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Times

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Principal's Message...

Greeting Parents/ Guardian,

Welcome back to a new school year. I trust the summer break was both relaxing and rejuvenating. We are very excited to start our new year and we look forward to continuing to provide a wonderful year of learning and fun for your child.

Please take the time to review all of the events noted in this newsletter. Already, events are happening this month and it is our goal to always have excellent communication between home and school. Let us know if you feel we need to improve in that area!

Parent participation is vital to the success of a small school. There are many ways you can be involved! I am already sourcing out parent coaches for all the school sports teams, so let me know your passion. September is Volleyball season, November starts Basketball and Archery, February is Badminton, April is Soccer, and May is Track and Field. As well, we need parents to help out with Hot Lunch. Even one Thursday a month would be so appreciated! All parents can be involved with both educational decisions and fundraising through our School Council. Meetings will be held each month, either in-person or virtual, so look for the September date to be sent home soon. Finally, parents can join us on our field trips throughout the year.

One benefit of a small school is that I am able to become acquainted with each and every student. I teach a bit in every grade level and I enjoy connecting with our students. All of the staff members at Tomahawk School are invested in providing an excellent year for our students. We work very hard to ensure that we have high quality instruction at every grade level and that we are building meaningful relationships. We strive to provide the support needed for each individual situation. We are not perfect, but we are certainly working diligently to bring our best every day. If you have any concerns or questions, please, reach out to your child's teacher, or to myself as I value my connection to parents as well.

Thank you for all you do to support your child at home. School and home are a team working together focused on your child's success.

Sincerely, Ms. Bell Principal

Welcome Back and Meet the Teacher



Welcome back to a new school year! We are so excited to see all of the students' faces once again. As a welcome back, and kick off to the school year, we will be hosting a **Meet the Teacher** event on **Friday, September 9th**, after school until 5:30. Hot dogs and light snacks will be available, so come on by and say hello to our teachers. We hope to see you there!

COVID-19 Awareness and Information

Parkland School Division continues to have current COVID-19 information available on the division website. A link is provided below:

<https://www.psd.ca/schools/covid-19-info>

Friends of Tomahawk & Hot Lunch

The school year has just started, but our School Council/Friends of Tomahawk already have plans to get right back to providing a delicious hot lunch to our students every Thursday! Order forms have been sent home.

Hot Lunch for September will be the following:

September 15 - Pancakes and Sausages

September 22 - Taco in a Bag

September 29 - Breaded Chicken Burger & Caesar Salad

Stay tuned for School Council meeting dates and times. New members are always welcome and appreciated!

School Enrollment

Our classroom configurations have changed slightly, and we have a few changes with our classroom teachers. Here are the classes for the 2022-2023 school year:

Preschool - Mrs. Badgerow - 8 students

Kinder/Grade 1 - Mrs. Hermann - 17 students

Grade 2/3 - Miss Knol - 19 students

Grade 4/5 - Miss Smithaniuk - 19 students

Grade 6/7 - Ms. Lawrence - 23 students

Grade 8/9 - Mr. Mobach - 21 students

Principal (Music/ IEL) - Ms. Bell

Cross Country Running

Cross country running is the first extra-curricular activity of the year, and races are right around the corner! Below are the dates and locations of the upcoming runs. Register at the school office before you head to a race, please.

September 15 - Duffield School

September 22 - Woodhaven School

September 29 - Entwistle School

October 6 - Meridian Heights School

October 13 - Blueberry School

October 20 - High Park School



Kindergarten and Preschool Registration

The new school year may have started, but you can still register your child for our Kindergarten or Preschool program at Tomahawk School. Students must be 5 years old by December 31st to enroll in Kindergarten, and our preschool program is for 3 & 4 year olds. Be sure to spread the word to your friends and neighbours!



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day

Thursday, September 29 is Orange Shirt Day. There will be no school for staff or students on Friday, September 30th to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Both of these days will be used to promote awareness of the role Residential Schools hold in Canadian History and to show solidarity with Indigenous peoples and the reconciliation surrounding the history of Residential Schools.

School Handbook & Code of Conduct

With the start of a new school year, we always encourage families to review our School Handbook and Code of Conduct. Please use the following links to review the materials on our school website.

Code of Conduct:

<https://tomahawk.psd.ca/students/conduct>

School Handbook:

<https://tomahawk.psd.ca/parents>

(scroll to tab at bottom of page)

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 23rd students will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run. After lunch, there will be an assembly in the gym, followed by the run which all students will participate in. Watch for more information coming soon.

Lifetouch School Photos

Lifetouch will be taking school photos on Tuesday, September 27th. Be sure to wear your brightest smile that day!

Swimming Lessons

In September, our grade 4, 5, and 6 classes will be attending swimming lessons in Drayton Valley at the Park Valley Pool. The dates for lessons are September 19 -22 and 26. More information will be coming home soon with students in these grades.

Nutrition Nook

Tomahawk School will once again be providing milk and nutritious snacks to our students. Milk deliveries will begin on September 15 with our hot lunch program, and we will be receiving food to fill our Nutrition fridge by the end of September.

School Counselor

We are so pleased to welcome our new school counselor, Mrs. Jenny Al-Adra. She will be joining us every Tuesday, and comes with many years of teaching experience in The Parkland School Division. All students are welcome to see Mrs. Al-Adra, but a consent form is required. If interested, please see the office for a welcome letter and consent form.

dates to Remember

September

5 - No School - Labour Day

6 - School Counselor at Tomahawk School

7 - First day for Tomahawk Preschool

9 - Meet the Teacher - After school until 5:30

13 - School Counselor In

15 - Hot Lunch - Pancakes and Sausage

15 - Duffield Cross Country Race - held at Grouse Nest Golf Course

19 - Swimming Lessons - Grade 4/5/6

20 - School Counselor In

20 - Swimming Lessons - Grade 4/5/6

21 - Swimming Lessons - Grade 4/5/6

22 - Swimming Lessons - Grade 4/5/6

22 - Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag

22 - Woodhaven Cross Country Race - held at Brookwood School (park at Woodhaven across the street)

23 - Terry Fox Run (afternoon)

26 - Swimming Lessons - Grade 4/5/6

27 - School Counselor In

27 - Lifetouch Individual School Photos

29 - Hot Lunch - Breaded Chicken Burger and Caesar Salad

29 - September Recognition Assembly - 12:30

29 - Orange Shirt Day and Entwistle Cross Country Race - held at Entwistle School

30 - No School - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation