



# Daysland Digest



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## Looking Ahead

Semester Break (school closed)

Quarter 3 Begins

Report Cards K-12

Winter Walk Day

Jersey Day

Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal @ 2:11)

Teachers' Convention (school closed)

Family Day

Jan

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Feb

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## Principal's Report

The time has flown by so quickly that we are already at the end of our second quarter and first semester. While our high school is entirely on the quarter system, our grade nine class does have some semestered subjects. You will also note that BRSD is gathering input from parents, students and staff to determine whether they will consider the quarter system going into the next school year. Parents should have received a message regarding this survey last week. Shortly, students and teaching staff will also be participating in this survey. The results from all surveys will help the division to determine the best course going forward.

Quarter three begins next Monday, February 1st. There is little change in our K-9 classroom schedules, but our Gr. 12 students will begin Social Studies 30 and Physics 30, as well as Work Experience. Grade 12 is a year where students can often be highly motivated to achieve their best as they apply to various post-secondary institutions, but it can sometimes be a year where fatigue sets in to some degree. Keeping your child motivated to continue the sometimes hard work of learning can be a challenge. One helpful strategy is to discuss both short and long-term goal setting with them. Breaking the year into more manageable "chunks" can sometimes help students to see the important milestones along the way that take them to the finish line. Whether that finish line is post-secondary or experiencing the world of work, a steady, consistent effort is essential for students to be successful. Of course, this approach also works well with students at any grade level. Breaking larger tasks into smaller segments makes tasks less overwhelming for some students.

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, there is little new news to relate in terms of school operations. Sports teams and practices are still on hold, guest speakers and school visitors can only be virtual and class cohorts must still be isolated from each other. That does not, however, mean that we cannot enhance education for our students. Our elementary grades recently had a virtual visit from a well-known author, Erric Walters, who has written novels for children such as "The King of Jam Sandwiches." The students enjoyed learning more about the author and his inspiration for writing many of his pieces. They also had a chance to ask questions of Mr. Walters. Staff strive to make education as "near normal" as possible in these trying times. In addition, our School Council treated students and staff to a wonderful Turkey Dinner that was greatly appreciated. As a school community, we are supporting our students to make the school experience the best that it can possibly be for all students.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or thoughts for us, please do not hesitate to contact us - together we are better!

## Morning Arrival Time Reminder

A friendly reminder that students should not arrive at the school before 8:35am. This is especially important during the colder months, as the doors are automatically set to open at this time. If you have any questions, please call 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.

## Quarter 3 & Second Semester Fees

Invoices will be sent home with students the first week in February for Quarter 3/Semester 2 option fees. Payments can be made online at <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/online-payments-ordering> or at the office by cash or cheque.

For more information, please contact Mr. Kyle or Mrs. Robbins.

## 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.

## School Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

## Spring Is Coming!

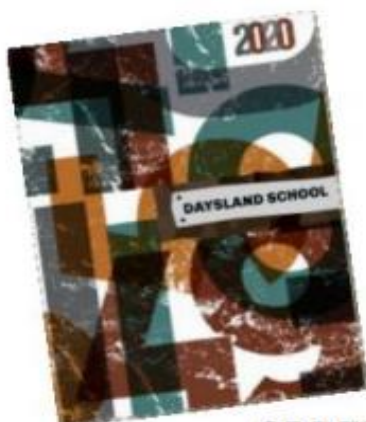
Travel Club 2022 is running a fundraiser in conjunction with Rosa from Wipf's Greenhouse by Bawlf.

We are selling individual starter flowers and vegetables, gift certificates, gallon pails of grasses and flowers, as well as beautiful hanging baskets for affordable prices.

Contact any Travel Club member (Grades 9-11) or email Mrs. Vicky Zimmer at [vzimmer@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:vzimmer@brsd.ab.ca) for more information.

Orders are due Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, so don't delay!





# 2019/2020 Daysland School Yearbook is ready!

Filled with photos of all the students, events and memories from this past year! All proceeds go to The Society of The Friends of Daysland School.

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Ordering is easy! Send in this order form to the school with payment of either a cheque made out to The Society of The Friends of Daysland School or an etransfer to friendsofdaylandsc@gmail.com.

Please have all order forms and payments in by **February 5 2021**.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# of yearbooks \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost Payment Method ☐ Etransfer ☐ Cheque




## Career Counselling

February 2021 Newsletter

### Post-Secondary Information Sessions

Virtual post-secondary information sessions are right at your fingertips. Check dates and find links on the homepage of the [High School Plus](#) website (found in Quick Links on your school's website).

Mental Health Toolkit	10 Top Resume Tips	Our Community Supports
<p>Are you feeling stressed? Feeling some anxiety, on and off, is a normal part of being a student and thinking about what life will be like after you finish school. These feelings aren't necessarily bad but is your anxiety normal?</p> <p>To get an idea of where you are at, check out the information in the <i>Guides</i> section (bottom left on the homepage) of your <a href="#">myBlueprint</a> account under <i>Mental Health</i>. Read about understanding if you are more stressed than normal, stress busters and anxiety exercises such as box breathing and hand relaxation.</p> <p>Or maybe there is someone in your life who is suffering from a mental illness. Find out how to educate yourself, listen and next steps to staying healthy yourself, keeping your friendship and seeking help. You will also be able to access links to interactive resources for you and your friend to explore.</p> 	<p>The belief that students leave school with a strong understanding of resume building is the goal of many. One tool available to make this goal a reality is the <a href="#">myBlueprint Resume Builder</a> where students create, edit, preview multiple resumes and download, print or email their work in Word, PDF or Text formats.</p> <p>Additional resume information listed in the <i>Guides</i> section helps students understand the purpose of a resume, what to include and how to highlight skills they have to offer.</p> <p>So, do you have a resume that shows-off your best self? Here are <a href="#">myBlueprint's Top 10 Resume Tips for Students</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Think ahead</li> <li>★ Tailor your resume</li> <li>★ Chunk it out</li> <li>★ Use action words</li> <li>★ Proofread</li> <li>★ Make it presentable</li> <li>★ Keep it concise</li> <li>★ Be honest</li> <li>★ Be professional</li> </ul>	<p>The idea our career paths no longer resemble a ladder but can be visualized more like a jungle gym seems to fit the reality of our youth. But they are not alone in making significant career transitions - our community offers support. In the <a href="#">Training &amp; Supports for Work</a> section in the <i>High School Plus</i> website find more detail to a few of the local opportunities listed below:</p> <p><a href="#">Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program</a> - supports for achieving life and career goals</p> <p><a href="#">Community Futures East Central AB</a> - offers business training and supports in Viking</p> <p><a href="#">Directions for Wellness</a> - provides workplace and youth employment training in Camrose</p> <p><a href="#">Flagstaff Community Adult Learning</a> - supports foundational and job skills training in Killam</p> <p><a href="#">Jobs4Youth</a> - Camrose program for youth facing significant barriers to employment.</p>



It's that time again! Check your second quarter courses, marks and credential requirements in your myPass account with your Detailed Academic Report and your Credential Requirement Checklist.

Your BRSD Career Counsellors, Lynda Kope & Carla Praticante

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