



Daysland Digest



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Principal's Report

Time is going by very quickly, and we are already well into our third quarter classes. In high school, it is critical to keep on top of studies and to ask questions of teachers since the short time frames for classes make it very easy to fall behind. We encourage you to touch base with your child and ask them about their courses and their progress to date. Grade 10's are working on Science with Mrs. Walker and Options, Grade 11's are working on Math with Mrs. Michelle Zimmer and Physics, and Grade 12's are working on Social Studies with Mrs. Victoria Zimmer and Physics with Mrs. Walker. Of course, many students participate in Work Experience with our valued community partners in the afternoon.

In Grade 9, students are working on Social Studies and Math in the second semester. Classes in elementary are progressing on the same schedule, but please be sure to take the time to discuss your child's perception of their achievement and progress with them on a regular basis. In any event, please be sure to contact your teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's classes or any other concerns.

Some new things coming up at Daysland School are Pink Shirt Day, February 24th, to emphasize our pledge to stop bullying in all its forms in, and out, of school. We encourage students to wear pink articles of clothing that day, and our teachers will have some exciting events planned for our elementary students to highlight the significance of the day.

Our Parent Council will also be introducing Hot Lunch again shortly, so we look forward to making one less lunch per week in the near future. There will be more details to come on this soon.

We are your partners in our child's education, and we look forward to working with you to help your child reach his/her full potential. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any concerns, or questions, whether your child attends Daysland School, or is one of our At Home Learners - together we are better!

**Virtual School Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 17th @ 7:00pm**

***If you would like to be a part of the meeting,
please email Kirby at kirbyheather@mac.com**

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our K-12 classes will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews the week of February 22-26th. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are required to conduct interviews virtually, either by phone or Google Meet. Homeroom teachers will be sending emails to families with specific details of how to book a meeting with them. For secondary students, the emails from the homeroom teachers will contain the email addresses of all of their teachers so you can contact those that you wish to have an interview with.

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 for Quarter 3/Semester 2 option fees were emailed this week. 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.

**Carry out a random
act of kindness,
with no expectation
of reward, safe in
the knowledge that
one day someone
might do the same
for you.**

-Princess Diana

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Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021

I. Call to order:

Kirby Schmidt-Teigen called to order the regular meeting of the Daysland School Council at 7:05pm.

II. In attendance:

Brad Kyle (Principal)	Wes Wilson (Vice Principal)	Brenda McKay	Laura Zwack
Kirby Schmidt-Teigen	Adrian Ketchmark	Cristin Zimmer	Teena Kasha
Shaunet Petiot	Jeannie Hoermann		

III. Shout Outs:

- to Laura for her perseverance in making sure the turkey dinner happened for all students and staff;
- to Teena and Cristin for advisory and editorial roles for the 2019/2020 yearbook;
- to Heather and Kirby Schmidt-Teigen for putting together our wonderful online Christmas Concert;
- Brenda thanked Friends Of for money to purchase new books for her classroom;
- to Heather Schmidt-Teigen for being an awesome kindergarten teacher and for getting her room rep report out without being asked.

IV. Review of Agenda: no additions. Adrian accepted the agenda, seconded by Laura. Carried.

V. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Minutes from the November 25 meeting were circulated prior to meeting. Shaunet moved minutes adopted as circulated. Adrian seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

VI. Correspondence: none at this time

VII. Reports:

a) **Administrators:** – Brad Kyle and Wes Wilson

ii) Welcome!

ii) Information Items:

- o Thank you! - For School/Staff Turkey Dinner!
- o No school use of community facilities – skating/curling rink etc. (but our school is cleared to do so once they open again), can use the outdoor pond in town
- o Miss Kierstan Pasychnyk in our Gr. 5 room for Mrs. Shier until the end of April
- o Mrs. Camy Lang will be going on maternity leave sometime in March – hiring in process
- o January 15th, Division -wide PD day – Education Consultant working with staff of CRM (responding to individual learning needs and literacy in general across all grade levels)
- o January 21st – Concept Learning based PD for all staff (developing broader understandings, transferable learning)
- o January 27 is Family Literacy Day: Mrs. Schmidt-Teigen and Mrs. Lang are organizing a Literacy Day in which students are invited to celebrate literacy by celebrating the theme “Travel the World Together”, participating in literacy activities with family and coming to school dressed as their favourite author or character from a book
- o Feb 11-12 Virtual Teacher’s Convention – school closed
- o School Generated Funds Report – Dec 31st (Review – Chair signature)
- o Children’s author, Eric Walters virtual presentation – January 19th (elementary, positive feedback from the students)
- o The current high school quarter ends January 28th:
 - Report cards home February 2nd (K-12)
 - Quarter 3: February 1- April 20
 - Quarter 4: April 21 – June 29
 - Grade 12 Diploma Exams (optional this year) are scheduled for the end of each quarter – currently ELA
 - there will be a BRSD parent/teacher/student survey going out regarding quarterly semester system
- iii) ChromeBook purchase update (Mr. Wilson): waiting on ChromeBooks to get ones that will have a longer end of life date

b) **Room Reps:**

Kindergarten (Alison Eshpeter): Mrs. Teigen -We have finished off the last of our letter sounds and are now in review mode for the next few weeks. Then we will move on to constructing sentences. In math, we are finishing up our unit on numbers 6-10. We had fun preparing our poem for the Christmas Concert and this month we are looking forward to heading out to the trees near the pond to do some winter exploring.

Grade 1 (Teena Kasha): Mrs. Lang - Unfortunately, we don't have anything too exciting to report! As a school we are preparing for Literacy Week and Winter Walk Day, which are both coming up soon. Our class will also be going on a mini field trip (simply around the outside of the school) to find things that we can detect with our 5 senses for science!

Grade 2 (Laura Zwack): Mrs. Schlaut - It is great to be back! Everyone has settled back into the routine of school and we are enjoying being at school. We have been building our reading skills and working on building smoother fluency. The children have been working on writing their first story this year and they are turning out great! We can't wait to share them! We have finished our magnet unit in Science. Everyone's magnet games were amazing! Some very creative ideas! Thank you for your support! In art, we have been looking at Canadian artist, Ted Harrison and have been trying our hands at creating our own using oil pastels. They look great! We enjoyed a yummy turkey meal provided by the Parent Council. Everyone in grade 2 enjoyed it very much. Thank you! Some important information about Family Literacy Day (Jan. 27th) has been sent home.

Grade 3/4 (Cristin Zimmer): Mr. Wilson- In Language Arts we are finishing Fantastic Mr Fox. The students will identify the main events in the story and turn them into a Digital Children's book using WeVideo on our Chromebooks. We are also doing Guided Reading every day and doing station work at this time. In Math, we are finishing our Addition and Subtraction unit this week and we will look at multiplying numbers. In grade 3 we do basic facts to 25 and the Grade 4s will multiply 2 digit by 1 digit numbers. In Science, the Grade 3s are learning about how our ears work during our Hearing and Sound unit. They will be making plasticine models of the different parts of our ear soon. In Grade 4, we are working on Light and Shadows. The students just finished learning about how to protect their eyes from the sun and will be learning about objects that are opaque, translucent and transparent.

Grade 5 (Kirby-Schmidt-Teigen): Miss Pasychnyk -We are getting back into the swing of things in the Grade 5 classroom! Here are a few notes:

-We get to participate in a virtual author presentation by Eric Walters, a well-known Canadian Author. The students are super excited for this, and have prepared some interesting questions to ask him.

-We have been learning, and building different circuits in science. Students are quickly approaching their big project to end the unit.

-Students are trying out a new guided reader's website. BRSD has given a selected few the opportunity to "test" this out. This website gives students the chance to read a book selected to their grade level, followed by activities.

Grade 6 (Cristin Zimmer): Brenda McKay - I would like to say a huge THANK YOU for the money for the new books for my classroom. The kids are all enjoying the larger selection and always get excited when I bring in any new books. We had a virtual presentation by Canadian author Eric Walters. The class really enjoyed it and found him interesting and funny.

Grade 7 (Adrian Ketchmark): The last couple months have required our class to do things different. We all learned how to learn from home, and our amazing teachers kept us on track and moving forward. Phys. Ed had us doing the 12 days of fitness and Outdoor Ed we built forts. In math we learned about probabilities and science we planned a mission to Mars. The grade 7 class is very happy to be back at school, socializing with their friends.

Grade 8 (Jeannie Hoermann): Miss. Johnson - In social, we have completed Unit One and they are wrapping up with a major review. In quarter three, they will switch to having Mrs. Thomas for Units Two and Three. I will also get them back for PE in quarter three, and they will have me for The Outdoor Ed option.

Mrs. M. Zimmer - Math - students just had a test today on rates, ratios, and percentages. They will have a short unit on probability before the end of Q2! Science - students are halfway through Unit A: Mix and Flow of Matter. At the end of Q2 they will be done 2.5 of their units. Mr. P will take over again for next quarter in Science.

PE - students just finished cooperative games, and will end the quarter with dance.

Mrs. Thomas - In ELA kids are right on schedule and didn't let At-Home learning slow them down at all! We have a month left for sewing and then they will switch to cooking in home-ec, which they are all looking forward to.

Grade 9 (Candice Guhle): All is well, nothing to report at this time.

Grade 10 (Pauline Hudson): Mrs. Thomas – Grade 10s are working hard to wrap up their Quarter 2 classes and getting ready for Quarter 3. Mr. Wilson is coming in this week to talk to them about their choices for their Quarter 3 options.

Grade 11 (Teena Kasha): Mrs. Walker - Bio 20 - Students are finishing up the last of the body systems this week. Next week we will do a pig dissection, which students are excited about, then their final exam will be on Thursday, January 28.

Phys 20 - We are finishing up our last unit on waves. Students' final exam is on Wednesday, January 27th so we will be doing lots of review next week.

Grade12 (Shaunet Petiot): Mrs. Zimmer - ELA: we are wrapping up the quarter (and the course!) with a big project.

For the travel club, we have 24 students traveling to Europe during Spring Break of 2022, and they are very excited about the trip, which is called From Vimy to Juno: History of Canada in the World Wars. We are hoping to do another fundraiser in the late spring, probably cookie dough.

Cap & gown photo update: We don't have a sign-up sheet yet so it's still the early stages, but it is moving along.
Mrs. Walker: Physics 20 - We are finishing up our last unit on waves. Students' final exam is on Wednesday, January 27th so we will be doing lots of review next week. Parents received an email with more information about this.

VIII. New Business:

- a) Staff Appreciation Week – Adrian
 - will have to change things up this year, possibilities are a catered meal for staff tentatively set for February 16 and gift baskets made by a The Rusty Daisy for staff, bus drivers and custodians.
- b) Hot lunch possibilities: Laura spoke to Chuck of Mad Platter Catering about the possibility of him providing hot lunches to our staff and students on a bi-monthly basis.
Shaunet made a motion that we look into hot lunch item options and possible dates. Laura seconded. All in favour. Carried.

IX. Old Business:

- a) **Yearbook – Teena and Cristin**
 - the 2019/2020 Yearbook is complete and ready for presale. Cristin will prepare flyers to be sent home with students, Mr. Wilson will ensure that advertising is placed on the school's Facebook page and website.

X. Adjournment:

Shaunet made a motion to adjourn meeting at t 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting to be held virtually on February 17, 2021

Addiction & Mental Health News

February 2021

What is kindness?
Kindness is sharing the best parts of our hearts with those around us.
Kindness is seeing the good in others and celebrating it.
Take time to share random acts of kindness this month; be creative and have fun practicing kindness.
Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17.
Kindness matters.

Kindness is teachable and contagious
Kindness benefits us by:

- Increasing our happiness and improving our mood.
- Helping us cope and reducing worry and stress.
- Connecting us to others in a positive way.


Research shows kindness helps students be more respectful, empathetic, and positive about school.

Tips to help your family nurture kindness
Talk with your children about ways to show kindness.
Practice and role model kindness at home.
Take notice of others' acts of kindness and receive kindness when it's offered.
Learn from each other through sharing good things that have happened.

Random Acts of Kindness - Ideas
Paint positive messages on rocks and leave them around the neighborhood.
Help someone with a chore.
Spend time with people you care about.
Be a friend to the new kid at school.
Start a Random Acts of Kindness challenge in your family or school.

MORE RESOURCES
[Random Acts of Kindness](#)
[RAK Health Facts](#)
[Help in Tough Times](#)

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:

[MyHealthAlberta.ca](https://myhealth.alberta.ca)

Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642

811 Health Link
Health Advice 24/7

