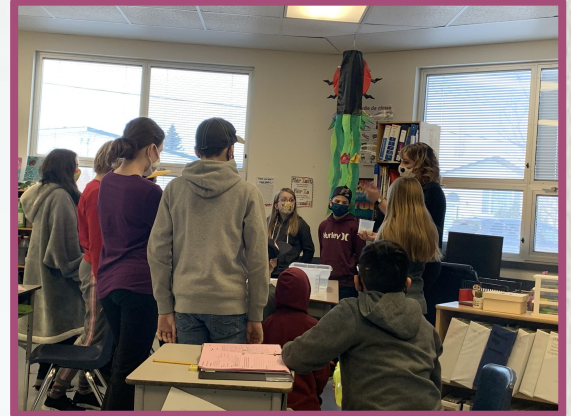


# Tofield School Newsletter

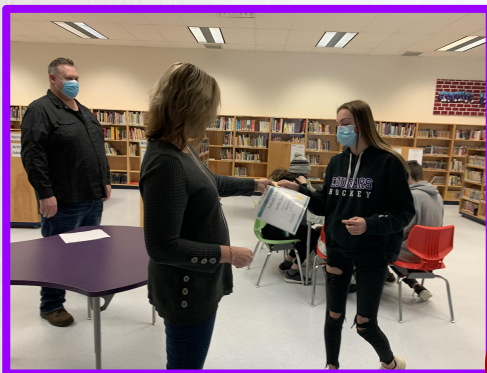
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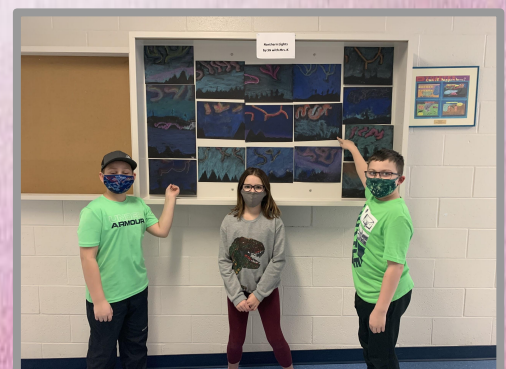
Grade 7 students show their energy efficient homes they built.



Grade 6 students make predictions for their science experiment on properties of air.



Grade 5 students show off their First Nations Artwork.



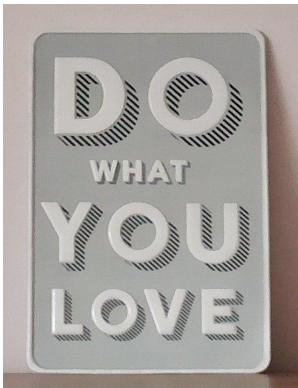
# Administrative Message

We are excited to be released from the polar deep freeze that February held us in for a couple of weeks. As a result of the cold temperatures, we appreciate everyone's patience and support during the bus cancellations. A friendly reminder for parents to ensure that your children are coming to school every day with appropriate winter gear. As February closes, we are happy to report that we continue to be amazed by our students in a multitude of ways. Overall, our students continue to show focus on their academics while also pursuing their interests during elective classes. Various classes have been learning about career planning and healthy ways to manage stress. The Grades 7-8 classes did an excellent job during the Pasta Art contest. For Valentine's Day, students had fun with the "Find Your Heart" search. We were happy with our students recognizing the importance of treating others with dignity and respect by participating in Pink Shirt Day. With the slight easing of AHS restrictions, we look forward to the potential return of school sports. We also look forward to the warmer weather that comes with spring!



**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 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 (posted outside Room 210).

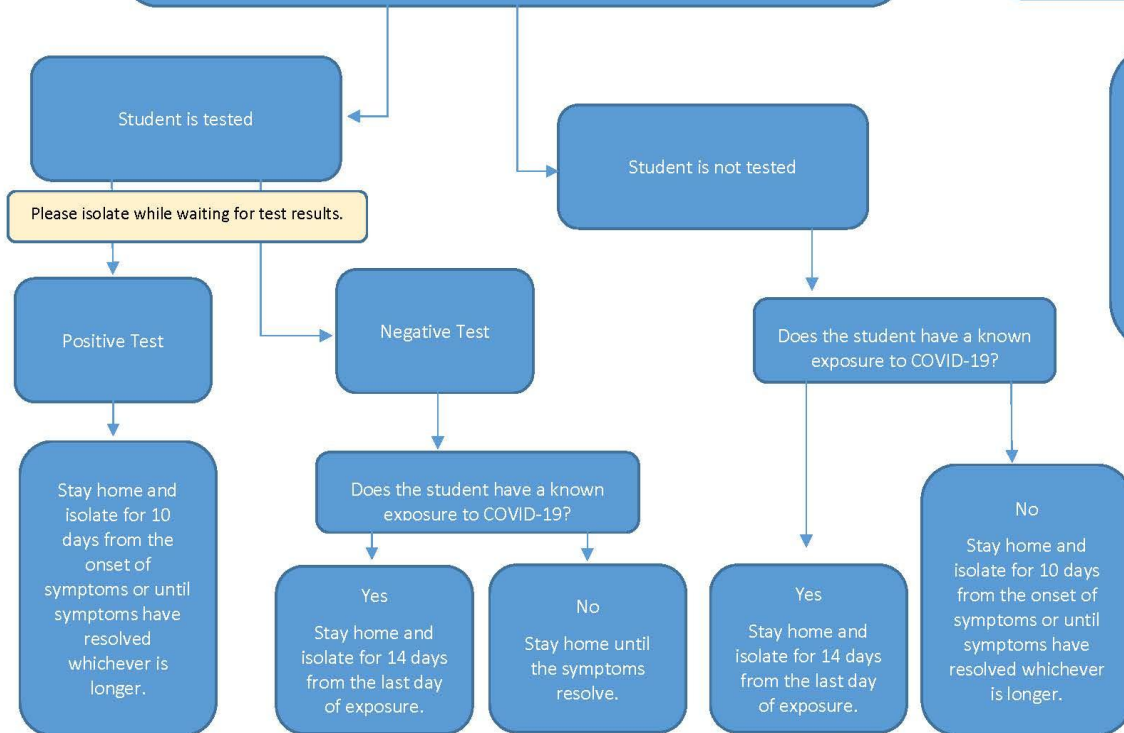
*\*If a student is 13 years old or younger, parental consent must be provided for ongoing support. If a student is 14 or older, those students can consent on their own for FSLW service.*

# 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 [AMS 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 on a pathway that leads to successfully earning your diploma or certificate? Check your official status in your myPass account and update your courses and marks in myBlueprint on the High School page. Take some time to check your Graduation Indicator and review your plan for future courses.*

Mrs Kope and Mrs Praticante  
BRSD Career Counsellors

ALL YOU NEED IS  
**LOVE**  
OR MORE CHOCOLATE




## FAREWELL FROM YOUR FSLW

Georgie White and her family are moving to New Zealand

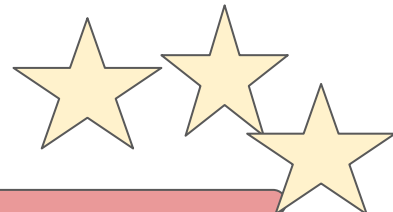
*I will cherish the journey we have shared together over the last year. Thank you for welcoming me into the Tofield community, I will miss you all!*

# Did You Know?



Did you know grade 6 students have been doing science experiments for their Properties of Air unit?

Did you know school pictures are March 9th for grades 10-12 and March 10th for grades 5-9?



Did you know grade 5 students have been working on FMNI art work?

Did you know 20 grade 5 students, 16 grade 6 students, 21 grade 7 students and 4 grade 8 students from Tofield school participated in math leagues?


Did you know the family of Ethel Brown, a former Beaver County teacher, has sponsored \$16,000 in scholarships to graduating students of Tofield school since 2013?

Did you know Pink Shirt Day was February 24th? Pink Shirt Day is recognized across Canada each year as a day to focus on kindness and bring awareness to the impact of bullying.

Did you know 43 Tofield School in grades 9-12 received Honours or First Class Honors ?

Did you know Tofield students participated in a find your name activity planned by students?

**Did you know that students and parents have the opportunity to contribute ideas about semester/quartered learning by completing the online survey?**



Did you know 16 students received athletic MVP Awards?



Tofield School



Did you know many student awards are sponsored by our community?

## From the Office

# ATTENDANCE

Please email  
[tfield-aa@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:tfield-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 ([cperry@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:cperry@brsd.ab.ca)), note or phone call.
- **New Email Address** – Please inform the office of your new email address ASAP, either by email ([cperry@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:cperry@brsd.ab.ca)), note, or phone call.

## SCHOOL FEES

Quarter 3 fees are complete and can be paid 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](mailto:jcarlson@brsd.ab.ca).

**Please ensure you have updated Tofield School with your MOST up to date contact information! In these unprecedented times, it is of the utmost importance that we can contact you in an efficient manner with important information. We thank you for your continued support.**





### What is kindness?

Kindness is sharing the best parts of our hearts with those around us.

Kindness is seeing the good in others and celebrating it.

Take time to share random acts of kindness this month; be creative and have fun practicing kindness.

Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17.

### Kindness matters.

**FOR MORE RESOURCES, search:**  
[RandomActsofKindness.org/kindness-ideas](http://RandomActsofKindness.org/kindness-ideas)  
RAK Health Facts at [Dartmouth.edu](http://Dartmouth.edu)  
Help in Tough Times at [AHS.ca](http://AHS.ca)



### Kindness is teachable and contagious

Kindness benefits us by:

- Increasing our happiness and improving our mood.
- Helping us cope and reducing worry and stress.
- Connecting us to others in a positive way.

Research shows kindness helps students be more respectful, empathetic, and positive about school.

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### Tips to help your family nurture kindness

Talk with your children about ways to show kindness.

Practice and role model kindness at home.

Take notice of others' acts of kindness and receive kindness when it's offered.

Learn from each other through sharing good things that have happened.

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### Random Acts of Kindness - Ideas

Paint positive messages on rocks and leave them around the neighborhood.

Help someone with a chore.

Spend time with people you care about.

Be a friend to the new kid at school.

Start a Random Acts of Kindness challenge in your family or school.

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# KIDS HAVE STRESS TOO!

- Learn how to recognize stress in children
- Help children learn to manage stress
- Discuss real life examples using KHST strategies
- Explore ways to use the KHST strategies at home

March 11 & 18

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm OR 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Register Via Zoom link

Questions? Daneille 780 672 0141 or d.ostafichuk@camrosefrc.com

A program from The Psychology Foundation of Canada designed to help parents & educators learn how to recognize stress in children, as well as strategies to help children develop the coping skills they rewire to manage stress in their lives



## SET YOUR CHILD UP FOR SUCCESS



### ...AND MAKE LIFE WITH KIDS LESS STRESSFUL AND MORE ENJOYABLE

#### WHEN

February - 23  
March - 2, 9, 16

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
or  
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm



REGISTER VIA ZOOM

- ✓ Gain a Full range of positive parenting strategies
- ✓ Understand why your child behaves the way they do
- ✓ Meet other parents in similar situations
- ✓ Tips and suggestions to fit the needs of your family
- ✓ Workbook included

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DANEILLE 780 672 0141 D.OSTAFICHUK@CAMROSEFRC.COM

SMALL CHANGES, BIG IMPROVEMENTS.



# Cyber Cafe'

Listen, talk, build friendships, access resources and support one another

Engage in conversation and connect over the struggles, joys, milestones and questions about raising children/teens.

1:30 pm  
January 20  
February: 3, 17  
March 3, 17



Support for parents by parents  
Register Via Zoom

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# HOT TOPICS



JOIN KARI & DANEILLE FROM THE CAMROSE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE SHARE YOUR LUNCH HOUR LEARNING ABOUT HOT TOPICS THAT CONCERN MOMS, DADS AND CAREGIVERS



January 22 - Love Maps

February 12 - The gift of problem solving

February 26 - Brain games

March 12- Confidence & Coping with disappointment

March 26 - Sympathy vs Empathy

📍 TIME: 12:00-1:00

📍 REGISTER VIA ZOOM LINK

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## YiIP: Youth Internship Incentive Program - For Employers

The Youth Internship Incentive Program is designed to increase the number of employers supporting work integrated learning internships in trades and technologies. By providing a financial incentive for employers, this program will expand an employer's ability to achieve their goals as well as to enhance opportunities for youth that align with Alberta's skilled worker needs. The key targets are supporting employers who are new to offering CAREERS internships, supporting existing employers to expand their ability to provide more internships, and supporting employers across the province.

### RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program)

#### \$1,000 Incentive For Employers

Employers must commit to a **minimum of 125 hours** of on-the-job training, mentorship, and experience to expand high school student internships during the school year beginning September 1st and completing all hours by May 30th. Internship hours can be part-time or full-time.

#### \$1,800 Incentive For Employers

Employers must commit to a **minimum of 240 hours** of on-the-job training, mentorship, and experience. Internship hours can be part-time or full-time.

#### \$3,600 Incentive For Employers

Employers must commit to a **minimum of 480 hours** of on-the-job training, mentorship, and experience. Internship hours can be part-time or full-time.

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- \* All hours must be completed within **16 weeks** of the internship start date.
  - \* At the end of the required hours, extending the internship or offering employment will be at the employer's discretion.
  - \* Employers can apply for funding incentives for up to three (3) **new** student positions within October 1st to September 30th of the following year.
  - \* YiIP payments will be provided to employers at the conclusion of the minimum required hours.
  - \* Funding can be utilized to offset expenses incurred in providing a work integrated learning experience including: Student Wages, Safety Training Requirements, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) directly related to the student's position, and Mentorship Support.

Go to Careers: The Next Generation - [www.careersnextgen.ca/yiip/](http://www.careersnextgen.ca/yiip/) for more information and to apply. You can also contact Clayton Roe, BRSD Off-campus Coordinator at 780-722-4058 if you have any questions.

## Welcome to our New FSLW



Michael Cole will be your FSLW. I think that Michael will be a good fit for your school as he is a very skilled team player! Michael will work 3 days at Tofield and his other school will be Rley. We look forward to welcoming him to our staff.

### RDC Strategic Planning Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

Red Deer College is seeking your input as we develop our strategic plan. The perspectives of high-school students and their parents are uniquely valuable in helping to shape our next steps.

Join us for one or more of our virtual workshop sessions, which focus on RDC's transformation of the learner experience and programs of the future. For more information or to register, visit [https://alumnifriends.rdc.ab.ca/our\\_future](https://alumnifriends.rdc.ab.ca/our_future).



# Picture Day

is coming soon...



## PLEASE DO NOT WEAR A GREEN OUTFIT!

We use a green screen system to provide you with a selection of 30 different backgrounds. This does not work properly when you wear a green outfit. Green outfits will not be photographed with the green screen and will NOT be able to change backgrounds.

## Safety Protocols for Picture Day

1. Photographers will be wearing masks and/or face shields at all times when on school property and, in particular, when interacting with students and staff.
2. Hand Sanitizer will be provided for student use. Photographers will use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day.
3. A strict NO TOUCH - NO CONTACT rule between students and photographer will be in place and enforced at all times.
4. The personal grooming tools such as combs and hairspray that are normally provided will not be available this year. Tissues and wipes will be made available, however, students (no matter how young) will be required to wash and wipe their own faces prior to photography. A mirror will be provided for students to check their own grooming.
5. Students will NOT be allowed to touch anything in the photography area. Surfaces that may be touched will be cleaned and disinfected at the beginning and ending of every picture day and again at a rate of once per 1.5 hours on site at a school or a minimum of 4 times per day.

Picture days at your school will be:

## Tofield School

Afternoon - Tuesday, March 9th - Grade 10, 11 and 12.  
All day - Wednesday March 10th - Grade 5 - 9

10340 - 121 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5N 1K8  
Toll Free - 1-866-452-0293 Phone or Text - 780-452-0293  
email: seniorstambaugh@gmail.com

# Pasta Art Competition



A couple of junior high teachers did pasta competitions on Fridays during Titan time between classes.

Classes that participate - were given some pasta, glue, markers and paper and let them create works of art. The student could use as much pasta that they needed to create a pasta art display. The artwork was judged and given 3 points for excellent art, 2 for good and 1 for ok pasta art. Total up the points and BAM - winning class has the best overall average!

# Senior High Drama Class



Senior high drama students performed some of their projects they have been working on in class.



Math League will be on Tuesday, February 23rd / 2021

Notice to student and parents:

The Math League Contests ([www.mathleague.com](http://www.mathleague.com)) are designed to build student interest and confidence in mathematics through solving worthwhile problems. Over 1 million students around the world participate in Math League Contests each year. Every contest has questions from different areas of mathematics, suitable for the grade level indicated. The questions range in difficulty from straightforward to moderate to challenging. Many students first develop an interest in mathematics through problem-solving activities such as these contests.

Summary of Math League Adaptive Learning System Features (part):

The system can quickly help improve your students' performance on annual Math League Contests and increase their chances to qualify for the annual Math League Summer Tournament.

The system can provide your students with a personalized learning environment where they can learn at their own pace and measure their own progress.

The system allows your students to do practice work and to complete instructor/parent-assigned tests and homework assignments online. Based on their results, it builds individual study plans that your students can use to improve their math fundamentals and skills. It can tailor learning to your students.

Repository of questions: The system contains all the questions from the following Annual Math League Contests since 1977.

4th Grade Contests (32 contests, 1988-1989 through 2019-2020)

5th Grade Contests (32 contests, 1988-1989 through 2019-2020)

6th Grade Contests (41 contests, 1979-1980 through 2019-2020)

7th Grade Contests (43 contests, 1977-1978 through 2019-2020)

8th Grade Contests (43 contests, 1977-1978 through 2019-2020)

Algebra Course 1 Contests (27 contests, 1993-1994 through 2019-2020)

High School Contests (258 contests, 1977-1978 through 2019-2020, 6 contests per year)

Stanford Math League Summer Tournament (2012 & 2013)

The system facilitates parents to participate in their children's learning process so they can understand and assist their children along the way to accomplish goals.

The system keeps track of all the questions a student didn't answer correctly. We call this the "mistake list" of a particular student. A student can always check his/her "mistake list" and work on the questions again. The system can also generate "similar questions." Question A's similar questions are defined as the questions which have the same topic as that of Question A and the same level of difficulty.

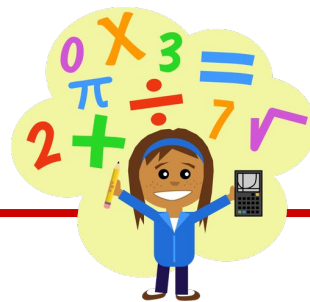
The system can conduct an analysis of a student's performance over a particular period, for example, the last two months, identifying the topics he/she has mastered (strengths), and the topics he/she needs more work (weaknesses), and generating questions for this student to improve his/her weaknesses.

Please check our FAQs at <https://online.mathleague.com/faq/faqteacher.php> for a more detailed description of the system.

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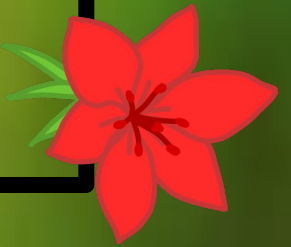
ALL THE BEST from the

Tofield Middle School Mathematics Program





# March 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Early dismissal	5	6
7	8	9 School Pictures 	10 School Pictures 	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Spring Break begins	30 Spring Break	31 Spring Break (school resumes April 6th)			