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Principal's Message - Mr. MacDonald

Learning Hubs and **Study Halls** have historically been offered to students as a way to promote individual student prioritization for their learning. This was part of supporting the high school redesign. The time in these blocks, while intended to be for flexible learning space, often resulted in students spending time scrolling TikTok and texting their friends (not all, but some). This year, we have created semi-structured Learning Hubs in the schedule for junior high and renamed them as numeracy/literacy interventions or Leader In Me. These blocks are learning hubs, but they are re-designed to support students in achieving improved academic performance in core courses. Seeing the big picture, our jurisdiction would like to improve overall student achievement in literacy and numeracy and, as such, we have built in some time during the school day to support these initiatives. If you have any questions about this structure, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!

Jason MacDonald
Principal

Assistant Principal/Learning Support - Mrs. Spencer

The Livingstone Range School Division's Vision is **Every Student, Every Day**. Sometimes, modifications are required to our school structure to make this mission accessible to each learner. If you follow our social media pages, you will have seen that a few of our students are volunteering at NAPS. We also have students developing various competencies at the foodbank on Fridays and helping out as "Coaches Assistants" at A.B. Daley. Additionally, a team of our students has been helping manage our paper recycling. All of these opportunities are developing student competencies, a set of, "attitudes, skills and knowledge that students develop and apply for successful learning, living and working," (Alberta Education, 2024). We are grateful for the community partnerships that support the mission of **Every Student, Every Day**.

Jill Spencer
Assistant Principal/Learning Support

Family School Liaison Counsellor - Angie Conway

As many of you are certainly aware, parenting adolescents throughout grades 7-12 comes with an abundance of changes and challenges. There are several resources available to parents to help you learn and understand more about your child and what they are going through and to give you extra support. Please browse the upcoming opportunities below and consider signing up for any that may apply to your family to increase your knowledge and parenting skills.

Alberta Recovery Mental Health and Addiction Services has several Community Education Service webinars every month. These are always free and very accessible since it's online! Click the links below to learn more about each or checkout [CES Sessions](#) to view all current sessions being offered.

Tuesday, October 15 - [Adolescent Brain Development and Navigating the Parent-Teen Relationship](#)

Wednesday, October 16 - [Building Strong Bonds: Understanding Parent-Child Attachment](#)

Monday, October 21 - [Peer Pressure: what is it and what can I do about it?](#)

Angie Conway

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Important Upcoming Dates - Lee Chattaway & Jenna Flitton

Friday October 11

- No School - Staff Planning, Collaboration

Monday October 14

- No School - Thanksgiving 🦃 🍂 🍁

Tuesday October 15

- Student Leadership Meeting @ lunch
- Queens Ball Dance practice 🧒 🧒

Thursday October 17

- Queens Ball Etiquette practice

Friday October 18

- SAIT Open House field trip with Lettie Croskery

Monday October 21

- School Council Meeting 6pm in the Conference Room (electing a new treasurer)

Tuesday October 22

- Student Leadership Meeting @ lunch
- Queens Ball Fashion Show 7pm - admission \$5/person

Wednesday October 23

- Rowan House Presentation - grades 8 & 10
- U of C Medical School Discovery Day with Lettie Croskery
- Grade 9 Immunizations (remember hand in your paperwork if you haven't already)

Thursday October 24

- Queens Ball Etiquette practice - 7pm

Friday October 25

- No School for Jr. High students

Tuesday October 29

- Student Leadership Meeting @ lunch
- Queens Ball Dance Practice - 7pm

Wednesday October 30

- Lifetouch picture retakes 8:30-10:00am
- Grade 9 Immunization Follow-up
- Rowan House presentation - grade 8 & 10

Thursday October 31

- Halloween 🎃
- Queens Ball Etiquette practice - 7pm

Friday November 1

- No School for Jr. High students