



## November Events

November 4: FISH!  
Assembly

November 11: No School  
Remembrance Day

November 12: Picture  
retake

November 13: Hot Lunch

November 13, 18, 20,  
25, 27: Swimming  
Lessons Gr. 1 and 4

November 18: Parent-  
teacher Conferences

November 29: No School

## Principals Message

As the leaves have changed color and winter lurks around the corner (already a brief visit for us) our students continue to work hard and are displaying great attitudes at John Davidson School. The FISH! Philosophy is building momentum and has made our school a great place to learn, be with friends, and develop as young people. FISH! focuses on being there, making other peoples day, play, choosing your attitude. Please join our staff in welcoming Mr. Doerksen to his new role serving JDS as an EA Wednesday afternoon's, Thursday's and Friday's. Mr Doerksen will continue in his Palliser LGM liaison role serving families Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday Mornings. I look forward to visiting with each of you at our parent-teacher conferences November 18th. Report cards will be distributed during conferences that evening. Next parents council meeting is December 2nd. As always, Please call, or stop by the school if you would like to discuss your child's programming or if you have any questions for me.

Wishing you all a blessed November.

Mr. Fred Jack

Principal

# New At JDS

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## Meet The Staff

Kristen Wengel

Hello, my name is Mrs. Kristen Wengel and I am very excited to be supporting the school literacy and numeracy on Mondays and Fridays. Previously, I worked at R.I Baker Middle School primarily as a language arts teacher, then I took an extended leave to raise my family of four children. I returned to work last year as an elementary substitute teacher. I look forward to getting to know many of the wonderful families here at John Davidson and learning new things every day from staff and students.

Tina Guenther

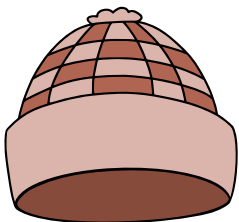
We are excited to introduce our new breakfast worker here at John Davidson. She is a proud parent to several children who attend John Davidson School. We are extremely grateful for her positive attitude, bright smile and all that she does for our students



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## Time to bring out the snow clothes!

With the weather cooling down faster than ever and our first sprinkling of snow already, please send your children to school in appropriate clothing such as mittens, thick coats, tights under dresses, snow pants, scarves and toques/thick hats. The school does not provide extra mittens or any other warm clothes for students who didn't bring appropriate clothes. If we need to call home for warmer clothes we are more than willing to do so.






# Words of wisdom

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Mr. Dan Doerksen

In Matthew 19:16-30 we have the story of when a rich young ruler came to Jesus and asked him what good thing he should do to have eternal life. When Jesus told him some of the commandments, the ruler said that he had done all those things. But when Jesus told him that he still needed to sell all that he had, give it to the poor so he would have treasure in heaven, and then to follow Jesus, the young man went away sad or sorrowful, the bible says. He was not willing to give up everything to follow Jesus, because his money and his things were still more important to him than Jesus. What is or should be the most important thing to us as well? Matthew 6:33 has the answer: “but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” May God help us to make Him first in our lives.





# REMINDERS

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## School Fees

If you haven't paid for your school fees for the 2024-25 school year, please do so as soon as possible. If you need more time or a payment plan, feel free to come by the office to discuss.

## Money

Just friendly reminder that when paying for school fees, hot lunch payments and field trip payments, please send the exact amount of money required to the school. We do not keep change at John Davidson so we will not be able to give students the change we owe them.

## School Photos

Any picture orders by mail are due by November the 4th. If you want to order online, Lifetouch also has a website that you can order from as well. They keep photos for about 18 months online.

## Lost & Found

Our lost and found bin is almost spilling over again! If your child has lost a sweater or a container, there is a good chance its stuck in our bin. Please check if any of the items belong to you.

## Bikes/Scooters

We have a lot of students riding in on bikes or scooters and we love to see it! But, if you are bringing a bike or scooter to school, please bring a lock to secure your bike to a bike rack. We hope to prevent anyone stealing bikes this way as it makes it much more difficult for others to grab the bike and and go. Canadian Tire, Walmart or even the Dollar store has bike locks for sale.

## Too Many Honks

Everybody loves to hear the trucks honk but sometimes its just a little bit too much. JDS has neighbors with young kids who enjoy and need naps as well as elderly citizens who don't always appreciate the honking. Horns shouldn't be used for fun only if there is a safety reason like someone or something stuck and not moving on the road, lets keep horns for their purpose.





# November Spotlight

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## Remembrance Day

November 11th is Remembrance day. It is a day to remember those who fought and died for our freedoms and rights.

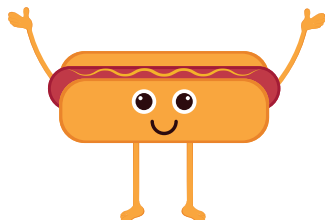
Remembrance day serves as a reminder for all the sacrifices made by people in times of war. Remembrance day first started after the first world war, when the Armistice agreement was signed between Germany and the Allied forces in Paris, November 11th. The ceasefire went into effect at 11 am, which is why we take a quiet moment at this time to remember and to pray for all those who have fallen in combat, and those still fighting to protect our peace and freedoms.

## Angel Tree

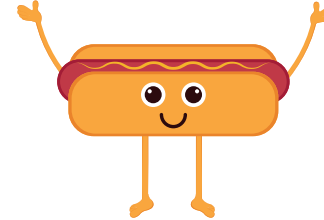
Angel tree is a program that helps provide for hundreds of thousands of Christmas gifts for children all across Canada every year. Once a child has been registered and accepted, their wish list is shared with donors in our community who purchase gifts of new clothing and toys for those in need or families who have hit a rough patch recently. Lets remember to get into the giving Christmas spirit and help make Christmas special for everyone!

To donate, drop off a new unwrapped toy to Lethbridge family services ( 1107 2A Ave North) or visit [lfsfamily.ca/angeltree](http://lfsfamily.ca/angeltree) for more information





# Hot Lunch



We have just had our second successful hot lunch of this school year! As we are closing in on our third hot lunch I just wanted to remind everyone to have all forms and payment in by 9 Am on Friday the 8th. Any late forms will not be accepted and returned home with the student.

A big Thank you to all the volunteers who come in and prepare the food for all the students who bought a hot lunch. We really couldn't do it without you and all your hard work!

We also want to thank the school council executives for stepping up and planning the meals, doing the shopping and just taking the time to organize and plan all the little and big details that goes into making a hot lunch. With that being said, we started doing hot lunches a little differently this year than in our previous years. Instead of the school paying, shopping and organizing the hot lunches, it is now being done by the school council executives and other parent volunteers. The school has minimal involvement with how the hot lunches are run this year since it is completely run by parents. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any of the school council executives.

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