communicating with the school around after school pick-ups, please email the front office prior to 2:45 at: [ices@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:ices@lethsd.ab.ca). This provides time to get time to deliver all the notes to students prior to dismissal.

*\*Please see the attachment.*

### TERRY FOX WALK

Students will be bused to Legacy Park on Friday afternoon for our annual Terry Fox Walk. We will arrive shortly after 1:00. You are welcome to meet us there and join us for the walk!

Students have the option of bringing toonies and loonies for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Online support can be accessed through: [Terry Fox - ICES](#)

### SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

ICES holds 3 fundraisers to raise funds for school/student activities and resources. Here is the timeline for this year:

**Bacon:** Oct. 8 – 24

*(November delivery)*

**Little Caesar's Pizza:** February 7 – March 3

**Bacon:** April/May *(delivered prior to the May long weekend)*

### MILK PROGRAM

School Cash Online opens on September 14 for the ICES Milk Program.

*\*Please see the attachment for more specific details.*

### THIS WEEK

**Sept. 18** – Chapel @ 12:30

Early Dismissal @ 2:00

**Sept. 20** – School Colours Day  
(white/blue/gold)

Terry Fox Walk

**Hot Lunch:** Burgers

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Last year, our school partnered with various local and global community agencies to support their ongoing work. Although participation is voluntary, we do not want to overwhelm our ICES families. More information will be communicated prior to each initiative.

Here is an overview of this year's partnerships:

**October** – Food Drive for the Interfaith Food Bank

**November** – Shop of Wonders (My City Care)

**December** – Compassion Canada

**February** – Personal Hygiene (My City Care)

**March** – Food Drive for Interfaith Food Bank

**April/May** – Edu Deo (Spring Program & Spring Coin Carnival)

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sept. 23** – School Council Town Hall Meeting @ 7:30 pm in Wellness Space

**Sept. 27** – Orange Shirt Day

Hot Lunch: Frozen Yogurt

**Sept. 30** – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)

**Oct 1 – 11** – Food Bank Food Drive