



# Bulldog Bytes



**September 1, 2020**

**CONTACT US: (780) 532-6490**

## Welcome back!

Message from Elizabeth Linfield

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! It has been a long and emotional road that we have traveled together to allow us to open our doors to our students and begin a new year of learning and growing. The coronavirus outbreak has caused disruptions to our daily lives and some of our children are feeling these changes deeply. While the return to school will be not only welcome but exciting for many students, others will be feeling anxious or frightened. Please know that we continue to be here to support their learning as well as their social and emotional well-being.

As we have done every year, we have been busy preparing for the new school year. The requirements and protocols are not the same but the dedication of our teachers is

unwavering. We will ensure that safety is a high priority while maintaining a sense of connection and belonging in our classrooms and throughout our school. Teachers will be updating their Google Classrooms and working on essential skills with students that will allow them to participate and learn at school and from home if need be.

We are welcoming Devin Johnson to our Bulldog ranks! Mr. Johnson will be teaching Junior High Science as well as 6-9 Physical Education this year.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate these new routines and expectations here at the school in these new and interesting times. There may be changes in the upcoming days as we determine what works and what needs to be changed. Please continue

to follow us on our Facebook page and continue to check your email messages.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Linfield  
Principal, Bezanson School

### Dates to remember

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| Sept. 7  | Labour Day – No school  |
| Sept. 10 | Meet the Teacher, 4:00-5:30pm; Masks are <u>required</u> for all adults, and all children Grades 4 and up. See details below. |
| Sept. 14 | Early dismissal 3:10pm  |
| Sept. 18 | District PD – No school   |
| Sept. 21 | Bezanson School Council Meeting – All parents welcome!! Time/Place TBA  |
| Sept. 29 | School Picture Day, K-Grade 9   |
| Sept. 30 | Orange Shirt Day  |
| Oct. 5   | Early dismissal 3:10pm  |

# News and Events

We are thrilled to have our students back in the building!

## Thank you to our Booster Club

A huge thank you goes out to our Booster Club for the beautiful new playground in our school yard! It will be a wonderful addition to our school community for many years to come. We're also so thankful for your work in giving other areas of our school yard a face lift, and look forward to the new gaga-ball pits!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!

## School Picture Day

Paquin's will be at our school on Tuesday, September 29, for school pictures of all our students. Please read the letter attached to your "First Day Handouts" email for more information.



## New staff

We have a new face on staff this year that we're excited to introduce you to!

- Mr. Devin Johnson – Grade 7 Homeroom, Grade 6 Math, Grade 7/8 Science, Grade 6-9 PE, Grade 7/8 Health, Grade 7/8 Leadership

Hello Parents and Bezanson Community Members,

My name is Devin Johnson, and I am proud to join the exceptional

staff at Bezanson School for the upcoming school year. It is fortuitous that I have found myself teaching in this community and I know that my grandmother, who taught here many decades ago, would be pleased to have seen me follow in her footsteps.

I am new to teaching, but I have worked in many industries including servicing valves in the oilfield, as an apprentice powerline technician, and working with high school students to prepare them for post-secondary during my time at GPRC.

I look forward to meeting you, and working with you to prepare our students for success, and I encourage you to email me at [devinjohnson@pwpsd.ca](mailto:devinjohnson@pwpsd.ca) with any questions or concerns, or to just introduce yourself.

Regards,

Devin Johnson

## Meet the Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher Night will look a little differently than it has in the past, but we hope to see you on Thursday, September 10, from 4:00-5:30pm at the school. Please sign up for a 10-minute time slot with each of your children's teachers at <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?code=wbf5h>. You'll have the opportunity to meet your children's teachers and visit their classrooms. Two families will be able to visit each class at a time; please limit your visit to 10 minutes as more families will be scheduled after yours. When you have visited all the classes you sign up to visit, please immediately make your

way out of the school. Please note, all adult visitors to our school are required to wear masks, as are all students in Grades 4 and up.

# RETURNING STUDENT UPDATE FORM



If your child is returning to the school they attended last year, or transferring from a PWPSD feeder school, you will need to complete the **Returning Student Update Form** to update existing demographic information currently on file, such as your home address and emergency contact numbers.

**In September, watch your email for a Snap Code. You will need it to complete the form.**  
**If you have not provided your email address to your school, please contact the school office.**

## WHY SHOULD I COMPLETE THE RETURNING STUDENT UPDATE FORM?

### Three important reasons:

- 1 It is mandatory.**  
The *Education Act* requires that a Board maintain a student record for each student, and that the information is updated annually.
- 2 In the event of a crisis or an emergency.**  
School staff may need to act quickly. It is critical to have current contact information for parents and guardians. For the 2020-21 school year, Alberta Health will also need contact information to conduct contact tracing in the event of a COVID-19 case at a school.
- 3 To meet your child's needs.**  
To best serve the specific needs of your child, up-to-date medical, custodial, and other consents are required.



# NOTICE TO PARENTS

Remote Learning teachers will contact registered families by Sept. 9. In the meantime, if you would like to confirm that your child is on the list, please call your school office.



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# PARENTS: WE NEED YOU

## CORE ACTIVITIES OF SCHOOL COUNCILS

School Councils support meaningful parental involvement in decisions that affect the school and its operations.

- Advises the Principal and Board on educational issues that pertain to the school.
- Establishes and reviews School Council's goals, objectives, action plans and procedures.
- Communicates and consults with parents and the school community.
- Meets regularly.

## COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Each School Council must include the school Principal, teachers, parents of students enrolled in the school, and students (high schools only), with parents forming the majority of members.

## PWPSD GENERAL SCHOOL COUNCILS' MEETINGS

Through School Councils, Albertans have the opportunity to advise the Principal and the School Board respecting any matter relating to the school. Aside from regular meetings at their schools, the Board hosts an annual General School Councils' Meeting for all PWPSD School Councils.

## ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION (ASCA)

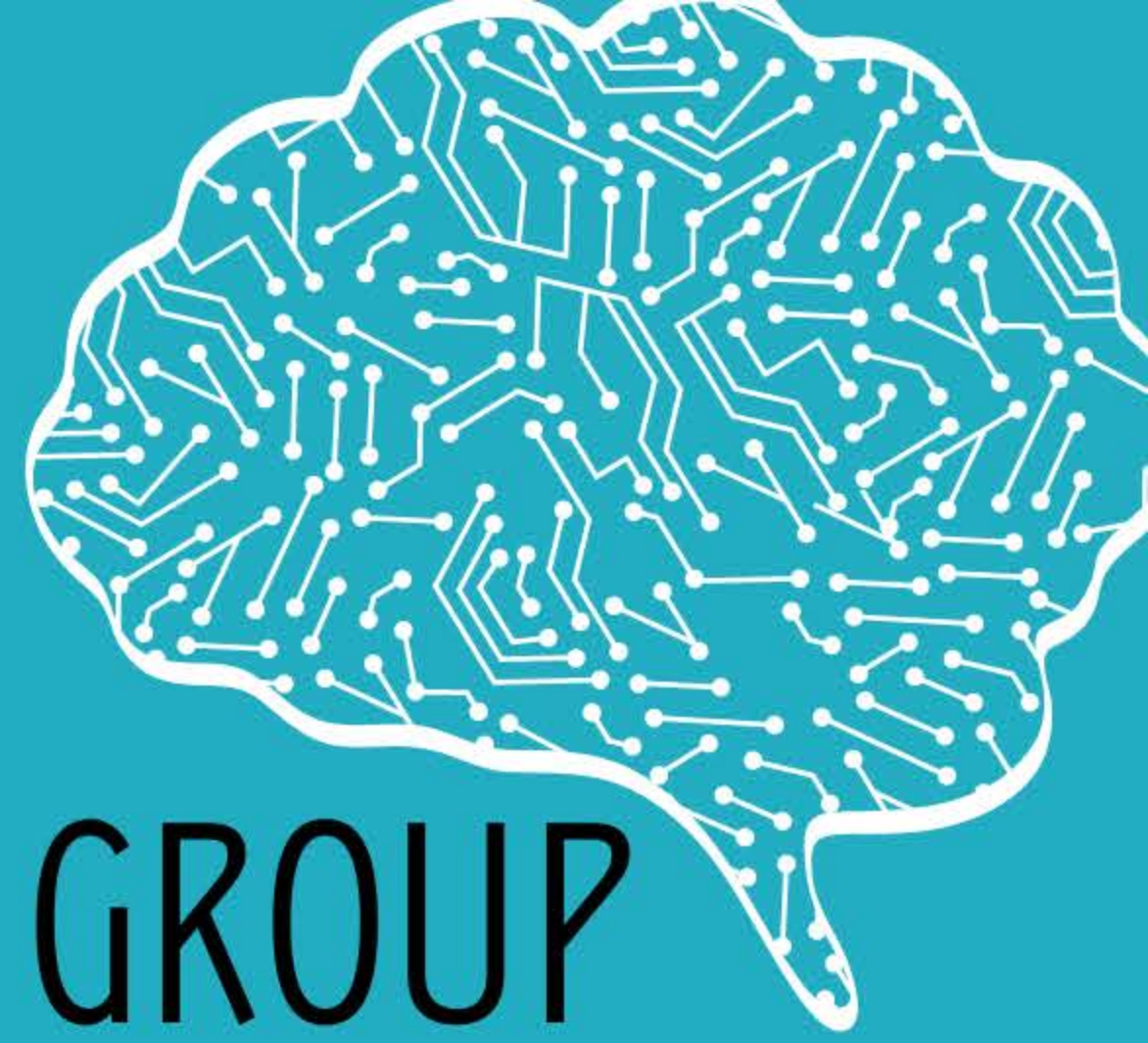
The ASCA provides a wealth of resources and information for School Councils, including a resource manual, School Council regulations, an online community where members can network with others, workshops and webinars.

## WHAT SCHOOL COUNCILS ARE NOT

As the primary role is advisory, School Councils are not eligible to incorporate as societies. It is not the primary intent of School Councils to fundraise or lobby. School Councils do not get involved in school governance, management and employment issues, nor is it their role to listen to complaints.

**Contact your Principal  
today about joining  
School Council.**





# THE PHOENIX YOUTH GROUP

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Are you a preteen between the ages of 9-11 who could use some more coping skills?

The Preteen Workshop is fun, interactive and a great way to meet other youth while discussing important

topics such as:

Feelings

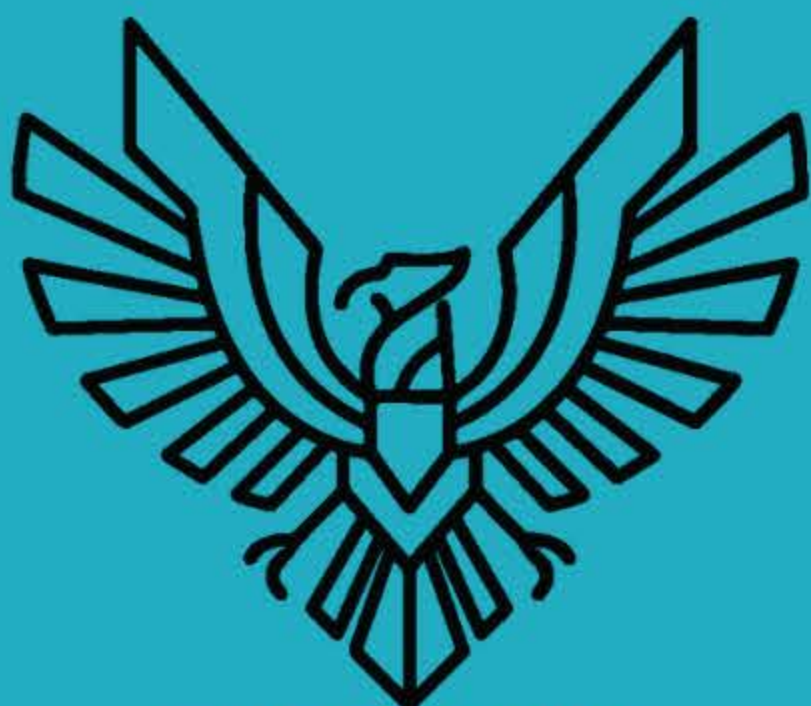
Thoughts

Compassion

Stress

Anyone can refer a youth to our FREE programming

Please call/email for more information on how to make a referral



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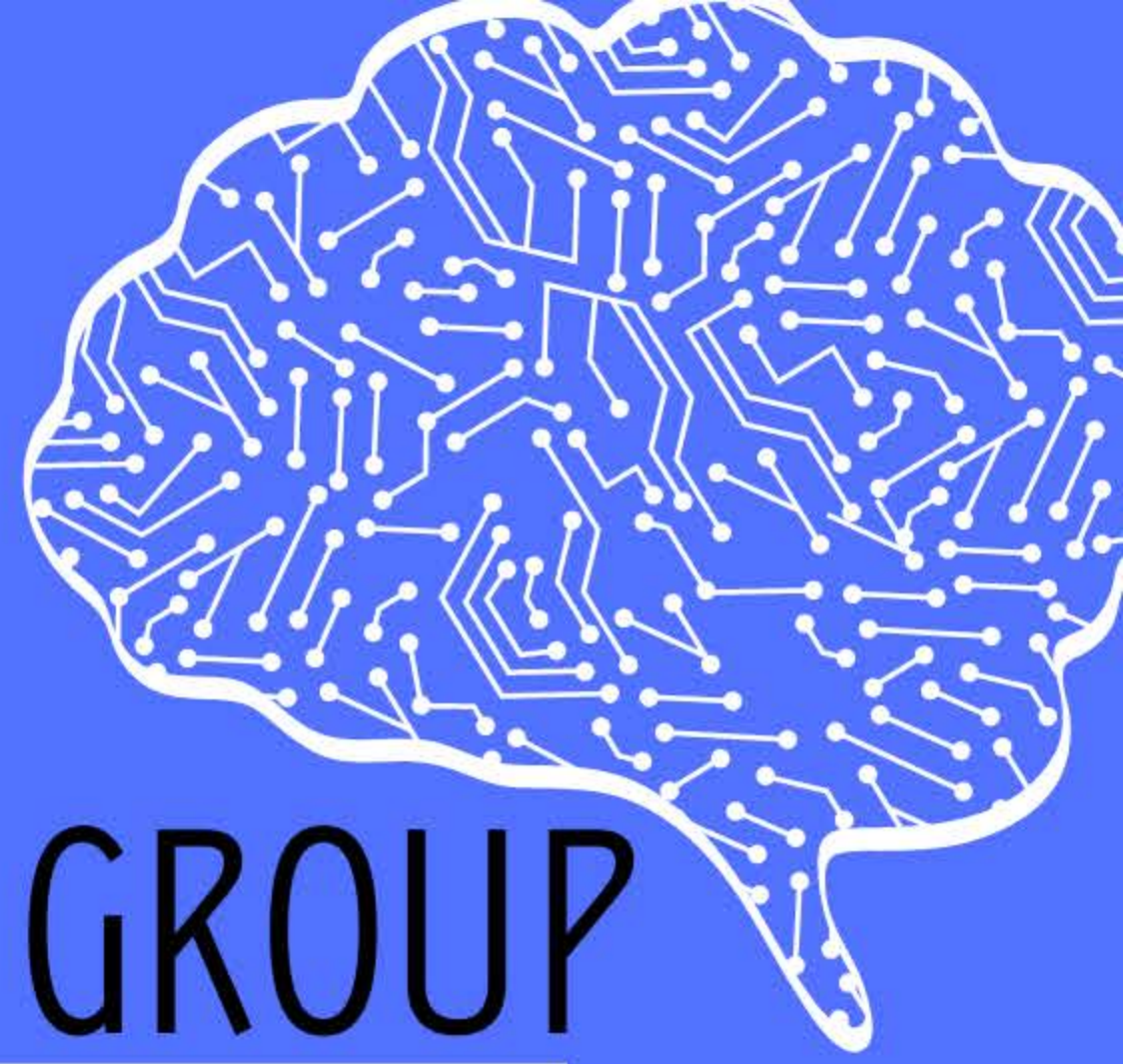
Phone: 780-539-7142

Online: [www.sp-rc.ca](http://www.sp-rc.ca)

Email: [youth@sp-rc.ca](mailto:youth@sp-rc.ca)

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# THE GRYPHON YOUTH GROUP

Are you a teen between the ages of 12-18 who could use some skills to cope better with teen life?

The Teen Workshop is fun, interactive and a great way to meet other youth while discussing important topics such as:

Thoughts and Emotions  
Stress & Anxiety  
Drugs & Alcohol  
Depression & Suicide  
Technology Safety

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