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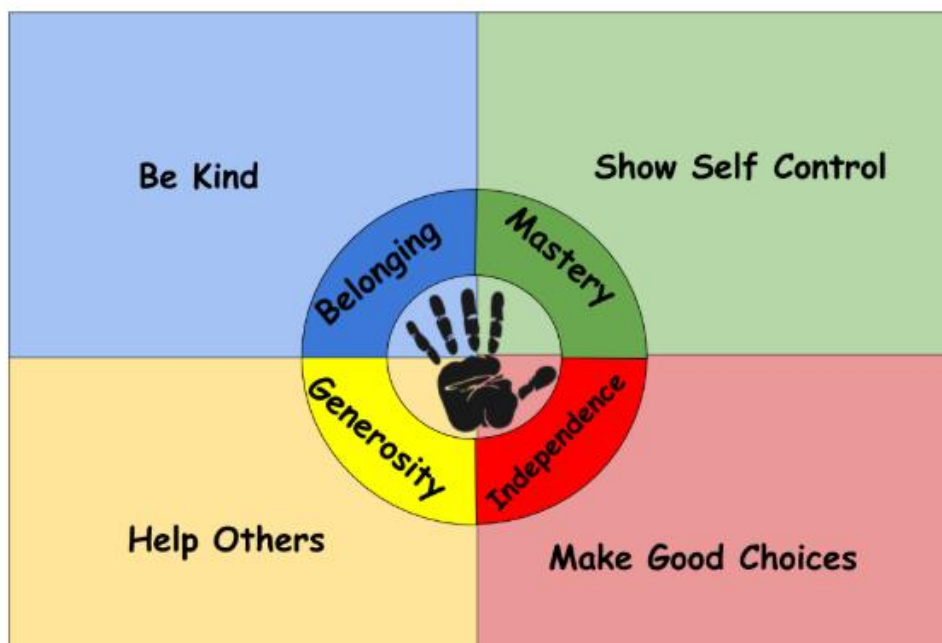
OCTOBER 2019

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

Messages from Mr. Horbay

A month has gone by already and the students are settling into their routines. We have had an event-filled September! Thanks to everyone who came out for our Welcome Back BBQ on September 12. It was a perfect evening with warm weather and great conversation! A special thanks to Constable Fernout for cooking all the hotdogs! Just last week the students participated in the Terry Fox Run with the older kids walking to Jubilee Park and the younger students walking to the swimming pool. Monday was Orange Shirt Day, on Wednesday the grade 5 students went golfing and volleyball is starting in the next week for the grade 4 and 5 students. Also, our parent-teacher interviews held in September were very positive. Teachers and parents were busy discussing the goals for students and what areas of growth need to be focused on for each child. Thank you to all the parents who made this a fantastic evening!

This year we have simplified our Behaviour Matrix and based it on the four core values of our Circle of Courage. The matrix identifies behaviours we expect everyone to display in school



We are starting out the year on a sour note when it comes to students running across 43 Avenue to get into vehicles at the end of the day. It is important that we teach students to use the crosswalk and not dodge out into traffic because their mom or dad is parked on the south side of the street. From this point forward, our supervisors will be directing all students to use the crosswalk instead of jaywalking across the street. Please join us as we work to protect our students and enforce the rule that the kids must use the crosswalk.

Finally, don't forget, you have an opportunity to be involved in School Council. It is a great way to participate in and share your thoughts on school operations. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 23 @ 6:30 in the staffroom at Chester Ronning School.

Please feel free to call me at school or make an appointment to speak with me at any time if you have issues, questions, concerns or suggestions. If at all possible, I would encourage you to book an appointment, as most of my day I will be working in classrooms with students and staff.

Mr. Brian Horbay,
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book fair is coming soon! Book fair runs Oct. 16- 22. Family night will be Oct. 16 from 3:30 pm - 5 pm. Book Fair is our way to receive new books for the library. If you can help volunteer in set up or take down and/or during class times for 30 minutes, that would be greatly appreciated. You will receive a \$5 gift certificate to use at book fair for helping. Contact Mrs. Green for volunteering at 780-672-5588 or kgreen@brsd.ab.ca.

GRADE 5 NEWS

Grade 5 Camera Club started last month! Students who signed up will be taking pictures around the school and putting together a slideshow to present at each month end assembly! Parents are welcome to come to each assembly!

Grade 5 Safety Patrol started on September 16th. Students will be patrolling the crosswalk after school to help students and parents/guardians get across the road safely! Please ensure to use the crosswalks and avoid jaywalking!

Grade 5 students have been given the opportunity to sign up for bottle recycling. This crew will be responsible for collecting bottles from around the school to help raise money for their Ranch Camp field trip at the end of the school year! This will be the only Ranch Camp fundraiser of the year.

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.

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.

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.

HOT LUNCH

We are looking for 2-3 (or more) volunteers to help with our hot lunch program. Currently we are not able to offer the program with out more parent volunteers. Funds raised through this program go back to support the students at school. Please let Mrs. MacKay in the office know if you can volunteer.

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.

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.

Chocolate Fundraiser – October 7-15

Book Fair – October 16-21

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

BOARD GAMES CLUB

Board Game Club will rotate weeks between the grade 1's and 2/3's until Christmas break. It is important that you give notice if your child cannot attend either through email or messages in agendas. Please ensure you pick your child up by 4:30 PM in classroom 1, Miss Walkers room. Unless you have stated in the permission form that the child is to walk home I cannot dismiss them until an adult is present to pick them up.

I am looking forward to an exciting few months of board games club, this is my first year running the program so it's a learning experience for me as well. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to pop by or send an email to lwalker@brsd.ab.ca.

Miss Walker

Parents, please keep this calendar for your personal records.

Oct. 1st Grade 1's	Oct. 8th Grade 2/3 's	Oct. 15th Grade 1's	Oct. 22nd Grade 2/3 's	Oct. 29th Grade 1's
Nov. 5th Grade 2/3 's	Nov. 12th Grade 1's	Nov. 19th Grade 2/3 's	Nov. 26th Grade 1's	Dec. 3rd Grade 2/3 's
Dec. 10th Grade 1's	Dec 17th Grade 2/3 's			

GRADE 5 VOLLEYBALL

All Grade 5 students are invited to join the volleyball team. Practices and games are listed below. If your child is interested in playing, please remind them to sign up and get a permission form from Ms. Bratrud.

Date	Day	Type	Time	Location	Transport <u>to</u> the event	Opponent
Oct 16	Wednesday	Practice	3:20 - 4:30	Chester Ronning	Not Applicable	-
Oct 17	Thursday	Game	3:20 - 4:30	Jack Stuart School	Walking	Jack Stuart
Oct 23	Wednesday	Practice	3:20 - 4:30	Chester Ronning	N/A	-
Oct 30	Wednesday	Game	3:20-4:30	Our Lady Mt Pleasant	Walking	Our Lady Mt. Pleasant
Nov 6	Wednesday	Game	3:20-4:30	Chester Ronning	N/A	Sifton
Nov 11-15	Bye Week for all teams for Nov break.					
Nov 21	Thursday	Game	3:20-4:30	Chester Ronning	N/A	Sparling
Nov 23	Saturday	Game	8:50am-12p.m.	Jack Stuart	Parent	All teams

Language Matters✓ **Use positive & respectful language:**

Instead of:	Try:
She's bipolar	Person with bipolar disorder
Schizophrenic	Person with schizophrenia
The mentally ill	People with mental illness
Committed suicide	Died by suicide

✓ **Avoid labels such as:**

x Challenged	x Psycho
x Crazy	x Special
x Demented	x Sufferer
x Normal/Not normal	x Schizo

Knowledge Matters✓ **Challenge the mental illness MYTHS:**

- x Mental illnesses aren't real illnesses.
- x Mental illness will never affect me.
- x Mental illness is an excuse for poor behaviour.
- x Bad parenting causes mental illnesses.
- x People with mental illness are dangerous.
- x People don't recover from mental illnesses.
- x People who experience mental illness are weak & can't handle stress.
- x Kids can't have a mental illness like depression.

Family Smart™ shares how young people want adults to talk to them about their mental health:

"I hate feeling like this all the time."

Desired response: "It must be really hard. Can I do anything to make you feel better?"

"Everyone else seems to be able to handle things. Why can't I?"

Desired response: "I'm sure you're doing your best. Sometimes people face challenges that make life tougher. Would you like to talk more about this with me or someone else?"

Family Smart™ shares ideas on how we can use language to build caring, connected relationships:

"I can't deal with these feelings. I am so worried all of the time."

Desired response: "Maybe we can sit together and come up with ways to overcome some of the things that you are worried about."

"Don't say hurtful or judgmental things. They make me feel worse about myself."

Desired response: "I'm sorry I hurt you or made you feel judged. I'm going to do my best to listen and not judge."

MORE RESOURCES

www.FamilySmart.ca

www.CMHA.ca

<http://community.hmhc.ca/>

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Battle River School Division has an emphasis on safe and caring schools. Part of providing a safe learning environment is helping students and staff be prepared for an emergency.

Our school holds six fire drills each year and we will also be holding two lockdown drills – one in October and another in February. Our first lockdown drill of the year will be **Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019 at 2:25 PM.**

A lockdown is when all the students and staff are tucked into their classrooms (or another safe, lockable area of the school) to avoid an intruder inside the building. This is not a situation we expect our schools to encounter but, just like a fire drill, practicing will help us all be better prepared if such an incident does occur.

When we hold our lockdown drill, discussions will also take place with students in a calm, sensitive, age-appropriate way, so as not to generate anxiety or fear. If you'd like to speak to your children ahead of time, to provide additional reassurance that they are safe at school and drills are what we do so we are prepared 'just in case', we would welcome your support.

During a lockdown drill, the outside doors of the school will also be locked. If you should arrive at the school during the brief time our drill is taking place you will see a sign letting you know why you can't get in. It is possible we will have police officers present for the drill, as well as representatives of the school division. Their role is to help us evaluate our preparedness and suggest any changes we might make in future drills.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at the school

Sincerely,



Brian Horbay,
Principal

October 2019 Calendar – link here <https://cronning.brsd.ab.ca/about/calendar>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Grade 1 Board Games Club 3:30 pm	2	3 Early Dismissal 2:23 pm	4 KMW KED Trip to the Fire Station 9:45 am
7	8 Grade 2/3 Board Games Club 3:30 pm	9 Grade 5 Intramurals	10 Grade 1 Intramurals Drill - Lockdown practice - 2:25 pm	11 Staff collaboration - no school for students
14 Thanksgiving - school is closed.	15 Grade 2 Intramurals Chocolate fundraiser is due! 8:30 am Grade 1 Board Games Club 3:30 pm	16 Catch up Picture Day - KMW and PK3 ONLY (THEIR GROUP PHOTOS WILL BE ON RETAKE DAY) Book Fair Family Night 3:30 pm	17 Grade 4 Intramurals Picture Day - All classes and Group Photos	18
21	22 Grade 5 Intramurals Book Fair - last chance! 8:30 am Grade 2/3 Board Games Club 3:30 pm	23 Grade 1 Intramurals School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	24 Grade 2 Intramurals	25 PLS - no school for students
28	29 Grade 3 Intramurals Grade 1 Board Games Club 3:30 pm	30 Grade 4 Intramurals	31 Grade 5 Intramurals	

Upcoming November Dates

- 6 – Retake picture day / Report cards go home.
- 7 – Early dismissal – 2:23pm/Staff meeting/KT'T trip to Police Station.
- 8 – KMW/KED trip to Police Station.
- 11 – Remembrance Day – no school
- 12 – 15 - School is closed.
- 21 – PreK and K parent/teacher interviews.
- 29 – Assembly – 9am.

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)
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.