



Daysland Digest



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Looking Ahead

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Last Day of Classes	18
Christmas Break	21-Jan 3
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On Line & At Home School Resumes	4-8
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Staff Collaboration Day (no classes)	15

Principal's Report

While 2020 has been a unique year that we will not soon forget, it is hard to believe that we are already at the Christmas break!

As the New Year dawns, we are looking forward to conditions gradually improving and an eventual return to some sense of normalcy.

I'd like to thank our students, staff, parent council and parents who have worked very hard to make the first half of the year a success. Daysland School is a resilient community of learners whose strength is measured by the outstanding dedication of each of its group members. This steadfast approach manifests itself into a supportive learning community that strives for continual improvement. I wish everyone a joyful, relaxing and rejuvenating Christmas break and fruitful New Year full of promise!

I look forward to seeing everyone in person on January 11th and virtually the week of January 4 - 11th.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Mr. Kyle

School Fees Reminder

School Fees are NOW due. You can pay online at <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/online-payments-ordering> or by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to Daysland School.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange monthly payments, please contact Mr. Kyle or Mrs. Robbins at the school.

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, January 20th @ 7:00pm

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

Bus Delays & Cancellations

As we enter the season of weather-related bus delays and cancellations, BRSD would like to remind parents to check their **school** website or the BRSD website for updates. If there is a change to the schedule it will appear in an ALERT banner at the top of the website. If there is no banner, all routes are running as scheduled. Every family affected by a bus route delay or cancellation also receives an automated phone message.



Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2020

I. Call to order:

Kirby Schmidt-Teigen called to order the regular meeting of the Daysland School Council at 7:00pm.

II. In attendance:

Brad Kyle (Principal)	Candice Guhle	Teena Kasha	Cristin Zimmer
Wes Wilson (Vice Principal)	Alison Eshpeter	Jeanni Hoermann	Laura Zwack
Kirby Schmidt-Teigen	Shaunet Petiot		

III. Review of Agenda – no additions

IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

-Minutes from the October 21, 2020 meeting were circulated prior to meeting. Pauline moved minutes adopted as circulated. Candice seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence – none

VI. Reports:

a) **Administrator Report** – Mr. Kyle and Mr. Wilson

- i) -Grade 7-12 online Monday, November 30 to January 11th. K-6 remain in school to December 18, then go online January 4-8 for one week and return January 11th as well. Paper packets will be given to the elementary students for home learning;
-Schools have been directed to continue online education with minimal change to the course offerings (shop, PE, Home Ec., Outdoor Ed, etc.). Numeracy and literacy will be focus for K-6.
-Library books will be available to sign out over the extended Christmas break. Chromebooks will also be available for at home use on a case to case basis;
-School Christmas Concert- Google Classroom Meet, School YouTube Channel, Letters and FOIP forms went home Monday;
-Sports teams still closed practices and no games;
-School CRM Jigsaw Consultant support – Daysland has been chosen for consultant report for our School Based PD days to better support our students in terms of individualized learning (as per School Improvement and Assurance Plan & parent online survey comments)
-Quarter 2: Ends February 2, 2021;
-The current high school Quarter ends February 2nd:
 - Quarter 3: February 3-April 20
 - Quarter 4: April 21-June 29
-Grade 12 Diploma Exams are scheduled for the end of each quarter;
- ii) -Sidewalk games: We have noticed the orange paint has partially come off, we can address this in the spring;
- iii) Chromebook order update (Wes)
-there is a general Chromebook shortage, trying to find some for purchase, ideally would like a 1:1 ratio for all students;
- iv) -Thank you for the Gr. 7-12 lunch! Prepackaged and dropped off at the door. Organized by Laura Zwack and prepared by Mad Platter catering.

b) **Room Reps:**

Kindergarten (Alison Eshpeter): Mrs. Teigen – This year is off to a great start. We have 19 students in our class and we've enjoyed getting to know one another. We are ½ way through learning our letter sounds and as such we are starting to use the sounds we know to read & write small words. This month we are also reading a bunch of stories about bears and looking at story elements and also comparing real bears to storybook bears.

Grade 1 (Teena Kasha): Mrs. Lang – We will be making Christmas cards for the residents at Providence Place. We plan to do a lot of holiday/winter themed activities in December (more than normal as I feel it's a year we need some extra cheer)! We are focused on reading, writing and various numeracy skills!

Grade 2 (Laura Zwack): Mrs. Schlaut– The Grade 2's are doing great! They are writing friendly letters to each other and have started to choose a variety of different books, such as: chapter books, graphic novels and picture books. They are really doing a great job of learning how to pick books that they like as a reader. They have also been working in our Google Classroom. We have learned how to create a Google doc., create a slideshow and add a picture into that slideshow. They have also been using Raz Kids and love it!

Grade 3/4 (Cristin Zimer): Mr. Wilson – In LA, we are doing our second novel study. It is Fantastic Mr. Fox. We are using Literature Circle Roles to study the novel. These roles have the students think about the novel in different ways and also help us practice writing with complete sentences using capitals and periods correctly. The class has also started blogging this month. The students get to share their learning with each other as well as practice being good digital citizens.

In Math, we have finished our numbers unit and are now working on adding large numbers. We are also practicing our basic facts using flashcards on the Chromebook.

The Grade 3's have been learning about Rocks and Minerals in Science. They are currently making stories of erosion videos where they tell the story of how a rock is eroded into soil. The Grade 4s are finishing the Waste & Our World unit. They have made food chains on paper plates and then took a video describing it to put on their blog page. They are currently researching the 3Rs and how different products can be reduced, reused and recycled.

Grade 5 (Kirby Schmidt-Teigen): Ms. Shier- In Math, we are working with long division and word problems. In Science, we are starting our Electricity unit – fun activities planned for circuit making. In Social we are looking into People/Customs of each Canada Region-focusing on our First Nations and their contribution to the Explorers and the first Settlers of our country long ago. In ELA, we are starting our next novel study of “Matilda”. We will continue to work on the daily 5 for ELA – reading to self/reading to others/listening to reading/practice words/creative writing (cartoon booklet).

Grade 6 (Cristin Zimmer): Mrs. McKay- Everything is going well in grade 6. Everyone is back into routines and we are starting to get ready for the Christmas concert! We have been doing a lot of reading and trying to find books that appeal to everyone's interests. If anyone has books laying around their house, suitable for grade 6, that their kids aren't reading any more, I would love to add them to my classroom library. Thank you.

Grade 7 (Adrian Ketchmark): The grade 7 class has stayed relatively healthy so far this school year. This has helped with keeping absences down and learning up. In LA writing short stories has been a hit. In Home Ec., we leaned to bake and now are on to sewing. The welcome back breakfast was a highlight last term and this Friday's early Christmas lunch is also highly anticipated. Food seems to be a driver for the grade 7 class.

When asked about their opinion on at home learning, the response was overwhelming against it, so I'm sure there will be a few challenges in the coming weeks as they adjust to a new learning method.

Grade 8 (Jeannie Hoermann): no report available

Grade 9 (Candice Guhle): no report available

Grade 10 (Pauline Hudson): no report available

Grade 11 (Teena Kasha): Mrs. Walker -In Biology, students have completed their study of how matter and energy flow through ecosystems. They will be starting the second unit on population changes very soon. In Physics, students are working on developing their understanding of motion and have been conducting experiments to study these concepts.

Grade 12 (Shaunet Petiot): Mrs. Zimmer – ELA 30-1/2 , nothing to report

Mrs. Walker – in Physics 20, Grade 12 students are working on developing their understanding of motion and have been conducting experiments to study these concepts.

VII. Old Business

- a) Christmas Dinner (Laura): has to be revamped due to new restrictions. Grade 7-12 will receive their Christmas lunch on November 27.;
- b) Friends Of Online Auction: Lots of items donated!

VIII. Adjournment:

Kirby Schmidt-Teigen adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.



Community News & Events

Flagstaff Christmas Sharing Program

During this extraordinary and unprecedented time, Flagstaff Christmas Sharing recognizes that families in our communities may be experiencing difficulties during this Christmas season. Call us at 780-385-3976 if you or someone you know needs help.

We have funds available donated by community citizens, businesses and corporations to give to people in need and we don't want to miss anyone. We know your situation may have changed in a minute and you may find yourself short of funds at Christmas for toys, gifts and food. Please give us a call we can help you.

Call 780-385-3976.

FIRST Coupon Program

FIRST has received funding for our coupon program to provide citizens with \$100 for food or fuel. This money will become available to Flagstaff citizens as of mid-December. If you know of a family in need or if you would like more information about this program, please contact Lynne Jenkinson at 780-385-3976.

INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING IN FLAGSTAFF COUNTY FOR CHRISTMAS



Sponsor a child for 12 months for a donation of \$50.00. They will receive a free book a month delivered to their mailbox at no cost to their family.

Email: imaginationlibfc@gmail.com if you wish to sponsor a child/children in Flagstaff County



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library reaches more children than any other book gifting program, and mails free, high quality, age-appropriate books to children from *birth to age five*, no matter their family's income. We welcome this program to our County.