



Daysland Digest



Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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Principal's Corner

We have arrived at our November break. Today is the last day of classes. Students will return on Wednesday, November 17th. We hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday and that you have the opportunity to relax and unwind.

Our return to school will mark the beginning of Quarter 2. Information was sent to families through School Messenger about the impact this will have on student timetables.

We also know that winter is going to be arriving soon. Please ensure as the temperature drops and the snow arrives, that your child is prepared for the cold. Students need to have appropriate clothing for travelling on the bus in the event of an emergency. Elementary students need to be dressed for winter recess as well.

Congratulations to all of our Junior and Senior High volleyball teams on a successful season. They did an amazing job. I want to recognize our coaches. It takes an immense amount of work for a successful season and we are grateful for the time they put in.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our staff, students and families for a successful first quarter. We look forward to further learning in the months ahead.

COVID Hazard Control Administrative Procedure

BRSD recently communicated that a new Administrative Procedure - 451 COVID Hazard Control is being implemented. This stipulates that all BRSD staff and contractors, as well as all visitors to School Buildings (including parents, coaches, trustees, outside user groups), must provide Proof of Partial Immunization by October 29, 2021, and Proof of Full Immunization no later than December 3, 2021 or negative Rapid COVID-19 Test dated 72 hours or less prior and Proof of a Negative PCR/Antigen Test. We are still open for visitors but if you do plan to visit the school by appointment, please be aware that you will have to show either of these two options prior to entering the building. A letter providing more information on how this impacts school sports will be sent home to athletes in the near future.

2021-2022 School Fees

School fees are now due. You can pay your fees on-line by visiting the school website. If you do not have access to on-line payments, the school does accept cash or cheque. For any questions or to arrange payment options, please contact the school office.

Little Caesar's Pizza Sales

Our Pizza Fundraiser has come to a close!

Thank you to all Senior High students who made sales.

Orders will be delivered on November 23rd. More info to come on time of arrival.

Volleyball Update

Our Volleyball seasons are coming to a close – thank you to all of our coaches for volunteering their time and knowledge! Thank you to Mrs. Schlaut, Mrs. Cristin Zimmer, Raya Schlaut, Mrs. Johnson, Larissa Mohler, Miss Jillian Omoth, Mr. Colby Omoth, Miss Samantha Mollenback, and Miss Pasychnyk!

Congratulations to our Junior Darls who finished the season with a silver medal at Regionals!

Virtual School Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00pm

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

BRSD Update on PowerSchool Report Cards

Battle River School Division has moved to the PowerSchool Gradebook system. You may have already been into your child's PowerSchool gradebook and viewed the information regarding your child's academic progress. Along with this new gradebook we have a new report card format. Right now, this report card format is very different from past year's report cards. It is extremely basic in how it pulls information from the gradebook system. For students in Grades 1 to 6, the learning outcomes your child covered over this term will not appear on this report card. Grades 7 to 12 report cards look different but overall contain the same information. Our teachers have written detailed comments to provide you with a deep understanding of your child's progress to date.

We are working to develop a new report card for second term that will look more like our "old" report card format. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's report card please contact your child's teacher.

2022-2023 School Calendar Survey

Please remember to check your email and fill out the survey sent out by Battle River School Division for the Fall start date and Christmas holiday dates for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021

I. Call to order:

Kirby Schmidt-Teigen called to order the regular meeting of the Daysland School Council at 7:03 pm.

II. In attendance:

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| Wes Wilson (Principal) | Jenni Thomas (Vice Principal) | Kirby Schmidt-Teigen |
| Brenda McKay | Laura Zwack | April Terway |
| Teena Kasha | Candice Guhle | Pauline Hudson |
| Alison Eshpeter | Adrian Ketchmark | Cristin Zimmer |
| Wendy Weiss | Jeannie Hoermann | Heather Miller |

III. Review of Agenda: no additions or deletions. Laura accepted the agenda, seconded by Adrian. All in favour. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Minutes of the September 22nd meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. Adrian moved the minutes adopted as circulated. Jeanni seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

V. Shout Outs:

- To Jeannie for her generous donation of books for the elementary;
- To Miss Gloria for taking on the breakfast club;
- To all of the hot lunch volunteers

VI. Dwight Dibben, our newly elected BRSD Trustee for Flagstaff County spent a few minutes introducing himself to council.

VII. Correspondence: Learning Team papers

VIII. Reports:

a) Administrators

1. Welcome!
2. K-12 parent-teacher interviews are complete.
3. PowerSchool - parent portal is going live on November 1st
4. Volleyball season is winding down - a successful season for all of our teams.
5. Cross Country and Golf were cut short due to high COVID numbers and schools in outbreak status. Meets and tournaments that were postponed in the Fall will be rescheduled for the Spring.
6.
 - a. Elementary class parties starting at 2:00
 - b. Senior High activities planned by SAVY
7. SACE Presentation
8. Key Dates/Events in November
 - a. Social 30 Diploma Exams - November 3rd Pt. A - November 8th Pt. B
 - b. Jr/Sr. High Awards November 10th
 - c. Remembrance Day Ceremony - virtual/video presentation November 10th
 - d. November Break for Students - November 11th-16th
 - e. Collaboration Day for Staff - November 16th
 - f. Quarter 2 Begins - November 17th
 - g. Report Cards Go Home - November 19th
9. Travis Kerslake has items for donation into the upcoming auction.
10. AP 451 - Hazard Control
 - a. Staff/volunteers/visitors need to provide proof of vaccination
 - b. Upon arrival visitors will need to provide proof of vaccination
 - c. Impact on spectators for sporting events
 - d. Investing in streaming equipment for basketball season
 - e. Temporary until health emergency is no longer in place
11. Track update

12. Student Celebrations

- a. Student of the week
- b. Prizes/School Swag
- c. Assemblies on hold due to cohorting

13. [School Council Liability Insurance](#) - message below from BRSD

We want to ensure that our parent volunteers understand when they are covered by the Division's liability insurance and when they are not. Some of our school fundraising groups/societies do not have insurance that protects their volunteers/directors and may believe that they are covered by the Division's liability insurance. This document provides an overview that needs to be provided to school councils.

b) Room Reps:

Kindergarten (Brenda): Mrs. Tanton

We have a new vet center up in the loft this month and we'll be making Witches Brew this month where students have to fill custom orders of witches brew. So, they'll put on their witches hats and start concocting brews in their cauldrons with ingredients like bats, eyeballs, fangs, pumpkins, bones and spiders, it's bound to be a spooktacular time :) We're going on a Nature Walk on Friday with our nature bags to collect some natural items to bring back to our classroom. We're busy learning our letters and numbers, singing Halloween songs and reciting Halloween themed poems. Kindergarten is where it's at!!

Grade 1 (April): Miss Pasychnyk

All is well in the Grade 1 class! The "Boo Crew" has been having fun incorporating all things Halloween in our learning adventures!

In ELA we are focusing on our short vowel sounds. Students have been reading, writing and building short vowel words. We also just finished up our visual journals on what makes us turn into a Crankenstein!

In Math students continue to focus on addition to 10! Students are learning new math games such as race to 100, war and pop it addition.

In Science we are focusing on creating colour! Students mixed primary colours to make secondary colours. We did this through mixing food colouring into our pudding cups. We made pumpkin, witch and monster coloured cups. It was both yummy and educational!

This group has had an amazing transition into Grade 1. We have lots of fun learning adventures ahead of us this year!

Grade 2 (Kirby): Mrs. Schlaut - all is well

Grade 3 (Heather): Mrs. Teigen

Things are going well in grade 3. In ELA we are working on adding descriptive words into our writing to make it more interesting for our readers. In math we are skip counting numbers up to 1000. In science we are wrapping up our unit on rocks and minerals. We've had fun doing lots of hands on learning within that unit.

Both Mrs. Teigen and her students have really added to their knowledge about rocks and will likely never look at them the same way again!

Grade 4/5 (Alison): - Mr. Gratrix

We have been reading a book called "Crime Bites" in ELA that the students have really enjoyed.

Students recently made Kahoot! games to learn more about the different physical regions for Social Studies.

In Science we are continuing our weather unit and are looking at different types of clouds.

In math we have been working on multiplication tables (4/5) and division tables (5).

Grade 6 (Wendy): Mrs. McKay

Some fun things we've done in gr. 6:

- Mrs. McKay challenged the class to read 40 books by the end of the year. Everyone is busy trying to get a good start on that.

- Oct. 6: We made bannock and learned a little about indigenous culture with Mrs. McKay's mother-in-law, Alida McKay

- Oct. 12: We had the town CAO in as a guest speaker to talk about municipal government and the election

- Oct. 18: We had naan bread, tea, and dried apricots: a meal Afghanistans often eat, as described in our class novel, The Breadwinner.

Grade 7 (Cristin):

The Grade 7 class says they've been learning! We are into a new novel that we are listening to together as a class, adding and subtracting whole numbers and fractions in Math, learning about the first Europeans to arrive in Canada - the French! - and just moved past ecosystems in Science.

Grade 8 (Adrian):

The Grade 8's have had a busy start to the year! In social studies we have been learning about the European Renaissance with Mr. Pastachack, and in Science class we have learned about matter with Mrs. Zimmer. Our class has been participating in cross country, golf, and volleyball; and our Jr Girls volleyball team won their tournament this past weekend. Mrs. Thomas in Home Ec. is teaching us how to sew.

Grade 9 (Jeannie):

Mrs. V. Zimmer, ELA: We are just wrapping up the first act of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, and the general consensus is, and I quote: "It's not as bad as I thought it would be!" ;)

Mrs. Johnson, Outdoor ED: Students have been in their Biking and Fire Building unit, which will culminate in a 50 km Bike Trip tomorrow!

Mrs. M. Zimmer: We finished our first unit last week, about biological diversity. A printout with an updated mark will be sent home with the class for science at some point near the end of the week of Oct.18th. I am just waiting for one more student to write the test. Parents should expect to see this by the week of Oct. 25th. They can email me if they have not received it early next week.

We are on our second unit about space! Things are going well. ☺☐

Grade 10 (Candice):

Mrs. M. ZimmerMath 15 - I would like to say thank you for the money for our games. We just got them last week. We have these strategy games - code breaker, blokus, marbles, sequence and jenga. The kids are enjoying the games.

Miss J Sr. High Vball is halfway through the season and both teams are seeing a lot of progress.

Sr. High students are fundraising and selling Little Caesar's Pizza - deliveries will be made November 15.

Mrs. Walker In Science 10, we have finished the physics unit and are now learning about cell biology. We are nearly finished the first quarter so just a reminder that the final exam for the Science 10 will be the last day - November 10.

Mrs. Thomas & Mr. Pastachak Grade 10's have been busy creating some really great art projects based on the various elements of design. We sure have some talented artists in our school.

Mrs. Kruchten is the new career counsellor for Daysland School. This quarter she is available Monday mornings for one on one appointments. Next quarter, will be Monday afternoons. She was a career and academic counsellor in Bawlf from 2013-2017 and is looking forward to working with students in Daysland, Forestburg, Bawlf and ECCHS. Grade 11&12 students have already been booking appointments. She will focus on meeting with the Grade 10's and setting up their MYPass accounts in the New Year.

Grade 11 (Pauline):

Miss J - The Grade 11's have finished their novel study and are currently working on McBeth.

Mrs. Walker -For the grade 11s: In Bio 20, we are just starting our third unit on photosynthesis. This one will be quite short, then we start our human body systems unit which students are excited about. In Chem 20, we are learning about the properties of gasses. We will be doing more experimental labs in this unit and the last two so students will be getting some practice with laboratory skills.

Grade 12 (Teena):

Mrs. M. Zimmer - The 30-2/30-1 updated marks were sent home. If parents do not get them, please contact her.

Mr. Pastachak- Grade 12 Social is getting ready for diploma exams

Mrs. Walker - Chemistry 20 update is the same as grade 11.

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business: none

XI. Adjournment:

Kirby adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm

Next meeting will be held virtually on November 17, 2021.



Career Counselling

November 2021 Newsletter

Did you apply to post-Secondary? Remember to monitor your personal email and post-Secondary portals for ongoing communication including next steps, deadlines and offers of admission.

| Alberta 2030 Initiative 56 New Micro-credentials | Looking for Something New? | Free Online Safety Courses |
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| <p><i>Alberta</i> The Alberta 2030 Building Skills for Jobs initiative was launched earlier this year empowering students to build skills to meet their career goals. This new multi-year pilot micro-credential initiative involves 19 post-secondary institutes offering 56 different programs with many including a work-integrated learning component.</p> <p>Checkout Alberta institutions for..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence INTELLIGENT SUPPLY CHAIN Animation Solar Energy Agri-Business CREATIVE INDUSTRY TALENT ACCELERATOR Health Technology Software Engineering Tourism & Hospitality Management Data Privacy & Security Blockchain Fundamentals Strategic Sustainability & Sustainable Energy Technology | <p>Is there something out there that you haven't considered before? Maybe you need to look again?</p> <p>NAIT Career-ready training programs evolve over time to meet industry needs. NAIT now offers four new trade diplomas including <i>Advanced Plumbing Technology, Advanced Welding Technology, Electrical Installations Technology, and Automotive Service Technology.</i></p> <p>Looking for something in the entertainment industry? Coming soon to the program list at Bow Valley College is <i>Advanced Game Development (Fall 2022) or Advanced Film Development (Winter 2023).</i></p> <p>MacEwan UNIVERSITY Changes at MacEwan include new minors in <i>Film Studies, Digital Experience Design and Songwriting</i> as well as a new <i>Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree.</i></p> | <p>CAREERS: The Next Generation has a partnership with the <i>Alberta Construction Safety Association (ACSA)</i>, which provides access to free online training courses. CHECK IT OUT!!!</p> <p>Here are some of the course options available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worker and Employer Responsibilities Work Site Expectations Hazard Management Personal Protective Equipment Manual Lifting Hand Tools Noise WHMIS Emergency Response Preparedness <p>Check out the link to the ACSA site to connect with these courses.</p> <p>For more information contact Shane at shanemckay@nextgen.org</p> |

High School Students are encouraged to watch their High School Plus Google Classroom for ongoing opportunities.

Your BRSD Career Counsellors - Lynda Kope, Theresa Kruchten & Carla Praticante career counselling@brsd.ab.ca

CHECK US OUT!



ELAA

Educational Liaison Association of Alberta

Your connection to Post-Secondary Opportunities in Alberta!

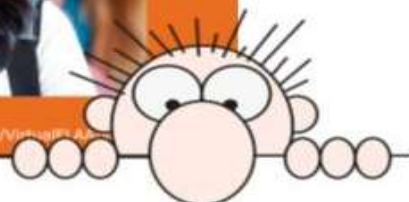
NOVEMBER DATES!!!

November 2, 5-7 pm

November 16, 10 am - 12pm

November 17, 5-7 pm

November 25, 1-3 pm



How to Register?

Check your **HS+ Google Classroom** or the **High School Plus site** (under Quick Links) for more information & to register!

Ag for Life and Presenting Partner FCC are Proud to Present:

FEED YOUR FUTURE

An event designed to empower, connect and inspire a network of young women in grades 9-12 and post-secondary.



EMPOWER, CONNECT & INSPIRE



NOV. 17, 2021 9 AM - 12 PM (MST)

Learn More & Register for this virtual event!

www.agricultureforlife.ca/feed-your-future

OR the *Events to Support HS+* calendar in your *HS+* site

Addiction & Mental Health News

November 2021

Talk to your kids about alcohol

While the legal age to consume alcohol is 18, the average age adolescents in Alberta have their first drink of alcohol that is more than a sip, is 13. This is important because the earlier in life a person starts to drink, the greater the risk of drinking problems in the future.

You can have a positive impact by having open conversations with your child, setting healthy boundaries and clear expectations.

You are the role model

Children tend to mimic the behavior of those they love and admire, especially that of their parents.

Peer pressure is a factor in adolescent drinking but often youth drink for the same reason as adults including sociability, relaxation, and fun.

People may also drink alcohol to avoid problems, relieve anxiety or stress, or to get drunk. Talk with your children about other strategies to manage difficult times or strong emotions.

Refusal Skills

Practice strategies with your child so they feel comfortable saying no when they are offered alcohol or other substances:

"No thanks, I don't want to". Teach them to repeat as many times as needed when being pressured; simply repeat in a friendly, neutral manner.

"Sorry, I have to leave". This may be the best way to get out of a tricky situation. Let your children know they can always say no to something that makes them uncomfortable. This will relieve them of a lot of the pressure.

How to have a conversation about alcohol

Be brief and neutral when explaining the facts about alcohol to your child; discuss the pros and cons. Explain the difference between drinking in moderation and alcohol misuse.

Encourage questions and expect that you'll be asked about your own drinking and experiences. Listen with full attention so your kids will talk.

Try to understand your child's point of view and avoid lecturing to keep the conversation going.

MORE RESOURCES

[Alcohol and Health Talk to Your Children About Alcohol \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](http://albertahealthservices.ca)

[Parent Information Series | Alberta Health Services](http://albertahealthservices.ca)

[Teen Health \(alberta.ca\)](http://alberta.ca)

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



Flagstaff Food Bank

Flagstaff Christmas Sharing 2021

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. As we shift in our changing world, we will provide coupons to clients to purchase their own food and gifts at participating grocery, drug, gift stores and hardware locations throughout Flagstaff.

We would appreciate monetary donations between **November 1st and December 17th, 2021**. **Donations can be dropped off at the Flagstaff Family and Community Services building at 4809 49th Avenue in Killam or mailed to Flagstaff Foodbank Christmas Sharing program at Box 352, Killam AB T0B 2L0**. 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 12th. 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 19th, 2021.

Thank you for your co-operation and support

Flagstaff Christmas Sharing Program
Box 352
Killam, AB, T0B 2L0

Flagstaff Food Bank

2021 Christmas Sharing Application form: call 780-385-3976 for more information

Please note ** pick up location **Flagstaff Family and Community Services Building in Killam**

FFCS: 4809 49th Avenue Killam. Pick up in 2021 by appointment only (you will be contacted so a current working phone number is very important) between Monday November 8th and Friday December 17th, 2021

Once again, the Flagstaff Food Bank will be coordinating the Christmas Sharing Program. If this community project would benefit you and/or your family this year, please allow us to accommodate your needs by providing us with the necessary information on the reverse side.

We encourage all requests to be submitted by **Friday November 19th, 2021**. Please submit as early as possible to help out our volunteers.

This year we will be handing out monetary coupons. This will allow recipients to make their own choices for the purchase of food and some gifts from local Flagstaff businesses. The number of coupons will differ by household, depending on family size.

All information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

Your Christmas sharing package will be available for pickup by appointment only between Monday November 8th, 2021 and Friday December 17th, 2021, at the Flagstaff Family and Community Services Building in Killam at 4809 49th Avenue 780-385-3976. You will be contacted to make an appointment so a phone/contact number is very important

Flagstaff Christmas Sharing Program

Please Mail to: Flagstaff Christmas Sharing Program Box 450 Killam, AB T0B 2L0 or Phone: 780-385-3976

This program is for **Flagstaff Region Residents ONLY** and this form must be returned by **Friday November 19th, 2021**

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| Name | |
| Place of Residence: street address, box number, legal land description | |
| Telephone | |

Family Information—for members of Family **residing at the above address**

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| Name: | Gender: | Age: |
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Do you have access to a vehicle? YES NO If not who will pick up your Christmas package? _____ their phone number _____ or do you want us to mail it to you: Mailing address _____

Christmas Sharing Pick up is by **Appointment Only** at the FFCS office in Killam at 4809 49th Avenue. The contact number is **780-385-3976** and you will be contacted to make an appointment for pick up between Monday November 8th and Friday December 17th.