

LINSFORD PARK SCHOOL

"Building Healthy, Inclusive Relationships and Academic Competencies"



September 2023

PARENT NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK to another school year! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer vacation and are ready for school activities. Through our monthly newsletters we hope to keep you informed about what is happening at school as well as in the community. Please also check out our school website for information about our school community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/COLLABORATION DAY

The first professional development/collaboration day of the year will be held on Friday, September 15th. There will be no school for students on that day.

ARRIVAL TIME FOR STUDENTS



Students should be arriving no sooner than 8:25 am each morning; with bells ringing for the day's start at 8:30 am. Supervision will occur in front of the school and the south and north side entrance doors beginning at 8:25 am. Supervision will not be on the playground apparatus areas at this time and therefore is off limits. Students will have lots of time to play on the playground apparatus during the scheduled recess times.

POWER SCHOOL PARENT PORTALS

Each student **must** have a parent with a working Power School Parent Portal. Please make sure you can access your Parent account. If you can't OR if you've never set one up please contact the office immediately. If you don't have a computer at home you can use one here at the school. Without this account you will **NOT** be able to do the student verification, permission forms, view marks, pay fees or any of the on-line consent forms.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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VISITOR PARKING



We wish to advise visitors that you may not use the staff parking lots or the bus loading zone when visiting the school. Please also do not park on the crosswalks or by the pylons in front of the school. For the safety of our students, community and traffic, the road in front of the school is frequently monitored by the RCMP who will ticket anyone not abiding by the rules of the road and signage.

VOICE MAIL MESSAGES

If you know that your child will be absent from school due to illness, medical appointments, or vacations, please call the school office at 780-986-8474 and leave a brief message. Voice mail is available at any time, day and night! If your child is not at school and no message was received, you will receive an Automated Call Out from our system asking you to contact the school.



POWERTEACHER PRO/GRADE BOOK KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1-6



Throughout the year Kindergarten to Grade 1-6 teachers will be placing marks for major assignments and tests in an online Grade Book. Two reporting periods will then occur in which marks will accumulate into the form of a progress report. At Linsford Park, reporting periods for this school year will be September to January 30, 2024 AND February 1, 2024 to June 26, 2024. Our formal reports will be viewable online January 30, 2024 and June 26, 2024. Parent teacher conferences will occur for K-Grade 6 November 8 & 9, 2023; and February 5 & 6, 2024. For further information about student assessment, please read our Assessment Plan located on our school website.

MEET THE TEACHER AND PARENT COUNCIL EVENT

Please join us on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm to meet our teaching staff and parent council members. We will start by meeting in the school gym, followed by parents going to their children's classrooms. Parent council will be having their annual meeting during this time as well.



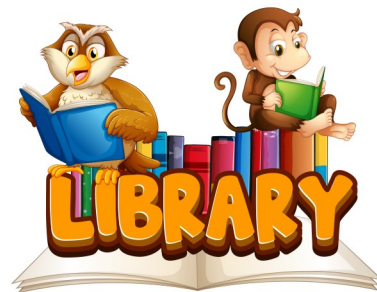
TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

Our first school-wide physical activity will take place Friday, September 22nd with our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk. We are requesting a donation of \$2.00 per student which will be given to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. Please have your child give their donation to their teacher.

Welcome, to a new school year! I am excited to see everyone back to the Library Learning Commons and hope to start classes in Mid September.

There are many new books to check out and look forward to sharing some stories.

Mrs. Pollard



AIR QUALITY INDEX RATING

Due to the unfortunate current fires in Alberta and their significant effect on air quality, the Black Gold School Division has established that all schools will cancel outdoor activities (including recess) with an AQHIR of 7 plus. This may also affect a few field trips and special events that occur outside, which will be determined on a daily basis.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

All schools and Division buildings and facilities will be closed Friday, September 29, 2023, to publicly commemorate truth and reconciliation across the Division.

Staff and students will recognize Truth and Reconciliation Week by incorporating Indigenous culture, knowledge and education within our classrooms and learning about the tragic history and painful legacy of residential schools. Linsford Park will observe Orange Shirt Day on September 28th by lowering our flag to half mast. Students and staff are encouraged to wear

Meet the

TEACHERS



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Katelyn Pohl (morning)

Mis Stephanie Smith (afternoon)

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Joline Huisman

GRADE 1

Mr. McDonald

GRADE 1/2

Miss Tiffany Archie

GRADE 2/3

Ms. Sandi Hume

GRADE 3

Miss Michelle Opdendries

GRADE 4

Miss Tracy Ratzlaff

GRADE 5/6

Miss Keri McNair

GRADE 6/5

Mrs. Carmelle Weiss

GRADE 4/5/6

Mrs. Heather Kierstead

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Mrs. Melissa Emmerzael

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR												
Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details			
AUGUST 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	4	2	<div><div></div> August 28 & 29 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> August 30 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students</div>		
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SEPTEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	<div><div></div> September 4 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> September 15 - PD Day: (No Students): (AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day</div> <div><div></div> September 29 - Day in Lieu - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation</div>		
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OCTOBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	<div><div></div> October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> October 10 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>		
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NOVEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	<div><div></div> November 1 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> November 5 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward)</div> <div><div></div> November 11 - Remembrance Day</div> <div><div></div> November 13 - 17 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>		
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DECEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	<div><div></div> December 4 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> December 25 - 29 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div>		
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Semester 1: Aug 31, 2023 - Jan 31, 2024							95	88	Semester 2 - Commences Feb 1, 2024			
FEBRUARY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	<div><div></div> February 1 - Semester 2 Commences</div> <div><div></div> February 8 & 9 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> February 19 - Family Day (Schools Closed)</div>		
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MARCH 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	<div><div></div> March 10 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward)</div> <div><div></div> March 11 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> March 25 - 29 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)</div>		
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APRIL 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	<div><div></div> April 1 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> April 2 - School Resumes</div> <div><div></div> April 19 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>		
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MAY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	<div><div></div> May 17 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> May 20 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div>		
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JUNE 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	<div><div></div> June 26 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam & PAT</div> <div><div></div> June 27 & 28 - Teacher Workday (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam & PAT</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>		
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Semester 2: February 1 - June 28, 2024							99	92				
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days Students							194	180	Aug-Dec/23: 77 -T & 71 -S; Jan-June/24: 117 -T & 109 -S			

Approved - February 22, 2023