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Principal's Message - Mr. MacDonald

Solar Eclipse - Monday, April 8th

On Monday, April 8th, when we return from the Easter Holiday, there will be a solar eclipse that will be visible throughout most of North America from **11:48 am until 1:38 pm**. With a solar eclipse, there come significant risks to those who choose to view the eclipse without certified protective eyewear (sunglasses are not sufficient).

To mitigate the risks associated with a solar eclipse, Mrs. Spencer and I will be moving forward the following tasks:

- We will visit every class in the school to inform them about what a solar eclipse is and the risks involved in damaging eyesight if the eclipse is viewed without proper eye protection.
- During lunch hour on April 8th, we will keep junior high students inside the building to have lunch. The gym will be open for badminton if students choose to participate. Teachers will be asked to take their students outside for a movement break after 1:38 pm.
- Senior high students will be welcome to stay inside as well but may leave the building if they choose to do so.
- We will be organizing and serving a **free hot dog lunch** to all students who are staying inside with us for the lunch period. Feel free to email or call the school if you would like your child to be dismissed during lunch hour.

We encourage parents and guardians to speak with your child about the eclipse to answer any questions they may have. If you require support in this, you can feel free to give us a call at the school or visit the following links for more information:

- <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/>
- <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/safety/>
- <https://opto.ca/eye-health-library/solar-eclipse-safety>

Thank you for helping us keep students safe, and I hope everyone has a well-deserved Easter Holiday!

Jason MacDonald - Principal

Important Upcoming Dates - Lee Chattaway & Jenna Flitton

March 29 - April 7 - No School - Easter Break

Wed. April 17 - EPIC Field Trip with Christy Bazell

Thurs. April 18 - Canadian Forces Army Reserves (11:30am-12:30pm) - stop by their table and learn about opportunities and the education reimbursement program

Thurs. April 18 - Christy Bazell (Career Practitioner) will be at JTF. Do you have questions about post secondary? Make sure to see her!

Fri. April 19 - Report Cards - Term 3

Thurs. April 25 - Grade 9 Immunizations

Fri. April 26 - No School - Staff Planning

Student Leadership Meetings on Tuesdays at lunch

Board Games Club on Wednesdays at lunch

Chess Club on Thursdays at lunch

The Livingstone Range School Division Board of Trustees have approved the next 3-Year Capital Plan and 10-Year Facilities Plan. Livingstone School in Lundbreck is our next priority project. We are seeking Pre-Planning and Planning Funding from the provincial government to determine options for this school.

The original Livingstone School was built in 1902 with additions in 1959, 1968, and a modernization in 1992, along with the removal of the original building. Currently, there are 256 Kindergarten to Grade 12 students at the school which is also home to the Livingstone Ski Academy. For the 2024-2025 school year, a projected 258 students will be enrolled.

We will seek to identify the best value option for the community of Lundbreck and surrounding area through community stakeholder engagement and potential partnerships. We anticipate beginning these conversations in the fall of 2024.

As part of the Capital Plan, the Division is also seeking provincial Pre-Planning and Planning Funding for the schools in the community of Pincher Creek as our second priority.

See the 3-Year Capital Plan and 10-Year Facilities Plan at <https://www.lrsd.ca/our-division/supplemental/capital>.