

# Daysland Digest



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# **Looking Ahead**

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#### **Principal's Report**

We would like to welcome everyone back after the break and hope that everyone has returned refreshed and ready for a busy second quarter of learning. Whether your children are in school, or learning at home, we encourage you to keep in touch with us at the school if you have any questions or concerns. Please reach out to our teachers through emails, or phone calls, if you need to touch base regarding your child's learning. Communication is a challenge in these times, but we want to ensure that we are working together as a team at all times to support our students.

As COVID continues to be an issue in the province, we would like to remind parents to do the daily checklist before they come to school and keep students home if they have symptoms. Now that runny nose has been removed from the 'primary' list, it is no longer the role of school staff to keep track of how long a student has had this condition, or notify parents if a student's nose is running unless other symptoms are also present.

Quarter Two sees our Grade 10 students taking PE/CALM in the morning and English 10 in the afternoon. Grade 11 students are taking Biology 20 in the morning and Physics 20 in the afternoon, and our Grade 12 students are taking English 30 in the morning and Physics 20 in the afternoon as well. A number of students also take Work Experience and other individual courses offered by our Battle River Online School system. Senior high students are reminded to keep on top of their studies and ask questions as this quarter is shorter than the rest leaving little time to catch up if you fall behind. Grade 12 students are also reminded that applications for most post-secondary institutions are open for next fall, don't miss your application windows!

Despite the changes in the school year, many things remain the same. We will see our students participating in the usual off site PE activities like curling and skating soon. We look forward to some other outdoor winter activities with the students as well. Notes regarding specific times for skating and curling will be sent home in advance.

We would like to remind parents that the Daysland School Council Online Auction is being held Friday, November 27th as well. They have many amazing donated items to offer, and we would like to thank them for their tireless efforts to raise funds for improvements for the school. Again, thanks to everyone for their amazing support, and we look forward to the months ahead and exciting things at Daysland School.

# Little Caesar's Pizza!

Well done to our Grade 9 to 12 Pizza Sellers! We sold a total of 475 kits!

Pizzas will be delivered on Monday,
November 23, so sellers will need to arrange a
way to pick up the pizzas from school, and
deliver them to their customers.
Pick up time will be determined.

Thank you to everyone who supported our pizza kit fundraiser!







#### **Athletics**

Our Volleyball Season has come to a close – thank you to Miss Brittany Yarham, Miss Jillian Omoth, Miss Madison Green, and Mrs. Johnson for coaching our teams!

Our X Country season has also come to an end – thank you to Miss Linda-Lee Stewart for coaching!

Our Sr. High Basketball teams have begun practices, and our Jr. High practices are hoping to start soon as well.

We are still in need of a Jr. Boys Basketball Coach – if we do not receive any interest in this coaching position, we may not be able to offer the Jr. Boys program.

# **International Travel 2022**

Our Grade 9 to 11 students were invited to attend our virtual meeting for our next International Travel Trip. Over Spring Break 2022, students will have the opportunity to travel through Europe on the Juno to Vimy Ridge tour! The deadline for signing up is December 15<sup>th</sup>! If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. V. Zimmer for details!

#### Winter Attire

Parents are reminded that Board policy requires all students who ride the bus to wear (or carry) clothing suitable for the weather conditions. This includes headgear, hand covering and appropriate footwear. Students who arrive at school inappropriately dressed will not be allowed to ride home on the bus until they have proper gear dropped off or are picked up by a parent.

School Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm
Daysland School Learning Commons
Everyone Welcome!

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

# Students / Parents and Guardians Daily COVID-19 Checklist

Every student should review these questions <u>before</u> getting ready for school each day.



#### 1. Has the student:

(Choose any / all possible exposures)

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Travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
When entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada, individuals are legally required to quarantine for 14 days, unless enrolled in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project.		
Had close contact with a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer or direct physical contact such as hugging.		

#### If the student answered YES to any of the above

- The student is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure
  - If the student is participating in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project, they must comply with the program restrictions at all times.
- If the student develops any symptoms, use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.

If the student answered NO to both of the above, proceed to question 2.

#### 2. Does the student have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:

Fever	YES	NO
Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	1	1
Cough	YES	NO
Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes such as asthma		
Shortness of Breath	YES	NO
Continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma		
Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	1	1

#### If the student answered YES to any symptoms in Question 2:

The student is to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms.
 Use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.

If the student answered NO to all the symptoms in Question 2, proceed to Question 3.

#### 3. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:

Chills	YES	NO
Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather		
Sore Throat / Painful Swallowing	YES	NO
Not related to other causes or conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux		
Runny Nose / Congestion	YES	NO
Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather		
Feeling Unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as		1
depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury		
Nausea, Vomiting and / or Diarrhea	YES	NO
Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel		1
syndrome		
Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication		
Muscle / Joint aches	YES	NO
Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury		1
Headache	YES	NO
Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headache or chronic migraines		
Conjunctivitis	YES	NO
Commonly known as pink eye		

#### If the student answered YES to ONE symptom in Question 3:

- Keep the student home and monitor for 24 hours.
- If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary.
- If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge) use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.

#### If the student answered YES to TWO OR MORE symptoms in Question 3:

- Keep the student home.
- Use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.
- The student can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away, as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.
- If the student answered NO to all questions, the student may attend school.

You do not need to take this form to school every day. Parents / Guardians, please ensure every student in your household is asked these questions every day, before getting ready, and decide if each student is able to attend. If a student will be staying home, please notify the school.

These questions were developed by Alberta Health Services specifically for Children Under 18.

Thanks for helping ensure our schools and communities stay well.

Updated October 30, 2020

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 Coundil 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 answers 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.

- Thoughtfully think if there is anything that you can offer.
- Facebook or email Kirby (<u>kirbyheather@mac.com</u> 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.
- 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**

September 30, 2020

I. Call to order

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

II. In attendance

Brad Kyle (Principal) Pauline Hudson Laura Zwack Cristin Zimmer Teena Kasha Shaunet Petiot Candice Guhle Jeanni Hoermann

Kirby Schmidt-Teigen Adrian Ketchmark

III. Review of Agenda – no additions

#### IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting were circulated prior to meeting. Candice moved minutes adopted as circulated. Jeanni seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

- V. Correspondence none at this time
- VI. Reports
  - a) Financial Candice Guhle
    - i. \$1,623.00 was refunded to parent accounts;
    - ii. \$12, 272.17 was transferred to Friends of Daysland School Council to close out account as per instructions from BRSD;
    - iii. \$6,027.75 in prepaid parent account.

Motion: Candice moved Financial Report to be accepted as presented. Adrian seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

- b) **Principal** Brad Kyle
  - i. Welcome!
  - ii. Information Items:
- o Terry Fox Run continues with covid precautions, students grouped into their cohorts;
- o Sports teams begin closed practices but no games yet...evolving;
- High school parent-teacher interviews virtually Oct. 1-9;
- o At Home Learners for Daysland about 16 some have returned, higher elsewhere;
- o Roofing renovations should be done by the end of October;
- Playschool begins Oct 6;
- o Welcome back breakfast for students delivered and commercially made;
- o Parent-teacher appointments available anytime call
- o K-9 report cards home Nov. 10;
- The current high school Quarter ends November 10<sup>th</sup>:
  - Quarter 1: September 3 to November 10
  - Quarter 2: November 18 to January 29
  - Quarter 3: February 1 to April 20
  - Quarter 4: April 21 to June 29
  - Grade 12 Diploma Exams are scheduled for the end of each quarter Nov. 10th
  - iii. SGF funds Review, August signatures, transfers to cover deficit areas approval;
  - iv. Breakfast club looks different this year Mrs. Klein delivers breakfast items to each classroom (fruit leathers, cheese strings, granola bars).
  - c) **Hot Lunch** (Pauline Hudson): because of Covid restrictions, there will be no hot lunch until further notice.
- VII. Old Business: none at this time

#### VIII. New Business:

- a) Election of President, Vice President tabled until next meeting, need for room reps will be advertised in the next school newsletter;
- b) Christmas Buffet Laura
  - -has received a quote from a local caterer, possibly use the hall for food prep
- c) School Pictures Laura
  - -has called around for quotes for spring photos just in case BRSD will be allowing school photos to go ahead at a later date.

## IX. Adjournment:

Pauline Hudson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 7:00pm at Daysland School.

#### **Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes**

October 21, 2020

#### I. Call to order:

Kirby Schmidt-Teigen called to order the regular meeting of the Daysland School Council at 7:02pm.

#### II. In attendance:

Brad Kyle (Principal) Wes Wilson (Vice Principal) Laura Zwack Shaunet Petiot

Teena Kasha Candice Guhle Jeannie Hoermann

Kirby Schmidt-Teigen Adrian Ketchmark

III. Review of Agenda: no additions. Jeannie accepted the agendas, seconded by Laura. Carried.

#### **IV.** Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Minutes from the September 30 meeting were circulated prior to meeting. Candice moved minutes adopted as circulated. Shaunet seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

**V.** Correspondence: none at this time

#### VI. Reports:

#### a) Financial – Candice Guhle

i. \$1,500 was made last year in hot lunch program

Motion: Candice moved Financial Report to be accepted as presented. Jeannie seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### b) Principal – Brad Kyle

- i. Welcome!
- ii. Information Items:
- K-12 Welcome Back Breakfast was a success. All classrooms communicated by Google Meet in a virtual gathering. Breakfast sandwiches were purchased from Subway and distributed by teachers to their respective classrooms;
- Remembrance Day Ceremony Google Classroom meet. Teachers to record classroom poems and songs and show to fellow students in a video format;
- Sports teams still closed practices and no games;
- o K-9 parent-teacher interviews are done
- At Home Learners for Daysland 10, about half have returned at this point, started with 19 at home;
- o K-9, and Gr. 10-12 report cards go home November 10;
- The current high school Quarter ends November 10<sup>th</sup>:
  - -Quarter 1: September 3 to November 10
  - -Quarter 2: November 18 to January 29
  - -Quarter 3: February 1 to April 20
  - -Quarter 4: April 21 to June 29
  - -Grade 12 Diploma Exams are scheduled for the end of each quarter Nov. 10<sup>th,</sup> however, this quarter's Diploma exams are not mandatory;
- THANK YOU! The sidewalk games are great and the students love them!
- Travel Club 2022 is planning a trip to France, online virtual information meeting with Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Zimmer to be held on November 5 at 7;00;
- School Improvement Plan: Critical 2 focuses on what is Optimum Learning and Quality Teaching, 1 goal for each, student, parent and staff input;
- BRSD, November 18, virtual School Council of Councils meeting, new chair email to Michelle Hagel.
  - **b)** Wes Wilson No school pictures until the New Year or spring;

#### VII. Old Business:

### a) Election of President and Vice President

Shaunet nominated Kirby for President. All in favour. Carried Kirby nominated Laura as Vice President. All in favour. Carried

#### b) Assignment of Room Reps:

Kindergarten: Alison Eshpeter

Grade 1: Teena Kasha Grade 2: Laura Zwack Grade 3/4 - Cristin Zimmer Grade 5: Kirby Schmidt-Teigen

Grade 6: Cristin Zimmer
Grade 7: Adrian Ketchmark
Grade 8: Jeannie Hoermann
Grade 9: Candice Guhle
Grade 10: Pauline Hudson
Grade 11: Teena Kasha
Grade 12: Shaunet Petiot

# VIII. Adjournment:

Kirby adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

# **Community News & Events**



# Flagstaff Food Bank

# 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

