



December 12, 2025

Good afternoon ALS families,

I hope this message finds you well. With colder winter weather now upon us, we wanted to provide a reminder about the importance of students coming to school dressed appropriately for the conditions. While we do call an indoor lunch when temperatures reach -20 or below, students in Grades 7 to 9 are not required to remain indoors. In addition, transportation delays can and do occur in winter, which means students may be outside for longer periods of time than anticipated. Warm jackets, hats, gloves, and appropriate footwear are essential. Please also note that school doors open at 7:50 am each morning. If students are dropped off earlier than this, they may be required to wait outside, so arriving dressed for the weather is especially important.

As we move into next week, we are excited to host our Spirit Week leading to the Winter Break. Please be sure to review the announcements for daily themes and details. It is a fun way for students and staff to come together and build community.

A few quick reminders for you:

- Photo retakes were on Monday, however if you ordered from the original set and your child did not need retakes, these packages were sent home this week.
- We are collecting for the Magic of Christmas. If you're able to contribute, we are taking donations up until December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Please keep the Celebrating our Coyotes submissions coming! We love to see what our students are accomplishing both in and out of school and we believe it is important to celebrate all their successes!

I wish you a wonderful weekend, stay warm, and as always, please feel free to reach out if there is anything I can assist with. I can be reached at [nmlisi@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:nmlisi@cbe.ab.ca).

Warm regards,

Dr. Nancy Lisi  
Principal, Arbour Lake School

## Announcements & Reminders:

### NEW – REPORTING AN ABSENCE

To report an absence, you can now email: [arbourlake@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:arbourlake@cbe.ab.ca) with your student's full name and grade or you can continue to use the Absence Phone Line 403-777-7310 Ext 1.

### THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

We are running our Magic of Christmas donation drive this year! From December 1st through December 18th, we are collecting donations for the local organization, Magic of Christmas. Each year they collect and then deliver donations on Christmas Day to families in need throughout Calgary. All donations need to be new and unwrapped. They are in need of gifts for all ages – infants to grandparents – and also accepting donations for pets. All donations can be brought into the office. Please see the attached Wish List for needed items. Thank you!

### CELEBRATING OUR COYOTES

New this year is our Celebrating Our Coyotes initiative. We want to recognize the accomplishments of our students not only at school but also for the impressive things they do outside of school. Many students are engaged in athletics, the arts, community activities, and leadership beyond the classroom. We see Coyotes volunteering, performing in music and dance, acting on stage, coding, and robotics, competing in debate and science fairs, mentoring younger students, fundraising for causes, and contributing to cultural and faith communities. These achievements deserve to be highlighted, and we would love to feature them on our school social media. If your child has something to celebrate, please send a brief description with the student's name and grade, any relevant details or links, and a photo if you are comfortable with it being shared. We will use first names only in our posts. Send submissions directly to [nmlisi@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:nmlisi@cbe.ab.ca).

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Dec 15-19	<b>Spirit Week</b> Monday – Teacher/Student Swap Day Tuesday – Flannel Day Wednesday – Career Day Thursday – Holiday Sweater Day Friday – PJ Day
Dec 19	<b>Last Day of Classes before Winter Break</b>
Dec 20-Jan 4	<b>Winter Break</b>
Jan 5	<b>Classes Resume</b>



## Healthy Hunger: Fun Lunch Program **NEW DATES**

**VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED:** On behalf of School Council, we are always in need of volunteers to help sort the lunches. If you are able to spare a couple hours on a Thursday please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CABA723A1FAC52-60960362-healthy>

Please visit HealthyHunger.ca to create an account and order. When logging in to place an order, please search for **Arbour Lake Middle School** on the Healthy Hunger website.

Dec 17	Fun Snack – Kernels Popcorn
Dec 18	Edo Japan
Jan 7	Fun Snack – Tim Hortons
Jan 8	Little Caesar's
Jan 15	Subway
Jan 21	Fun Snack – Kernels Popcorn
Jan 22	Popeye's
Jan 29	Mary Brown's

## Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

Clubs & Activities December Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sketching Club Rm. 209</li> <li>- Lego Club Rm. 164</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scale Model Builders Rm. 160</li> <li>- QSA Rm. 203</li> <li>- Board Games Club Rm. 164</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chess Club Rm. 160</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cribbage Club Rm. 219</li> <li>- Scale Model Builders R. 160</li> </ul>
After School	After School	After School	After School

Athletic Events

## The Coyotes' Canteen: NOW OPEN

Item:	Price:
<b>Cheddar Goldfish</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>SmartFood Popcorn</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Lay's Oven Baked Chips</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>



<b>Sun Chips:</b> Harvest Cheddar	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Rold Gold Pretzels</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Veggie Straws:</b> Original, Wavy Sea Salt, & Zesty Ranch	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Chocolate Cookie</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Small Noodle Bowl:</b> Beef, Chicken, Spicy, Veggie	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Large Noodle Bowl:</b> Beef & Chicken	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Kraft Dinner:</b> Original & Poutine	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Juice:</b> Apple, Orange, & Grapefruit	<b>\$1.50</b>

- ❖ All items are subject to availability & prices may change without prior notice to reflect cost by supplier. This is non-profit service. Items are sold at cost.
- ❖ All Sales are CASH ONLY

## [Arbour Lake School Social Media](#)

Instagram:      arbourlake\_cbe

