



December 3, 2019

# The EXPRESS

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## Silent Auction

It's that time of year again, the **Silent Auction** is quickly approaching. We are accepting items for our silent auction to be held during the Christmas concert on Dec. 19th.

**All silent auction items must be at the school on or before Dec. 10th** to ensure that they can be added in and displayed properly (with proper descriptions and values). Any items received after Dec. 10th may be kept until the next silent auction.

## Bake Sale

Bake sale items can be dropped off at IRS Dec. 19th (or earlier). Please set a selling price for your donated goods.

Thank you in advance,  
Iron River School Association



You are cordially  
Invited to the

**Iron River School  
Christmas Concert**  
**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

**Doors open at 6:30 p.m.**  
Silver Collection, Door Prizes  
Silent Auction, Bake Sale  
**Performance begins at 7:00 p.m.**

The entire community is invited to get  
together in the spirit of Christmas!

*Please be aware that the Christmas Concert is a public event and is open to the general public. As a result, pictures, videos and other information disclosed at the event may be shared publicly by anyone in attendance. If you have any concerns, please contact school administration.*

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on **Thursday, December 5th from 4:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome. Come and discuss your child's progress so far this school year.

**Please call the school to schedule your 15 minute appointment:**

**Iron River School 780-826-5617**

Pay Hot Lunch & Milk Orders Online at <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com> (or send a detailed note with payment)  
School Cash Online **orders must be completed by 9:59 p.m.** on the due date



### Perogies & Sausage:

- Hot Lunch Date Thu., December 5

### Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap

- Orders DUE Wed., Jan. 15th

- Cost: \$5 each

- Hot Lunch Date Thu., January 23

### Lasagna with garlic toast

- Orders DUE Wed., Jan. 29th

- Cost: \$5 each

- Hot Lunch Date Thu., February 6



**Jan. Milk Order ~ DUE Mon., Dec. 16**

White: \$21.60 or Chocolate: \$22.50

**Feb. Milk Order ~ DUE Mon., Jan. 27**

White: \$19.20 or Chocolate: \$20.00

**Mar. Milk Order ~ DUE Mon., Feb. 24**

White: \$22.80 or Chocolate: \$23.75

With enthusiasm and support we challenge learners to achieve their highest potential  
and develop into responsible and caring citizens.

**- Mission Statement**



School Phone: 780-826-5617

School Fax: 780-826-7503

Email: [ironriver@nlsd.ab.ca](mailto:ironriver@nlsd.ab.ca)

Principal: K. Draycott

Secretary: D. MacGillivray

Librarian: L. Procinsky (Tu & Th)

### Websites:

**Iron River School:** <https://ironriverschool.ca>

**Parent Portal:** <https://powerschool.nlsd.ab.ca/public/>

**School Cash Online:** <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com>




**N.L.P.S.:** <https://www.nlpsab.ca>

**Transportation:** <https://nlpsab.ca/Transportation.php>

<https://www.facebook.com/Iron-River-School-518678098342885/>




# December 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Book Fair 12:00 pm	3 Newsletter Day Book Fair 12:00 pm Report Cards Sent Home 3:24 pm	4 Book Fair 12:00 pm	5 Gr. 5-8 Field Trip Hot Lunch Day 11:39 am Book Fair 4:00 pm Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00 pm	6 NO SCHOOL - Family Friday	7
8	9	10 Donations Due for Silent Auction Gr. K-2, 7-8 Field Trip	11	12 Christmas Sweater Day Christmas Craft Day 1:00 pm 	13 75% AR Stay-On-Track Goal School Spirit & Hat Day	14
15	16 Milk Order Due 9:00 pm	17 Christmas Hat Day 	18	19 Bake Sale Donations Due Christmas Concert: with Silver Collection, Silent Auction, Bake Sale and Door Prizes 7:00 pm 	20 Assembly & Movie Pajama Day School Spirit & Hat Day 	21 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
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# January 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break	2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break	3 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break	4 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
5 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break	6	7 Newsletter Day	8	9	10 School Spirit & Hat Day	11
12	13	14 School Council / PAC Mtg. 6:30 pm	15 Hot Lunch Order Due 9:00 pm	16 Appreciate a Dragon Day	17 NO SCHOOL - Family Friday	18
19	20	21 Forms Due - Gr. 1-8 Ski Trip	22	23 Hot Lunch Day 11:39 am	24 Assembly School Spirit & Hat Day	25
26	27 AR Term 1 Ends Milk Order Due 9:00 pm	28	29 Hot Lunch Order Due 9:00 pm	30 Kinosoo Ski Day (Gr. 1-8) 	31 NO SCHOOL for Iron River, Ardmore and Caslan students	

**Do you know** that if you go to the school website calendar <https://ironriverschool.ca/about/calendar>, you can add the Iron River School Calendar to your Google Calendar, subscribe to the calendar or download it to iCal? You can even add individual items to iCal! Check it out!

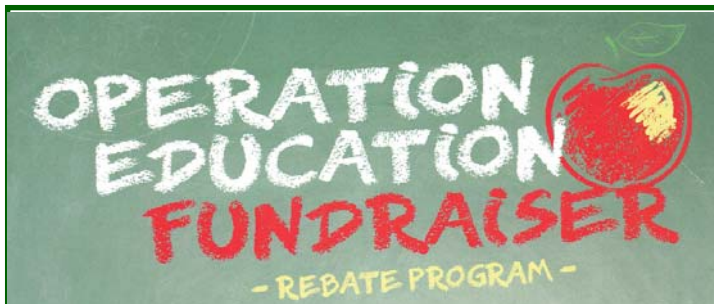


### Report Cards

Report Cards were sent home with the students on **Tuesday, Dec. 3rd**. Please watch for them.

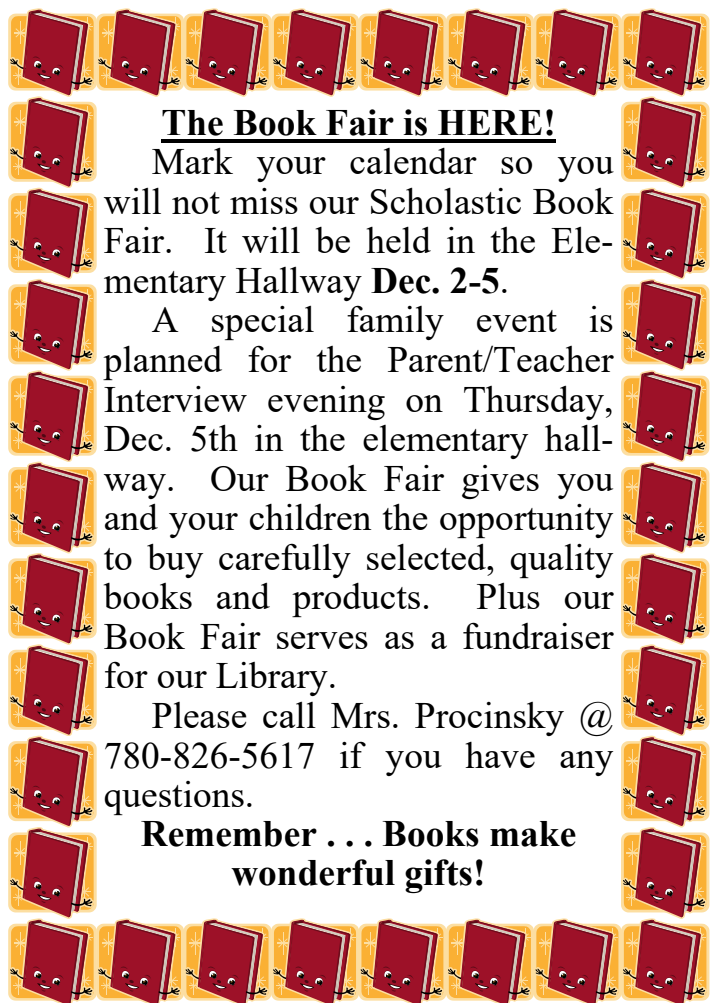
Take time to review and discuss your child's report card with him or her.

We appreciate all your help, support and cooperation in ensuring a successful year for the children.



**Save your receipts** (dated Sept. 1 - Dec. 31) from any Northern Alberta **Boston Pizza** and help Iron River School earn 5% cash back!

Submit the original receipts to the Iron River School office by January 31, 2020. Thanks!



### The Book Fair is HERE!

Mark your calendar so you will not miss our Scholastic Book Fair. It will be held in the Elementary Hallway **Dec. 2-5**.

A special family event is planned for the Parent/Teacher Interview evening on Thursday, Dec. 5th in the elementary hallway. Our Book Fair gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products. Plus our Book Fair serves as a fundraiser for our Library.

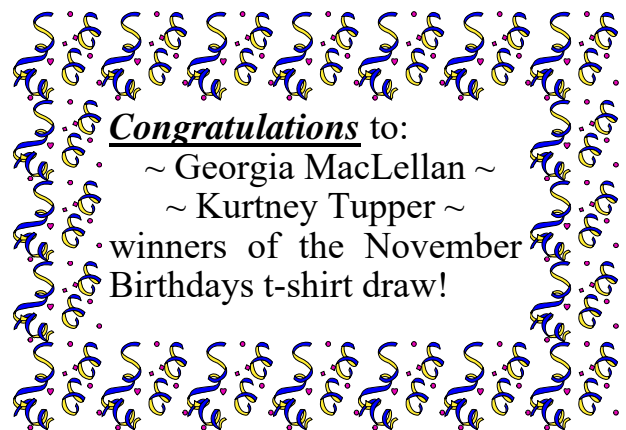
Please call Mrs. Procinsky @ 780-826-5617 if you have any questions.

**Remember . . . Books make wonderful gifts!**

## Pizza with the Principal

There were several Dragon scales with positive behaviours read during morning announcements last month. **Georgia MacLellan & Torin Wakulchyk** were the two lucky **November winners** whose scales were drawn during the November assembly to have "Pizza with the Principal"!

Congratulations to all the Dragons who continue to show positive behaviours.



### Congratulations to:

~ Georgia MacLellan ~

~ Kurtney Tupper ~

winners of the November Birthdays t-shirt draw!

## Iron River School Dragon of the Month

For the month of November was awarded to

**LUKE BRUNDIGE**

In recognition of the following:

- Luke is always willing to help others.
- He is diligent in completing his work.
- He is willing to make improvements to his school work.
- Luke has a great sense of humour.



# REMINDER

There's still time to order your pictures!

Order today on  
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Refer to your Proof Sheet to find your online access credentials.

Portrait ID **M312-4568**  
Access Code **XY40**

PLEASE NOTE: If you have recently ordered, it may take a few days for our records to reflect this.

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## Sign Up for School Messenger with Northern Lights Public Schools

### 1 Download



The School Messenger App is available in the App Store or Google Play Store.

### 2 Sign Up



Click on Sign Up. You MUST use the same email you have shared with your child's school.

### 3 Location

Make sure the location is set to Canada. If you choose United States your account will not link properly.



### 4 Sign Up

Click on Sign Up to complete the creation of your account.



### 5 Verification

Check your email account for a verification message. Don't see it? Check your spam folder.

### 6 Menu



Log In and click on the three lines in the top left-hand corner. You should see Messages, Attendance, Preferences and Contacts.

### 7 Contacts

Click on Contacts. You should see a list of all of your children. If one is missing, please contact their school.



### 8 Thank You



978-338

You have successfully signed up for a School Messenger account! Don't forget to text Y to 978-338 to receive text messages.

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# 5 THINGS you can do with School Messenger

## 1 Messages

- View all of the messages sent to you over the last 30 days from your children's teachers, schools and the division.
- Newest messages will appear first.
- Filter messages by clicking on the three lines in the top right hand corner.

## 2 Report an Absence

Booking an orthodontist appointment three months in advance? Enter your child's absence now using the School Messenger app so you won't have to remember later.

Up at night with a sick child? Report them absent using the app and don't worry about waking up to call the school.

- Choose Attendance from the menu on the left hand side of the screen.
- Click on Report an Absence
- Select the student who will be absent.
- Select the type of absence.
- Select the absence reason.
- Click on the date of the absence.

You will receive a message confirming that the absence has been submitted.

## 3 Conversations

- If your child's teacher is using this feature, they can start a Conversation with you and you can reply back to them.
- Classroom groups are set up automatically. You may need a group code for extracurricular groups or field trips.

## 4 Notifications

- In School Messenger, click on Settings, choose Push Notifications and select when you want to receive notifications.
- In the settings on your phone, click on Notifications, choose SchoolMsrgr, select allow notifications and then set your preferences.

## 5 Preferences

Don't want all of your phones to ring when your child has an unexplained absence? Set your preferences to the method that works best for you.

- In Preferences, click on a phone number or email address to set your preferences or under "My message preferences," choose the type of message, and select how you want to be notified for that type of message (ie Emergencies)
- For emergencies and attendance, one phone number must be activated.
- If your contact information is not correct, please inform your child's school.