

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## ISABELLE SELTON SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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### THE VALUE OF "PLACE"

Place based learning is a school and divisional priority. Amidst increased school measures to maintain health and safety, being outdoors creates meaningful learning opportunities and meets safety guidelines.

Our blanket "Acknowledgement of Risk" permission form sent home with students last week, allows staff to take learning off site anywhere in Blairmore. Our community has rich and diverse stories and places that connect to multiple curricular outcomes.

Every student at our school has been provided a journal to document their learning and curiosities during off-site learning excursions.

### WELCOME BACK!

With the first week of school complete, we are well on our way to learning new routines and safety measures for 2020-2021!

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 each morning using 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 not able to accommodate unexpected school visitors. We do welcome your concerns, support and feedback, but ask that an appointment is pre-arranged with Marnie or Meipsy 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 helpful to have a recent Criminal Record check on file at the school.

### SEPTEMBER KEY DATES

Terry Fox Walk - This will look different this year...updates will be posted on website and facebook

Sept. 21 - 2020-2021 School Council (Zoom Meet 6:00pm). Invitation link will be shared to all families.

Sept. 25 - No school- Staff Planning Day

Sept. 30- Orange Shirt Day

### School Start/End Times

With routines becoming more fluid and to accommodate optimal student learning time, please note :

8:25/3:05 Millis/Koentges

8:30/3:10 Funk/Crawford

8:35/3:15 Davis/Dalton

Note: these times may change due to Health and Safety updates

# 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.



## COHORT PLAY AREAS FOR SEPTEMBER

### Week of Sept. 14-18

Grade 4- Field  
Grade 5- Playground  
Grade 6- Tarmac

### Week of Sept. 21-25

Grade. 4- Playground  
Grade 5- Tarmac  
Grade 6 - Field

### Week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Grade 4- Tarmac  
Grade 5- Field  
Grade 6- Playground

### Week of Oct. 5-9

Grade 4- Field  
Grade 5- Playground  
Grade 6- Tarmac

## SAFETY DRILLS

Safety 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 September, both a fire drill and lockdown drill will occur. As these are our first drills of the school year, staff and students will be made aware. Classroom teachers will be reviewing safety procedures with students to build understanding and awareness.

## ***Our new Mission, Vision and Values for Isabelle Sellon School***

***Mission-*** *To learn, play and be well together.*

***Vision-*** *I- Innovative learning experiences*

*S- Strength through wellness*

*S- Students as leaders*

***Values-*** *Creativity, Innovation, Courage, Growth, Inclusion, and Community Connection*