



Daysland Digest



Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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Looking Ahead

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Elementary Christmas Concert (1:00 & 7:00pm)	12
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Christmas Buffet	19
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Lloyd Sather	10-11

**You Are Invited
To Our
Annual Elementary
Christmas Concert
Thursday, December 12th
1:00pm
(dress rehearsal)
&
7:00pm
Daysland School Gym
Everyone Welcome!**



**Next School Council Meeting is
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00pm.
Everyone Welcome!**

Food Bank Drive

Our Annual Food Bank Drive is this week, and we welcome all non-perishable and NON expired donations for the Flagstaff Food Bank. The deadline for donations is this Friday!

Our Grade 12 class is organizing a friendly competition for the other grades, and we will let you know the results once we have them!

The generosity of our community always shows during this holiday season, and we thank you for anything you are able to donate.

A letter was sent home with your child last week with more information.



Students' Association Winter Theme Days



**Dec 16 - Christmas Accessory Day
(headwear, socks, ties, etc.)**

**Dec 17 - Christmas Colour Day
(red and green)**

Dec 18 - Christmas Sweater Day

Dec 19 - Formal Day



Learning Commons News

Please return all overdue library books and magazines before the Christmas break. Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs. McCarroll



Christmas Buffet & Formal Day

A reminder that our Annual Christmas Buffet & Formal Day for all students and staff will be held Thursday, December 19.

Thank you to everyone who will contributing to our dinner!

Basketball Update

Thank you to all the parents who helped supply food and work the concession for our Annual Ice Breaker Tournament! We will be hosting our Sr. High Lloyd Sather Tournament on January 10 and 11, 2020!

Senior High Ski Trip

Information about a Sr. High Ski Trip has gone home with students. Initial deposits are due this Thursday, December 12. Be sure to get them in to confirm your spot!

Merry Christmas!

*The staff of Daysland School
wish all our students and their
families love, peace, and
happiness this holiday season
and throughout the New Year!*

See you in 2020!



Principal's Corner

What a busy month we are having! With concerts, crafts, activities, and assemblies, we still manage to keep learning as our focus. Your children are working hard. With the break coming up, we hope you and your family and friends are able to relax and spend quality time together.

We encourage you to continue to support your child's numeracy development at home. There are many ways that you can do this within your day to day activities. For example, you could encourage your child to use mathematical language such as how much, how big, how small, how many. You could also reference calendars and clocks when planning your activities or trips.

Happy December!



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Principal: Mr. Jerri Brandt

Vice Principal: Mr. Wes Wilson

Dear Parents / Guardians;

At the beginning of the year, I met with our senior high advisory group to discuss school wide activities that we could do to help develop the culture in our building. We are fortunate enough to have a variety of grades in our building and as such, we have a great opportunity to engage in cross grades activities. For example, we have paired grade groups for our Terry Fox Run and our welcome back breakfast. To build on this, we have built school squads. Each squad contains at least one staff member and 17-18 students spanning from K-12. Our goal is to build advocacy and leadership as well as increase the number of familiar faces in the building for our students. This will ultimately strengthen our caring and welcoming culture.

We wanted to have a purpose for our squads and be intentional with the planning of activities. We thought about what the end goal would be and planned activities accordingly. We decided that we would meet in our squads for a portion of the afternoon on early dismissal days and we would meet in the months of November to March.

Following is a breakdown of the activities, starting with the end goal:

March - the end goal is to have a school wide sled race. Squads will race from one end of the soccer field to the other end. All members need to cross the finish line and a minimum of three members need to be on the sled at all times (one from K-3, one from 4-6 and one from 7-9).

November - squads spent time getting to know one another through icebreaker activities. We also named our groups and created a flag. This flag will need to be attached to the sled on race day. Ask your child(ren) who their squad leader is and if they remember who is in their group.

December - squads met to plan out their design for their sled. Students were told that they are only allowed to use cardboard, duct tape and rope. Your child(ren) may have come home last week talking about supplies because we are asking our students to bring in materials for this. Ask your child(ren) about their sled design and please support them in gathering materials if have items at home and willing to donate them to the project. Students can bring these materials at any time and take them to their squad leader.

January - we will begin executing the plan and start designing the sled.

February - We will continue building our sled.

March - Race Day - it's going to be a great day.

As always, if you have any questions, please be in touch with your child's teacher or inquire at the office. We are confident that our cross graded groupings will benefit all students, regardless of age.

Yours In Education,

Mr. Jerri Brandt

Daysland Senior High Final Exam Schedule

January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 ELA 30-1/30-2 Pt. A	14	15	16	17
20	21 Last Day of Regular Classes (Gr. 11 & 12)	22 Math 30-1/30-2 Biology 20	23 ELA 30-1/30-2 Pt. B Last Day of Regular Classes (Gr. 10)	24 ELA 10 Social 20
27 Chemistry 20	28	29	30	31 Semester Break (school closed)

- Unless otherwise noted, all senior high final exams will be written at 9:00am in the regular classroom.
- Provincial exams are shown in **bold** type.

DOES YOUR CHILD OR TEEN
NEED HELP

COPING WITH STRESS OR ANXIETY?

Learn simple tips and tricks to help them
de-stress, get calm and feel better.

If you're interested in
attending a parent
workshop at
Daysland School
on child or teen
stress and anxiety,
please contact:

Sarah Squires
ssquires@brsd.ab.ca
(780) 691-2274



Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2019

I. Call to order

Pauline Hudson called to order the regular meeting of the Daysland School Council at 7:06pm.

II. In attendance

Jerrit Brandt (Principal)	Wes Wilson (Vice Principal)		
Pauline Hudson	Kirby Schmidt-Teigen	Candice Guhle	Laura Zwack
Alison Eshpeter	Heather Schmidt-Teigen	Teena Kasha	Cristin Zimmer
Adrian Ketchmark	Shaunet Petiot		

III. Open Floor Shout Outs

- Parent shout out to Miss Beaulieu for teaching students crib and golf-math skills through playing cards

IV. Review of Agenda – no additions

V. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the October 23, 2019 meeting were circulated prior to meeting. Laura Zwack moved minutes adopted as circulated. Candice Guhle seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

VI. Correspondence – none

VII. Reports

a) SAVY

-Interviewed Daysland School Grade 7-12 students about challenges facing schools in Battle River School division

The main themes were:

- Schools who support learning
- Safe and caring environment
- Reasonable class sizes (not too big, not too small)
- Options and opportunities for students
- Reasonable bus ride times
- Idea of combining schools

b) Financial – Candice Guhle

- i) At the end of November, bank balance of \$8,506.25 with \$1,810.25 in prepaid hot lunch orders.
- ii) Still looking for grants to fund yogurt parfaits.

Motion: Candice Guhle moved the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Shuanet Petiot seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

c) Principal – Jerrit Brandt

- i) Shared a summary of the AERR (Annual Education Results Review). He also shared the draft of the 3 Year Plan. The plan is developed using multiple sources of evidence such as surveys, student and teacher voice, and achievement results, all within the scope of Daysland School. Mr. Brandt provided the opportunity for clarity, feedback and discussion. The plan will be updated to incorporate parent input.
- ii) Mr. Brandt met with a BRSD representative regarding transportation to sporting events, specifically student drivers.
- iii) Continued conversation around community and student safety when it comes to students driving around town during school hours. The school is working with police and peace officers to ensure safety of all.

Vice Principal – Wes Wilson

- i) Mr. Wilson had a conversation with a BRSD dietician regarding healthy food options that may be offered in the breakfast program going forward. Mrs. Klein is doing an excellent job of running the program, though extra help may be considered by way of parent volunteers, work experience students or Home Ec student involvement.
- ii) The elementary now has three sets of Chrome Books, looking to maximize their use in the classrooms.

d) Hot Lunch (Candice Guhle)

We are still looking for a hot lunch coordinator. The following is a list of duties:

- In the spring, make a plan for hot lunch dates and what item is offered;
- Subway is first Wednesday of the month, Panago is last; Wednesday and Edo is the Tuesday before Subway. Fill in the rest of the Wednesday's. No hot lunch offered the week of the Christmas Buffet (last week of classes in December);
- Hot lunch starts up in October and goes first couple of weeks in June;
- Give the dates to the leader to confirm they will work for them and their team;
- Leaders will contact their supplier (ie Subway, Extreme Pita, Panago etc.) to confirm dates and prices;
- Once dates and prices are confirmed, the info can go to Adrian so that he can input everything into the online ordering program and have it ready for start of school in the fall.

e) Room Reps:

Kindergarten (Teena Kasha): Mrs Schmidt-Teigen- Student Portfolios went home last week to showcase each student's learning and growth throughout our first 24 days of school. We have introduced some STEM activities into our block play and students have enjoyed the challenge. We have been working hard on finishing up our letter sounds as well as learning numbers 0-5.

Grade 1 (Laura Zwack): Miss Mowat -They have been busy practicing their song "Up on the Housetop" for the Christmas concert. They have been after me to start playing Christmas music in the classroom already....but I told them they at least have to wait until December ;) This week was "Mission Impossible" in gym so every day high school students set up an obstacle course and students have to act like spies and try to make it through the course without

stepping on 'landmines', etc. They have really been enjoying it! This month we have also started something called 'Squads' on early dismissal days. Groups of students from grades K-12 get together and over the course of the winter they are going to design, build and race a sled. They have been asking a lot when the next meeting is!

Grade 2/3 (Wendy Weiss): no report available

Grade 4 (Kirby Schmidt-Teigen): Mr. Wilson - We are busy finishing our novel study of Fantastic Mr. Fox. We are using the new Chromebooks to create a "Children's Version" of the story complete with illustrations. We hope to share them with the younger grades when we are finished. In math, we are working on multiplication and division facts. We are also joining up with the Gr. 2/3 class to do some math stations on Mondays that help us learn our number operations. In Science, we are learning lots of interesting things about Light and Shadows. We will be outside measuring shadows very soon to see how they change throughout the course of the day.

Grade 5 (Cristin Zimmer): Miss. Pederson - The Grade 5's are finished reading Holes and are completing their final projects to demonstrate their learning. Next we will be doing a book club! In math, we are in the midst of learning about our multiplication facts and memorizing them. We are starting a project in Social about the regions of Canada, Amazing Race Style. We have just finished our chemistry unit in science and will be making waffles as our final project.

Grade 6 (Adrian Ketchmark): Mrs. McKay- The grade 6 class has an upgrade!! A couch has been donated to our room from Mrs. McKay!! The Remembrance Day ceremony went well and now we are on to the Christmas concert. Mission Impossible during Phys. Ed. has been a huge hit too. We have been working through some bullying in our class and we are happy to report that as a whole, we seem to be making better choices and continue to work and grow together.

Grade 7 (Jeanni Hoermann): Mrs. Thomas says they were wrapping up the sewing portion of their Home Ec. class last week and have been working on safety information for the last few classes. Starting next week, they will be cooking! Dinner Theatre Update from Mrs. Thomas- Auditions and casting for our production of Willy Wonka Jr. are finished and rehearsals are set to start Thursday, November 28! We are looking forward to a great year! Also, on Thursday, November 28, we are taking members of last year's Drama class to go see a Camrose Composite High School production of "The Sound of Music". That opportunity was made possible because of donations we have received directed towards promoting arts in our building.

Grade 8/9 (Candice Guhle): Mr. Brandt - In Health 7/8 we have watched the movie Zootopia and analyzed the theme of the movie based on the actions of the characters. Our goal is to move into life learning and begin our "My Blueprint" portfolios.

Mrs. Johnson (Phys. Ed and ELA)- Basketball is starting soon! Our Jr. boys and Sr. girls head to their first tournaments this weekend. The grade 9s have started a self-chosen novel study, so students should be reading at home.

Miss Beaulieu- We are in Unit 3 in both math 8/9. I am looking for some used/donated crib boards to use with the Math 8 and 9 classes. I am wanting to teach them crib and some other strategy card games for when they finish their work early. I know we can use the computer for a virtual crib board, but it would be nice to have the actual boards, so they are practicing counting. I was also thinking of contacting Providence Place to see if some of the residents could help me teach the kids how to play☺

Vicky Zimmer- All is well in Social 9

Mrs. Thomas-The Grade 8s are plugging along in their English and Social Studies classes, doing a short unit on analyzing music videos in ELA and trying to wrap up their study of Renaissance by Christmas. They have also organized a Secret Santa gift exchange for themselves which they are excited about.

Grade 10 (Teena Kasha): Mr. Brandt - In math, we have completed measurement and are moving onto factors and products. In science, we are about to wrap up the chemistry portion and then shifting our focus to physics.

I have organized the math and science Google classroom for students which allows for them to continue their learning, even when they are absent from school. Whether they are not feeling well, away for sporting events, unsafe or impassable roads, or bus cancellations, students will have access to their resources from the comfort of their home! Be in touch with Mr. Brandt if you have any questions.

Ms. Johnson - In LA, we are just wrapping up a self -chosen novel study and will be moving on to Shakespeare. In PE, the class went scuba diving at the pool in Killam and had a great time! Information about the ski trip coming home soon.

Grade 11/12 (Shaunet Petiot): Mrs. Walker - (Bio20/Chem 20) For Bio 20, we have started our last unit on human body systems and are looking forward to our pig dissection at the end of the year.

For Chem 20, we will be moving on to the last unit later this week. Progress reports will go home once we finish our current unit.

Miss Beaulieu (Math 30-1/2) - I received diploma rep course pamphlets that I handed out to the grade 12s, it would be great to review! We are getting into the last third of our courses for math 30-1 and 30-2.

Mrs. Zimmer (Social 20/ELA 30) - All is good!

VIII. Old Business

- a) **Yearbook update:** Cristin Zimmer and Teena Kasha have volunteered to head the 2019-2020 yearbook. Quotes have been gathered. Mr. Brandt and Mr. Wilson to be teacher advisors. Mr. Brandt putting the word out to high school students who might be interested in joining the Yearbook Committee
- b) Shaunet put up a Facebook poll regarding interest in Mental Health Presentations. Mental Health report from Sarah Squires: I recently finished with the kindergarteners doing our new Kimochis program that I discussed in my last email. I am still doing mindfulness with the grade 4s and 6s and this week will start a Lego Social Skills Group and Second Step: Serious Peer Conflict with the Grade 8s. Again, any parents whose student is part of an MHCB program should have received a letter home explaining the program.

IX. New Business

- a) Alison made a motion to remove Shaunet and add Candice as signing authority, keeping Pauline and Kirby on. Seconded by Adrian. All in favour. Motion carried.
- b) Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (Adrian)
 - to take place during Valentines week in February
 - will be asking for volunteers via Facebook page

X. Adjournment

Pauline adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 7:00pm at Daysland School



Christmas in Daysland

December 20-22nd

Dec 20

Santa Parade 5:30pm start at the
Catholic Church

Santa, Wagon Rides, Treats at Curling Rink
6pm

Late Night Shopping

49th Street Liquor Store Anniversary Open
House 4pm-closing

Dec 21

Fire Department Santa Tour and
Food Bank Drive
6pm start

Dec 22

Free Family movie
"Dora and the Lost City of Gold"
Daysland Palace Theatre 2pm

*Merry Christmas from the Daysland Business
Association*

Register at 780-679-7564 or dayslandbusiness@gmail.com

**Grinch Coloring
Contest**

Pick up at Rusty Daisy,
Apple Drugs, Town
Office.

Submit to Apple Drugs
by Dec 16th

Prizes for 4 age groups:
0-4, 5-8, 8-10, 10-12yrs
Winner from 5-8yrs
rides with Santa in the
parade

Light Up Daysland

Decorate your business
or home with festive
spirit and register for
prizes.

We encourage to help us
grow our annual
"Whoville Village (bright
colors)" with your
decorations.

DAYSLAND PALACE THEATRE

Movie Information Line: 780-374-3774

www.daysarts.ca

SHOW TIMES: ALL EVENING SHOWS 7:30

Friday & Saturday, December 20 & 21

Sunday, December 22

Free Christmas Movie

2:00 Matinee

Sponsored by Daysland Business Association

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD

Rated: PG

Merry
CHRISTMAS

