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Principal's Message

The past two months of the school year have gone by very quickly and it is hard to believe that we have almost completed the first quarter of the school year. November will be a busy month as we prepare for report cards and parent teacher conferences. We know that students and staff are also looking forward to our upcoming fall break.

Report cards will go out for all students in grades one to five on Friday, November 19th. These will be the first report cards processed using our new system, PowerSchool. Parents and families will notice that the format of these report cards will be much different than in the past. Please watch for information we will be sending out shortly regarding how parents can access the parent portal in PowerSchool. This access will allow you to see more detailed information regarding how your son/daughter is achieving with respect to the learner outcomes being covered. It will also allow you to check on their progress throughout the school year and not just at report card time. This parent portal will be open on November 17th. We will forward information to you in the near future that will assist you in logging in. If you have any questions with this process, or are having trouble accessing this information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As was the case last year, all parent/teacher interviews in this reporting period will be held via Google Meets. These will take place at two separate times similar to how interviews were conducted for November conferences last year. Teachers will be hosting conferences either on November 8th and 9th or on November 24th and 25th. To book an interview please go to sifton.parentconferences.net. Please note that there are no report cards for our Kindergarten or Pre K students at this time, but interviews will be held for these classes.

There are a few upcoming dates that we would like to remind our families about. Our next Collaboration Day for teachers will be on Tuesday, November 16th. Our Remembrance Day Service this year will be held within each classroom on November 10th. A powerpoint presentation will help our students and staff to remember all those whose sacrifices have provided us with the freedoms we can still enjoy. Our fall break will run from November 11th to November 16th with classes resuming on November 17th.

Our teachers will be busy during these upcoming collaboration days as they learn more about the capabilities of our new PowerSchool program as well as meet to determine strategies and interventions to support students in the area of literacy. They will also have an opportunity to work through with new resources that have been purchased to enrich our students' phonemic awareness at all grade levels.

We would like to remind all our families that Battle River School Division's COVID-19 Hazard Control procedure came into effect on Friday, October 29th. Further to recent letter sent to all families on October 18th by our Board of Trustees chair and our Superintendent, all Board members, staff, parents, facility user groups, volunteers and anyone else who wishes to enter the school will be required to provide either proof of vaccination or a negative rapid test result (taken within the past 72 hours) prior to entering the building. This procedure does not apply to students. This letter is posted on our website along with the link to the Administrative Procedure if you require more information. Please contact us at the office if you have any additional questions.

As we approach the fall break we would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our school community for your continued support during these first few months of the school year. We appreciate your flexibility as procedures and routines change to help support our students and staff. We hope that all of our students, staff and their families have an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing and well deserved break.



Library News

We are excited to welcome students back into our Library Learning Commons this school year. Safety is still a big priority and we are making sure students are following safety precautions such as hand sanitizing when in the library.

Students are strongly encouraged to use plastic bags to transport their library books in their backpack. In previous years we have found that they have saved many books from leaky water bottle accidents.

Each class has a designated day and time to come to the Library and pick out a book to borrow for the week. Please remind your child to bring their book back on time so they may pick out a new book.



A Virtual Scholastic Book is coming November 22-26!

Watch for Details! Coming home soon!

Important Dates

Nov 4—Early dismissal for Students at 2:15

Nov 8 & 9 - Parent Teacher Interviews by Google Meet for M, K, 1B, 2B, 2R, 3E, 4H, 5B, & 5J

Nov 11 –Remembrance Day—No School

Nov 12—No School

Nov 15—No School

Nov. 16 No School for students

Nov 24 & 25 - Parent Teacher Interviews by Google Meet for 1E, 1/2L, 2E, 3Z, 4FIM & PreK.

Nov 22-26 Virtual Book Fair

Dec 2—Early dismissal for Students at 2:15



**Don't forget your
drink bottle**

Please Remember to send a water bottle to school with your child every day. The drinking fountains are still closed but the water bottle filling stations are open!



Kindergarten /Maternelle Friday's

November 5—Monday/Wednesday Class

November 19—Monday/Wednesday Class

November 26 –Tuesday/Thursday Class

December 3—Monday/Wednesday Class



September 28

ROAR
Draw
Winners



Respect
Ownership
Achievement
Responsibility



2020-2021
Yearbook



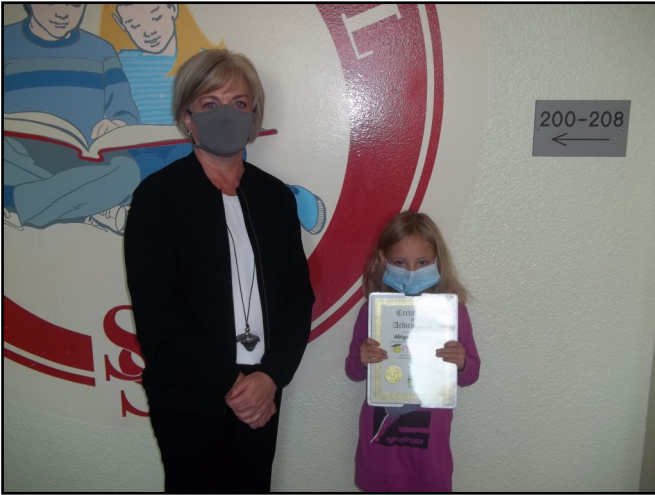
2020-2021 Sifton Yearbooks are available for \$20. If it is your first time ordering on our website please contact the school for your child's student number.

Only 100 available order soon to avoid disappointment.



Thank you to Mrs. Barclay for organizing our Terry Fox Run. Our students and families helped raise over \$3,300 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Mrs. Beattie proudly presents students with their certificates for their hard work at completing Reading University over the summer!

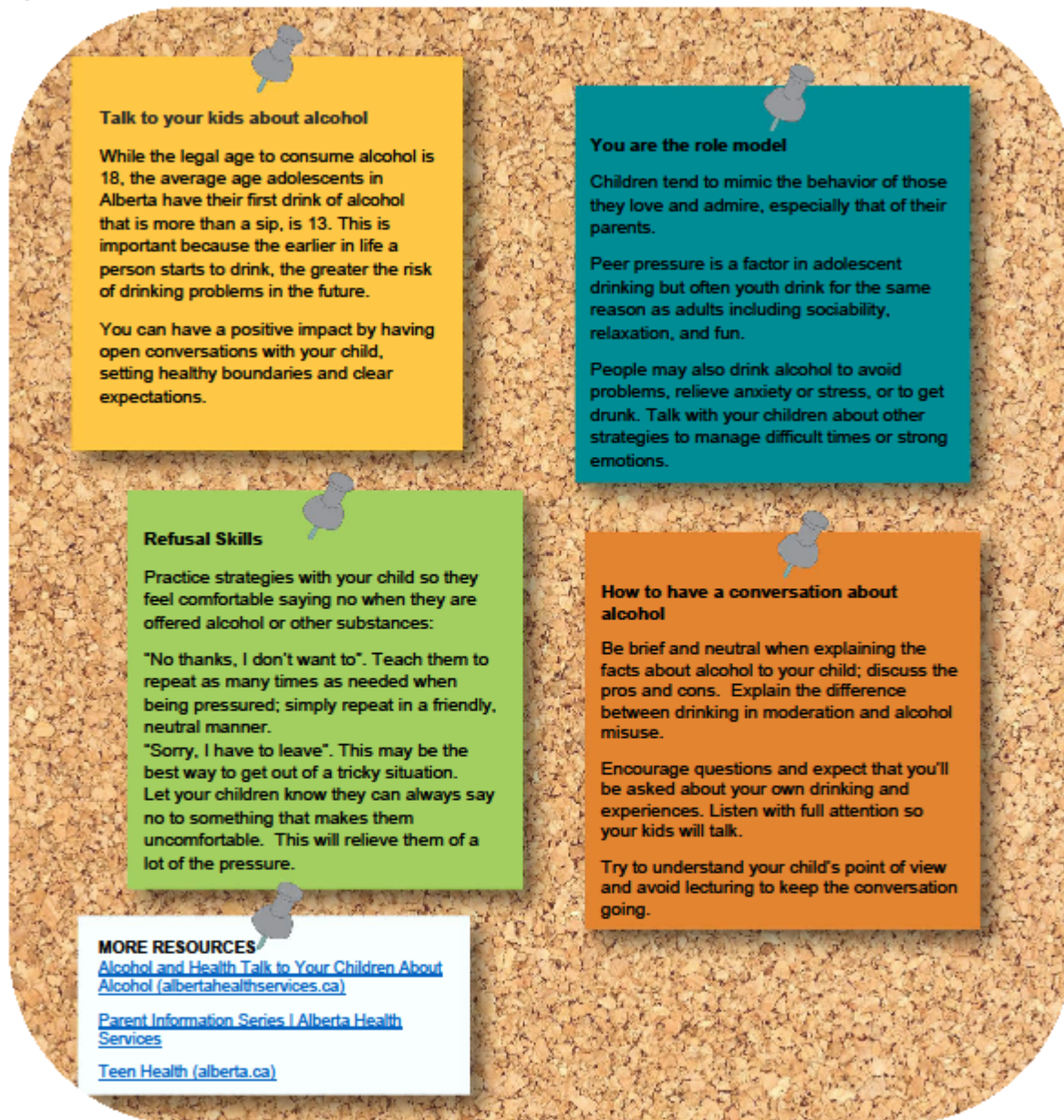


Mme Bird's Class helped paint the pedestrian underpass by Mirror Lake. Beautiful work!



Reminder that all students need a clean pair of INDOOR shoes for school. This assists with keeping our halls and rooms clean, especially with the weather changing.





Talk to your kids about alcohol

While the legal age to consume alcohol is 18, the average age adolescents in Alberta have their first drink of alcohol that is more than a sip, is 13. This is important because the earlier in life a person starts to drink, the greater the risk of drinking problems in the future.

You can have a positive impact by having open conversations with your child, setting healthy boundaries and clear expectations.

You are the role model

Children tend to mimic the behavior of those they love and admire, especially that of their parents.

Peer pressure is a factor in adolescent drinking but often youth drink for the same reason as adults including sociability, relaxation, and fun.

People may also drink alcohol to avoid problems, relieve anxiety or stress, or to get drunk. Talk with your children about other strategies to manage difficult times or strong emotions.

Refusal Skills

Practice strategies with your child so they feel comfortable saying no when they are offered alcohol or other substances:

"No thanks, I don't want to". Teach them to repeat as many times as needed when being pressured; simply repeat in a friendly, neutral manner.

"Sorry, I have to leave". This may be the best way to get out of a tricky situation. Let your children know they can always say no to something that makes them uncomfortable. This will relieve them of a lot of the pressure.

How to have a conversation about alcohol

Be brief and neutral when explaining the facts about alcohol to your child; discuss the pros and cons. Explain the difference between drinking in moderation and alcohol misuse.

Encourage questions and expect that you'll be asked about your own drinking and experiences. Listen with full attention so your kids will talk.

Try to understand your child's point of view and avoid lecturing to keep the conversation going.

MORE RESOURCES

[Alcohol and Health Talk to Your Children About Alcohol \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/alcoholandhealthtalktoyourchildrenaboutalcohol)

[Parent Information Series | Alberta Health Services](#)

[Teen Health \(alberta.ca\)](https://www.alberta.ca/teen-health)

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



Convocation à l'Assemblée générale annuelle (AGA) virtuelle

Réunion Google Meet:
mercredi 10 novembre · 6:30 pm
<https://meet.google.com/tgy-bhis-jgd>

L'avenir du Cercle vous intéresse? Vous voulez vous impliquer dans la communauté? Vous aimez les défis? Joignez-vous à l'équipe pour réaliser des projets mobilisateurs et sur mesure pour les francophones et francophiles de notre région!



Cercle local de l'ACFA de Camrose-Battle River

Rappel que seuls les membres de l'ACFA peuvent voter à l'AGA

Devenez membre aujourd'hui!

<https://adhesion.acfa.ab.ca/>

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commentaires ou suggestions,
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