
THE CHESTER RRONNING CHEW

SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome! Please take some time to familiarize yourself with some information about our school through our newsletter below or on our website at www.brsd.ab.ca/school/cronning

Messages from Mr. Horbay

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer holiday, even though the weather did not cooperate for most of the summer☺!

As we enter this new school year, I would like to welcome three new staff members to our family. Mrs. Candice McLeod is our new Assistant Principal. She comes to us after working in the same role at Tofield School. Candice will also be teaching the Grade 2L class with Mrs. Laberge. We also have Ms. Trudy Bratrud, who taught for many years at Holden School and is teaching grade 2 here at CRS. As well, Mr. Craig Jensen has come over from Ecole Charlie Killam to teach grade 5. Please welcome these teachers when you see them in the building.

We will have parent/teacher interviews early this year again. This will give you an opportunity to come in and talk to your child's teachers about your child's strengths and challenges they face at school and hopefully set some goals. We felt that early interviews have gone very well in previous years and are very beneficial to your child's educational growth.

Finally, a reminder to parents that the doors are locked during the day. If you are coming into the school to pick up your child at the end of the day, we ask that you if your child is in grade 1-5 that you wait in the front entryway. If there are a number of parents in the hallway at the end of the day, this is a distraction for the students and teachers in classrooms. Please help us respect the positive educational environment staff is providing for your children. I thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Horbay,
Principal

CRS STAFF 2019-2020

Mrs. Leanne Bouck - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Bonnie deLeeuw - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Laurie Eshpeter - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Barb Forre - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Kathie Green - Learning Commons Facilitator
Mrs. Leanne Kostura - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Karen Lynch - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Tara Mazur - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Julie Schapansky - Educational Assistant
Mrs. Janeece MacKay - Admin. Assistant
Mrs. Carrie Fitzgerald - FSLW
Mrs. Kelsy Bradford - FELW
Mme Michelle Schuster - Early Learning
Mrs. Lindsay Doering - Kindergarten
Mrs. Robyn Foss - Kindergarten
Mrs. Rhonda Anderson - Grade 1A

Mrs. Melissa Campbell - Grade 1C
Mrs. Amanda Kroetch - Grade 2K
Mrs. Robyn Laberge - Grade 2L
Ms. Trudy Bratrud - Grade 2B
Mrs. Cathy Pacholek - Grade 3P
Mrs. Pat Stuber - Grade 3S
Mr. Nathan Pederson - Grade 4P
Miss Larissa Walker - Grade 4W
Mrs. Karlin Berg - Grade 5B
Mrs. Camy Lang (Cunningham) - Grade 5L
Mr. Craig Jensen - Grade 5J
Mr. Doug MacKay - Phys. Ed.
Mr. Bob Bailey - Music 5
Mrs. Candice McLeod - Assistant Principal
Mr. Brian Horbay - Principal
Mr. Lui Lam - Custodian

Bell Schedule

08:33	Call-in Bell
08:36	Morning Announcements
08:38 - 09:15	Period 1 (37 min)
09:15 - 09:48	Period 2 (33 min)
09:48 - 10:21	Period 3 (33 min)
	Recess (15 min)
10:36 - 11:09	Period 4 (33 min)
11:09 - 11:42	Period 5 (33 min)
11:42	Lunch/Recess 35 min & 5 minute call in bell
12:22 - 12:55	Period 6 (33 min)
12:55 - 01:29	Period 7 (34 min)
01:29 - 02:02	Period 8 (33 min)
	Recess (15 min)
02:17 - 02:50	Period 9 (33 min)
02:50 - 03:23	Period 10 (33 min)
Dismissal @ 3:23 pm / Early Dismissal is on the first Thursday of the month is at 2:23pm.	

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

If your child is going to be away from the school please call the office at 780-672-5588 and leave a message. We need to ensure all students are safe and accounted for. You will be called by an automatic call out system if your child is not here.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

In an effort to ensure the school newsletter and general information makes it home to parents and to reduce the amount of paper used by the school, this information is sent electronically. Please ensure that you have provided a valid email to the school and texted "yes" to 978338 to receive this information. In addition information will be available on our new website!

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

The first Thursday of the month is an early dismissal day and classes end at 2:20pm. Immediately after dismissal, all staff have a staff meeting so we need to ensure your child knows if they are walking, getting picked up, taking the bus or going to an after school program. Please remind your child what their plan is on those days. **Thursday, September 5th is our first early dismissal day!**

SCHOOL FEES

The fees for the current year are \$7.00 for a student agenda. Watch for an invoice and instructions to pay online. All fees must be paid online this year - agenda, yearbook, fieldtrip etc. The exception to this may be the chocolate fundraiser.

VERIFICATION FORMS

At the beginning of September we send home forms that have your child's information completed. Please check that everything is current. Please make any changes and sign the back. Please sign the back even if it is all correct. These forms confirm that the computer information we have matches your current information. These forms must be returned by **September 18.**

SCHOOL MESSENGER

One of the tools that we may use to communicate is by school messenger. You will receive a text, email or phone call when we send out a reminder or important announcement. It is also an excellent way to communicate to all parents very quickly if there was ever an emergent situation. Please "opt in" by texting "yes" to 978338. Detailed information attached.

Upcoming Events at CRS

School Picture Day – This year we will be doing pictures across two days – October 16 for PK3 and KMW (their class photo will be on retake day) and October 17 individual and class photos for KTT/KED, PK4 and all Grade 1-5 students.

Parent Teacher Goal Setting Interviews – September 26. More details to come.

Open house – September 12 – 6:00pm-7:00pm. Watch for more details.

Terry Fox Run – September 27

Chocolate Fundraiser – October 7-15

Book Fair Family Night– October 16-18

Picture Retakes – November 6 (retakes, class photos for PK3 and KMW)

PARENT TEACHER GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

We will have parent/teacher interviews early again this year. This will give you an opportunity to come in and talk to your child's teachers about your child's strengths and challenges they face at school and hopefully set some goals. We feel that it would be more beneficial for your child if this happened in late September on the 26th, rather than in November.

HOT LUNCH

Our School Council does a fantastic job of running the hot lunch program. We NEED volunteers to help with creating the order forms online as well as helping sort and distribute lunches on the hot lunch days. If we do not get an influx of volunteers this program will not run. Should School Council get some volunteers the program will continue as it has in the past with orders being done online only. Please let Mrs. MacKay in the office know if you can volunteer.

FIELDTRIPS

The cost of each field trip will be posted in advance by the teacher. These fees will be available to be paid online in the student account, prior to the trip. A messenger text or email will go home to let you know when they are available. Watch for more details as these events come up. Paying by cash or cheque will not be an option this year. If you need help with the payment system, please call or come into the office and we will happily help you through it!

VISITORS/SCHOOL DOORS For the safety of our students and staff, we request that all visitors to the school report to the general office upon arrival. Guests are expected to sign in, sign out and wear a visitor ID card while you are in the building. Signing in helps us account for people in the building in the case of an emergency such as fire. As well, except for the front door, all exterior doors will remain locked while classes are in session. If you are dropping an item off for your child, please bring it to the office. We will deliver it to the student to minimize classroom disruptions. In order to better accommodate visitors to our school, now that the doors are locked during the day, we have designated the first four stalls along the gym as visitor parking. What used to be visitor parking, in the middle of the round-a-bout is now staff parking. Hopefully this will help visitors gain easier access to our front doors. We ask you to wait in the front foyer at the end of the day so that the students can continue their learning uninterrupted for the remainder of the day.

WE HAVE A THERAPY DOG AT CRS

Beginning Tuesday, September 10th, we are pleased to announce, Booker, a therapy dog from St. John's Ambulance, will be visiting our school regularly. Booker will arrive with his specially trained volunteer to help selected students improve their reading and communication skills. Every Tuesday afternoon, there will be a program provided called "Reading Tails" where children choose a



book they think Booker would like to hear, with the session taking place in a quiet, comfortable room on a one-to-one basis. Additionally, on the first Thursday afternoon of every month, another program will be provided called "Special Learning with Booker" where children progress at their own level and pace, playing games with Booker, taking him for walks, petting or snuggling with him, giving him treats, talking to him with or without devices, and the list goes on. Visits are short, lasting about 15 minutes, but the effects can be seen into the home and classroom. Join us in welcoming Booker!



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

There is a change to how we will do school pictures this year. The biggest change is that class photos will be done when we do the student individual pictures, rather than at the end of the year. The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 16 - Preschool 3's, KMW, (class photos will be on retake day.)

Oct. 17 - Grades 1-5, KTT, KED, and preschool 4's (includes individual and class photos)

Nov. 6 - Retake Day - retakes for all students in need - If a student in KTT class needs a retake, they will need to come in this morning at 9 am. Class photo for Preschool 3's and KMW.

STUDENT CONTACT INFO

Please teach your child, your (parent) contact info (cell phone number and address) - It is important that they know how to get in touch with you.

MILK CARD PROGRAM

There has been a change to the program for the next year. Any student who had milk remaining on their cards from last year will be given their milk in the fall (October likely) and then the program will end.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

We encourage you to check out our student handbook and learn more about our school. It can be found on our website.



Camrose & Area CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Concerts!
Performances!
Workshops!
Excursions!

Call 780-672-3372,
check out our website at
Camrosesings.ca

or come to
Community Registration Night
Thursday, September 5, 2019

OUR GROUPS:
Junior Choir - grades 1 to 3
4:30-5:30 pm Tuesdays
Senior Choir - grades 4-9
5:45-7:15 pm Tuesdays
Vivo Cantando* - gr 5 and up
7:30-8:30 pm Tuesdays
**auditioned ensemble, call to arrange audition*

Engaging, challenging, fun environment!

Qualified Staff Excellent Value

Reasonable commitments

2019-20 Theme: A World of Music

fun and fascinating music from places far and wide

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL

Youth are more likely to remain healthy when their parents are involved in their education.

Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teacher.

Participate in community events that tie into what your child is learning, such as taking in the local museum.

THE VALUE OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL

Your child benefits from your involvement in school.

They want you involved.

Connect with teachers, regularly check in with your kids.

WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

- Connect with their teacher
- Volunteer
- Talk to your child about school
- Ask teachers how you can get involved

WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

- Offer your skills to the school
- Help with an activity
- Set up or clean up after a classroom party
- Help plan a safe grad
- Offer help with sport days
- Organize fundraising events

MORE RESOURCES

- search-institute.org
- keepconnected.searchinstitute.org/
- community.hmhc.ca/

School Messenger follow up information Receive School Alerts The Way You Choose

You can take advantage of our SMS Text Messaging Service!

1. Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

In order to participate in this free service* you just reply to the text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number: **978338**. The text message will look like the following:

"Battle River Regional Division 31 messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/tm".

You can also opt out at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

**** Make sure that you have registered your mobile phone number with your child's school to take advantage of this service!**

2. The second method is with the new SchoolMessenger app:
- Set your communications preferences for calls, emails, texts, and more
 - Receive all kinds of school messages (classroom and group updates, activity alerts, school and district notifications) in one single app
 - Review your messages on any device – smartphone, laptop, etc.

Go to <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca> to download the SchoolMessenger mobile app for Android and Apple devices or use the web-based version from your internet browser. Make sure that you register your account on the **Canada** server.

With the new SchoolMessenger app, parents have 24/7/365 access to important school notifications such as bus cancellation, emergency alerts, etc.

Get started with the SchoolMessenger app today. Go to <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca> and sign up for your FREE account on the **Canada** server.

**** Make sure that you have registered your email address with your child's school to take advantage of this service!**

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See www.schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.

To view all details, please click the link! <https://cronning-brsd-ab-ca.webguide-forschools.ca/about/calendar#/month/2019/09>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day - no school for student	3 First Day of School - Grade 1-5	4	5 Early Dismissal 2:23 pm	6	7
8	9 PK3 - Orientation 8:30 am PK4 - Orientation 12:10 pm	10 KED orientation - timing in comments KTT orientation - timing in comments PK4 first day!	11 KED First day! KMW orientation - timing in comments PK3 first day!	12 KTT First day! Open House - 6pm 6:00 pm	13 KMW First day!	14
15	16	17	18 Verification forms are due.	19 Vikings Cross Country Race	20 No school for students - PLS	21
22	23	24 Terry Fox forms due.	25 School Council Meeting - in the Learning Commons 6:30 pm	26 Parent Teacher Interviews - time TBD	27 Terry Fox Run	28
29	30 Orange Shirt Day					

Upcoming October Dates

- 3 – Early dismissal – 2:23pm/Staff meeting.
- 11 – Staff collaboration day – no school for students.
- 14 – Thanksgiving day – school is closed.
- 16 – School pictures; Book Fair Family Night!
- 17 – School pictures
- 25 – Professional learning series – no school for students.

Battle River School Division #31

2018 - 2019 School Calendar

Approved by BRSD Board May 24, 2018

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	
AUGUST	28	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL-PLANNING DAY (No School for Students)
	29	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL-PLANNING DAY (No School for Students)
	30	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES-DIVISION (No School for Students)
	31	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL-PLANNING DAY (No School for Students)
SEPTEMBER	3	LABOUR DAY (Schools Closed)
	4	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
	14	SCHOOLS CLOSED
	28	STAFF COLLABORATION (No School for Students)
OCTOBER	4	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	8	THANKSGIVING DAY (Schools Closed)
	12	SCHOOLS CLOSED
	26	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES-DIVISION (No School for Students)
NOVEMBER	1	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	12	DAY-IN-LIEU / REMEMBRANCE DAY (Schools Closed)
	13	DAY-IN-LIEU OF PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Schools Closed)
	30	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES-SCHOOL (No School for Students)
DECEMBER	6	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	14	SCHOOLS CLOSED
	20	LAST DAY OF CLASSES
	21	SCHOOLS CLOSED
	24	CHRISTMAS BREAK (Schools Closed)
JANUARY	7	SCHOOL RESUMES
	10	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	18	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)
	31	SEMESTER BREAK (Schools Closed)
FEBRUARY	1	SCHOOLS CLOSED
	7	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	15	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES-DIVISION (No School for Students)
	18	FAMILY DAY (Schools Closed)
MARCH	7 & 8	TEACHERS' CONVENTION (Schools Closed)
	14	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	22	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES-SCHOOL (No School for Students)
	25	SPRING BREAK BEGINS (Schools Closed)
APRIL	1	SCHOOL RESUMES
	4	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	12	DAY-IN-LIEU OF PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Schools Closed)
	19	GOOD FRIDAY (Schools Closed)
	22	EASTER MONDAY (Schools Closed)
MAY	2	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	3	SCHOOLS CLOSED
	17	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES-SCHOOL (No School for Students)
	20	VICTORIA DAY (Schools Closed)
	31	SCHOOLS CLOSED
JUNE	6	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL
	7	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)
	21	SCHOOLS CLOSED
	27	LAST INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
	28	LAST OPERATIONAL DAY (No School for Students)

RATIONALE

Professional Learning and Staff Collaboration Days - As an organization that learns, we are ensuring sacred time for staff professional development and skill enhancement, using research-based practice and opportunities for collaboration to support mastery our our Everyday 4 priorities.

Staff Meeting Days - Based upon feedback from administrators, we have incorporated an early dismissal of 60 minutes on the first operational Thursday of each month beginning in October.