



ENCHANT SCHOOL

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Student/Parent/Staff Newsletter



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September 1, 2021



Welcome Back!! It is so exciting to be able to see everyone's faces and smiles.

Please go over the information package sent home yesterday which includes Principal's Message, Student Threat Assessment, School Calendar, and information forms that may need updating



INFORMATION/REGISTRATION UPDATE FORM

Please go over the attached Demographic update sheet on your child's information. Update any changes or fill in missing information. Please sign and return to the school for each student (even if there are no changes) as this will be your child's registration form for the 2020/21 school year.

2020-21 Off Site Activities

Please sign the Off Site Activities Permission form for your family. This allows the students to be able to walk as a class to school activities planned in the hamlet of Enchant and Enchant Park.

School Magnetic Calendar

A magnetic Calendar is enclosed for your family. This calendar has all of Enchant School's important dates highlighted.



Lord's Prayer - Notice to Parents

Students at Enchant School recite the Lord's Prayer in the morning after O'Canada.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in Lord's Prayer please fill out Lord's Prayer - Notice to Parents attached and return to the school.

Only return to the school if you want to OPT out of reciting Lord's Prayer.



Please fill out demographic update, off-site activities permission, and if necessary Lord's Prayer Opt-Out form and return to the school by September 15, 2020

Dates to Remember:

- Sept 10: Welcome Back BBQ & Terry Fox Run Kindergarten Friday
- Sept 23: No School
- Sept 24: No School
- Sept 30: Orange Shirt Day

Principal's Message – September 2021

A big "Welcome Back" to all our students and staff! September is always the most exciting month of the school year as the students, and the staff all come back to school after a long summer break and everyone is excited for the new school year to begin. After the last 18 months of COVID and following protocols and guidelines, everyone is looking forward to a return to a normal school year. School life will return to the way it was prior to the pandemic with freedom for our students to play with anyone in any grade level at recess times, go on field trips, listen to guest speakers, and so on.



A big thank you to Mrs. Helena Thiessen who spent the summer getting our school cleaned and ready for our return.

I would like to welcome some new staff members to the school:

- Mrs. Lynn Rattai who will be our Early Learning Leader, and Mrs. Catrina Howg, an Assistant in the Early Learning classroom. These ladies will be with us on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.
- Mr. Jonathan Zook and Mr. Mitchell Gaumont will be Intern teachers from the University of Lethbridge from now until Christmas time. Mr. Zook will be in working with Mrs. Takagi and teaching our Grade 1/2 students. Mr. Gaumont will be working with Mr. O'Connor teaching some Math and Science to students in Grades 5-9.
- Ms. Amanda Andrew is our new Family Connections Wellness Coordinator (here on Wednesdays) and Ms. Adrienne Harris is our new Child Youth Care Worker (here on Mondays). These ladies will be working with Mrs. Tara Odland our Family School Liaison Counsellor (here on Thursday mornings).



WEARING MASKS – Masks for students, at this time, is only required for our Bus Students who are in Grades 4-9. This has been mandated by the government, not the school. During the rest of the school day, masks are not required. If a student or staff member would like to wear a mask while at school, they are welcome to do so.

Hand Sanitizing stations – will be available at the front doors of the school. We would continue to ask students to use this upon entry to the school as it is one way to help protect everyone but is not mandatory.

Enchant School Advisory Council (ESAC) – this year I think it would be great to have at least one parent from each homeroom (Kindergarten, Gr. 1/2, Gr. 3/4, Gr. 5/6, and Gr. 7/8/9) to be a representative at our meetings. Meetings are held every second month and usually are about 1 to 2 hours in length. Our first meeting will be held on Monday September 27th starting at 6:45pm.



Friday September 10 is our Terry Fox Run and Welcome Back BBQ. Starting at 10:00am. We will have our Terry Fox assembly in the gym and then we will be heading out to walk around Enchant Park. About 11:30 we will be heading back to the school to have a burger, a bag of chips and juice box. We are looking to raise \$1000 for Cancer research. I think we all know someone who has battled cancer, so please donate to this worthy cause. **Parents please come and join us for the walk and burgers afterwards!!! We will also need some parent helpers here at the school to help serve and clean up afterwards. If you can do this, please call the school.**

Communication with Teachers outside of work hours

– Parents please note that any communication, such as Emails, text messages, phone calls should ideally take place during the hours of the workday (7:30am to 4:30pm). During the school day, your child’s teacher is working and may not have time to check their own phone or email, so please if you need to let any teacher know of any changes involving their child please contact the school and leave a message with the secretary. Individual teachers may provide alternate hours or ways to contact them, however, please realize that some communications may not be viewed before your child goes home at the end of the day. Communications that occur outside of Monday to Friday work hours or on weekends may not be responded to until the next workday.



First Day Package of Information – A rather large package of information and permission forms is being sent home that includes the following:

- 1) Student Demographics – please review to ensure it is correct, update any items that have changed and return to the school signed and dated on the last page.
- 2) Lord’s Prayer (opt out) – Students at our school recite the Lord’s Prayer each day. If you wish for your child NOT to participate, then sign the form and return to the school.
- 3) Student Threat Assessment – Fair Notice and Process – the letter and brochure inform parents that all threats/behaviours will be dealt with. It explains who will be involved and the purpose of this process. This is for your information and does not need to be returned to the school.
- 4) Off Site Activities – One form per family. Please put all your student’s names on this permission form, sign and date and return to the school.
- 5) Technology Agreement – This is for new students or grade 1 students only. It provides each student the opportunity to use Chromebooks or other devices in the school. Parents must sign and date and return to the school.
- 6) Magnetic Calendars – one per family, please put up on your fridge.



PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS TO THE SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021





If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me here at the school. I wish you all a wonderful 2021-22 school year.

Yours in education,

Mr. Kelly Schmidt
Principal

September 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Aug 31 	1	2 	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8 Early Learning Orientation	9 Kindergarten	10 TERRY FOX RUN Welcome Back BBQ Kindergarten	11
12	13 First day  Early Learning	14	15 Return all Forms Early Learning	16 Kindergarten	17	18
19	20 Early Learning	21	22 Early Learning	23 No School	24 No School	25
26	27 Early Learning	28	29 Early Learning	30  Kindergarten		