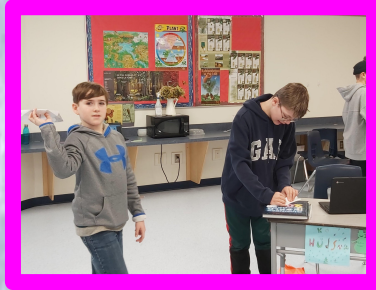


Tofield School Newsletter

January 2020



Students participated in stuntnastics in the gym.



The grade 6 students are enjoying their Flight and Aerodynamics unit in Science.



Grade 10 students participated in physical activities at Millenium Place.



The students and staff enjoyed a pancake breakfast before Christmas break.



Administrative Message

Happy New Year!

We had such an amazing December and loved all of the Leadership and individual classroom activities that promoted community, altruism and kindness. Tofield School and Tofield Community came together in so many promising and encouraging ways. We are very proud of our collective efforts to engage with Seniors, CW Sears, Our First Responders, The Food Bank and Food Hamper efforts, SADD Canada, Snow Removal for those in need, 1st Annual pancake breakfast and just general acts of kindness.

As you are likely aware, the budget situation for many school divisions has resulted in the need to take steps to address the shortfalls.

For the second semester, Tofield School will reduce staffing by one full time equivalent teacher. Although our enrollment is strong (close to 400 students), it is below what we projected when budgets were prepared last spring. So, adjustments have to be made. We are also pleased that the employee leaving is able to take on a different position within Battle River School Division due to a retirement at another school.

Since September 30th, Tofield School has accepted 40 NEW registrations and we are very encouraged about this trend. We know that we have a very strong and committed staff and will ensure that student learning remains our top priority.

Our Exam Week went incredibly well and students and staff were all well prepared to achieve great results. Semester 2 starts on February 3rd and we are very excited about offering Esthetics and Wellness Classes along with our other incredible elective choices. Mr. Kendall and I will be teaching a bit more in the 2nd semester and want to remind everyone to call in for appointments, as we do not want anyone to have to wait an inordinate amount of time for our attention.

Let's all work together to have an amazing second half of the year!



Janice Muench
Principal

Chad Kendall
Assistant Principal

There are a number of teachers who utilize REMIND for their students.

These teachers are:

Mrs. Netik: 6N

Mrs. Kropielnicki 6K ELA and Math,

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Blaney

Mr. Cordeiro

Mrs. Woode



From the Office

ATTENDANCE

We are making a change to improve our attendance.

Please email

tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca

to inform us if your child is

absent from school.

- **Sign out** – Please remember that every student is expected to sign in & out of the school, if you arrive late, leave early, or are in and out during the day. The sign out sheet is a safety measure to ensure that all students are accounted for in the event of a problem.
- **New Physical Address** – Please inform the office of your new address ASAP, either by email (treid@brsd.ab.ca), note or phone call. Thanks
- **New Email Address** – Please inform the office of your new email address ASAP, either by email (treid@brsd.ab.ca), note, or Phone call. Thank you.

Titan Sports

Tofield School will be co-hosting two basketball tournaments in the near future.

On January 24 and 25, we hosted a Junior High Basketball tournament with Ryley and Round Hill. It is a two day tournament on Friday and Saturday.

On January 30 to February 1, we will be hosting our Annual Senior High Basketball Tournament. The tournament takes place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This tournament started out as a Dual School tournament with Ryley and Tofield as the host schools, but has grown into a five school host tournament. Schools hosting games this year are: Hay Lakes, Bawlf, New Norway, Ryley and Tofield. This basketball tournament is one of the largest tournaments in Alberta.

For these tournaments we are always looking for volunteers to run a concession or to help out in any way.

With the cold weather in January we had some cancellations of Basketball games and tournaments. During the winter months the basketball schedules at both levels can change very quickly and sometimes very short notice of a cancellation is given. But we love Alberta.

Just a gentle reminder that basketball fees have been set and are due.

Thanks again to our awesome basketball coaches.

Our coaches for this season are:

Junior High Girls: Tanis Miller and Val Rickett

Junior High Boys: Joel Tidemann, Christian G. Teacher Liaisons: Betty-Lou Roe and Nigel Kendall

Senior High Girls: Scott Schultz and Jenn Sideroff

Senior High Boys: Brad Regehr

Thank you coaches for all of your volunteer time and dedication to the basketball program at Tofield School.

Good Luck with your seasons.



Physical Education

The Physical Education 10 students went on their annual field trip to Millennium Place on Tuesday, January 21/20. All students were well behaved and had an awesome time. Thank you to our EA support staff for all of their help.

Just a reminder to students to return their gym locks if they have finished their course for the first semester.



Grade 5&6 Cake Walk Fundraiser

Monday, February 3rd to Friday, February 7th



Dear Tofield School Parents:

The Grade 5 and 6 students are holding a Cake Walk Fundraiser for 5 days (Feb. 3-7) at lunch hour in the library. For \$1, you may enter for the chance to win a cake. You may buy as many chances as you wish. Entrants will receive one number per dollar spent. We will then use a random number generator to choose a number, and the entrant with the winning number, wins that cake. Thank you for your support!

Money raised for elementary field trips

“If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things.”
— **Albert Einstein**

Family School Liaison Workers (FSLWs)

Your Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) at Tofield School is Mrs. Georgina White. FSLWs can help find resources to other helping professionals and bridge the gaps between those professionals and the school, connect you with community resources, help advocate with the school, or support with social/emotional challenges. To see one of the FSLWs, you can fill out a referral form (come see Mrs. White in Room 210).

**If a student is 13 years old or younger, parental consent must be provided for ongoing support. If a student is 14 or older, those students can consent on their own for FSLW service.*



Your Voice Matters.

Alberta Education needs your opinion to help ensure every child is prepared for success.

The Accountability Pillar Survey gives your school, your school authority and your provincial government important information about the quality of education your child is receiving. Results are used to find out what's working and identify areas for improvement.

Accountability is a key element in the success of the education system. I believe that assessing the progress of schools helps us ensure the best possible outcomes for every child.

Completing the survey enables you to help shape the future of education throughout the province. We are committed to working with you and many other stakeholders to educate the next generation of Albertans.

Thank you for helping us strengthen the education system.

Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education

If you have any questions, please contact:
System Assurance Branch, Alberta Education
Email: EDC.SystemAssurance@gov.ab.ca
Phone: (780) 643-9193 (toll-free access within Alberta by dialing 310-0000 first)

Please complete the survey online or return your completed survey in the enclosed, pre-paid envelope by [February 28, 2020](#).

Alberta

A true picture of our success.

Measuring the quality of your child's education

We want to know that our children and students in Alberta are receiving a quality education in a great school. Grades are important, but there's more to it.

A great school and its staff help every child to make the most of their talents and abilities.

Great schools are caring and secure and encourage parents to play a key role. They are focused on each student's success.

While it's easy to agree on such goals, how do we measure our progress toward them?

The Accountability Pillar is an innovative and straightforward way to measure our learning goals as schools, school authorities and as a provincial government.

Results are provided in a colour-coded and easy-to-read report so everyone in the community can review it. At a glance, it points out successes and areas of concern from both a local and provincial perspective.

The results report shows which measures have improved, which have remained constant and which have declined. It allows everyone—parents, teachers, school authorities, students and the province—to celebrate successes and respond to challenges together.


The Accountability Pillar looks at:

- **Survey results.** Every year in January and March, we survey students, their parents and teachers to see how they perceive the quality of education they receive and how they take part in it.
- **Student learning indicators** such as dropout rates, high school completion rates and the number of students eligible to receive Rutherford Scholarships.
- **Student results** from Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams.

Details about the Accountability Pillar and how to obtain results are available online at alberta.ca/accountability-education-system.aspx.


If you have a concern about your school that is not addressed in this survey, please contact your school or school district directly for further discussion.

Did You Know?



Students in PE 10 went to Millenium Place to participate in activities there.

Northstar students have completed 58 courses this term. Way to go!



Tofield School has a number of students participating in the math league competition.

Many of our grade twelve students have already been accepted to a post secondary school!

Tofield School hosted a junior high and senior high basketball tournament this month.

The 7 / 8 X class will be participating in the cardboard boat races!

The breakfast program received a \$13,000 nutrition grant.

The Jam Club has already learned two songs as a band on multiple instruments!

The grade 6 classes were visited by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Tofield for their Social unit on Local Government.

Grade 5 Student Jasmyne Hryniw was a \$50 gift card winner in an art contest.

The grade six classes will be visiting the Alberta Legislature next month as part of the social studies learning.

44 Students signed up for mini dunkers! A new record!

Saying Goodbye....

Tofield School students and staff would like to say goodbye to Mr. Wong. We will miss him and wish him all the best at his new school in Viking. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to making Tofield School a great place to be.



NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REGARDING ADVERTISEMENTS

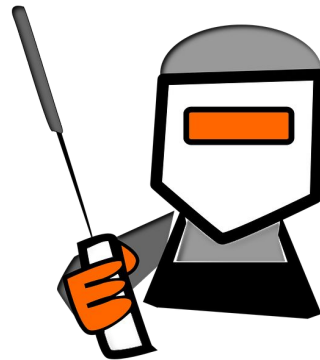
As you know, our schools are important community gathering places. As a result, businesses and individuals may try to take advantage of our spaces to distribute promotional materials of various kinds at schools or school events. In some cases, permission is sought and obtained prior to the distribution, in other cases, the promotional materials are not authorized.

We are writing to advise you that our School Division and Schools do not, and indeed cannot, endorse products or services which may be advertised at our facilities. Our Board, administration, teachers and all staff must be focused on meeting the educational and related needs of our students and community. We cannot, and do not investigate the merits and quality of any service or product offered that may have been promoted at a school or event.

Off Campus Information



A friendly reminder for all off-campus students in work experience/RAP that your monthly timesheets are due at the end of each month. For students completing their off-campus placement at the end of semester one, the evaluation and final timesheets are due on **January 15th, 2020**. You can send your forms to 780-722-4058 or email: croe@brsd.ab.ca



SCHOOL FEES

School fees for Semester 2 (Term 3 / Term 4) have been assessed and invoices can be paid online or you can wait for invoices with report cards. Please make payment online by visiting the Tofield School website and clicking on the “Online Payments and Ordering” icon (located at the bottom of the page) and following the links. If you are unable to pay online, payment by cash or cheque (payable to Tofield School) will be accepted in the office. We want to support you in making online payments so please feel free to contact Janet Carlson at jcarlson@brsd.ab.ca if you have any questions.

We are making a change to improve our attendance. Please email tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca to inform us if your child is absent from school.

We are contacting you at this time to advise you that the 2020 annual application deadline of **March 1st, 2020** for the **John Hasselfield Endowment Foundation Scholarship Program** is quickly approaching. As mentioned in prior years' correspondence, the Board of the Foundation offers one (1) round of scholarships each year in the Spring.

Attached is the Scholarship Application Form, and two posters to display in the schools; the forms plus program guidelines are located on the website which you can access when you click on the following link for this information: <http://www.johnhasselfield.com/applandselect.html>. Please note that there is a pdf fillable John Hasselfield Endowment Foundation Application for Funding form on this page. We will send out a reminder in early January as well as early February regarding the **March 1st, 2020** deadline.

Please be sure to check out our website which offers highlights of previous scholarship recipients and their stories. We invite you to read through their stories and share them with other educators in your school board. You will also find more detailed information about the Foundation and the events we hold each year to continue to raise funds for this program.

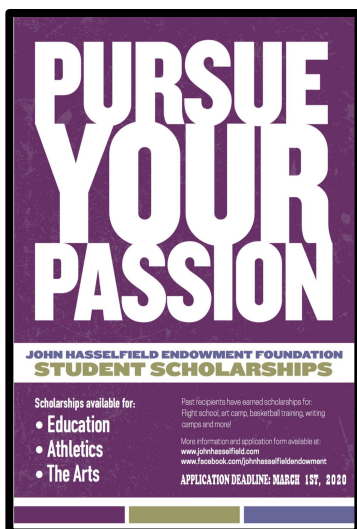
We hope that you ensure that schools within your jurisdiction continue to be informed of this worthwhile scholarship opportunity. If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us directly or access the foundation's website at www.johnhasselfield.com.

As always, we would greatly appreciate it if you could contact us directly if you are not the appropriate person with whom we should be communicating in your school board and advise us of the correct individual as soon as conveniently possible so that we can continue to maintain up-to-date mailing lists.

On behalf of the John Hasselfield Endowment Foundation,

Vel Hasselfield, Director

Lori Green, Director & Membership Coordinator





APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

2217 - 6th Avenue N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2N 0X1

E-Mail: application@johnhasselfield.com

Web: www.johnhasselfield.com

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Musical Theatre



Meet The Cast

Narrator Two has the exciting task of telling the audience what they might expect from the characters. She would like you to know that you will want to see the show because, after all, “Would you prefer to see distillation on the effect of aerosol spray on the ozone layer.”



Adventures of the Fearsome Pirate Frank

Who knew the pirate craze dated back to Shakespearean time?! Apparently, the star of a popular pirate play — *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* — is the teenage heartthrob of every girl in Shakespearean England, even though he can't remember his lines for the life of him! However, when the actor playing Frank and his supporting cast, including prima donna Esmerelda, get kidnapped by real pirates during one of their productions, it's good-bye stardom, hello servitude on a real pirate ship!

Two witty narrators and a stream of hilarious sign-carriers keep the musical moving as we see the pirate actors taking orders from the real pirate Frank... who is a woman! But pirate actors are not the only ones hijacked in this hysterical musical comedy... so is the plot from a particularly popular pirate flick! The chilling flashback sequence of how Cap'n Frank get the dreadful “Blackmark” will shiver your timbers, and Esmerelda's lament about losing her makeup case will blow you down! Join the crew of nightmare sailors, zombie pirates, singing sirens and even Spiderman in this zany musical romp!

The musical will be performed in March 2020. More details to come!

Cast members who have misplaced their rehearsal schedule can get a new one from the bulletin board outside the Drama Room. Any rehearsal changes will be posted on the bulletin board (outside the Drama Room) at least 48 hours before the scheduled rehearsal(s)!



Grad News



Grad News

Update from Student Chair Kylie Kufly

The Grad 2020 class has had a busy month. They have sent out ballots for their motto, colour scheme and grad song.

The grad class is excited to thank everyone for support for the cookie walk fundraiser.

Update from Ms. Korpan, Program Advisor

We had another Grad Executive meeting on Tuesday, December 17 so the Grad Chairs could share what each of their committees has started organizing already and discuss the Cookie Walk.

There will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7 PM in the Learning Commons. All grads and their parents/guardians should attend.

The grad committees will be sharing their reports at this time.
Grad Pictures were January 10 & 11, 2020.

Tofield School's High School Graduation will be held on Friday, May 8, 2020.
If you have any other questions re: Grad, please contact Ms. Korpan either by phone (780-662-3133) or by email (mkorpan@brsd.ab.ca).



Tofield Jam Club



For Grades 7-12
Students

Welcome to another year of offering a free music program after school! Tofield Jam Club is a group of students who enjoy learning and making music as a group. If you are able to attend the talent show last year, you may have seen the opening act which was the JAM CLUB!

Students are able to experience an extracurricular activity that exposes students to the world of music, building of valuable skills and it connects our school to the community in a positive and uplifting manner! Fortunately, with the help of Wild Oats and Notes Music Festival as a sponsor, we are able to bring in an experienced instructor, have subsidized first instruments for all, and additional instruments and equipment provided as needed! However, any donations would be greatly appreciated to further progress of this amazing opportunity.

When: 3:15 - 5:30 PM , Tuesdays
Where: We meet in the portable.



The Weather

Praise the meteorologists for they have given us four whole snow days in a row! A dream come true!

Breakfast Program

Tofield School breakfast program continues to thrive by providing nutritious snacks to students before class. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Mrs. Kropielnicki at 789 662 3133 or by email at akropielnicki@brsd.ab.ca

Thank you to all those who have lent a helping hand.

Ashlee Warawa, Kaelyn Sideroff, Rebecca Hill, Mercedes Tremblay, Charli L'hereux, Aiden Beatson, Abram Rupp, Christian Guangco, Ava SurrIDGE, Abby Match, Becky Kristianson, Jessica Hill, Cody Kristianson, Mrs. Kropielnicki, Ms. Korpan, Mrs. Leone, Mrs. Roe, and Mrs. Woode

Community and parent volunteers welcome!



Selected students from Tofield School grades 5 to 8 are busy preparing for the eight annual Math League competition. The competition is on **Tuesday, February 18th / 2020**.

Over 1 million students from the United States and Canada participate in Math League Contest each year. Every contest has questions from different areas of mathematics. The goal is to encourage student interest and confidence in mathematics through solving *worthwhile* problems. Many students first develop an interest in mathematics through problem-solving activities such as these contests. Schools compete in provincial wide or national league competitions.

5th and 6th Grade Contests

Math League's 4th and 5th grade contests can add interest and excitement to any mathematics program. These are some of the first math contests many students will compete in--and the most fun with math they've ever had! All of the questions cover basic 4th and 5th grade topics, including: properties of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, time and calendar questions, shapes, perimeter, money, basic ratio and percent, rounding numbers, remainders, integers, and more. These contests challenge students to show their understanding of basic principles through numerical and word problems that encourage an open, flexible approach to problem solving. These contests are provided for intra school competition, and come with certificates of merit for your school's high scoring students.

Contest Format: Each contest consists of 30 multiple-choice questions that you can do in 30 minutes. On each 3-page contest, the questions on the 1st page are generally straightforward, those on the 2nd page are moderate in difficulty, and those on the 3rd page are more difficult. The 4th and 5th grade contests are for use in our school or district. Since results are not used for inter school comparisons, we do not enclose a score report form.

7th, and 8th Grade Contests

Math League's 7th, and 8th grade contests challenge students and schools in inter school league competitions. Students in each league compete for the highest scores, while schools compete for the highest team score: the total of the top 5 scores in each school. Each contest's questions cover material appropriate to each grade level. Questions may cover: basic topics, plus exponents, fractions, reciprocals, decimals, rates, ratios, percents, angle measurement, perimeter, area, circumference, basic roots, patterns, sequences, integers, triangles and right triangles, and other topics, depending on the grade level. Detailed solution sheets demonstrate the methods used to solve each problem. These contests encourage a variety of problem-solving skills and methods, to improve students' abilities and understanding of mathematical connections, while having fun!

Contest Format: Each contest consists of 40 multiple-choice questions that you can do in 30 minutes. On each 3-page contest, the questions on the 1st page are generally straightforward, those on the 2nd page are moderate in difficulty, and those on the 3rd page are more difficult. There is a 7th and 8th Grade Score Report sent to schools in each league after the contest.

For more information, please contact your child's math teacher or Mr Daigle.

We Are Titans!

Leadership Activities



The leadership class played minute to win it challenges in the library this month with students from C.W.Sears School.

New to the Library!

For her Art 30 project, Sarah Spinks worked hard on this amazing new Graphic Novels sign for the Learning Commons. Thank you for all your hard work, Sarah!



The Titan Time/WIN Activities for the Month of January:



During WIN time this month, students took advantage of extra study times before exams.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



There is a new Dungeons and Dragons Club. Come play the world's most popular tabletop role-playing game and be the hero of our legendary adventures!

It is free to join and play! Sessions are every Tuesday after school until 5:00pm in Mr. Wong's Room #209. This is available for students in grades 7 - 12. New members are welcome. We can teach those who would like to learn how to play. We are currently playing the First and Fifth Editions of Dungeons and Dragons.

February 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Senior High Basketball Tournament |
| 2 | 3 Elementary Cake walk (3rd -7th) JH/SH Report Cards Go Home | 4 | 5 Jr.High Home Game | 6 Early Dismissal | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Teachers Convention No School | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Family Day No School | 18 Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 No school for students | 29 |