

# École Sifton School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are sending out the last newsletter of the school year. We feel very fortunate this year that we have our students and staff in the building together as we finish off another very successful yet unusual school year. Although we are not spending the last two weeks of the school year the same as we would some years, teachers and staff have many exciting events planned for students to engage in as we approach the end of a very interesting year at École Sifton School.

The next two weeks will be busy ones as students complete their course work, and teachers and staff prepare report cards and plan year end activities. The last day of classes for our ECS classes are June 16th and 17th and for our grade one to five classes is Tuesday, June 29th. Our ECS classes will enjoy a pizza lunch on their last day of classes and students in grades one to five will enjoy pizza on Friday, June 25th. Our grade five farewell celebration will take place on Monday, June 28th. Students will enjoy lunch from East Side Marios and their goodbye video prepared by Mrs. Barclay. All classes will celebrate their successes this year with awards presented by their teacher on the last day of classes. Report cards will go home with students on the 29th. This is also the last operational day of the school year. The school will not be open on Wednesday, June 30th. Report cards not sent home on the 29th will be mailed to families.

We always have mixed feelings as we approach the end of a school year. Although we are excited for the holidays, we are sad to say goodbye to staff and students who will not be back in the fall. We have several staff members to say goodbye to this year, many who were filling temporary positions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our educational assistants Akasia Thorpe, Katelyn Kelly and Colleen Swedberg for all their hard work and support of our students this year. We are also sad to advise that Nathalie Bernard and Ramona Parent-Boyd, who were both away on leaves this year, will not be returning in the fall. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. In addition we would like to thank Monsieur Baile, Madame Kendal, Madame Isabel, and Monsieur Yvetaud for the great work they did in the classrooms they taught this year. We are also sad to say goodbye to Miss Kayla who has been part of our Pre K program at École Sifton School for many years. Miss Kayla is taking on a new challenge in another BRSD school this fall. From all of the staff at École Sifton School, we want to thank you. It was a pleasure having you as a part of our school community and we wish you all the best. To our grade five students, and any other students leaving École Sifton School this year, we wish you all the best at your new school in the fall. We hope you always look back with fond memories of your time here. We hope that you all stop by in the future and keep us updated on what you have done since leaving our school.

As we finalize our plans for the coming school year, we are pleased to have our homeroom assignments set for the fall. Please see information later in this newsletter regarding homeroom teachers for the 2021-22 school year. Students will be going to visit their homeroom teacher and classroom on the last day of classes.

We did it!!! At the beginning of this school year I know that we all had lots of questions regarding the year that lay ahead of us. We wondered what the year would look like, would we remain in classes, would we finish our school year like last year? Looking back, it has been a very challenging year but also a very rewarding one. Our students, staff and families have demonstrated such resiliency and flexibility. Our students have demonstrated growth that goes far beyond academics and things typically learned in a classroom. We are so appreciative of the support and patience that our families have demonstrated as we adjusted protocols and routines to keep our school community safe. For this we cannot thank you enough. Although we do not know exactly what our fall reentry will look like, there is far less unknown than we had entering this school year. We wish all of our students, staff and their families a wonderful relaxing and rejuvenating summer break. Have a great summer and we look forward to reconnecting with you in the fall!!

# École Sifton School Apple Fundraiser

with apples from Davison Orchards



Picked by hand, packed by hand & delivered fresh from our farm!

This is no ordinary fundraiser! Support your community and enjoy premium BC apples, delivered right to you! This is a healthy option to support a great cause!

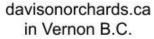
Order Deadline: September 7th, Midnight Pick-up Date: September 13th & 14th 3-5pm

Royal Gala \$30 | Okanagan Blend \$30 | Davison Honeycrisp \$36 | Bartlett Pears \$33

All apples are hand packed into a 15lb box









Davison Orchards is a family farm and the Okanagan's favourite family destination. Specializing in apples, their farm is nestled in the hills of the beautiful Okanagan valley. The Davisons offer fresh & high quality fruit and vegetables in a safe & sustainable way.



To order go to your online account at Sifton.brsd.ab.ca go to "Quick Links" and then "Online Payments and Orders". Funds raised will go towards new jerseys for our school.



### 2021-2022 Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten Ms. Michelle Broekhuizen
Maternelle Mme Alyx Urkow
Grade 1 English Mrs. Kelly
Grade 1 FIM 2 Classes Mme Lowe & Mme Bird
Grade 2 English Mrs. Myck
Grade 2 FIM 2 Classes Mme Rostad & Mme Sears
Grade 3 English Mr. Elaschuk
Grade 3 FIM M. Zoukekang
Grade 4 English Mr. Heidt
Grade 4 FIM Mme Maisonneuve
Grade 5 English Mrs. Barclay
Grade 5 FIM Mme Jutai

### Important Dates

June 18 - All library books due back

June 21 - At-home Learners textbook drop off

June 25 - Early Learning Preschool Last day

June 25 - Pizza Lunch for Grade 1-5 Students

June 29 - Last Day for students & staff

September 7—First Day back for Students

**Sept 7 - Apple Fundraiser Orders Due Online** 

Supply Lists for 2021-2022 are available on our website

Frequently Asked Questions regarding transportation for students requiring busing

<u>Does your child ride a bus to school?</u>

Does your child require busing for the 2021-2022 school year?

- Q: My child rode a bus from a <u>rural</u> property to/from school in the 2020/21 school year. Do I need to reapply?
  - Students who were actively riding a <u>rural</u> bus to/from school in June 2021 do not need to reapply for busing.
  - If your child was <u>NOT</u> riding the bus in June 2021, you will need to reapply for busing. Please apply
    online through our website at www.brsd.ab.ca.
- Q: My child's school will be changing due to going to high school or moving. Do I need to re-apply for busing if they were already on a bus?
  - YES, anytime you change schools, you must reapply for busing.
- Q: I met a bus on route so my child could attend a school of choice. Do I need to reapply?
  - YES, Cross Boundary busing needs to be reapplied for each new school year. You must contact
    Transportation through email at transportation@brsd.ab.ca to apply. Cross boundary busing cannot
    be guaranteed. Transportation will notify families as soon as route capacities have been determined (mid to late August).
- Q: My child lives in the City of Camrose and rides a bus. Do I need to reapply for a new bus pass?
  - YES, <u>ALL</u> City of Camrose students (BRSD & EICS) must reapply for busing each school year.
     BRSD students can apply online through the BRSD website.
  - Eligible students (those living 2.4 KM or more away from their designated school) will be served first.
  - Ineligible students (those living closer than 2.4 KM) will be served next on a first come, first served basis, depending on seat availability. An ineligible fee will apply.
  - Any student who requires a second bus pass will also need to pay the ineligible busing fee, regardless of eligibility.
  - Bus passes will be delivered to your child's school and you will receive an email verifying ridership and busing details.

### \*\*\*NEW this year\*\*\*

Online applications will open on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and must be received <u>no later than August 13<sup>th</sup></u>.

Applications received after August 15<sup>th</sup> may not be processed until after September 1<sup>st</sup>.

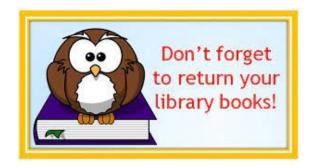


# **Library News**

The last day to take out library books was Friday, June 11. All library books are due back to the Library Learning Commons by Friday, June 18.

At-Home Learning students please return all library books and text books to Sifton on Monday, June 21. There will be bins placed outside the school (weather pending) for you to place your returned books. Grade 5 At-Home learning students be sure to pick up your package from your at-home learning teacher when you bring your textbooks back!

Any library books or text books not returned to the school will be charged to your Rycor account.



# **Summer Reading Options**

Our school's Tumblebooks subscription is active over the summer. There are many books in English and French for you to enjoy. Click on the Tumblebooks link to get started (if you don't remember the school username and password please ask your child's teacher).



BRSD has a subscription to SORA. The online reading app. Each student has anytime access to many great books. Students use their BRSD email address and password to access the app. Click the SORA picture link to get started. SORA also has a summer reads program running right now called "Sweet Reads" with great books that are only available for the summer.



# **May ROAR Draw Winners!**



















Thank you to ALL of our students for showing their ROAR every day!



### École Sifton School Bell Schedule 2021-2022

08:30 - 08:35	Advisory Time	(5 min)		
08:35 - 09:05	Period 1	(30 min)		
09:05 - 09:35	Period 2	(30 min)		
09:35 - 10:05	Period 3	(30 min)		
10:05 – 10:35 10:20	Period 4 / Grade 1 & 2 N Call-in bell (outside only		Out / Eat 15 / 15	Switch at 10:20
		<u>or</u>		
10:35 - 11:05	Period 5 / Grade 3, 4 & 5 (30 min)	Nutrition break	Out / Eat 15 / 15	Switch at 10:50
10:50	Call-in bell (outside only	)		
11:05 - 11:35	Period 6	30 min)		
11:35 - 12:05	Period 7	(30 min)		
12:05 - 12:35	Period 8	(30 min)		
12:35 - 01:05	Period 9	(30 min)		
01:05 - 01:45 01:25	Lunch Call-in bell Grade 1 & 2 will eat and	(40 min) then go out	Out / Eat 20// 20	Switch at 1:25
01:45 - 02:15	Period 10	(30 min)		
02:15 - 02:45 02:45 - 03:15 3:15 Dismissal for all	Period 11 Period 12 I K-5 Students	(30 min) (30 min)		



## **Battle River School Division**

### 2021-2022 School Calendar - Approved by BRSD Board January 28, 2021

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### Rationale

Professional Learning and Staff Collaboration Days - As an organization that learns, we are ensuring sacred time for staff professional development and skill enhancement, using research-based practice and opportunities for collaboration to

Staff Meeting Days - We have incorporated an early dismissal of 60 minutes on the first operational Thursday of each month beginning in October

Revised Jan 28 2021





# ALWAYS AVAILABLE EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

MAY 5 - AUGUST 20













2021 - 2022 ONLINE REGISTRATION STARTING JUNE 1, 2021



### **WHY OSCAR?**

- \* Early Learning and Child Care Licensed
- \* Located in these CAMROSE schools
  - -Chester Ronning Jack Stuart
  - Ecole Sifton Sparling
- \* Follows the Battle River School Calendar
- \* Interest Based Activity
- \* Social Skills Learning
- \* Fun and Affordable
- \* Subsidy Available



"USCAR Child Care Society" Phone: 780-672-0141



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### MHCB WELLNESS PACK

SPECIAL EDITION: ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

### **SELF-CARE SUMMER**

Paying attention to our bodies and emotions, and doing the things we need to do to be well, is a nobrainer! As we look towards the summer, practicing some simple self-care strategies on this calendar can ensure we make it there ready for all the sun, fun, and rest it holds!

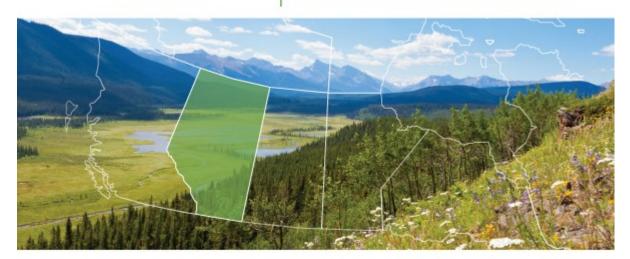
Take a look at the posters below for information on the fun summer programs we are offering for students, families, and parents and caregivers!



Start a walking habit. See if you can walk 1 km each day!	Make a "feel good songs" playlist for when you need a boost.	Curl up on the couch with your favorite treat.	Send a text to a friend you're grateful for and tell them why.	Read a chapter of a book.	Watch a favorite movie.	Take a nap (guilt free)!
Bake cookies or some other kind of treat.	Write a positive affirmation on your bathroom mirror to say to yourself daily.	Take 1/2 hour to enjoy a hot beverage in a great mug.	Put on a playlist and dance.	Call up an old friend.	Pack and go for a picnic, away from your home.	Write in a journal.
Do something you loved as a kid.	Listen to a podcast.	Practice Mindfulness for 10 minutes.	Lay down on the grass and watch the sky/clouds.	Enjoy the feeling of warm socks fresh from the dryer.	Do some gentle stretches every morning for the rest of the month.	Take a 24 hour break from social media.
Build something out of LEGO.	Make your bed with fresh sheets	Turn off your TV and play some music.	Watch the sunset.	Celebrate something today (big or small).	Window shop at your favorite store.	Using a YouTube tutorial, learn how to juggle.



# Promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French



June 2021 - COMMUNIQUÉ -

### Addiction & Mental Health News

June 2021

### Helping Kids Grow Up Great

Nothing has more impact in the life of a child than positive relationships. Building these connections can be easy but takes intention. Start by telling your child what you love about them. Catch them doing great things. Have them overhear you saying something positive about them. Doing these easy things will help them grow up great!

### Show Kids You Care

Feeling love for a child may come naturally, but how do we show that love to them?

Be dependable.

Involve them in decisions that affect them.

Set boundaries.

Inspire them by exposing them to new ideas or experiences.

Expect their best.

### MORE RESOURCES

sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets

Bringing Out the Best in Your Family -Keep Connected (searchinstitute.org)

### **Every Child Has a SPARK!**

Find out what spark (passions or interests) your child has. Ask them what they love to do with their free time. Then help them grow that passion! But what if you don't share that same enthusiasm for their passion?

Ask them to teach you about what they

Have them show you what they love about their spark.

### 40 Developmental Assets

The 40 Assets are building blocks & experiences that all kids need to thrive.

The higher the number of assets a child has, the more likely they are to make good choices and avoid risky behaviours.

To learn how you can be an asset builder, visit: sparcreddeer.ca/buildingassets.

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:





Addiction Services Help Line 1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line 1-877-303-2642



