



CHESTER RONNING SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



September/October 2021 Newsletter

A Message from Mr. Lansing

Welcome back to another school year! Our entire staff is excited to embark on this year of learning with you and it's amazing that we are already putting the first month in our rearview mirrors!

Despite our best-laid plans, we have already gone through a number of changes in our school, not least of which has been the sudden transition back to classroom cohorts and more rigid safety protocols, following the Public Health State of Emergency that was declared nearly two weeks ago. Thanks to our incredible staff, these challenges are being navigated as smoothly as possible and our commitment will always be to make Chester Ronning School *A Caring and Learning Place* where our students are supported to learn in a safe, kind and enriching learning environment.

We know that we won't achieve this on our own and we are excited to continue building strong relationships with parents, guardians and the larger community. Please feel encouraged to be involved in your child's education and school community. You can reach out to the school or your child's teachers via phone calls, emails, written communications whenever you have feedback and/or questions about your child's education. We sincerely appreciate the power that strong parent-school relationships can have on student learning outcomes and we look forward to partnering with you to make this a terrific year for your child.

On behalf of the entire staff, welcome back! We are looking forward to a great year!

Yours in Education,
Reid Lansing
Principal

2021-2022 STAFF

Kindergarten – Ms. Doering
Temp. Kinder support – Mrs. Plontz and Mrs. Hycha
Gr. 1 Team - Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Bratrud,
Gr. 2 Team – Mrs. Kroetch, Mme Schuster, Mr. Hills
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. – Mrs. Hendrickson
Admin Team - Mr. Lansing & Mr. Pederson (Acting AP)
Learning Commons Facilitator – Mrs. Green
Admin Assistant – Mrs. MacKay

OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. MacKay, our admin assistant, is in the office
8:30am – 4:00pm. Please leave a message if your call
isn't answered and we will get back to you.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between the school and families 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. If you have signed up but haven't received a text/email from the school yet this year, please email jmackay@brsd.ab.ca so we can get this sorted out!

AGENDAS

We made a change for 2021-2022. We did not order the traditional student agenda that we have in years previous. Homeroom teachers will use other methods for communication between the school and home.

SCHOOL FEES

A technology fee has been added to each student in Grade 1-5. These fees can be paid online by credit card, Visa Debit or Mastercard by going to the BRSD website at www.brsd.ab.ca.

Click on "Menu", then "Families", then "Online Payments and Ordering"

(The student ID number is located on the invoice above the total due amount.)

All field trip/Activity fees will be added to the students account as these events come up and will be paid in the same method.

Students in Golf – the fee will be added to your account next week and a notification will go out then.

The Technology Fee enables Battle River School Division to purchase enhanced internet bandwidth and wireless infrastructure that allows us to have adequate, reliable internet for all devices in our schools, whether they are owned by the school division or by parents. The fee also allows us to utilize learning tools that all students have the potential to benefit from, such as Read and Write for Google, Screencastify, WeVideo, Razkids, Kami, KnowledgeHook and more.

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. We have a blog post called [Health Updates](#) for forms and information. 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.

TERRY FOX

Tomorrow is our annual Terry Fox Run on September 29th. Terry Fox was a Canadian hero who made it his mission to raise awareness for cancer research. He began his “Marathon of Hope” by running across Canada, despite having lost his leg to cancer. More than 40 years later, we continue his dream at Chester Ronning School. We are once again participating in online fundraising. We ask that you use the link attached to donate. We will not be accepting cash or cheque. Classes will be doing virtual activities and a walk/run on school premises next Wednesday.

Thank you for your support and commitment to continue Terry's legacy! Please [click here](#) to watch a special video message from Fred Fox, Terry's older brother.

Sincerely, Lindsay Doering and Robyn Foss

Chester Ronning School Fundraising Link:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ChesterRonning>



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

At a special meeting of the BRSD Board on Monday, September 13, Trustees voted to make Thursday, September 30 a day that the schools will be closed, to honour the newly created National Truth and Reconciliation Day. This year we will honor Orange Shirt Day on September 29. Students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt and will take part in classroom activities/discussion to support learning about Truth and Reconciliation.



LATE ARRIVAL

If your child is going to be late to school, please call the office – 780-672-5588 to let us know. You can drop them off at the front door and either ring the bell for entry or call the school and we will open the door.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS

Photo days are scheduled for October 20 and 21. At this time there are no class pictures scheduled just the individual. Please let your child's teacher know if they will be away on their scheduled picture day and they need a photo on the alternate day.

October 20 – KMW, Grade 1, 2 and 3.

October 21 – KTT, Grades 4, 5

Retake day is scheduled for November 4.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Currently our school has had a student absentee rate of 20-30% over the last week and into this week. We don't know the exact reason why each student is away but we want to ensure families are aware of this. Please continue to use the Daily Checklist and let us know if your child is away due to illness or if you are testing your child.

[Daily Checklist](#) – please review this daily with your child. There have been some new changes made recently. Page 3&4 is for children under 18.

[AHS Assessment Tool](#) – Use this if your child is unwell and you aren't sure what to do.

[Medical Baseline](#) - If your child has asthma or allergies that present as similar symptoms to Covid-19, please use this form along with a doctor's note. We post these forms and updates on our website under the blog post: [Health Updates](#).

SAFETY PATROL

We were so pleased to kick off our safety patrol program this month. Our patrollers are eager to keep CRS students and families safe. If you could please encourage your child to use the crosswalk during mornings and afterschool that would be greatly appreciated. Please also remind your child to ensure they are waiting for the patrollers to say "PROCEED" to cross. This ensures that they have had time to double check that the road is clear for crossing.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/student-insurance>

BRSD provides Blanket Student Accident Insurance, plus the Enhanced Option, for our students. Our schools participate in a program which provides accident insurance to eligible students who are residents of Canada, at no cost to parents. Full-time students are automatically covered. All eligible students are covered for injuries sustained while attending classes plus during school sanctioned trips and activities. Medical and/or dental expenses incurred as a result of injury can be reimbursed after all other sources of insurance (such as provincial health and the parents' employer insurance) are exhausted.

WELLNESS



Our focus this term is "Are you getting enough sleep?" There is a bulletin board close to the gym washrooms that displays information about the importance of sleep, why we need it, how much is needed per age group and some tips for relaxation before going to bed. Did you know that school-aged children (5-10 years of age) should be getting an average of 10-11 hours of sleep each night? Be sure to establish a bedtime routine in your home and find ways to offer comfort and relaxation to your child(ren) before bed each night. Happy sleeping!

CALENDAR DATES

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

- September 27-29 – Goal Setting Interviews
- September 29 – Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox
- September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – school is closed.
- October 1 – Staff Collaboration Day – school is closed.
- October 7 – Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal at 2:11pm
- October 11 – Thanksgiving Day – school is closed.
- October 13 – Lockdown practice
- October 20/21 – School Pictures
- October 29 – Staff Collaboration Day – no school

Battle River School Division

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

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February 2022							March 2022							April 2022						
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May 2022							June 2022							July 2022						
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day-in-Lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews (Schools Closed) Teachers' Convention (Schools Closed) Schools Closed Staff Collaboration (No School for Students) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semester Break (Schools Closed) Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal) Last Operational Day (No School for Students)
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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.