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Southern Alberta EVENTS NEWSLETTER



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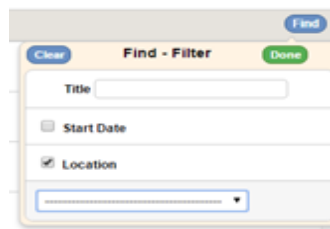
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WONDERING HOW TO REGISTER?

1. All of the events can be found at centreforlearning.ca by clicking on **Events tab**.
2. Then follow the **Registration link** to see all of the current and upcoming events.



3. **USEFUL TIPS** for searching program offerings and locations
 - Locate the blue "Find" button at the top right of the Events' Registration tab
 - Using the "Title" field, type in an activity (eg. Art, Basketball, Theatre) **CLICK SEARCH**.
OR
 - Using the "Title" field, type in one of the following for a more comprehensive geographic list of activities. **CLICK SEARCH**.
 - Cal – Calgary, Okotoks, Airdrie and surrounding area and surrounding communities
 - Central – for Red Deer and surrounding communities
 - Med Hat – for Medicine Hat and surrounding communities
 - Leth – for Lethbridge and surrounding communities
 - Edm – for Edmonton and surrounding communities
 - GP – for Grande Prairie and surrounding communities
 - Prov – for provincial activities that may be of interest to all geographic locations
 - Select a city using the location dropdown menu

DECEMBER 8

High School Event - West Edmonton Mall Trip

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends or reconnect with friends from Camp Evergreen, to socialize and perhaps do some Christmas Shopping. West Edmonton Mall has over 800 stores, 100 eating establishments and RIDES (We will NOT be going to the water park). This is a school chaperoned event. Students will be required to be in groups of 4 minimum at all times. A bus will be provided leaving from Okotoks and stopping in South Calgary, North Calgary and Red Deer before completing the drive to Edmonton. Come out and enjoy West Ed Mall!

Students will be participating in a curriculum based, holiday themed Amazing Race across the mall with their peers! This activity will take about an hour of your time after lunch and then you will be able to break out to browse the Mall.

Bus pick-up and drop off times will vary depending on location. More details are available on the registration page.

Where: West Edmonton Mall, 8882 170 St NW, Edmonton
When: Friday, December 8th, 7:00am - 9:00pm
Who: CFL Students Gr 9-12
Cost: \$52/ student on the bus, Edmonton students and those not requiring bussing are free of charge

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DECEMBER 12

SALTA CHRISTMAS PARTY - MEDICINE HAT

The Centre for Learning@HOME Students will enjoy a grade level appropriate hour of gymnastics with a certified instructor. Students must be registered with The CFL to participate in the gymnastics program as space is limited.

A Christmas Craft table will also be available for students.

The Centre for Learning@HOME families are encouraged to join us for hot chocolate and Christmas cookie reception.

This activity may meet some of the learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: SALTA Gymnastics 528- 18st SW
When: Tuesday, December 12 - 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM
Who: CFL Families,
Gymnastics for CFL Students ONLY
Cost: FREE

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DECEMBER 13

IT'S NOT YOUR PARENTS SCIENCE FAIR – MEDICINE HAT

Join Patty Rooks from Praxis and Medicine Hat College as she presents “It’s Not Your Parents Science Fair”. No longer are we looking at making volcanoes to wow the judges...this session will start you off with information on the Scientific Method to jump start your science fair project. You will have the opportunity to learn everything you need to know in order to have a successful science fair project. Workbooks, ideas and support will be provided for all participants in grades 4 – 12.

Remember Science Fair is a cross curricular activity – not only are you doing science, but math, language arts and computer skills just to name a few.

If we have enough participants, we will hold a local science fair and then you can advance on to the Regional Science Fair right here in Medicine Hat. Junior and Senior High School participants have the opportunity to win an all-expense paid trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair held in Ottawa in 2018 if they compete at the Regional level.

Where: Family Leisure Centre – Sage Room
When: Wednesday, December 13
Grade 4-6 9:30 AM– 10:20 AM
Grade 7-9 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM
Grade 10 – 12 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Who: Best suited for students grade 4-12
Cost: \$7.00



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DECEMBER 14

LETHBRIDGE- FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT JAPANESE GARDENS -WINTER LIGHT FESTIVAL

Students will have the opportunity to learn the Japanese art of origami, folding paper into shapes representing flowers or animals. Followed by a CFL Family Garden Tour of the Winter Light Festival.

Enjoy a hot Chocolate and Christmas cookie while viewing the lights.

This activity will meet some of the learning outcomes of Social Studies.

Where: Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens
When: Thursday, December 14, 5:00 PM– 6:00 PM
Who: The Centre for Learning@HOME Families
Cost: FREE

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

POLAR EXPRESS- Stettler, AB

All aboard the Polar Express with Alberta Prairie Railway. Join us and enjoy the magic of the Polar Express; read along as the train makes its round trip journey to the North Pole. There will be caroling, hot chocolate and cookies. And for those who believe, a special gift will be given to each child, just like the story. Everyone is encouraged to wear their pajamas.

Each ticket includes a Polar Express Train Ride. You will be served hot chocolate and a cookie treat by Polar Express Chefs and everyone receives a ceramic souvenir Polar Express mug. Santa will board the train at the North Pole, and on the return trip he will be walking through each car giving out the "first gift of Christmas" - a silver sleigh bell - to each child 11 years and under. Those young at heart may also receive a sleigh bell, they only need to ask. Join in and sing Christmas carols as the train returns to the Stettler station. A magical adventure surely not to be missed.

Where: 4611 - 47 Avenue, Stettler, Alberta

Located just two blocks east of Main Street, at the base of a burgundy grain elevator.

Departure: Thursday, December 14th @ 4:30 PM

Arrival: 5:30 PM

Fare: \$40 - Age 6-11; \$65 - age 12 and UP

Who: Due to the limited number of seats we ask that one parent/guardian accompany their students on the train.

[Click here to Register Age 12 +](#)
[Click here to Register Age 11 and under](#)

JANUARY-JUNE

SHAKESPEARE'S MACBETH - MED HAT

Dive into Shakespeare's Macbeth with Ms Scott! Everyone gets a part, everyone works together and everyone is a STAR! Be prepared to rehearse on Wednesdays from January to June. Four performances, final performance at the year-end picnic in Kin Coulee Park.

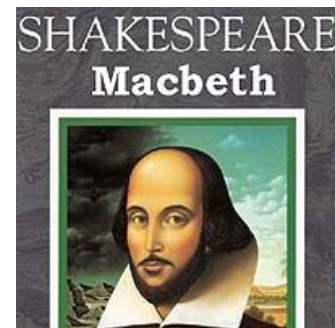
Where: Rehearsals at Victory Lutheran Church

When: Wednesday afternoons

Who: Students Grade 1-12

Cost: \$65.00

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JANUARY 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 26 AND MARCH 5 RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS LEVEL 5/6, MED HAT

This program is the Red Cross Swim Kids lessons, NOT the Swim at School program. The Water Safety Instructors use performance criteria listed on the instructor's worksheets to determine the minimum standards for each item in the level, while targeting feedback and practice opportunities to the learning needs of each swimmer. At the end of the program, each swimmer will be given a Red Cross Swim Kids progress card and a badge if a level has been passed.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Medicine Hat Family Leisure Centre

When: **Mondays, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM** Times will vary based on # of classes and available instructors.

Lessons will be 45-50 minutes long

Who: Swim ability of level 5/6 swimmer

Cost: \$66.00/student

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JANUARY 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 26 & MARCH 5 RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS LEVEL 7/8, or 9/10 MED HAT

This program is the Red Cross Swim Kids lessons, NOT the Swim at School program. The Water Safety Instructors use performance criteria listed on the instructor's worksheets to determine the minimum standards for each item in the level, while targeting feedback and practice opportunities to the learning needs of each swimmer. At the end of the program, each swimmer will be given a Red Cross Swim Kids progress card and a badge if a level has been passed.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Medicine Hat Family Leisure Centre

When: 1:00 PM - 3:00PM Times will vary based on # of classes and available instructors.

Classes will be 1 hr in length

Who: Students with swim ability of level 7/8 swimmer

Cost: \$83.00/student

[Click Here to Register for LEVEL 7/8](#)

[Click Here to Register for LEVEL 9/10](#)

JANUARY 16, 23, 30, & FEBRUARY 6 SOCCER – LETH

An introduction to the basics of soccer skills; receiving, dribbling, passing and shooting. Class will also include recreational game time. All grade levels welcome, students will be divided into similar age and ability levels.

This program meets some of the physical education learning outcomes established by Alberta Education.

Where: Lethbridge Soccer Centre
When: Tuesdays, **January 16, 23, 30, & February 6**
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Who: Program best suited for Grade 1-9
Cost: \$21.00



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JANUARY 17 & 24 DODGEBALL- LETH

Classic dodgeball and your favourite dodgeball variations.

All grade levels and students are welcome; students will be grouped with participants of similar age and ability.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Mike Mountain Horse School - Lethbridge
When: Wednesday January 17 & 24, **6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
Who: Grade 1-12
Cost: \$ 6.00 Student
Parents FREE



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JANUARY 18 MISTATIM: - MED HAT

Mistatim is a coming of age story about the truest of friendships. A wooden fence is all that separates Calvin's ranch and Speck's reservation, but in many ways, they are worlds apart. An unlikely friendship is struck between the two 11-year olds when Calvin attempts to 'break' a horse that no one else can tame in order to prove himself to his father. Speck, who is struggling to find her place in her family, discovers her incredible gift to communicate with horses. She finds she can empathize with Mistatim. Working together to rein in the wild horse, Calvin and Speck learn to communicate with one another across the divide of their own cultures.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Social Studies.

Where: Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre Education
When: Thursday, January 18 - 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Who: **Best Suited for Students Grade 4+**
Cost: \$ 2.00

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JANUARY 18, 25, FEB 1, 8, 15

CO-CURRICULAR WORKSHOP– MED HAT BOOKS and BASKETBALLS



NOVEL STUDY

Come join us for a comprehensive and fun 5 week novel study! Engage in the award winning novel, “Maniac Magee” by Jerry Spinelli. We will discuss, write, question, and create as we explore Maniac’s journey through racism, homelessness, kindness, and friendship. All completed projects will be eligible for submission to grade level Language Arts online and Teacher Directed courses.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Language Arts

BASKETBALL

Learn the fundamentals of Basketball: dribbling, passing, shooting, and game play.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Medicine Hat Family Leisure Centre

When: Thursday January 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15

1:30 PM - 2:25 PM – Novel Study

2:30 PM– 3:30 PM - Basketball

Who: Students Grade 4-6

Cost: \$0.00 Learn@HOME Student (Online, Teacher-Directed, Blended Program)

\$40.00 Traditional Home Education Student

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JANUARY 18, 25, FEB 1, 8, 15

CO-CURRICULAR WORKSHOP – MED HAT BOOKS AND BASKETBALLS

NOVEL STUDY

Come join us for a comprehensive and fun 5 week novel study! Engage in the award winning novel “The Giver” by Lois Lowery. We will discuss, write, question, and create as we explore Jonas’ journey as he learns his idyllic community is not what it seems. All completed projects will be eligible for submission to grade level Language Arts online and Teacher Directed courses.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Language Arts.

BASKETBALL

Learn the fundamentals of Basketball: dribbling, passing, shooting, and game play.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Medicine Hat Family Leisure Centre

When: Thursday January 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15

1:30 PM– 2:25 PM – Basketball

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM – Novel Study

Who: Best suited for Students Grade 7-9

Cost: \$0.00 Learn@HOME Student (Online, Teacher-Directed, Blended Program)

\$40.00 Traditional Home Education Student

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JANUARY 19

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE ACAC VOLLEYBALL GAME:

Join your Centre for Learning@HOME friends and help cheer on the Medicine Hat College student athletes as they take on Lethbridge College. Don't miss this fast-paced, family-friendly entertainment! Students may stay for one or both of the games.

Where: Lethbridge College Gym
When: Friday, January 19
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Women's Game
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM Men's Game
Who: **Students Grade 1-12**
Cost: **\$0.00** Students
\$5.00 Parents (register on InviteRight or pay at the gate)

[Click Here to Register](#)

JANUARY 20

LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE ACAC VOLLEYBALL GAME

Join your Centre for Learning@HOME friends and help cheer on the Lethbridge College student athletes as they take on Medicine Hat College. Don't miss this fast-paced, family-friendly entertainment! Students may stay for one or both of the games.

Where: Lethbridge College Gym
When: Saturday, January 20
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Women's Game
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM Men's Game
Who: **Students Grade 1-12**
Cost: **\$0.00** Students
\$8.00 Parents (register on InviteRight or pay at the gate)

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JANUARY 29

FLOOR HOCKEY- MED HAT

All grade levels and ability levels are welcome; students will be grouped with participants of similar age and ability.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Medicine Hat Leisure Centre
When: Monday January 29, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Who: Grade 1-12
Cost: \$ 3.00 Student
Parents FREE

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FEB 1, 8, 15

BASKETBALL - MED HAT

Learn the fundamentals of Basketball: dribbling, passing, shooting, and game play.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Medicine Hat Family Leisure Centre
When: Thursdays Feb 1, 8, & 15 12:30 PM - 1:25 PM
Who: Students Grade 1-3
Cost: \$15

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FEBRUARY 2, 9

ASCENT CLIMBING CENTRE –ROCKWALL CLIMBING

Each climber will wear a climbing harness and work with a belayer also wearing a harness to climb up the rockwall.

Parents/ Chaperones are asked to register and learn how to belay if your student is under 13 years of age. Belay safety training will take place February 2, at the start of class. (belaying is securing a person or a safety rope to an anchor point)

This activity will meet the learning outcomes of Physical Education

As per Alberta Schools Safety Guidelines Students, this activity is ONLY for students in Grade 4+

Where: Ascent Climbing Centre - Lethbridge
When: Friday, Feb 2 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
Friday, Feb 9 11:00AM – 12:00PM
Who: Students Grade 4+
Cost: \$16

[Click Here to Register](#)

FEBRUARY 7 Ski Day

Powderkeg is a friendly "family" ski area with consistent snow conditions, challenging terrain. Students participating will receive a lessons and a lift for the day.

Where: Blairmore Pass Powderkeg
When: 10:00AM – 3:00PM
Who: CFL Students and Chaperones
Cost: Please see registration link for details

[Click Here to Register](#)



FEBRUARY 12

DODGEBALL- MED HAT

Classic dodgeball and your favourite dodgeball variations.

All grade levels and students are welcome and students will be grouped with participants of similar age and ability.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Medicine Hat Leisure Centre
When: Monday January 22, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Who: Grade 1-12
Cost: \$ 3.00 Student

[Click Here to Register](#)

FEBRUARY 13

MASTERBUILDERS- LETH

Masterbuilders is a special winter program that the Helen Schuler Nature Centre offers. The Program includes a 1 hour guided program looking at how and why local animals build. The second hour students experiment with building at a variety of activity stations in the Brain Zone exhibit. Activity booklets are also provided for these building challenges.

This activity will meet the learning outcomes of Science.

Where: Helen Schuler Nature Centre - Lethbridge
When: Tuesday, Feb 12 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Who: Best suited for Grades 1-6
Cost: \$6

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FEBRUARY 14 MARCH 7 & 14

BASKETBALL- LETH

Learn the fundamentals of Basketball: dribbling, passing, shooting, and game play. All grade levels welcome, students will be divided into similar age and ability levels.

This program will meet learning outcomes of Physical Education.

Where: Mike Mountain Horse School Gym- Lethbridge
When: Wednesday, Feb 14 March 7 and 14 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Who: Best suited for Grades 1-9
Cost: \$10

[Click Here to Register](#)

FEBRUARY 26

SOUP SISTERS AND BROTH BROTHERS – LETHBRIDGE

The SOUP is on! CFL students are invited to join the Soup Sisters' chef facilitator to make approximately 150 servings of nourishing soup. This educational and social evening will include lively conversation, chopping, laughter and warm kitchen camaraderie that culminate in a simple, sit-down supper of soup, salad, and bread for all participants. Soup is made in support of Blackfoot Family Lodge, YWCA Harbour House and Wood's Home.

Where: Lethbridge Multicultural Centre SAEA

When: February 26, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Who: Best Suited for Grade 4+ (Parents are encouraged to participate but not required for the student to attend.)

Cost: **\$55 per participant** (includes cost of soup ingredients as a donation to Blackfoot Family Lodge, YWCA Harbour House and Wood's Home) Please note that the student's Supplemental Resource funding and/or Home Education funding cannot be applied to this donation. **If interested PLEASE REGISTER ASAP,**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- MARCH 1 Forensic Science - Lethbridge
- MARCH 2 Ski Day – Elkwater
- MARCH 12, 19, 26, APRIL 9, 23 Pottery – Lethbridge
- MARCH 15 SAAG Gallery School – Lethbridge
- MARCH 16 The Great Escape - Lethbridge
- MARCH Badminton – Med Hat
- MARCH 21 Astronomy Society – Lethbridge

IN THE WORKS

Badminton, Archery, Lethbridge Flight Centre, Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Show, Feel the Beat, Waste Management Tour, Tennis, Bar U Ranch, Birds of Prey, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Devils Coulee, Nature Centre Tours

WATCH FOR MORE EVENT POSTINGS ON CENTREFORLEARNING.CA

SUPERVISION STANDARDS AND PARENT PARTICIPATION

All field trips and events hosted by The Centre for Learning@HOME require supervision to ensure acceptable levels of behavior and safety. The Centre for Learning@HOME will have at least one school staff member on site at every event we host. Staff, and when necessary, parent volunteers (who have provided police issued security clearance documents), will attend events to meet the necessary supervision ratios set out by Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools and as listed below.

The CFL welcomes parents to participate in activities and events whenever possible. Some events require every participant be supervised by a parent; other events/venues restrict parent participation. The role of the parent is included in each event description. Please see below for an explanation of the rationale.

1. Parent Participation is Mandatory

In this scenario, the students will require one on one assistance to complete the task or the venue has asked us to have a parent with each child. A CFL staff member will be there to assist the event leader, check in students and parents, and obtain the activity waiver forms.

2. Parent Participation is Voluntary

In this scenario, the parents are welcome to stay and participate, or release their student(s) to the care of The CFL staff and approved volunteers. The ratio of adults to students is in accordance with Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools' policy (below). If the parent elects to drop their student(s) off, they must deliver the student(s) to the school staff member at the event to check them in and sign the activity waiver. At the end of the event, the parent must collect the student(s) from the school staff member at the specified time and ensure the staff member knows the parent has arrived to pick up the student(s). Please do not drop your student off at the door or plan to pick them up outside.

3. Parent Participation is Restricted or Not Allowed

In this scenario, the host venue has asked that parents not participate either due to the nature of the event (i.e. swim lessons) or because of limited space. The Centre for Learning@HOME will provide supervision according to the supervision standard set by Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools. Parents may be able to watch from the sidelines (like in swim lessons) or drop the student(s) off and pick them up at the end of the program. When dropping off your student(s), please deliver the student(s) to the school staff member at the event to check them in and sign the activity waiver. At the end of the event, the parent must collect the student(s) from the school staff member at the specified time and ensure the staff member knows you have arrived to pick up the student(s). Please do not drop your student off at the door or plan to pick them up outside.

If arrangements are made for someone other than the parent/guardian to pick up a student, please notify The CFL staff member, in writing, prior to the start of the event.

Supervision Ratios as set by Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools for Field Trips

Grade Level	Adult: Student Ratio
1-3	1:5
4-6	1:10
7-9	1:15
10-12	1:25

Please note, some activities replicate a classroom setting (example: teacher led co-curricular classes) and in such situations, the Field Trip Supervision Ratios will not apply. Ratios similar to a traditional classroom will apply.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding supervision, please contact The Centre for Learning@HOME Program Enhancement Coordinator for your area.