



Daysland Digest



Wednesday, June 16, 2021

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Learning Commons Notes

All library books are to be returned to the library this week.

Junior & Senior High students, all textbooks need to be returned on the day of your final exam.

Please check at home for any lost library books and return them as soon as possible.

Thank you and keep reading over the summer! Have a great holiday everyone!

Mrs. McCarroll
Learning Commons Facilitator



Last Day of School/Final Report Cards

The last day of school for all junior and senior high students will be Friday, June 25th.

Final report cards for students in grades 7 to 12 will be available for pick up between 1:00 and 3:00pm on Tuesday, June 29th

The last day of school for all students in grades 1 to 6 will be Tuesday, June 29th. School buses will be running on their regular schedule and students will be dismissed at 3:11pm.

Final report cards for grades 1 to 6 will be handed out in homerooms at the end of the school day on Tuesday, June 29th.

Report cards will be sent home with siblings, upon request.

Report cards that are not picked up or sent home with a sibling will be mailed out by the end of the day, Wednesday, June 30.

Athletics

Our athletics department is looking for community coaches for the 2021-2022 school year, in the following sports:

- Cross Country Running
- Volleyball
- Jr. High Basketball
- Badminton
- Track & Field

If you are interested, please contact the school at 780-374-3676.



Student/Parent Portal

The Student/Parent Portal will be closed to viewing on Wednesday, June 16 while teachers prepare report cards.

2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration

Registration forms are available online at www.brsd.ab.ca for students who will be entering kindergarten in September. **Children must be 5 years of age before December 31, 2021 to be eligible.** Copies of birth certificates, health care cards, legal land locations and 911 addresses are required at the time of registration.

Completed forms and information can be dropped off at the school or emailed to somoth@brsd.ab.ca. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 780-374-3676.

SWIMMING LESSONS

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1 TO 4 HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED. STUDENTS WILL BE TRAVELLING TO THE KILLAM AGRIPLEX BY BUS.

UPDATED PERMISSION FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS.

DATES AND TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE 21ST TO JUNE 25TH
GRADE 1 & 2 – 11:00AM
GRADE 3 & 4 – 1:00PM



Thank You!

It has been a very different year here at Daysland School, and even though we were unable to participate in many of our regular activities we would still like to thank the following groups for providing funds towards year end field trips, swimming lessons, and other extracurricular activities:

Daysland Ag Society
Heisler Ag Society
Daysland School Council
Friends of Daysland School Council

Unfortunately volunteers were not able to be in the school this year, however we would like to say thank you to everyone who has given their time to support our students and staff in any way! We greatly appreciate everything you do to help make Daysland School a wonderful place!

THANK YOU!

School Supply Online Ordering

Parent Council along with Daysland School is once again offering online school supply ordering for interested parents.

Supplies can be ordered online, individually or as a kit according to your student's grade and will be delivered directly to the school by the end of August.

Information has been sent home with students!



Principal's Corner

It has been a difficult year with so many disruptions caused by the pandemic, but in many ways we have seen the benefits of communities coming together to find creative ways to remain connected to each other. During this year, I have come to appreciate the tremendous efforts that all the stakeholders made to provide as "normal" a year as possible for all the students of Daysland School despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic. This type of support, of course, is typical of the Daysland School community in any year.

For example, our School Council, is an ardent supporter of everything the staff wants to do to improve the student experience at Daysland School. They also came up with a number of initiatives themselves to support the students and staff. In fact, our School Council won recognition this year from the Battle River School Division "Friends of Battle River" recognition awards program at the Ward level. This award recognizes individuals, or groups, who contribute in outstanding ways to schools in the Battle River School Division. This reward is richly deserved by our School Council and it is nice to see the recognition for their outstanding contributions extend beyond our school community.

The community at large also generously contributes to the school on a regular basis. Very often, when we go to purchase items from local businesses in town, we are given a generous discount, or the items are simply donated. This is emblematic of the support seen across the community, and among the parents, for the students and school.

The students themselves show an appreciation for their school community and contribute in a number of ways. The student SAVY group consists of high school students who advocate for their peers and generate ideas to improve the school experience for all students at Daysland School. They have given excellent suggestions to support their peers throughout the year, and we look forward to even more activities from SAVY next year as we leave the pandemic behind.

Of course, staff are endlessly involved in creating new, exciting learning experiences and enjoyable activities for our students. The pandemic has presented a challenge to holding most of the normal activities that staff do to promote a sense of community in the school; however, creative solutions were found to bring students together while keeping them apart. For example, group student presentations were recorded separately and pieced together to form presentations for everyone to see. In addition, visits by authors were arranged and all classes joined interactively through classroom smartboards.

In the short time that I have been at Daysland School, I have had the privilege of working with a number of stakeholders who worked very hard to support the students in numerous ways. The cohesion and unity of purpose in rural schools across all the members of the school community is fully on display at Daysland School. It has been my privilege to spend a little time with everyone at Daysland School, and I wish all of you the best in the future!

Mr. Kyle

Dear School Families,

We are very excited to start the 2021-22 school year as the new Administration team at Daysland School. We look forward to continuing the great work that has long been a part of the fabric of Daysland School. Please know that you can always reach out to us if you have any questions.

Farewells

We would like to say thank you to Mr. Kyle who will be retiring at the end of the school year. His year at Daysland School was less than ordinary and he provided a calm and friendly voice throughout his time here. We wish him well as he spends more time with family and moves onto new adventures.

We also will be saying goodbye to Miss Frank. She took over for Mrs. Lang while she has been away on maternity leave and has done amazing work with the Grade 1 class. We wish her well as she moves to BC and there is definitely a lucky school in her future.

Planning for 2021/2022

We have some changes in store for our elementary classes next year. We are happy to report that Mrs. Schmidt-Teigen will take on the role as full time Grade 3 teacher next year. She will be moving from her current position as Kindergarten and Grades 1-5 music teacher.

We are currently going through the hiring process to find a new Kindergarten teacher. We will also be hiring someone for the Grade 1 position until Mrs. Lang returns. More information will be shared once these positions are filled.

Mr. Wilson

Mrs. Thomas

2021-2022 Start Up

The first day of school (for grades 1 to 12 students) in 2021-2022 is Tuesday, September 7th.

Kindergarten will have a staggered entry, and the teacher will be in contact with parents with specific, start-up dates and times for their children.

On behalf of the staff at Daysland School we wish you all a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you again on September 7th!



Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2021

- I. Call to order:**
Kirby Schmidt-Teigen called to order the regular meeting of the Daysland School Council at 7:00 pm.
- II. In attendance:**
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| Brad Kyle (Principal) | Wes Wilson (Vice Principal) | Jenni Thomas | Brenda McKay |
| Kirby Schmidt-Teigen | Laura Zwack | Teena Kasha | Candice Guhle |
| Pauline Hudson | Alison Eshpeter | Adrian Ketchmark | Cristin Zimmer |
| Shaunet Petiot | Jeannie Hoermann | | |
- III. Shout Outs:**
-To Miss. Pasychnyk for setting up a games night for her grade 5 students during online learning. It was a huge hit!
- IV. Review of Agenda:** no additions or deletions. Pauline accepted the agenda, seconded by Candice. All in favour. Motion carried.
- V. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:**
Minutes of the March 17th meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. Adrian moved the minutes adopted as circulated. Cristin seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
- VI. Correspondence:** none at this time.
- VII. Reports:**

a) Administrators:

1. Information Items:
 - Introduction of New Assistant Principal - Jenni Thomas
 - Staffing. There will be no reduction in staffing next year, same FTE, support staff will keep their hours.
 - The current high school Quarter - Final potential exam date for Bio 30 will be June 23.
 - Year end - Last day planned for grades 10-12 is June 23, grades 7-9 is June 24 and K-6 will be June 29 (subject to change as per BRSD)
2. Resurfacing of the track - Shale order
-Jeanni will speak with the Town and email her information when she finds out.
3. Elementary Ga Ga Ball Pit - built and stained
4. Elementary Track and Field - Student Council to provide treats.
5. Registration forms for 2021-2022 are being sent home earlier this year as BRSD wants to know the number of in class and online students.

b) Room Reps:

Kindergarten (Alison Eshpeter): Mrs. Schmidt-Teigen

We have 11 days left of kindergarten this school year! We have been working hard on sight words and sounding out words. We are working on “subitizing”, a word all of the kindergarteners know and none of their parents do. Search YouTube and our friend Jack Harmann will sing you a catchy jingle about it. (It’s when you perceive the number in a group of items at a glance without actually counting them.)

Grade 1 (Teena Kasha): Miss Frank

We are learning how to measure the height, length, width and weight of different classroom objects! The kids have loved using scales to measure the weight of things! In science, we are learning about the needs of plants and animals - tomorrow grade one students will be planting their own bean plants! Next week some very special guests will join our class but it is a surprise - we will be raising butterflies for the month of June! We will learn about their life cycle and plan to release them at the end of the month. :)

Grade 2 (Laura Zwack): Mrs. Schlaut

All is well in grade 2. Everyone is happy to be back at school together. 😊

Grade 3 & 4 (Cristin Zimmer): Mr. Wilson

In LA we are finishing up Charlotte’s Web. The students are creating a speech to save Wilbur from his fate. We are also creating fractured fairy tales for our story writing unit. In Math we finished our Data Analysis unit. We learned to create bar graphs using Google Sheets. We are now working on the Fractions unit. In Science, the Grade 4s are wrapping up the Wheels and Levers unit and the Grade 3s are finishing the unit on Building and Testing with a Variety of Materials. In June both classes will use the knowledge learned from these units to build model playgrounds during our Building units. Mr. Wilson wants to thank the class for all of their hard work during their time of at-home learning. Everyone put forth a great effort and it was greatly appreciated.

Grade 5 (Kirby Schimdt-Teigen): Miss Pasychnyk - all is well

Grade 6 (Cristin Zimmer): Mrs. McKay

We will be going to swimming lessons next week in Killam. We are working hard to finish up all of our last units before the end of the year. Even though we had good attendance and participation in online learning, everyone is happy to be back to school for the remainder of the year.

Grade 7 (Adrian Ketchmark):

The grade 7 class has been enjoying spring. We started Q4 working on Articles in Language Arts (Mr. Pastachak) and made slideshows about them. Social Studies (Mrs. Thomas) we have been learning about the need for immigration. We were also doing Industrial Arts (Mr. Kerslake) and Drama (Mrs. Thomas). Going into at home learning we started a new unit in Science (Mr. Pastachak) about Planet Earth, and in Math (Mrs. McKay) we learned how to calculate area. Now that we are back to school we have been playing outdoor soccer in Phys Ed. and in Industrial Arts we are finishing bird houses and Ga Ga Ball pit modifications.

Grade 8 (Jeannie Hoermann):

ELA-Mrs. Thomas-Working on our poetry unit. Currently working on a spoken word poetry project.

Social-Mrs. Thomas-Learning about Japan. Currently working on a group project about the golden age of Edo and culture in that time.

Home Ec.-Mrs. Thomas-May 26th, we made Pigs in a Blanket

Math-Mrs.M. Zimmer-Just had a Unit Test on Chapter 4, which was on measuring prisms and cylinders. Will be moving on to our final unit, geometry. Just over one unit left.

Science-Mrs.M.Zimmer- We are learning about glaciers and how they can affect the geography. Half way through this last unit.

Gym-Mrs.M. Zimmer-Doing Kickball. Hoping to take classes golfing next month.

Leadership-Mrs. Zimmer-Working individually on projects to help our community and those around us and the world. Some kids have really good ideas! :)

Shop-Mr.Kerslake-Some kids are finishing their project to create a silhouette, others are moving on to create board games, like crib.

Grade 9 (Candice Guhle):

Mrs. V. Zimmer: Social is going well, all good.

Mrs. B. Zimmer: All is well! On the home stretch, 2.5/9 units left.

Mrs. Thomas: Drama and Home Ec. are going well. Nothing to report from either.

Grade 10 (Pauline Hudson):

Gr 10s are beginning their new quarter today. They will have Social Studies in the morning, and option in the afternoon (Phys Ed or Art, I believe). As students are in isolation at home right now, they should be checking their emails daily for instructions from their teacher. For Social Studies, students have been invited to join the google classroom, where lessons and work have been posted. For Phys Ed, students have been encouraged to keep a daily fitness log outlining their activity until we are back in class.

Art Class, all is well.

Grade 11 (Teena Kasha):

Mrs. V. Zimmer: Social 20 is going well - battling through the World Wars right now. The students were all fantastic through our online learning time, always with their cameras on and participating with the class. I really appreciate their efforts and their parents' support.

Mrs. Johnson:I don't have anything, other than we are happy to be back together for Phys Ed.!

Grade 12 (Shaunet Petiot):

Mrs. Walker: The last day of classes for Grade 12s will be June 23rd. Other than that, we're happy to be back in the classroom again and we're working through our genetics unit.

VIII. Old Business:

Mr. Kyle - The April 31, 2021 SGF Report was presented to council for approval.

IX. New Business:

Council of School Councils: Kirby

- At one point since Spring Break, there were 1550 students and nearly 100 staff in quarantine/isolation.
- Nominations for elections are being accepted any time
- Several school promotional videos have been posted and there are more to come.
- BRSD is looking for host families for international students for the coming year.
- Camrose Pride Committee wants to encourage schools in the division to fly a pride flag or host an event, June is Pride Month in Alberta.

X. Adjournment:

Cristin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm



ARRR U Excited for Kindergarten?! 2021

Is your child getting ready to start kindergarten in September? Do they like to read books, make crafts, go on treasure hunts, and just have a blast?

Then this is the summer program for your child!

A **FREE**, fun filled, pirate themed summer program for children entering kindergarten is coming your way!

This program promotes:

- social communication, speech, language and listening skills
- gross motor skills (throwing, catching, running, kicking)
- fine motor skills (printing, cutting, doing up buttons)
- early literacy skills

August 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2021

Virtually (Adult attendance is mandatory)

10:00am – 11:15 am

Designed and run by Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational and Physical Therapists from Children's Rehabilitation Services in the Flagstaff County.

REGISTER by August 11th, 2021 or if you have further questions please call
780-374-0313






Career Counselling

June 2021 Newsletter

Every child should know there's a place in the world for them.

Ed Hidalgo, CareerWise by CERIC February 2021

New Research	Show Me the Evidence	Rutherford & Student Aid
<p>New research by the Brookfield Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship is presented in their report, Yesterday's Gone: Exploring possible futures of Canada's labour market in a post-COVID world. Here they share the following three key findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated pre-existing trends such as automation and digitization while forcing society to rethink many assumptions about how we work and learn, and our socioeconomic structures and systems. <p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 has given rise to new trends, including a heightened prioritization of meaning and well-being in our work and lives. While some changes may be temporary, they could have longer term implications for the labour market. • Topics that may seem unrelated to Canada's labour market, such as floods, air pollution, and responsible artificial intelligence, all have the potential to impact the future of work. 	<p></p> <p>Portfolio building is something you do for yourself - a way to track the things of which you are most proud and your personal growth. But it also is a place to gather evidence to show others what you have to offer.</p> <p>Support statements of your skills and abilities with evidence of your experiences. Pictures, descriptions, reflections, articles and the products of your efforts may all be used to add meaning to your words. In other words, document when you take your quad apart to repair that broken throttle or when you supported your mare while she birthed.</p> <p>This evidence could also be an earned credential you hold. Use your myBlueprint portfolio to store evidence of a completed safety module such as HCS3000 or AGR3000, a certification such as your Swimming Canada Level 1: Fundamentals Coach, or a licence like your Class 5-GDL.</p>	<p>Looking for money to help pay for your post-secondary education? Start with checking for your Rutherford Scholarship eligibility in your myBlueprint account under the High School tab. Remember, this is a tool that is only as accurate as the information that is inputted and that eligibility requirements include the "dash 2" programs for both English and Social. For additional information, go to Funding your Education in BRSD's HS+ website.</p> <p></p> <p>Considering applying for student loans? Go to Alberta Student Aid to find eligibility requirements and step-by-step instructions to create your account, complete your application and submit required documents. A down-loadable copy of the Student Loans & Grants Funding Guide is also available. Watch for the new 2020-2021 copy.</p>



Have a safe and experience-filled summer!
The Career Counselling Team is looking forward to seeing you again in September.

Your BRSD Career Counsellors, Lynda Kope & Carla Praticante

careercounselling@brsd.ab.ca



International Student Program is recruiting Host Families!

Battle River receives international students from over 8 different countries. We believe that promoting and fostering global citizenship is an important component in a well rounded education and we believe that students from other countries bring richness and diversity to our schools.

Battle River School Division has a small international program, hosting between 30-40 students per year. Our smaller numbers allow us to create personalized programming for our students. Students get many supports from the school and the community. Since we are doing such a great job, our program is growing!

With more students coming, we need additional caring families to host these students.

Want to be a Host Family?

Host families who welcome international students into their home:

- Grow their understanding of the world and its peoples
 - Make life-long friendships
- Get to share the beauty of their home and community
- Ensure their local economy benefits from the booming international education industry
 - Receive a generous allowance to offset expenses

Please contact:

Gail Rombough, Relationship Manager

Phone: 780-781-0615 Email: homestay@brsd.ab.ca

[Visit Our Website](#)

Addiction & Mental Health News

June 2021

Helping Kids Grow Up Great

Nothing has more impact in the life of a child than positive relationships. Building these connections can be easy but takes intention. Start by telling your child what you love about them. Catch them doing great things. Have them overhear you saying something positive about them. Doing these easy things will help them grow up great!

Every Child Has a SPARK!

Find out what spark (passions or interests) your child has. Ask them what they love to do with their free time. Then help them grow that passion! But what if you don't share that same enthusiasm for their passion?

Ask them to teach you about what they love.

Have them show you what they love about their spark.

Show Kids You Care

Feeling love for a child may come naturally, but how do we show that love to them?

Be dependable.

Involve them in decisions that affect them.

Set boundaries.

Inspire them by exposing them to new ideas or experiences.

Expect their best.

40 Developmental Assets

The 40 Assets are building blocks & experiences that all kids need to thrive.

The higher the number of assets a child has, the more likely they are to make good choices and avoid risky behaviours.

To learn how you can be an asset builder, visit: sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets.

MORE RESOURCES

sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets

[Bringing Out the Best in Your Family - Keep Connected \(searchinstitute.org\)](#)

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



 MyHealthAlberta.ca

Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642



Health Link
Health Advice 24/7



Alberta Health
Services

Community News & Events

Hiring a Summer Program Coordinator/ Facilitator



When: July 5 – August 21, 2021

Where: Daysland Public Library

Resumes can be dropped off or e-mailed to:

dayslandlibrary@prl.ab.ac

Funded by Canada Summer Jobs

Service
Canada 

Deadline for Applications June 25, 2021

Age: 15 +

The Job: coordinating the children's summer program for 2021; planning and scheduling activities; implementing the schedule of activities, storytelling and crafts

Other Info: One position for 30 hrs. per week @ \$15.00/hour

Contact - Christine for more info at 780-374-2297

Hiring a Summer Program Assistant



When: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from July 5– August 21, 2021

Where: Daysland Public Library

Resumes can be dropped off or e-mailed to:

dayslandlibrary@prl.ab.ac

Funded by Canada Summer Jobs

Service
Canada 

Deadline for Applications June 25, 2021

Age: 15 +

The Job: assisting the summer program coordinator with setting up/cleaning up and supervising children's activities, storytelling and crafts

Other Info: One position for 30 hrs. per week @ \$15.00/hour

Contact - Christine for more info at 780-374-2297

Are You Looking For A Summer Job?

Dan Hochhausen is looking for full time farm help for the summer.
You must be 16 years or older and have a valid driver's license.
For more information, please call Dan at 780-608-0653