

Community Services School Council Updates for January 2018

School Name:

Number of Contacts:

About Community Services

Community Services is a department within the City of Chestermere. Community Services visions an active, healthy and connected community and as such we are responsible for working with residents to build community capacity, livable spaces, social and recreational infrastructure. Our mission is through community leadership and engagement we create an inclusive place to live, learn and play.

Our responsibilities include: Recreation, Fund Development, Parks, Early Childhood Services, Parent Link Centre, Family and Community Support Services, and the Community Resource Centre.

- Visit www.chestermere.ca/communityservices for more information.
- Follow us on Facebook – **Chestermere Community Services** and **SE Rocky View Outreach Services**
- Call Community Services for more information 403-207-7050.

Community Services Program Updates

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Christmas with Dignity** – Thank you to everyone who helped support the program through monetary or toy donations, volunteering, shopping at the store, bidding on silent auction items, and promoting the program. We had over 500 guests in attendance that day! Our team is preparing a community report and will share these updates once completed.

UPCOMING

- **Good Food Box** – Order fresh and local produce at a low cost. Next due date for cash payment is January 22, February 16, and March 12.
- **Parent Strong!** – A space and place for South East Rocky View families to connect, share parenting tips, and learning about building resiliency with their children. This program offers a space for families to mingle and discuss topics important to them. Next meeting dates are: January 17, 24, 31 at Tim Hortons, Langdon. Call (403) 207-7047 for more information. *1-3 pm*
- **Soup Party Program** registration is open until the end of February. Contact the Community Outreach Worker to book your next gathering in Langdon and Area. Call (403) 207-7047 for more information.
- **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** – We are hosting two tax clinics, February 19 – 24 and February 26 – March 2, to assist residents to complete their income tax and benefit returns. Call our Community Resource Centre for more information at (403) 207-7079.

ONGOING

- **South East Rocky View Outreach Services (Langdon and Area)** – Delivering preventative social services to residents of Langdon and area including: Community Resource Centre outreach support (basic needs and information and referrals), parenting programs, lunch and learn with seniors, kids' courses, community garden, and block and soup parties; if you have a program that you would like to see run in your community to create more opportunities to connect with others in your community contact the Community Outreach Worker at (403) 207-7047.
- **Chestermere Connect and Belong** – an initiative developed to connect Chestermere's neighbours to each other through local leadership. Interested in getting involved? Contact the Community and Neighbourhood Services Team at (403) 207-7050.

- If there are any schools or groups interested in learning about financial education presentations, please contact Tiffany Barbosa, Community Resource Coordinator, to learn about options that are available. (403) 207-7050. Thank you to those who have already connected with us.
- **Wishing Tree** – A Christmas with Dignity initiative that aims to raise awareness and help meet some of the smaller, tangible needs of our community. Wishes from replacing stolen items to helping an individual have the financial means to make it to crucial Alberta Supports appointments are all featured on www.chestermere.ca/wishingtree.
- **Langdon Meals on Wheels** – This program was launched in October 2017 to offer an alternative choice for meals that are heart health and diabetic friendly. Please visit www.langdonmealsonwheels.com for more information.
- **Money Management Programming Feedback** – We are interested in learning about what topics you would like to see in your community about money management, budgeting, paying down debt and etc. Programs can be modified to meet various needs. Please contact Olimphyia at (403) 207-7079 to share your input.
- **Formative 5** – Interested in early childhood development and would like to make Chestermere and South East Rocky View a great place for children and their families to live, play, and work? Join the coalition and make an impact to our children's early years!
- **Kids Up Front** – Looking for opportunities to take the family to cultural and sport exhibition activities? Connect with the Community Resource Centre to be added to our notification list for future opportunities. For families experiencing financial hardship.
- **Jumpstart** – Needing to enroll your children in sports and recreational activities but face some financial barriers? The Jumpstart Program (sponsored by Canadian Tire) helps financially disadvantaged kids partake in organized sports and recreation.
- **Kidz 1st Network Parent Link Centre - Connecting Parents to Resources in their Community** - The Kidz 1st Network Parent Link Centre offers FREE early childhood development programs and activities for caregivers and children to enjoy together while connecting with other families. Visit www.chestermere.ca/plc for more information.
- **Be Active Chestermere** – Recreation opportunities provided by the local clubs and organizations in and around Chestermere. From art programs to fitness classes, and much more. Visit <https://www.beactivechestermere.com/>.

Call Community Services for more information or if you have any questions at 403-207-7050.