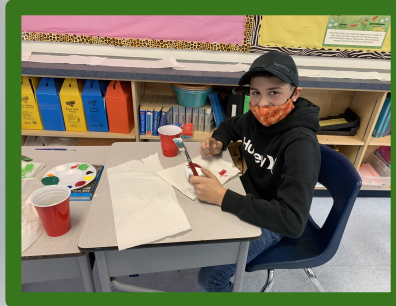


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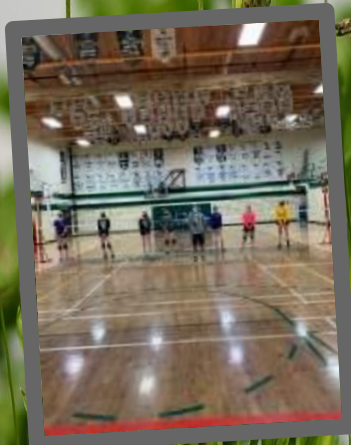
November 2020



Students show their contributions to Remembrance Day!



The volleyball teams had a good season and learned many new skills. Thank you to the amazing coaches that helped make that happen.



Administrative Message

We know that the Provincial Announcement about Grade 7-12 shifting to online learning has many implications for learning and we want you to know that 'we've got this'. We have learned a lot from the first experience with remote learning. This week, we will ensure that your children have the necessary materials, support and planning to help them to continue with their learning. We know that the holiday season is coming and we truly hope that everyone will do their part in order to allow for our health authorities to get a grip on this unprecedented situation.

We wanted to take the time this month to acknowledge our amazing coaches. We know that we could not compete or travel this year. That said, we are so grateful for our coaches, students and parents for 'showing up' in order for our school to continue to enjoy sport. As a teacher supervisor for senior boys volleyball, I have to express my pride in the student's efforts, commitment and grit as they continually strived to improve. We also observed this excellence in all of our teams along with their coaches and teacher supervisors. We know that early morning and after school practices take a lot of time and planning. We appreciate each and every one of you. Coaches, you are so valued and we look forward to Basketball starting up soon!

We are well into quarter 2 learning and continue to be impressed with our faculty, students and parents for the efforts required to adapt to all of the changes in our programming. We are very happy to offer an array of electives. We are very excited to have added Cosmetology at the Senior High Level this year. Our Cosmo Lab has undergone a significant transformation with more plans for the future. As the holiday season is fast approaching, we want to take some time to find gratitude for all that we have and encourage generosity if you see others who are struggling.



Janice Muench
Principal

Chad Kendall
Assistant Principal

"Be an encourager. The world has plenty of critics already."
Dave Willis

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.*

November 25, 2020

To: Parents / Guardians of BRSD Students

From: Rita Marler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: We are transitioning temporarily to online learning for Grades 7 to 12

Hello everyone!

On Tuesday, November 24 Premier Jason Kenney announced that, due to the extremely high numbers of COVID-19 cases in Alberta, our education system will be moving to a different learning scenario.

Starting Monday, November 30, **Grade 7 to 12 students** will temporarily be learning online, from home. This online learning scenario will stay in place until the Christmas Break begins at the end of the day on December 18. The first week after the break, from January 4 to 8, **all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12** will be learning online. In-person schooling is set to resume on Monday, January 11.

School divisions did not know about this switch until it was announced. But here are four things we can say for sure:

- 1. We've got this.**
School divisions have known a shift to a different learning scenario was a possibility and we planned this school year based on the possibility. We are prepared.
- 2. We learned from the spring.**
All staff have learned from the 'emergency online learning' experience in the spring. We are better prepared and have plans in place to continue offering most courses. These four weeks of online learning will be much more of a full curriculum experience for students.
- 3. We are here to support students.**
Whether students are online or in a classroom, BRSD teachers, Educational Assistants and school support staff, Family School Liaison Workers and Mental Health Capacity Building team members are ready, able and willing to support students learning and wellbeing.
- 4. You will get more information soon.**
Since last night, division and school leaders have been hard at work on implementation plans. You will hear more specific details from your child's school soon.

Take good care. I will be in touch again soon.

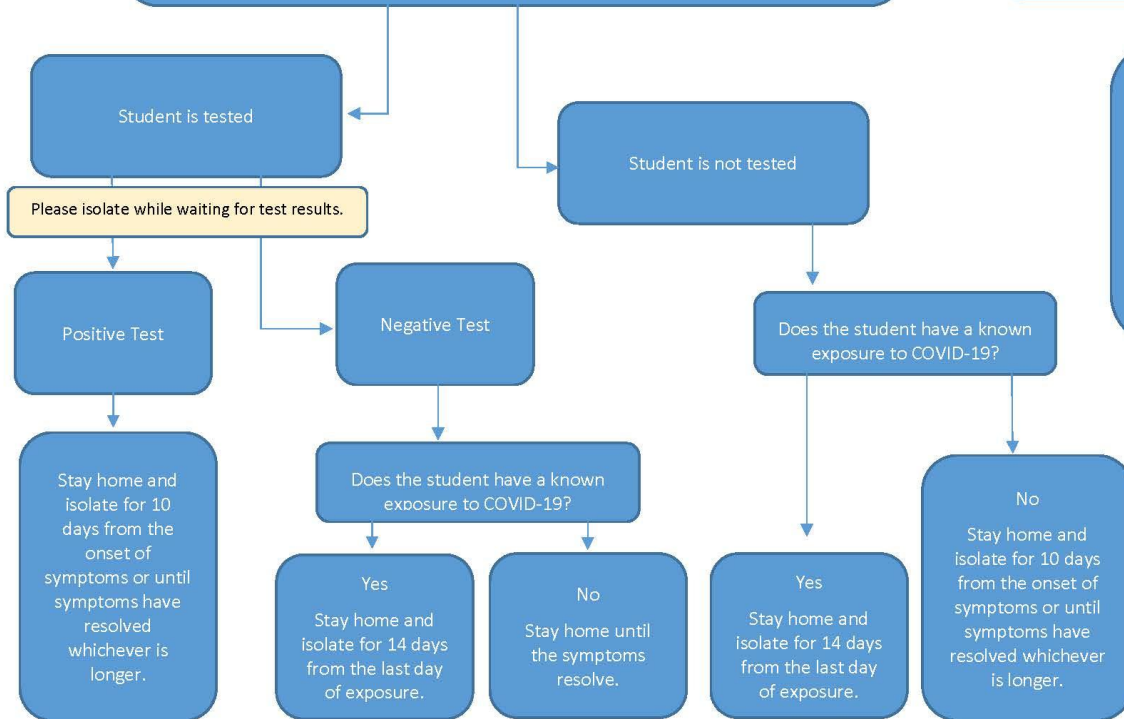
Rita Marler

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

Once again thank you to our Volunteer Coaches, Parent Volunteers and Staff Liaisons for helping out during the 2020 Volleyball 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.

The basketball season will start start when sports are again permitted.

At this time the basketball season will be similar to that of the volleyball season. Participants will be allowed to practice and work on skill development, however there are no games or tournaments scheduled at this time.

We have coaches for our Junior High and Senior High Basketball programs this year (the names of coaches will be made available in the next newsletter).



A Huge Thank you to all of our Volunteer Coaches. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to make our season such a success.





Did You Know?




Did you know that Tofield school had their first virtual book fair?

Did you know that last year's yearbook is in and copies are still available?

Did you know that the Junior high boys and girls volleyball teams had fun playing games against each other and improving their skills?

Did you know that room 111 at Tofield School has undergone a huge transformation?



Did you know our Grade 9 Students participated in a virtual take your kid to work day with career presentations in health care, technology and finance, skilled trades, and innovation and entrepreneurship?

Did you know that ALL grade 7 students at Tofield School have been provided locker organizers?

Did you know that the Town Of Tofield has implemented a mask bylaw?

Did you know that there are only 28 days until Christmas?

Did you know that Tofield School's enrolment is the highest it has been in many years? We have 444 students 48 more than last school year! Yay Tofield

Did you know Our high school flex class is studying Workplace Safety, Visual Composition, & Film Appreciation?

Did you know that high school students were able to attend virtual post secondary information nights?

Did you know that daily announcements are read over the intercom by Grade 9 students?

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.

Community Education Service



Improving emotional health and well being

Helping Our Children & Youth Cope

Panelists:

Kathy Jarrell, Lead - Alberta School Mental Health Literacy Project, AHS

Brian Madill, Coordinator of Student Services - Red Deer Public Schools

Jodie Mattia, Director of Support Services - Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

Let's boost the resiliency of our children and our families!

Has the current pandemic affected our mental health?

What can we believe?

Should we be worried?

Mental health is an essential component of personal well-being. Join our panelists as they discuss coping skills, balance and resiliency which can serve us well through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Their insights and tips will support both your and your child's mental health and overall well-being.

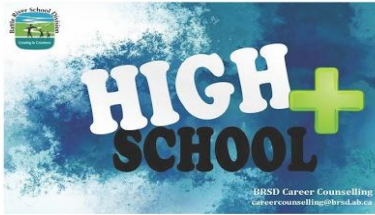
Prior to the session, please send questions you would like addressed to

ces@ahs.ca

Tuesday December 1 2020

6:30 – 7:30 pm






Register here



Career Counselling

December 2020 Newsletter

Enjoy your holiday break and take some time to have fun and do things that make you smile!

What's in a Credential?	Emerging Occupations	Scholarships - Again!!
<p>Every credential has within it a level of achievement connected to knowledge, experience and skills. They vary in length, admission requirements and outcomes. In Alberta we have credentials in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ apprenticeships with on-the-job training, technical training and industry exams. <p>Undergraduate programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ certificates are often one year or less with high school courses for admission and may be used for credit/admission for diploma programs; ➤ diplomas are often up to two years of study with high school completion/specific courses/grades for admission and, at times, may be used for credit/admission for degree programs; ➤ bachelor's degrees are usually four years and may include a co-op education (extending the length) with admission varying with high school completion, including specific grades/subjects. <p>Still more? Check out post-diploma/post-baccalaureate certificates or graduate studies.</p>	<p>When you think of future occupations do you think about jobs that your parents didn't even know about? According to Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS), emerging occupations are jobs that could be in your future because of advances in technology and shifts in consumer demand. You will need to be okay with change and learning as you go.</p> <p>ALIS lists 27 occupations including alternative energy technologist, cloud architect, cyber forensic investigator, health coach, fuel cell technician, lash technician, social media specialist and solar installer to name a few.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Post-secondary institutions are also looking forward. Programs such as Olds College's Precision Agriculture Techgronomy Diploma, NAIT's Post-diploma Certificate in Cybersecurity, and SAIT's Ophthalmic and Optometric Assisting Certificate were recently created to respond to industry needs.</p> </div> </div>	<p>Have you signed up on a scholarship website? You can find links to scholarship websites in the <i>High School Plus</i> website under Funding Your Education.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  ScholarTree  </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>SCHOLARSHIPSCANADA.com</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>DisabilityAwards.ca Grant Me</p> </div> <p>For enthusiastic scholarship writers, the holiday break may be an opportunity to focus on meeting the requirements for the many scholarships available to high school students. This could mean writing an essay, completing an application, organizing documents needed to meet award criteria or spending time volunteering - in a COVID-19 friendly way!.</p> <p>Check out the Post-Secondary Institution Scholarships & Other Scholarships sections (and more!!) under the <i>Funding Your Education</i> tab in the High School Plus website to begin your search.</p>



Did you have a chance to check your courses & marks in the High School tab in myBlueprint? While you're there, check out the link to the Rutherford Scholarship requirements needed for your current school year.

Your BRSD Career Counsellors, Lynda Kope & Carla Praticante

career counselling@brsd.ab.ca

Teen Triple P Discussion Group



A discussion group is a short, small group session run by an accredited Triple P provider. Your provider will give you tips and suggestions for dealing with your teenager's problem behaviour. You'll also be given a take-home workbook with simple exercises and information to help you try your new strategies at home.

For families with children 12 - 16 years of age.

These sessions will be offered via Zoom. Please register for each discussion group you are interested in attending by following the link provided.

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 - 8:00pm - Building Teenagers' Survival Skills

This discussion topic explores why teenagers sometimes make risky decisions and how they can learn to keep themselves safe while gradually developing independence. Parents are introduced to positive parenting strategies to help their teen plan for situations which may potentially put their health or wellbeing at risk.

Tuesday December 8, 6:30 - 8:00pm - Reducing family conflict.

During this discussion, parents share some of their experiences of conflict with their teenager and discuss why sometimes this occurs in families. Several positive parenting strategies are introduced to help parents teach their teens how to get along with other family members and resolve problems. Ways to manage times when conflict affects the whole family are also discussed.



For more information, please contact Kim at:

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Remembrance Day Rocks

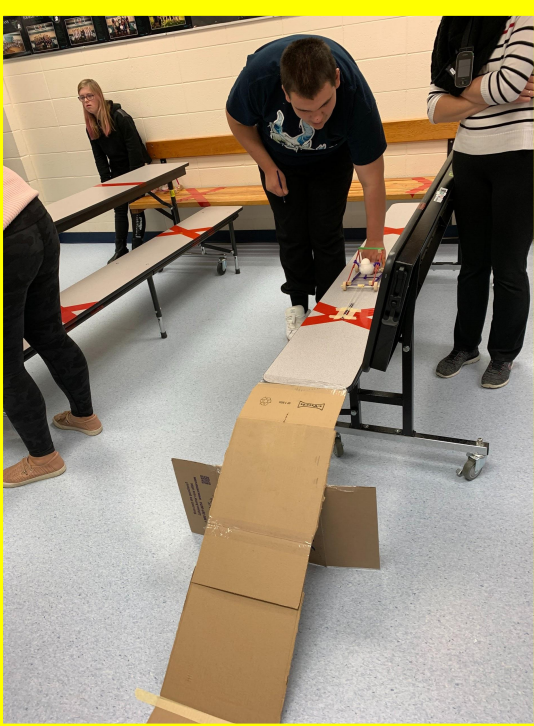


Elementary students painted poppies on rocks as part of their Remembrance Day activities.

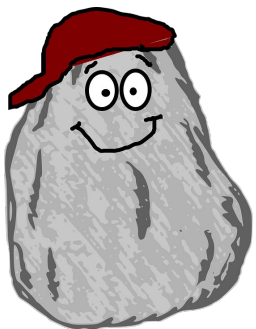
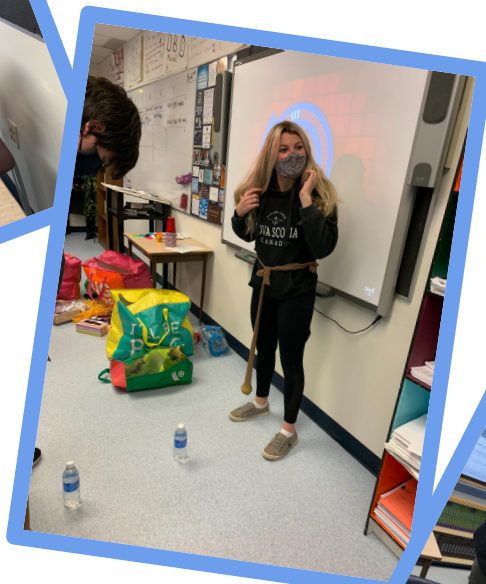


Rubber Band Cars

SSP Students made rubber band cars. The kids built seats in them with whichever material they wanted to use and crash tested them with hard boiled eggs.



Leadership Activities



The Grade 10 leadership class played some Minute to win it games as part of their team building challenge.

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Early Dismissal	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Last day of classes	19
20	21 Christmas Break	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Break	26
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