

BACK TO SCHOOL

ISABELLE SELTON SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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WEEK BY THE CREEK

Many of our school staff are participating in a professional learning cohort with the University of Lethbridge and Memorial University to build an understanding of the positive impact on student learning and engagement when curricular outcomes are attached to place based learning.

"Week by the Creek" was a school wide learning initiative to connect students to the people and places of our community to inspire wonder, curiosity and discovery. Based on student, staff and parent feedback, this was a successful week of learning!

Our week is captured in further detail and photos in the Crowsnest Herald, Shootin' the Breeze, LRSD website and our school website.

WELCOME BACK!

With the first month of school complete, we are well on our way to learning new routines and setting "wildly important" goals to build school culture, leadership and high academic expectations.

The students have been very responsive and considerate to the safety and well being of others during this unique time and are demonstrating responsibility and leadership. We are so proud of them!

Please continue to monitor your child's health by completing the Alberta Health Screening questionnaire; posted on the division website. Other useful information is posted on the Parent page of our school website.

School newsletters and updates are shared on both our school webpage and facebook.

SCHOOL VISITORS

At this time, **we are unable to accommodate unexpected school visitors.** We do welcome your concerns, support and feedback, but ask that an appointment is pre-arranged with your child's teacher or school administration if you prefer to speak in person. As new health protocols become available, updates will be made to our school visitor policy.

Parents/Guardians who wish to volunteer with outdoor place based learning excursions are asked to connect with their child's homeroom teacher. All volunteers must follow safety guidelines and protocols under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher. It is also advised that a current Criminal Record Check is on file at the school.

OCTOBER KEY DATES

Oct. 4- Tri-School Place Based Learning PD

Oct. 11- Thanksgiving Day

Oct. 19th- Tri-School Council mtg 6pm

Oct. 21, 22- Student Progress Interviews (appointments can be made on our school website)

Updated Bell Schedule

Morning bell rings at 8:25am.

First class begins at 8:35am.

Recess breaks 10:41-11:00am

Lunch break 12:37-1:13 pm

Dismissal Mon.- Thurs.- 3:20 pm, Fri. -1:20pm

TECHNOLOGY AND STUDENT DEVICES

We recognize the value of technology and aim to provide meaningful learning opportunities whereby technology is a tool for students. At Isabelle Sellon School, we are also committed to providing learning environments that challenge our learners inquiry skills, problem solving skills and effective communication skills in the absence of various technologies.

Our goal is to reduce the overall amount of screen time for students during the school day. In an effort to do this, we expect all student cell phones and personal devices are kept in student lockers throughout the school day. Upon the direction of classroom teachers, students may use personal devices for academic tasks.

The best way to get hold of your child during the school day is via Amber at the school office. Each classroom also has a phone that students are able to use with teacher permission.



SCHOOL SPORTS AND INTRAMURALS

Current health and safety measures are in effect to allow student participation in school sports.

During the month of October and into early November, we will offer a Volleyball program for interested students during the school day (recess break) and after school (3:20-4:20).

To offer this programming safely, dates of participation will be by grade level cohort only. In the event that student participation numbers are too high, students will participate by classroom cohort to accommodate health guidelines of no more than 1/3 capacity in the gym.

If your child is interested in participating in the after school program, please complete the permission form that will be sent home during the week of Oct. 5-8th. No permission form is needed for intramurals.

SAFETY DRILLS

Safety drills (fire drills, lockdown drills) are held regularly throughout the school year to ensure procedures are practiced and reinforced to maintain the safety of everyone. These safety drills may be announced or unannounced to students and staff.

During the month of October, a lockdown drill will occur. As this is our first lockdown drill of the school year, staff and students will be made aware.

Classroom teachers will be reviewing safety procedures with students to build understanding, awareness and preparedness.

School Council News

At our September AGM, it was decided to move ahead with a Parent Advisory Council. Monthly Tri-School Council meetings will continue, with our first virtual meeting on October 19th at 6pm. If you have items to bring forward during our school's break out session, please email Marnie by October 15th.

Isabelle Sellon School is excited to announce a Student Leadership Council this year! Campaigning will be underway by the middle of the month with speeches and voting to follow. The Student Leadership Member Council will be announced at the end of the month.