



Daysland Digest



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Looking Ahead

Halloween Activities (2:00pm)	Oct. 29
(Reminder: Due to COVID 19 Restrictions, parents will not be able to enter the school for Halloween Activities this year)	
Collaboration Day (no classes)	30
	Nov.
Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal @ 2:11pm)	5
Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly	9
Report Cards (1-12)	10
November Break (school closed)	11-17

Principal's Report

Time has flown by so fast that we are already looking at the end of our first Quarter for our In School and At Home Learners at Daysland School. It is important to keep informed of our schedule, particularly for our high school students. The Quarter system means fewer core courses, but it also means a very "condensed" course for high school students. The pace is much faster, assignments are due much faster, and it is critical for students to clarify any misunderstandings they have with course content right away with their teachers. Please keep in touch with your high school child to ensure they are on track with their studies and that they are keeping in close touch with their teachers if they have questions about any of their assignments. This represents a big change for students and they will need support going forward in this new system.

Grade 12 parents also need to be aware that the province recently announced that Diploma Exams will be "optional" for students in the first Quarter. We only have students registered in Math 30-1 and 30-2 and have sent a parent permission form home that these students will need you to sign to give them permission to opt out of the exam in the beginning of November. Students and parents also have the option to decide as late as the day of exams to not write the Diploma. Students who do not write the Diploma, will simply be awarded the teacher's course mark and will not be penalized if they plan on attending a post-secondary institution.

As we carry on making this year as "near normal" as possible for our students, we have organized as many events as current COVID regulations will allow. Sports teams are practicing in their cohorts, we had a "welcome back" breakfast served to students in their classrooms. Parent Council is planning a Christmas dinner for staff and students. In an unprecedented year, the more familiar things are, the more we can focus on learning.

As we look towards the second Quarter and more learning experiences for our students, we invite parent participation in the planning of our school year. As we do every year, we create a School Improvement Plan to set goals and guide us in our learning journey with our students. Please feel free to give us your input at the link posted on our school website.

Together we are better!

International Travel 2022

Our Grade 9-11 students, with parents, are invited to join an informational google meet on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 pm. During this meeting, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Zimmer will discuss the plan for the next Europe trip, including destination, cost, sign up deadline, and fundraising possibilities. This meeting is not a commitment to the trip, but is meant to answer questions and concerns related to international travel during this time. We invite everyone to join us! If you have not already indicated your interest in the meeting, please email Mrs. Johnson at cjohnson@brsd.ab.ca

Little Caesar's Pizza is Back!

Grade 9 to 12 students are selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to help raise money for Students' Union & Sr. High Basketball Jerseys.

Be sure to ask one of our students, or call the school if you are interested in purchasing a kit, or purchase online at PizzaKit.ca and use ID#384649.

Deadline for orders is Friday, November 6th.

Pizza will be delivered to customers Monday, November 23rd.



Student/Parent Portal & Report Cards

The Student/Parent Portal is now closed to viewing while teachers prepare report cards.

Report cards for all students in grades 1 to 12 will be sent home on Tuesday, November 10th.

Athletics

Our Volleyball seasons will be wrapping up during the first week of November. Sr. High Basketball will begin after our November Break. We are currently looking for Jr. High coaches, so if you or someone you know is interested in coaching, please contact the school!

Formal Day/Awards

Our school spirit day this month will be a formal day on Thursday, November 5th. We are encouraging students to wear fancy attire to school. We are also planning to combine this with our school awards for 2019-20. Due to COVID, we have not been able to recognize our students for their achievements last year. We will bring the individual classes to the common area, where we will hand out school awards to recognize their accomplishments from 2019-20. We will follow COVID guidelines such as sanitizing between each class visit. Unfortunately, we are still unable to welcome visitors into the school to watch. If your child does receive a reward, we will email you a picture of your child with their award. We are looking forward to recognizing the accomplishments of our students in the best way that we can.

School Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 25th @ 7:00pm
Daysland School Learning Commons
Everyone Welcome!

*The Society of Friends of Daysland School Council meetings will be held after School Council Meetings

Graduation 2020

Congratulations to our 2020 Graduating Class, who were able to celebrate on October 16th. Although the celebration looked a little different this year, we wish you all the best!



Are you wondering what that new technology fee is for?

Last spring the BRSD Board of Trustees approved a new Technology Fee that is charged to all students.

Some parents have asked what the fee is covering and how their children are benefiting.

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.

Thank you.

Battle River School Division



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October 2020

To: BRSD Parents and Guardians
From: Lee Ann Ashby-Girard and Brenda Herder, Directors of Learning - Inclusion

Many things are different in Battle River School Division this fall. Some of those changes are related to the pandemic, but others are related to the levels and kinds of services we are able to provide in support of students' specialized learning needs.

Due to a number of changes in the provincial model of how support is being offered to students, BRSD has had to make changes. The changes have included reducing the number of Educational Assistants, speech language pathologists and speech assistants, as well as the occupational and physical therapy supports we employ or contract. We will continue to be contracting support from AHS and Eastern Edge Low Incidence Team for our students with Hearing and Vision impairments.

We met with our Alberta Health Services partners several times during the month of September to learn about the changes to services they are able to provide to our students. We have also met with Eastern Edge to discuss hearing and vision supports.

Alberta Health Services will no longer be working within our schools in the same way they did before. They will occasionally come into schools to provide consultation to our staff and rehabilitation services to students who experience significant changes due to injury, surgery, illness and/or a new medical or neurological impact. AHS staff have been contacting families who previously received services or were referred to them in the spring, to let them know whether or not their child will still be receiving AHS services and how those services will be provided in the future.

To support the move to a new model, AHS has transitioned student information to us during the past two months. We are fortunate to have a good relationship with our AHS colleagues and know they are committed to working with us to make the transition as smooth as possible by sharing student goals, achievements and needs of the students they have served.

Although we are in the early stages of putting together a new model of service for our students, you need to know that our priority continues to be ensuring students get what they need in order to succeed. BRSD's Inclusive Learning team will continue to collaborate with AHS and the revamped Eastern Edge Low Incidence team to put plans in place for students. Right now, those plans are not finalized and schools are not able to answer specific questions about what services will look like for our students at this time.

We recognize that there will be an adjustment period as this model of support is developed and our service providers are given direction about the new model. School will be updated as the new service delivery model evolves and will be able to share more at that time. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work with our AHS and Eastern Edge partners.

*Lee Ann Ashby-Girard and Brenda Herder
BRSD Directors of Learning - Inclusion*

October 22, 2020,

To the parents and students of Daysland School,

Last June we missed our online auction fundraiser that The Friends of Daysland School Council puts on to help pay for items that make our school great. In the 2018/19 school year the auction helped with purchases such as 30 chromebooks and a cart, a water bottle filling station, crib boards for math classrooms, ukuleles, grade 1 readers, maker space supplies as well as donated some money to purchase new shop tools. This year The Friends of Daysland School Council have agreed to purchase more Chromebooks. These devices are becoming ever more important for learning in the classroom. We want enough chromebooks for a one to one chromebook to student ratio in the school.

To help cover this cost, the Friends of Daysland School Council is planning our 2nd online auction. This will be done through Facebook starting on Thursday November 26, 2020 and ending Black Friday November 27, 2020. Many of you have been involved in online auctions through Facebook before. This will be very similar to that.

You might be wondering what will be auctioned? The answer is, just about anything that is new or slightly used. We will also be auctioning off services. Perhaps you have a skid steer or garden tractor, and will offer a certain number of hours labour. Remember Christmas will be right around the corner, so keep that in mind when donating items.

Students are encouraged to participate. In our last auction we had some students who got creative. One student offered taking junk to the dump, another offered babysitting services. Maybe there are a few students that will join together as a group and offer a half day, or whole day of yard work for someone (because it is late in the fall, you might want to offer a spring clean-up).

Over the next few weeks we will be gratefully taking your donations. Then on the specified date we will start the auction. The auction will be open for 36 hours, and the last bid before "auction closed" is written (by auction administrators) will be the winner of the item.

So here are the steps that you need to be a part of this FUN....draiser.

- 1) Thoughtfully think if there is anything that you can offer.
- 2) Facebook or email Kirby (kirbyheather@mac.com subject "Facebook Auction") about your donation. Include pictures if needed.
- 3) Drop off item to the school between the hours of 9:00am to 3:30pm by Nov 20, 2020.
- 4) Request to be a friend of "**The Friends of Daysland School Auction**" facebook page.
- 5) View items that are going to be auctioned.
- 6) Bidding will commence on Nov 26, 2020 at 8:00am and will close on Nov 27, 2020 at 8:00pm.
- 7) Arrange with Kirby to pick up your item at Daysland School.

Last time we ran this fundraiser, we raised a total of \$2805! This year we anticipate another successful campaign and have set a goal to raise \$4000.

Thank you for considering your part in this fun endeavor!

Sincerely,

Kirby Schmidt-Teigen and Adrian Ketchmark

On behalf of The Society of the Friends of Daysland School Council

Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2020

I. Call to order

Pauline Hudson called to order an Executive meeting of the Daysland School Council at 7:05pm.

II. In attendance by Zoom:

Jerrit Brandt (Principal)	Wes Wilson (Vice Principal)	Pauline Hudson
Kirby Schmidt-Teigen	Candice Guhle	Teena Kasha

- a) **Financial** – Candice Guhle
 - no financial report available

- b) **Principal** – Jerrit Brandt
 - i) Projected student enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is 214
 - There will be a 5% decline in FTE (0.65 FTE reduction)
 - changes to staff:
 - Anna Tribble, Tracy Pederson, Sharon Edgington and Mr. Brandt will not be in our school next year, new Principal is Brad Kyle
 - Office administrators and Learning Commons will remain the same hours
 - school fees for March 15-June 29 will be refunded to families
 - School Generated Funds (SGF) report. Deficits will be offset by fundraising
 - Donations received from local Ag Societies, use as we see fit
 - Students Union looking to revamp furniture in the jr/sr hang out
 - Private donation received for breakfast club
 - spoke about senior high programming, optional courses will be discussed once staffing is in place
 - Mr. Brandt and Ms. Johnson to draft handbook for athletics program

- c) **Vice Principal** – Wes Wilson
 - i) School Supplies – because of Covid, there will be no on-line ordering, parents to purchase supplies on their own, a list will be posted on the school website;
 - ii) Bell schedule– school day will start at 8:48 and end at 3:11
 - iii) 3 options for school re-entry, staggered, student attendance and on-line.

Date of September 2020 meeting to be determined.

VIRTUAL POST-SECONDARY EVENTS

What: Two Virtual Post-Secondary Fairs for BRSD High School Students & Families

When: Thursday, October 22 and Tuesday, November 24 from 6-8pm

ELAA

Educational Liaison Association of Alberta

Why: This is a fantastic opportunity for you to ask questions to **28 Alberta post-secondary institutions** including Colleges, Universities, Technical Institutions, the RCMP, and Canadian Forces. You can inquire about **programs, admission requirements, scholarships, housing**, and much more! Nowhere else do you get all these institutions in one place so be sure to take full advantage of this opportunity to plan for your future. Invite your friends and family to join you!

How to Register: High school students can register and connect to the event using the directions shared in their **High School Plus Google Classroom**. If students have questions, they can contact their career counsellor.



Once logged in you can visit the exhibitor hall by selecting "Exhibit Hall" in the middle of the screen or by selecting the icon at the bottom of your screen.



From here you will see the exhibit hall where you can select different institutions to explore and learn more about. Be sure to visit each booth and see if they have programs and experiences that might be right for you!

In each booth you will be able to ask questions via the chatroom and recruiters can connect with you one on one if needed. There are materials such as **viewbooks** that you can collect in your briefcase by selecting the orange briefcase icon. Be sure to **download items in your briefcase before the event is over** so you have access to it after the event!



Click each item in your briefcase you want to download and then click the download selected in the bottom right corner to download a zip file. Ask for help in the lobby at the help desk if you are having trouble with anything!

We recommend that you check out each institution's virtual booth to see if they have programs that might be a good fit for you. Learn about **admission requirements, application deadlines, and costs**. Look into their info on **athletics, extra-curricular, scholarships, housing**, and all the other exciting opportunities that await you in your post-secondary journey!



Community News & Events



Flagstaff Christmas Sharing 2020

A project of the Flagstaff Food Bank
Box 352
Killam, AB T0B 2L0

TO: Flagstaff County Citizens, Churches, Schools and Community Organizations

RE: FLAGSTAFF CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

Once again, the Flagstaff Food Bank will be co-ordinating the annual Christmas Sharing Program in the Flagstaff region. Because of the pandemic we are taking this opportunity to change the program to better empower the recipients to plan their Christmas in a different manner from the past. As we shift in our changing world, we will provide coupons to clients to purchase their own food and gifts at participating grocery, drug store and hardware locations throughout Flagstaff.

Some gifts will still be available this year, depending on existing supplies, along with the coupons, so clients' needs can be met while we follow the pandemic protocols of limiting the access of our volunteers to clients.

We would appreciate donations between **November 1st and December 11th, 2020. Donations can be dropped off at the Flagstaff Family and Community Services building at 4809 49th Avenue in Killam.** Drop-offs can be made anytime from November 1st to December 11th between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Please contact FFCS at 780-385-3976 if you have any questions about our program.

As the "Adopt a Family Program" was such a great success in past years, we will be running this program once again with some changes. Anyone interested in adopting a family, please call 780-385-3976 before November 20th. From this date forward when you adopt a family, we are asking for a monetary donation to cover the needs of the family payable to Flagstaff Christmas Sharing. These funds will be converted to coupons for distribution to your adopted family.

If you are aware of families in need, with their permission, please feel free to call and submit their name, telephone number and family size. All contacts will be handled with the strictest confidence. Please submit all requests by November 20th, 2020.

Thank you for your co-operation and support

Yours in Community Sharing,
Flagstaff Christmas Sharing Program
Box 352
Killam, AB, T0B 2L0



The Heisler Ag Society is hosting **AG DRONE SCHOOL**

Heisler Recreation Centre

December 3 – 4, 2020

Get real farm value: Agricultural uses and software workflows

Fly safely: Hands-on learning, from first takeoff to mapping

Fly legally: Write the Transport Canada test for your Basic Certificate

See your farm in a new light

Register at LandView.com or (780)448-7445





Jump into November with the NEW virtual
Move Your Mood program.
During the 4 week program, you will find fun ways
to practice mindfulness, move your body, fuel
your body & build healthy relationships.



Open to all youth (age 9 and up) interested in learning and participating in a healthy lifestyle program to improve their mental and physical wellness.

Program runs: November 1-30, 2020
Deadline to register is October 28, 2020

Participation in the program enters youth in a draw for
(3) \$50 Sport Chek gift cards and mini Move Your Mood prizes.

To register visit: www.sparcreddeer.ca and click on Move Your Mood
For questions about the program email: move.yourmood@ahs.ca



Come shoot with us!
Heisler Archery Club
at the Heisler Rec Centre
For more information call Derek@780-678-0599.

