

Tofield School Newsletter

October 2020



Students enjoyed a fun afternoon of outdoor activities.



Students and staff celebrated spirit week with sports day, orange shirt day and class color day.



Administrative Message

We are so thrilled to announce that a significant portion of our At-Home learners have returned to be with us in Tofield School. We are very proud of the efforts of our students, staff and community. Together, we are truly better. We also want our At-Home learners to know that we are still here if you need any support.

Our experiences this month have us reflecting on the power and appreciation for respectful advocacy. We witness this daily from our students and we know that our pride in their behaviours is directly connected to the values and coaching that has been instilled at home. Your recommendations, questions and support are treasured as we navigate this unprecedented time.

We are approaching quarter 2 and continue to be so impressed with the efforts displayed to date. If you are planning to return to in school learning from At-Home learning, please let us know by Friday, October 23rd.

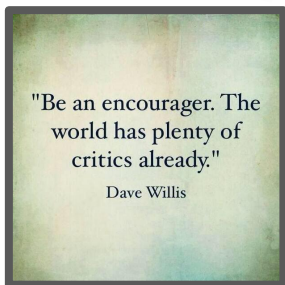
We are embracing the notion that leadership is a culture and not just a class at Tofield School. We were blessed to witness incredible acts by Ms. Korpan's leadership class and want to challenge all of our homeroom classes to consider ways to 'Celebrate What is Right With the World' by spreading acts of positivity.

We hope that you know that we are truly thankful for each and every one of you!



Janice Muench
Principal

Chad Kendall
Assistant Principal



Don't forget to follow us on instagram
@ tofield_school.

You can find a link to our Athletics handbook below:

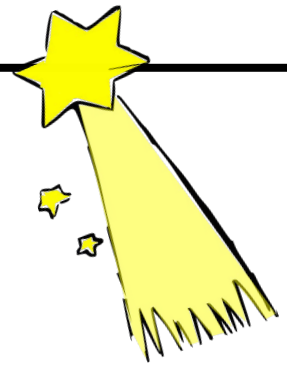
[*DRAFT* TOFIELD NEW ATHLETICS HANDBOOK](#)

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.*

Our Staff is here to support you!



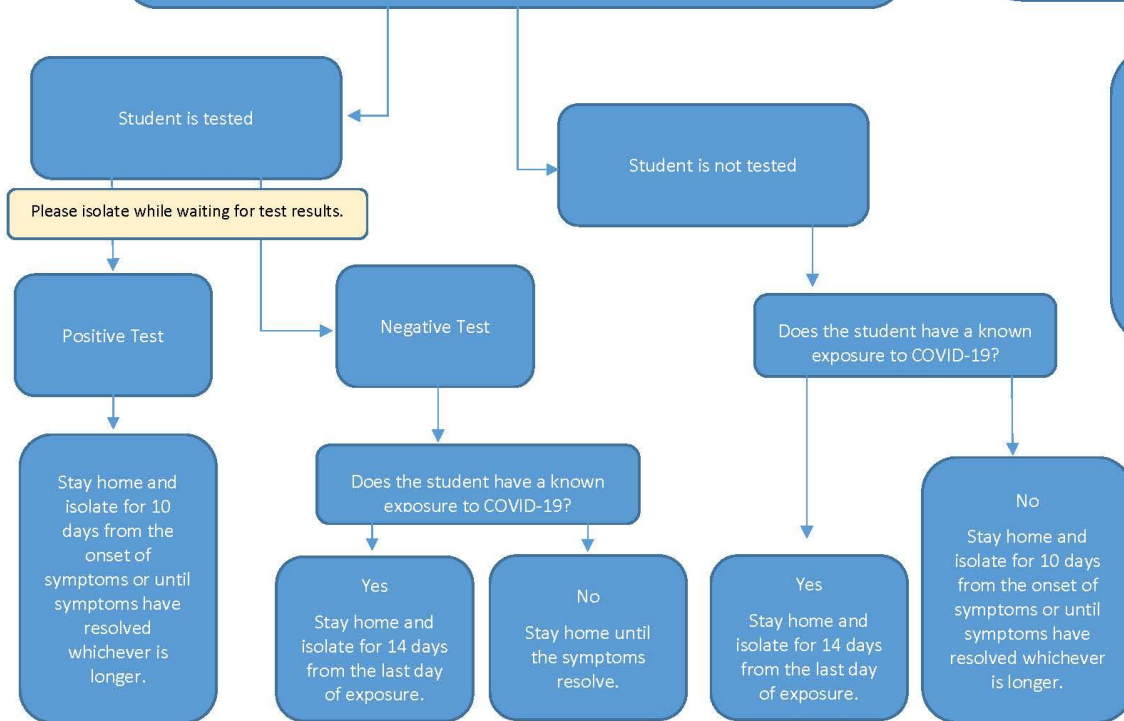
5J bjohnson@brsd.ab.ca	Grade 5 Homeroom
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5N dnicolaescu@brsd.ab.ca	Grade 5 Homeroom
6B lblaney@brsd.ab.ca	Grade 6 Homeroom/CTS
6N anetik@brsd.ab.ca	Grade 6 Homeroom
6W awandler@brsd.ab.ca	Grade 6 Homeroom
7/8/9/X cbrown@brsd.a.ca	7/8/9X Homeroom
7D gdaigle@brsd.ab.ca	Grade 7 Homeroom/ CTS
7E sestey@brsd.ab.ca	Junior High ELA
7S kscheu@brsd.ab.ca	Junior High Sciences
8K nkendall@brsd.ab.ca	Junior High Social
8T athurston@brsd.ab.ca	Junior High Math/Sciences
9C pcordeiro@brsd.ab.ca	High School Math/Physics
9F dforstbauer@brsd.ab.ca	Junior High Math
10G dgunderson@brsd.ab.ca	Junior/Senior Social/French
10M jmanchak@brsd.ab.ca	High school Sciences
11B rbobier@brsd.ab.ca	High school Social Studies
12K mkorpan@brsd.ab.ca	High School ELA/ Leadership
dcummings@brsd.ab.ca	Junior High ELA/ French
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Responding to Student Illness

If your child is showing one or more **symptoms of COVID-19** (fever, cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough), shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening), runny nose, sore throat), do not send your child to school. If symptoms develop while at school, you will be asked to pick up your child. The child is legally required to **isolate**.

A COVID-19 test is recommended. Please complete the **BRSD self-assessment on-line** or call 811 to arrange testing. Here are the next steps:

If your child has an underlying medical condition such as allergies or asthma that may cause COVID-like symptoms (such as a runny nose or cough) please complete the BRSD **Baseline Medical Information Form** and share it with your school. This will ensure your child is able to attend school, even when baseline symptoms are present, unless those symptoms change.



If your child is showing one or more of the **other symptoms** on the Daily Self-Assessment checklist (chills, stuffy nose, nausea / vomiting / diarrhea, loss of appetite, muscle / joint aches, headache, etc) do not send your child to school. Please keep the child at home and minimize the child's contact with others until symptoms resolve.



Are you wondering what that new technology fee is for?

Last spring the BRSD Board of Trustees approved a new Technology Fee that is charged to all students.

Some parents have asked what the fee is covering and how their children are benefiting.

The Technology Fee enables Battle River School Division to purchase enhanced internet bandwidth and wireless infrastructure that allows us to have adequate, reliable internet for all devices in our schools, whether they are owned by the school division or by parents. The fee also allows us to utilize learning tools that all students have the potential to benefit from, such as Read and Write for Google, Screencastify, WeVideo, Razkids, Kami, KnowledgeHook and more.



Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

Titan Sports

The 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular Athletic seasons may look a little different due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Teams are able to practice however, leagues and games have been postponed until further notice.

Practices will be devoted to skill development, team building and physical activity.

Volunteer Coaches, Parent Volunteers and Staff Liaisons for the 2020 Fall Season

Junior High Girls Volleyball - Heidi Fisher, Crystal Stevenson and Kathy Scheu

Junior High Boys Volleyball - Avery Thurston and Austin Jennings

Senior High Girls Volleyball - Marcel Flasha

Senior High Boys Volleyball - Justin Woodruff and Janice Muench

Thank you coaches for your time and effort.

Note: We are recommending that if possible players bring their own volleyball from home.

If players can come changed or leave changed from their practice this would help to minimize their time in the changeroom.

Hand sanitizer and additional cleaning products will also be available at practice for the cleaning of equipment and personal hygiene.

Note: Golf and Cross-Country running may not go ahead because of the change of venues needed for practice.





Did You Know?



Did you know our Grade 7 Tech Students made and launched rockets?

Did you know that November diplomas are optional?

Did you know our Junior High boys and girls teams played volleyball against each other?

Did you know our art classes have been doing some interesting projects including ar clay faces, watercolour painting and wire people?

Did you know that our volleyball teams have been busy with practices and learning great skills?

Did you know that 90% of our families have chosen 'in school learning'?

Did you know that we welcomed Mrs. Majeran, our new LCF, to Tofield School?

Did you know the Jam Club started on Oct 20th with many new members?

Did you know that every teacher and Educational Assistant just finished their growth plan meetings. They also received new video feedback.

Did you know the grade six science classes are learning about trees?

Did you know that second quarter starts November 16th.

Did you know the breakfast program received funds from Claystone Waste Ltd?

From the Office

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.

SCHOOL FEES

Tofield School fees have been applied for Quarter 1 and invoices have been emailed and/or mailed out. 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 follow the links. *Yearbook fees are optional and are not included in your fees total.* If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janet Carlson at jcarlson@brsd.ab.ca.

Any students that have
overdue library or
text books, please return them.



Every year the IMC determines the number of outstanding and/or lost textbooks for each school in the division through Insignia, our library program that tracks the division’s textbook resources. **Tofield School amount outstanding: -\$5441.47** We cannot continue to lose textbooks in BRSD at the current rate - we do not have the money to replace these textbooks which will, in turn, cause shortages in our classrooms.

Please help us by checking to see if you have any outstanding textbooks or library books that need to be returned.

Message regarding AHS Service Changes in Schools

Dear BRSD Parents / Guardians:

Many things are different in Battle River School Division this fall. Some of those changes are related to the pandemic, but others are related to the levels and kinds of services we are able to provide in support of students' specialized learning needs.

Due to a number of changes in the provincial model of how support is being offered to students, BRSD has had to make changes. The changes have included reducing the number of Educational Assistants, speech language pathologists and speech assistants, as well as occupational and physical therapy supports we employ or contract. We will continue to be contracting support from AHS and Eastern Edge Low Incidence Team for our students with Hearing and Vision impairments.

We met with our Alberta Health Services partners several times during the month of September to learn about the changes to services they are able to provide to our students. We have also met with Eastern Edge to discuss hearing and vision supports.

Alberta Health Services will no longer be working within our schools in the same way they did before. They will occasionally come into schools to provide consultation to our staff and rehabilitation services to students who experience significant changes due to injury, surgery, illness and/or a new medical or neurological impact. AHS staff have been contacting families who previously received services or were referred to them in the spring, to let them know whether or not their child will still be receiving AHS services and how those services will be provided in the future.

To support the move to a new model, AHS has transitioned student information to us during the past two months. We are fortunate to have a good relationship with our AHS colleagues and know they are committed to working with us to make the transition as smooth as possible by sharing student goals, achievements and needs of the students they have served.

Although we are in the early stages of putting together a new model of service for our students, you need to know that our priority continues to be ensuring students get what they need in order to succeed. BRSD's Inclusive Learning team will continue to collaborate with AHS and the revamped Eastern Edge Low Incidence team to put plans in place for students. Right now, those plans are not finalized and schools are not able to answer specific questions about what services will look like for our students at this time.

We recognize that there will be an adjustment period as this model of support is developed and our service providers are given direction about the new model. School will be updated as the new service delivery model evolves and will be able to share more at that time. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work with our AHS and Eastern Edge partners.

Lee Ann Ashby-Girard and Brenda Herder

BRSD Directors of Learning - Inclusion



Empathy: What is it?

- Empathy is the ability to recognize the emotions of others. Children under two years of age can show empathy. It is never too early to foster empathy.
- Empathy helps children understand others' viewpoints, needs and intentions.

Empathy is key to creating successful relationships. Strong relationships build resilience, which helps children bounce forward from difficult times.

MORE RESOURCES

- Greater Good Science Center: Empathy for students
- Big Life Journal: Strategies to teach children empathy
- MyHealth.Alberta.Ca: Promoting positive Mental Health



Empathy encourages kind, helpful behavior

- Empathetic children are willing to share, help and comfort others.
- Model empathy by asking your child how they are feeling, listening to their feelings, and acknowledging their feelings.

MORE RESOURCES

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Empathy creates a safer school culture

- Less bullying and a more tolerant environment is developed through increased empathy.

Empathy fosters positive student relationships

- Children who show empathy are more popular with their peers.

MORE RESOURCES

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Empathy leads to school success

- Empathetic students are more cooperative in class, have better relationships with teachers and are more engaged in school.
- Students who practice empathy tend to excel in school.

MORE RESOURCES

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Career Counselling

November 2020 Newsletter

Didn't have enough time?

You have a second chance to visit up to 28 different post-secondary institutions in a virtual fair on

Tuesday, November 24th from 6-8 pm.

Find login instructions in your *High School Plus Career Counselling Google Classroom*.

myBlueprint	How Much Do They Make?	High School Plus
<p>BRSD continues to support students from grades 7-12 in myBlueprint - a career and life planning platform. But it is not just for in-school learners. At-home learners have the comprehensive resource at their fingertips too!</p> <div data-bbox="56 940 544 1060" style="background-color: #002060; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> myBlueprint </div> <p>With myBlueprint, students are able to document their learning from home through a digital portfolio building tool. Students are able to collect "real time" evidence of their learning and then reflect on this learning.</p> <p>Creating a goal-based e-portfolio provides a way for students to document growth and their understanding of their learning.</p> <p>All families are encouraged to register. MyBlueprint offers support for families in the Getting Started Guide for Family, Remote Learning Guide for Families, and Family Webinar - Documenting Learning From Home just to name a few.</p>	<p>A research study titled, How Much Do They Make, by the Labour Market Information Council and the Education Policy Research Initiative shows that women, on average, earn 25% less than their male colleagues five years after graduating from post-secondary education.</p> <div data-bbox="873 1060 1036 1276" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>This report also states that, in addition to earnings, the labour market information of most interest to Canadian students making post-secondary decisions includes: salary information, benefits, contract status and hours worked.</p> <p>Report highlights show highest earnings across education levels (college-level certificates to doctoral degrees) in engineering and business, from \$60,500 to \$123,600, with lowest earnings in arts and humanities, from \$33,400 to \$67,300 annually.</p>	<p>You don't need an account to find information and tools to plan for life after high school on the BRSD High School Plus website under your school's "Quick Links".</p> <p>Check out the Work Transition section which includes <i>Job Preparation</i>, <i>Tips to Find & Keep a Job</i>, <i>Training for Work</i>, <i>Trades (Apprenticeships)</i> and <i>Work Opportunities</i>. You can connect to <i>Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training</i> for details about the Trades & Occupations List including trade descriptions, apprenticeship information (e.g., length of apprenticeship for both on-the-job training and technical training) and Trade Entrance Requirements (e.g., minimum requirements for group B trades - English 20-2, Math 20-3, Science 10 vs. recommended path for group B trades - English 30-2, Math 30-3, Physics 30 OR Chemistry 30 OR Science 30).</p> <p>Find links to Financial Assistance for the trades (i.e., <i>Grants, Loans & Tax Benefits; Employment Insurance; and Scholarships</i>).</p>



With "quarter terms" rather than semesters in 2020/2021, early access to myPass is important to check for November completed courses and final marks. Check with your career counsellor for access.



Part of the Camrose & Area Family Resource Network

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Camrose Family Resource Centre!

The Camrose Family Resource Centre recently became a part of the Family Resource Network and will be providing services in the areas of prevention and early intervention programs, supports and services for children and youth 0-18 and their families within the City of Camrose, and the Counties of Camrose, Flagstaff and Beaver.

The Camrose Open Door and the Camrose Association for Community Living have become our official partners as part of the new Family Resource Network. We are excited to be working alongside these wonderful community agencies.

The Camrose Family Resource Centre will provide the following supports and services:

- *Parent Education* including Triple P for families with children 0-18
 - *Developmental Screening- Ages & Stages Questionnaire, Ages & Stages Questionnaire SE, Protective Factors Survey* for families 0-18
 - *Family Programs* for families with children 0-18
 - *Family Support* for families with children 0-18
 - *Rural Service Delivery* – all programs will be offered within our Rural Service Delivery area
- Camrose Association for Community Living:** Healthy Families Program - Home visitors support and enhance parenting skills, provide information on child development, child health and other aspects of positive family functioning. **Visit www.cafcl.ca or call 780-679-4357 for more information.**

Camrose Open Door: Parent/Caregivers of Teens Support Group – This group will provide supports, learnings, debriefing and resource connection to parents/ caregivers of teenagers and will be led by a therapist. **Visit www.camroseopendoor.com or call 780-672-0257 for more information.**

The Camrose and Area Family Resource Network are working hard to support families during the COVID-19 Pandemic, providing supports over the phone, through email and online.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter. We encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or want to learn more about the programs and services offered. The following link will take you to our current Newsletter for September & October programs available.

Sincerely,

Camrose Family Resource Centre
4823 51st
780-672-0141
www.camrosefrc.com

GET COOL IN THE Pool



Ryley Pool

Free Family Swim Days

1st Sunday of Every Month

2 pm - 5 pm

Sponsored by

Tofield & Area Health Services Foundation

October 4

November 1

December 6

Tofield Jam Club



The Jam Club will be starting up its 3rd year in the very near future! It is a club open to Grade 7-12 students with a focus on playing a variety of instruments in a band, jamming as a group, teamwork and theory behind the music! The group meets after school, once a week with a qualified instructor and will follow all of the guidelines set forth by AHS to ensure the safety of our students while enjoying music. All skill levels are welcome. We will be collecting a list of interested members next week and send out further information to those students. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Kropielnicki at the school or by email: akropielnicki@brsd.ab.ca



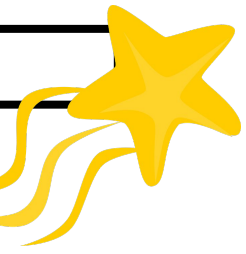
The Weather

Fall weather can be a little unpredictable so please be prepared. Packing extra clothing can be a great idea.

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program started up mid September for both Elementary and Junior/Senior High School. We are taking extra measures to ensure the safety of our students while serving and are following the guidelines set in place to provide everyone an equal opportunity to start their day with a healthy snack. Pre-packaged items are more costly, so if you are willing to donate monetarily to this program, please contact the school. Thank you to our staff volunteers: Mrs. Kropielnicki, Mrs. Roe, Mrs. Cunnings, and Mrs. Helfrich.

North Star Cooking



Well, it's been a little over a month into the new school year and our North Star students have been working fast and furious! Numerous courses have already been successfully completed!

Jacob kicked off our foods program by making the most delicious bannock from his family recipe. I'm sure it will be a regular favourite here! Students are encouraged to share one of their best loved family recipes or venture out and try something totally new.

Wonder what will be next.....

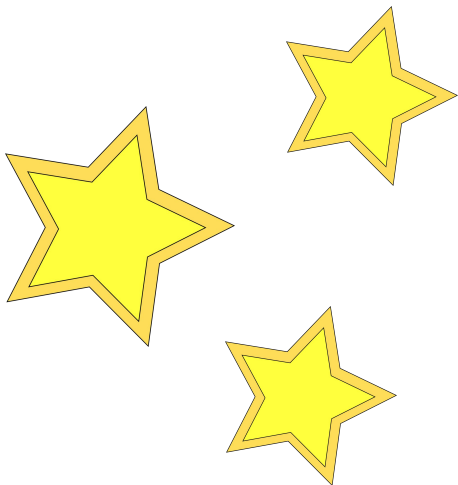
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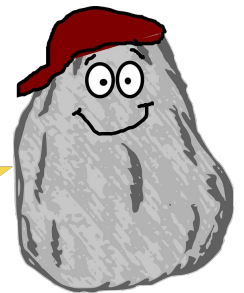
SSP Class Makes Tie Dye Shirts



The SSP class had a great time creating these wonderful tie dye creations as part of their learning this month. The kids had an enjoyable time both making them and showing them off as they wore them at school.



Leadership Activities



The grade 11 leadership class has been busy planning a couple activities. They did various different project including: Who's the baby, kickball tournament with grades 5-9, and a scavenger hunt. The events were very fun and everyone worked together. They also organized some Halloween fun for the whole school.

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Early Dismissal	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day No School	12 No School	13 No School	14
15	16 No School	17 No School	18 Parent Council Meeting	19 Parent Teacher interviews	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					