

Tofield School Newsletter

April 2021



Grade six students drop their parachutes on targets as part of their unit on aerodynamics.

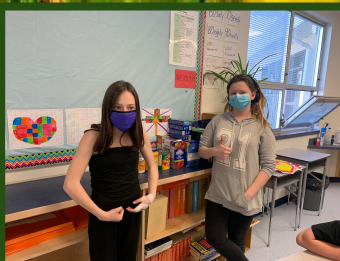


Students participate in the sidewalk chalk competition.



Students show their social, science and ELA projects.

Students Show off the food being collected for the food bank.



Administrative Message

We love this time of the year! The world just seems brighter when we can be outside without major layers of winter clothing! We certainly hope that you are all enjoying the warm weather and the ensuing activities that become possible with mild weather. We are aware that cases of Covid are surrounding us and we are pleased with our students, staff and parents' approach in keeping this virus in check. We know that there are different opinions, however, the respect that we have been extended has allowed us to stay within the safety measures needed in order for our school to remain safe. Thank you to all of you for your keen awareness of the need to follow the guidelines set forth by AHS. We will get through this! Report cards went out on Friday and Quarter 4 classes began April 21st! Whew, what a ride it has been. Our students and staff continue to amaze us in all that they are doing to maintain the rigor and focus with the courses being offered. We are extremely proud of everyone's efforts! We watch student-progress very closely and are very impressed with what we are seeing! We want to wish everyone the very best in quarter 4 learning! Take care and stay safe!



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).

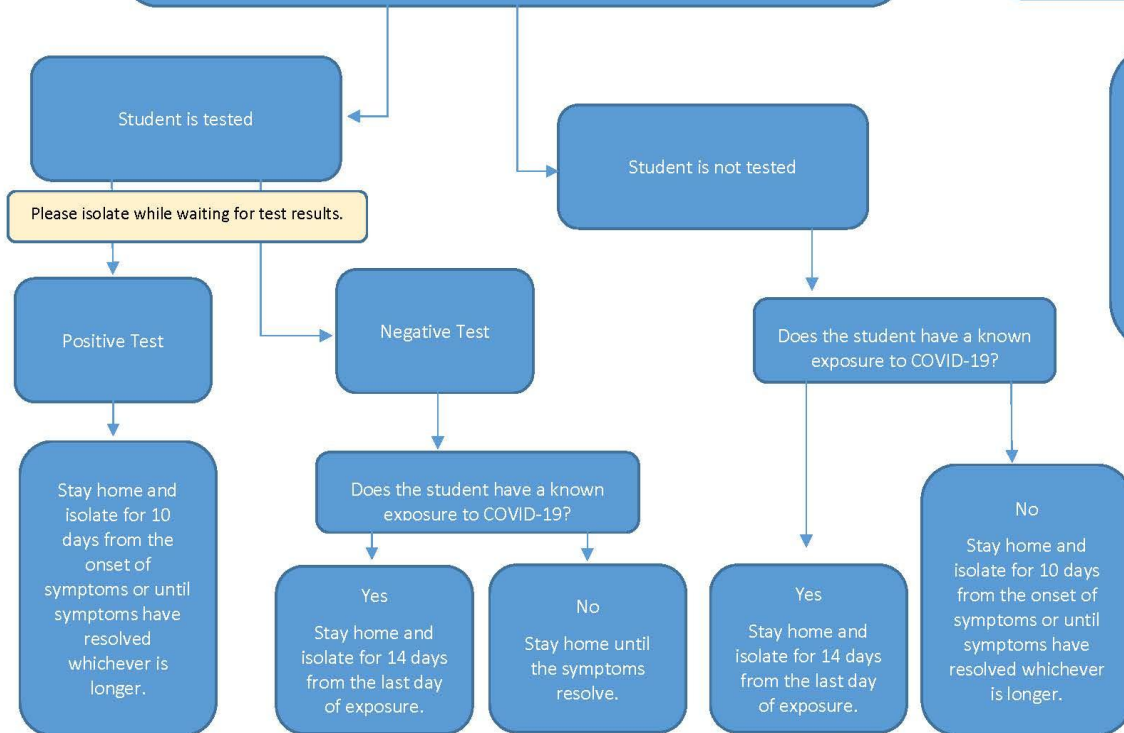
**If a student is 13 years old or younger, parental consent must be provided for ongoing support. If a student is 14 or older, those students can consent on their own for FSLW service.*

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 [ARS 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.



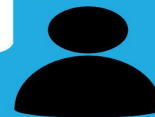
If your child is showing one or more of the **other symptoms** on the Daily Self-Assessment checklist (chills, stuffy nose, nausea / vomiting / diarrhea, loss of appetite, muscle / joint aches, headache, etc) do not send your child to school. Please keep the child at home and minimize the child's contact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



Think
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Positive

"So, I just got my kid a cell phone. Now what?"

The 'Online World' is intriguing and exciting. Children and youth use the Internet to communicate with friends and for entertainment. It becomes a legitimate part of their social structure. It provides them with a sense of connection and security.



What Should You Focus On?

What are they exposed to?
Who are they speaking to?
How are they being treated/treating others?
How is their character development being influenced?

SECRET What's Personal?

Consider talking to them about **personal information and privacy and location settings**. Define what personal information is. Research and then show them how to switch to private accounts. Turn off the location settings. Increase their safety and give yourself a peace of mind.



Establish Guidelines With Mutual Understanding

Will you be doing spot checks?
Do you need a cell phone contract with outlined consequences?
Where can devices be used?
How long can they be used for?



Implement an Exit Strategy

Use the phones for help! If they are in troubling, uncomfortable situations with friends or are involved in peer pressure, have them use a code word to text to you. This code will allow them to use an excuse to leave the situation and their peers by simply stating, "family emergency."

DID YOU KNOW?

The minimum age to use most social media platforms is 13

BUT

According to a study, 48% of students have lied about their age to register for a site they are too young to join.

Via Young Canadians in a Wired World research by Media Smarts

Tofield Athletics



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

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

A total of 10 people are allowed at practices. Practices will be devoted to skill development, team building and physical activity.

Volunteer Coaches, Parent Volunteers and Staff Liaisons/Support for the 2021 Basketball Season are:

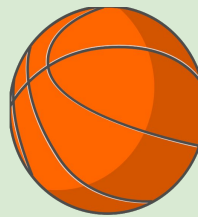
Junior High Girls Basketball - Makenna Moos, Ms. Muench and Mr. Bobier (Staff Support)

Junior High Grade 9 Boys Basketball - Joel Tiedeman

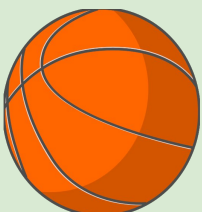
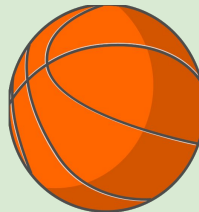
Senior High Girls Basketball - Jenn Sideroff

Senior High Boys Basketball - Noel Reid


Thank you coaches for your time and effort.



Thank you to all our dedicated coaches for helping our students increase their skills.

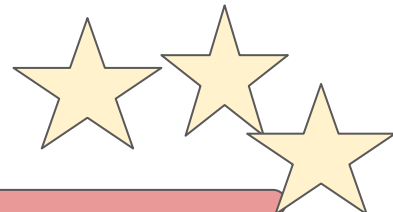


Did You Know?



Google Classroom can be used to catch up on work when absent?

Our classes go outside to enjoy the warm weather?



Did you know Phys. Ed. classes have new Spikeball equipment?

Did you know the grade seven math league competitors placed 6th in the National Math league competition? Way to go!

Did you know the grade six classes made parachutes and tested them as part of their aerodynamics unit?

Did you know the Leadership 15/25 class and Tofield school collected 836 lbs of food for the Food Bank?

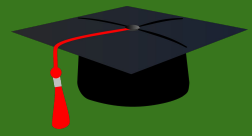
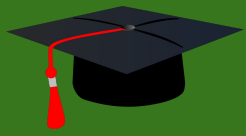
The Mercury had a great story about our Cosmetology and Esthetics Program!

Did you know the senior high foods class competed in a Mystery Black Box Food Challenge?

Did you know that Graduation is on May 7th?

Students completed surveys and 49% stated that they are sleep-deprived due to being on their technology/phones or gaming late at night!!! Yikes

Tofield School is missing about \$7500 worth of textbooks? Please return your old textbooks.



Tofield School Graduation 2021



Simon Brandt



Carson Brown

TOFIELD SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021



Tatiana Cal



Laura Chute



Breanna Codd



Mark Cunnings



Adrian Doubleday



Ashton Doubleday



Cody Forbes



Kyra Fraser



Charles Gray



J'dynn Gray



Aria Heaman



Gavin Heinrichs



Conor Henriksen



Rebecca Hill



Brett Holmes



Jayden Hymanyk



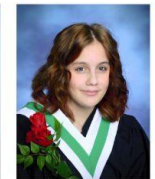
Sydney Jones



Kayla Lowe



Hailey McLaughlin



Isabella Nagy



Jane Reeves



Kyle Schmidt



Morgan Shewchuk



Olivia Sjursen



Zoe Solomon



Niclas Stoll



Mercedes Tremblay



Landon Van Engelen



Brenten Vienneau

No Photo Available: Marcus Alder, Sarah Benford.

Congratulations to this year's graduating class!

Graduation will take place Friday, May 7, 2021 at 2 PM in the Tofield School Gym. Due to restrictions, only the graduates will attend. However, we will be livestreaming the ceremony on our school Facebook page and school website for everyone at home. The livestream will begin shortly before 2 PM.

From the Office

ATTENDANCE

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

SCHOOL FEES

Q4 FEES HAVE NOW BEEN APPLIED AND ALL FEES ARE DUE. 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. Yearbook fees are optional and are not included in your fees total.

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.

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.



Tofield School Celebrates



Tofield School Grade 7 contestants place 6 in Canadian National Math League Competition

Summary of Results 7th Grade Contests CNML Regional Standings

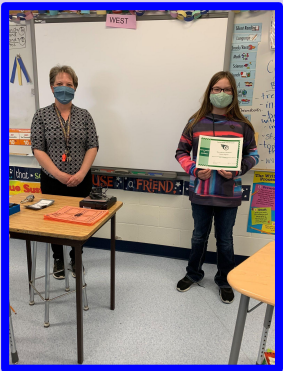
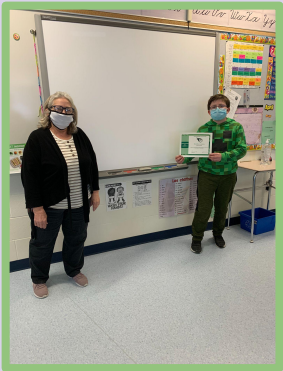
Alberta - Top Schools in Region

Rank	School	Town	Score
*1	Grandview Heights School	Edmonton	146
2	Tom Baines School	Calgary	126
3	Crestwood School	Edmonton	121
4	Westmount Charter School	Calgary	116
5	Centre for Academic/Personal Excel.	Medicine Hat	103
6	Tofield School	Tofield	88

Congratulations to all students, staff, and parents who help our kids... We Are Titans!

Grade 5 Math League

On Thursday, April 15 / 2021, grade 5 students from Tofield School participated in the National Math League Competition. Math contests give students an educationally enriching opportunity to participate in an academically oriented activity and recognize mathematical achievement. The Math League Competition's main goal is educational: they promote enjoyment and help students study mathematics by organizing contests for grades 4-12. These contests help to enrich mathematics programs. Each contest covers topics appropriate to the contest grade level. The well-written questions cover a variety of difficulty ranges and involve topics of interest to above-average students. The key is to encourage students to enjoy a challenge and to learn from it to find problem-solving discussions stimulating. This challenge is what prompts many youngsters to enjoy puzzle books! The enrichment provided a positive experience for students. Please see below the top and overall scores from the grade 5 classes: David Cardinal 5J and Top Overall, Bona Min 5N and Carmyn Ferguson 5K. Congratulations to everyone who participated, and we look forward to seeing you again next year.



What Can I Do?



Get Involved!

Whether they're on social media, playing games or watching videos. It will allow you to see what they are doing and is a starting point for open communication, because they know that you're a part of their online life. It might also make them more likely to come to you with problems if they know you are familiar with their online activities.

Don't be Afraid to Intervene

Tell youth about red flags, such as someone asking for or sending intimate images, bribes and unusual gifts, threats and intimidation, or any behaviour that makes them feel uncomfortable. Let them know to speak to you if they hear or see anything suspicious. Tell them and show them that they can trust you.

Contact Us!

Have any questions or comments?

Feel free to reach out!

Email:

publiced@saffroncentre.com

Phone:

780-449-0900

Communicate with Youth

Be sure to set clear expectations for device usage early on. These expectations can be set well before they receive an electronic device. You and your youth can agree on time limits, when they can use it, where they can use it, what sites or apps they can use and what is considered inappropriate. You can also mention how you will regulate their behaviour. You may agree on spot checks and/or filtration and monitoring devices. It is important to involve them in the conversation! It is also essential to talk to youth about healthy relationships, boundaries, online bullying, pornography, and the consequences of sexting. Talk about the permanency of their posts online. Inform them that all of their posts, pictures, likes, and shares can be viewed and used to determine their candidacy for a job, school, or volunteer roles.



Listen to Youth

Get involved in youth's discussions about the internet. Use it as an opportunity to gain knowledge about the apps they use and the games they are playing. Pay close attention to the details! They can help you in future discussions. Be sure to also listen for any issues they may be having and how they are feeling online. Do they have anxiety online? Are they facing peer pressure? Do they vent anger or frustration online? Do they know when they need parental help? These are all great conversations to have!

Set Aside Tech Free Time

Consider implementing this rule for kids **and** parents: no devices 1 hour before bedtime. Setting aside even more tech-free time can also allow your family to spend more time together and build a stronger bond. Try some offline family activities!

Think about the age they get their first device.

Many parents want their young children to have devices so they can contact each other in case of emergency. Be mindful about other apps and games the device can be used for, and if they are age appropriate.

Gaming

Check the age ratings for games that youth are playing to ensure that they are age appropriate. These can be found on the physical copy of the game, by searching online, or through app stores. Whether it's violence or sexually explicit material, the content can influence their thoughts and behaviours. It can also be helpful to read reviews before deciding to purchase specific games. **CommonSenseMedia.com has age ratings, reviews, and spots for parents to share their thoughts.** It is also essential to talk about privacy settings with your youth. These settings control who can contact them, and it's best if only friends can do so. Computer games will have different settings within each game and distribution service (Steam, Blizzard). Be sure to turn off the location settings of any gaming consoles (xBox, PS4) and set parental controls for them, so you can change settings and view the history. It is also a trend to livestream yourself playing games on Twitch. Talk to your youth about the dangers of livestreaming - unintentionally sharing personal information, getting contacted by strangers, etc.



What Else to Consider

- **Be aware of emotions** – cyberbullying and harassment are a growing problem in online games. Pay attention to how they seem when they are on and offline (e.g. withdrawn, angry, sad, etc.)
- **Stay informed** – search the internet for popular new games, and any issues that have been reported with those games. And stay up to date on the kinds of games **your** kids are playing so you know what to look out for!
- **Play with them** – this may not be something you want to do, but getting involved in their gameplay ensures you approve of what they play and you can get a glimpse into what gaming is like for them.
- **Stranger danger** – one of the main problem with games is communication with strangers. Cautioning against talking to strangers, encouraging only playing with friends and muting others and themselves will all help to keep them safe.
- **Open communication** – and as with all things, we stress open communication! Do your best to make sure your kids feel comfortable coming to you if they run into any inappropriate behaviour.

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.

- * 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/ 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

Welcome

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 Ryley. We look forward to welcoming to our staff.

Foods 10/20/30 Black Box Challenge

Students in the senior high foods class were given surprise ingredients to make their own food creations.

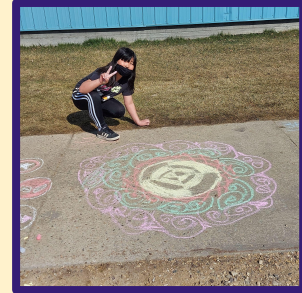




Leadership Class Activities



Sidewalk chalk challenge



Students had the opportunity to compete in a sidewalk chalk competition put on by the students in the senior high leadership class.

Food Drive

This month the High School Leadership class coordinated a food drive to support the Tofield and Ryley Area Food Bank. Classes were provided with tracking sheets of needed food items with the goal of creating at least five complete food hampers per class. Once collected, 836 lbs of food was delivered to the Food Bank. A huge thank you goes out to the organizers and all of those who participated in supporting our local community.



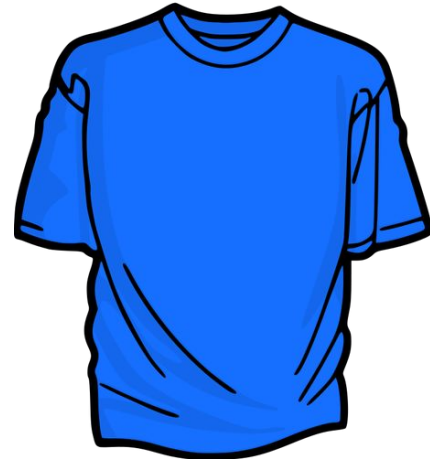
Titan Wear

If you would like to purchase Titan wear, our Titan Clothing Store is back open for business! The online store is open April 6 to May 6, with the orders coming in by the end of May.

Check out the link below.....

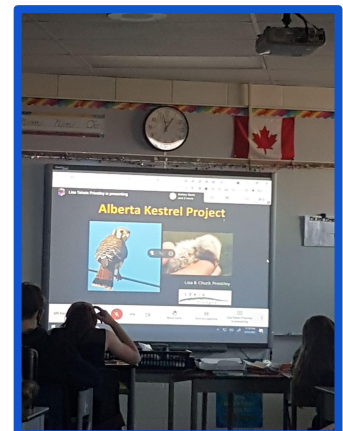
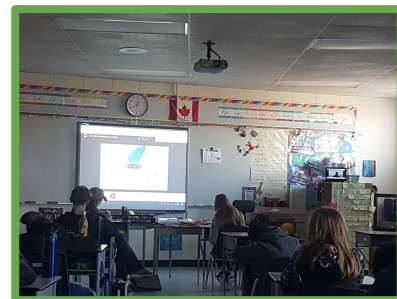
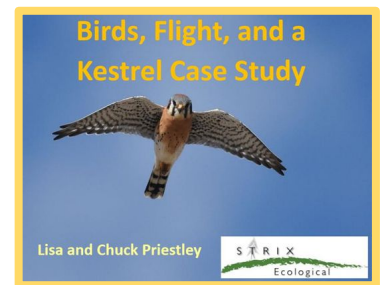
The link is :

<https://www.promoplace.com/tofieldschoolapparelstore>




Grade Six Flight Study

On Tuesday, March 23rd, grade 6 students were treated to a presentation by biologist Lisa Priestley via a Google Meet. Grade 6 students are currently studying bird adaptations for flight. She and her husband, Chuck, own STRIX Ecological Consulting, and have partnered with LaFarge, the Town of Tofield and the Alberta Conservation Association to study American Kestrels around our area. Kestrels are the smallest falcons in North America and have some really cool adaptations! They have a tomial tooth, eyes that can see UV and baffles to close their nostrils to block airflow when they are diving at high speed. In addition to speaking about kestrels, Lisa reviewed how birds fly and their physical adaptations for flight. If you are interested in getting involved with the Alberta Kestrel Project, you can follow them on Instagram at @albertakestrelproject or on Facebook: Alberta Kestrel Project. If you have pasture land and you're interested in having a kestrel nest box set up on your property, contact Chuck Priestley at chuck@STRIXeco.ca. The grade 6 students want to extend a huge thanks to Lisa for sharing her time and expertise with us!



May 2021

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