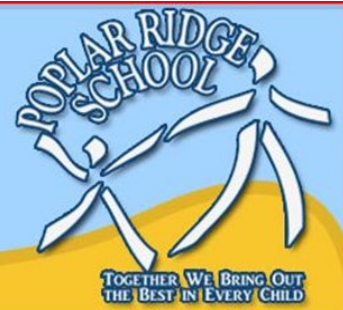


Poplar Ridge Elementary School



October 2, 2020 Newsletter



Principal's Message

Thank you to all of our families for following the new process for dropping off and picking up your children. The new schedule is working very well, as is evidenced by less congestion in our parking lot and a quicker turnaround time for you as you drop off and pick up during your designated times.

To ensure the safety of all children and drivers, we also want to remind you that the speed limit in our parking lot is 8 kph or 5 mph. As winter conditions approach and our parking lot becomes slippery, it is imperative that all drivers obey this speed limit to avoid injury and accidents. Always shoulder check before you pull out from the pick up/drop off curb and yield to busses.

Please note that **supervision of students begins at 8:30 am in the morning. Students should not arrive at school (by foot, bike or car) prior to this time, as staff are not available to care for them.** Thank you for your cooperation!

Parent Teacher Interviews- Wed. October 21 & Thurs. October 22: 3:15pm -8pm

As per CESD guidelines, all schools in our division will be conducting the **fall Parent Teacher Interviews via Google Meets**. Using Google Meet still allows for a face to face chat about your child's progress which is so important.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

The interviews will take place on October 21 and 22 from 3:15pm - 8pm.

The original date in our calendar was November 25 and 26 and was changed to provide more timely feedback to you and your child and to balance our reporting periods.

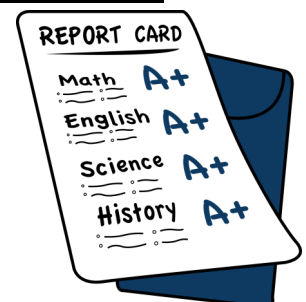
Interviews will be scheduled in 15 minutes blocks. You will schedule your interview through <https://poplarridge.parentteacherconferences.net>.

Ms.Salomons will share instructions on how to register. Please watch for this email.

After the scheduler has closed for bookings, your child's teacher will send you a Google Meet invite for your scheduled time via email prior to the appointment. We look forward to sharing your child's accomplishments and learning goals with you.

Implementation of the Division Middle School Gradebook and Report Card for Grades 5 & 6

Last year, our entire school began using the CESD Academic Achievement Scale for assessment of learning outcomes and report card grades. As I shared last year, this year our grade 5 and 6 teachers will fully implement the use of the CESD Middle School Academic Achievement Scale with aligned percentage grades, as well the CESD Middle School gradebook and report card. I will be sending more detailed information about this next week to parents of children in grades 5 and 6. In the meantime, please familiarize yourself with the [CESD Middle Grade Academic Achievement Scale](#).



Sick Child? What Should You Do?

If your child is ill, follow these steps:

1. Call the school office and let us know. If your child rides the bus, please call/text your bus driver and let them know your child will not be riding
2. If you aren't sure if your child should be tested, please refer to the [Responding to Covid 19 Symptoms flow chart](#) shared by our Superintendent last month.
 - a) We always recommend that you call 811 as they will determine your next steps and if testing is necessary.
 - b) Regardless of whether or not your child has core symptoms (red bubble) or secondary symptoms (yellow bubble) and a negative test result, **they cannot return to school until their symptoms resolve.**
3. If your child will miss more than a day or two of school, please call or email your child's teacher to arrange for school work.



We know that this AHS mandated process may create challenges for you. But please know that Ms. Salomons and I so appreciate your understanding and cooperation. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office and we will be happy to help you.

Dressing for Changing Weather and Outdoor PE

We have certainly been blessed with an amazing start to fall with warm sunny days and summer temps. However, we can't forget where we live. In a matter of hours, our weather can do an abrupt about-face and we can be shovelling snow! In preparation for our climate reality, please ensure that your child is dressed for season changes by having them wear layers and proper shoes. As we are doing PE outside whenever possible, they should have runners for outside as flip flops are not suitable for running, jumping and playing. Your child's teacher will let you know when they have PE so they can dress appropriately.

Student Masks

Just a reminder that students should be bringing their masks home to be washed daily. We recommend that each student to have more than 1 mask at school just in case they lose one or something happens.



Sanitizer Information

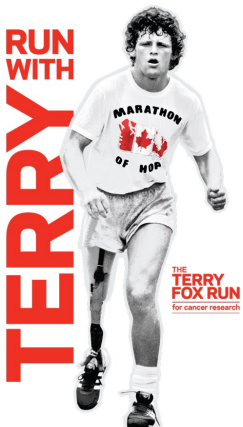
We have had a few parents ask about providing their own sanitizer. The sanitizer we provide is approved by AHS and meets the CDC guidelines. As such, our division prefers that students use our sanitizer as we know that it is formulated to kill the virus. If you are sending sanitizer to school with your child, it must be on this [Sanitizer Approved List](#). Thank you for checking this list and for your support in following AHS guidelines. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

On behalf of the staff at Poplar Ridge, Claire and I would like to wish your family a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your long weekend with family and friends.

Carolynne



Thanks to everyone who donated to this year's Terry Fox Run. As a school, we raised \$233.00!



Dates to Remember – Mark your Calendar



Teacher Collaboration Day No School—Friday, Oct 9
Deadline to order School Photos—Oct 11
Thanksgiving No School—Monday Oct 12
Healthy Hunger Hot Lunches Starts—Oct 13
Parent teacher Interviews—Oct 21 & 22
No School—Oct 23
Picture Retakes—Oct 29



Picture retakes
October 29

**Healthy
Hunger**

Tuesday/ Thursday Hot Lunch
is now open!! Order weekly through
www.healthyhunger.ca



Parent-Teacher Interviews Oct 21 & 22
3:15 to 8:00 pm

[Click here to book](#)

**School
F E E S**

[QuickPay—Online Fee](#) to pay school fees.

Happy to be learning in our safe and caring schools

A Message from the Superintendent

Now more than ever, ensuring everyone in our school communities are surrounded by caring professionals within safe settings is paramount. Teaching and learning in the midst of a pandemic is a new experience, and our entire team has worked to ready ourselves for shifts in practice that may be required as we move forward. We are able to accomplish this because of our caring culture and our resilient students. We have heard that our students are happy to be back together and enthusiastic about their learning.

We consider our [Inclement Weather](#) procedures to be another important example of our safe and caring focus, and we will soon be navigating the challenges that winter weather can throw at us. We want to remind parents and staff of these Inclement Weather procedures, and encourage you to refer back to the information in the months ahead as we continue to refine our approach to ensure upmost safety for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities.

As always, we are also pleased to provide this link to the latest [Board eNews](#).

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools