



# CHESTER RONNING SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*June 2021 Year End Newsletter*

## A Message from Mr. Lansing

Dear Chester Ronning School Community,

This week we are putting a bow on another school year, and what a year it has been! The word *unorthodox* certainly comes to mind, as we have dealt with learning cohorts in classes and on the playground, staggered recesses and lunch breaks, hand sanitizer and masks - which are definitely less comfortable as the temperatures rise! There have been so many changes, challenges and differences this year, some obvious and others that were more subtle, some anticipated and others that revealed themselves over time. But we managed it together and we can all look forward to what will hopefully be a more familiar sort of school year in 2021-2022.

One of the things that I am most proud of this year is that so much learning continued to occur, despite the pandemic-related challenges. Great things continued to happen in physical and virtual classrooms alike - teachers developed meaningful learning experiences and students took their responsibilities as learners seriously. It has been such a pleasure to read report card comments about the successes each student has enjoyed during their final quarter of learning. And, even though I know that the challenges they also experienced are less fun to read about, I still appreciate them as evidence of how well our teachers know the learners and how prepared we are as a staff to pick right back up from where we left off when school resumes.

Another point of pride is the fact that our school managed to get through the entire school year without having to isolate any of our cohorts! It's a bigger accomplishment than one might think as I believe that we are one of only two schools in the division that can make this claim! Without question, a healthy dose of luck was involved in successfully getting through the school year without a COVID-related interruption to learning for any of our classes. But it also took a lot of hard work and vigilance on the part of our entire school community and we are so grateful to each and every family that observed the safety recommendations and kept children home when they had any symptoms and those that immediately came to pick up students when we called. I'm sure it was frustrating for families at times but it worked out quite well for our school in the end and we thank you for being such a key part of the efforts to keep our school safe!

As a final note, I also want to take this opportunity to send off some very important members of our school community. As always, we have a group of Grade 5 students who are moving on to new schools and our entire staff wants to wish them all the very best. They have such bright futures and we know that they will go on to do some great things! We also have some changes on our staff and we are wishing Mr. MacKay and Miss Walker very fond farewells. Mr. MacKay has been a Chester Ronning School Institution and I am sure that he taught many current parents and guardians, once upon a time! We are congratulating Mr. MacKay on his retirement and, although we will miss his wisdom and experience, not to mention the myriad of important things he takes care of around here, we are so happy that he will be able to enjoy this next chapter in his story! Many of our Gr. 5 families know Miss Walker very well and we are all going to miss the multiple ways that she enriched our school as she took on leadership roles for so many curricular and extra-curricular activities, from safety patrol and planning Gr. 5 Ranch Camp to school photography and assembly slideshows, just to name a few! Our loss will definitely be another school's gain so please join me in wishing Miss Walker and our "graduating" Grade 5 students nothing but the very best!

A new school year will bring new students, new staff, new friendships, new opportunities and new experiences. Sure, the odd challenge will be mixed in too but those will just help us to learn and grow! First though, we have a summer to enjoy! I sincerely hope that the next two months will give our entire school community a chance to unwind and be rejuvenated by their loved ones, a change of pace and - fingers crossed - further steps towards pre-pandemic normalcy!

Take good care and see you all on September 7th!

Yours in Education,

Reid Lansing  
Principal

## **2021-2022 STAFF**

Kindergarten – Ms. Doering  
Gr. 1 Team - Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Bratrud,  
Gr. 2 Team – Mrs. Kroetch, Mme Schuster, **TBD**  
Gr. 3 Team – Mrs. Pacholek, Mrs. Stuber  
Gr. 4 Team – Mrs. Foss, Mrs. Olson  
Gr. 5 Team - Mr. Jensen, Mrs. Martin  
E.A. Team - Mrs. Bouck, Mrs. Kostura, Mrs. Lynch,  
Mrs. Deleeuw, Mrs. Eshpeter, Mrs. Forre  
Literacy support/Art – Mrs. Laberge  
P.E./Math/Learning Coach – Mr. Pederson  
Admin Team - Mr. Lansing and Mrs. McLeod  
Learning Commons Facilitator – Mrs. Green  
Admin Assistant – Mrs. MacKay

## **BELL TIMES**

### **Period      Bell times**

Student Arrival	8:30am
Call-in bell	8:35 am
1	8:40 - 9:16
2	9:16 - 9:47
3	9:47 - 10:18
RECESS	10:18 - 10:33
4	10:33 - 11:04
5	11:04 - 11:35
LUNCH/RECESS	11:35 - 12:15
6	12:15 - 12:51
7	12:51 - 1:22
8	1:22 - 1:53
RECESS	1:53 - 2:08
9	2:08 - 2:39
10	2:39 - 3:10

*(Early Dismissal is at 2:10 pm)*

## **COMMUNICATION**

Communication with the school is so important! Please ensure that the office has your most current email and that you have opted in to receive school texts and emails by texting “yes” to 978338. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

## **AGENDAS**

We are making a change for 2021-2022. We have not ordered the traditional student agenda that we have in years previous. Homeroom teachers will use other methods for communication between the school and home! This means there will NOT be a \$7.00 charge added to your child’s account in September!!

## **SUMMER WELLNESS**

[There are several pages of summer wellness, activities and opportunities in this new pack.](#) You can also find this on our website under the newsletter section.

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Due to a late change in the BRSD calendar, the last

day for staff is the same day as the students - June 29. This change only affects staff. The school will then be closed June 30 – August 29.

The office will be open for new student registrations:  
August 30 & 31 from 9am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm.  
September 2 & 3 from 9am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm.

## **CLASS LISTS**

You will hear from your child’s teacher before the first day of school. They will let you know where you meet on the first day of school and any other first day protocol items.

## **KINDERGARTEN 2021-2022**

[All Kindergarten start up information is posted on our website.](#)

Monday/Wednesday Class – Orientation Sep. 8/First regular, full day is Sep. 10.

Tuesday/Thursday Class – Orientation Sep. 9 / First regular full day is Sep. 14.

## **BUSSING/TRANSPORTATION**

The transportation department is pleased to announce that for the upcoming 2021-2022 Transportation bus registrations will be moving online. Please note the following changes:

- Registrations for busing for the 2021-22 school year will be accepted online, between June 1st and August 13th. Applications received after this date will not be processed until the beginning of September.

- All students in the City of Camrose need to apply for busing every year, before the deadline of August 13, in order to have busing service for the start of the school year.

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Grades 1-5: September 7, 2021 – arrival at 8:30am.

[The full year BRSD calendar is linked here.](#)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Our [website](#) is the best source of information – our [newsletter page](#) has new items posted and grouped together by month, new announcements and updates are posted in blogs on our homepage, Mr. Lansing, posts on our [Principal’s page](#). If you are looking for [2021-2022 information](#) such as the BRSD calendar, [supply lists](#), [bell schedule](#) or other details you can find it all linked. Additionally [BRSD](#) and our school office communicates messages through School Messenger. You can sign up by texting “yes” to 978-338. *(standard text message and data rates may apply.)* Each homeroom teacher may also have a communication method they will share with you.

# Battle River School Division

## 2021-2022 School Calendar - Approved by BRSD Board January 28, 2021

August 2021						
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- Holidays (Schools Closed)
- Non-Instructional Planning Day (No School for Students)
- Professional Learning (No School for Students)
- First and Last Day of School for Students
- Day-in-Lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews (Schools Closed)
- Teachers' Convention (Schools Closed)
- Schools Closed
- Staff Collaboration (No School for Students)
- Semester Break (Schools Closed)
- Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal)
- 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 of our Critical 2 priorities.  
**Staff Meeting Days** - We have incorporated an early dismissal of 60 minutes on the first operational Thursday of each month beginning in October.

# OSCAR CHILD CARE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6

2021 - 2022 ONLINE REGISTRATION STARTING JUNE 1, 2021

Visit: [www.camrosefcss.ca](http://www.camrosefcss.ca)  
Go to Funded Programs / OSCAR / Registration

### WHY OSCAR?

- \* Early Learning and Child Care Licensed
- \* Locate in these CAMROSE schools  
Chester Ronning Jack Stuart  
Ecole Sifton Sparling
- \* Follows the Battle River School Calendar
- \* Interest Based Activity
- \* Social Skills Learning
- \* Fun and Affordable
- \* Subsidy Available

OSCAR Child Care Society  
Phone: 780-672-0140






### Helping Kids Grow Up Great

Nothing has more impact in the life of a child than positive relationships. Building these connections can be easy but takes intention. Start by telling your child what you love about them. Catch them doing great things. Have them overhear you saying something positive about them. Doing these easy things will help them grow up great!

### Every Child Has a SPARK!

Find out what spark (passions or interests) your child has. Ask them what they love to do with their free time. Then help them grow that passion! But what if you don't share that same enthusiasm for their passion? Ask them to teach you about what they love. Have them show you what they love about their spark.

### Show Kids You Care

Feeling love for a child may come naturally, but how do we show that love to them?

- Be dependable.
- Involve them in decisions that affect them.
- Set boundaries.
- Inspire them by exposing them to new ideas or experiences.
- Expect their best.

### 40 Developmental Assets

The 40 Assets are building blocks & experiences that all kids need to thrive.

The higher the number of assets a child has, the more likely they are to make good choices and avoid risky behaviours.

To learn how you can be an asset builder, visit: [sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets](http://sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets).

### MORE RESOURCES

[sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets](http://sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets)  
[Bringing Out the Best in Your Family - Keep Connected \(searchinstitute.org\)](#)

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line  
1-866-332-2322  
Mental Health Help Line  
1-877-303-2642



# COMMUNITY TALENT SEARCH

## Battle River's GOT TALENT

PERFORMERS SHOWCASE | 2021

### Viewers' Choice Award

Advancing submissions will be hosted online. These talented performers will perform live on the Bailey Theatre stage in a variety showcase in front of an audience!

**September 24, 2021**

### Deadline for submissions

**AUGUST 1, 2021**

## ENTER TO WIN!

#### CASH PRIZES

We have a \$1000 prize pool, to be distributed to multiple participants as selected by our judges and the Viewers' Choice.

#### PAID PERFORMANCE - OKTOBERSTOCK

Select performers may be chosen for a performance gig on the the OktoberStock mainstage, at the discretion of the CRE.