



## Bulldog Bytes



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# Happy November!

Message from Elizabeth Linfield

The frenzy of fall has subsided. We have carved pumpkins, enjoyed the beautiful fall weather, gotten our yards and homes ready for the winter months and pulled out our cozy sweaters. Now we get to take a deep breath of crisp autumn air and settle into November. November is the very best month of autumn, it is a month to spend time with family and friends and reflect on what makes us grateful. I am grateful for this community, the children and our teachers and knowing that we will support one another through these times with compassion and grace.



### Dates to remember

Oct. 27-Nov. 6 Online Book Fair! Check email and see article on page 4 for more details.

Nov. 2 Early dismissal, 3:10pm

Nov. 3 & 5 Parent-Teacher Interviews, 5:00-8:00pm – Book interviews at <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?code=gzcet>

Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony via Google Meet, 10:45am

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day, no school

Nov. 16 School Council Meeting

Nov. 16 Growing Smiles Orders *DUE*

Nov. 16 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes *DUE*

Nov. 20 No school

Nov. 26 Report Cards, K-Gr. 9

Nov. 27 No school

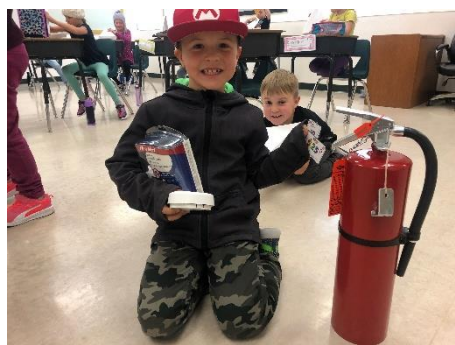
Dec. 3-4 Growing Smiles Poinsettia Orders arrive – watch email for pickup updates

# Classroom News

Check out the latest news from our classrooms.

## Grade 2 – Ms. Cardinal

Congratulations to Draper B. who won the prize for his age group in the County Kitchen Fire Safety contest! His prize included a smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector, fire extinguisher, and a Sticky's gift card, as well as a pizza party for his whole class! Thank you to the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service!



## Grade 7 / 8

Effective Monday, November 9, Ms. Linfield will be teaching Science 8 and Ms. Galbraith will be teaching Language Arts 7! We are making minor adjustments to our original plan to ensure that we are supporting all students in these grades.

## Grade 9 – Miss Owens

The grade 9's have been working through their chemistry unit and learning about different chemical reactions!



## Students' Union – Secretary Hannah Wiens

October has been a busy month for the Students' Union and Bezanson School. We are working hard to figure out fun things for the students to do. The Students' Union has introduced Cohort Challenges on Fun Fridays. On the 16th, we had our first Cohort Challenge: Hat Day. It was really fun, and the whole school was in a competitive spirit to win the two free time blocks. Grades 4-6 took the win, but Grades 1-3 and Junior High weren't done yet. The next Friday was on October 23 and was called Colour Day. Every student tried their hardest, and it was a close call. In the end, Grades 1-3 won. In this last Cohort Challenge, Pumpkin Day, the

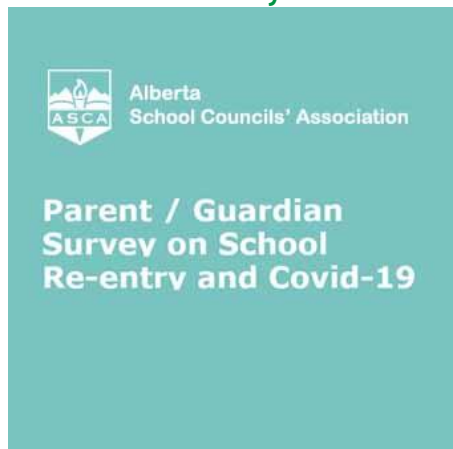
students brought pumpkins and gained points on their awards and percentage of students participating. Whichever division that wins this Cohort Challenge will win the two free time blocks and be the winner of October's Cohort Challenges. The Students' Union is excited to introduce more challenges for November.

Last year, Junior High completed an Accountability Pillar survey to see what view of our school we need to improve on. Ms. Linfield and the Students' Union are working hard to improve the positive aspects of our school. We are willing to make changes to this school to help make our school safer and more caring.



# News and Events

## ASCA Parent Survey



Complete the ASCA survey by midnight, Friday, November 6, 2020

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) invites parents/guardians with children in K-12 to participate in a survey to help them measure the "pandemic pulse" in the return to schooling with COVID-19 implications. **Complete the ASCA survey by midnight, Friday, November 6, 2020:**

<https://ca.surveymizmo.com/s3/50085641/ASCApreventcovidtest>

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

PTIs will be held on Tuesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 5 from 5:00-8:00pm each day. Please book your interview time(s) online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?code=gzcet>. **The Lost and Found items will be out on tables in the hallway during PTIs. Anything that remains on November 6 will be donated to Goodwill.**

## Fall Book Fair

Our Book Fair is looking different this year! It'll be the same fun books in a new format. Families will visit the Book Fair online, and all orders will ship directly to them – and all purchases will still benefit our library in getting us free books! The online store is only open **October 27 to November 6** at <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pa>

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Thank you for your support of our library!

## Growing Smiles Fundraiser

Our school will be selling poinsettias, wreaths, and winter greenery once again this winter! All orders are **DUE Monday, November 16**, and delivery is expected sometime on December 3. Depending on delivery time, we will ask that you please pick up your orders on December 3 or 4; please watch your email and our Facebook page for updates. The order form went home with students on October 26, and is attached to this newsletter as well. Orders can also be placed online at [bezansonschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com](http://bezansonschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com); **all payments must be received by November 16** or orders will be cancelled.

## Operation Christmas Child

We will collect Shoebox Christmas gifts for children in need around the world once again this year. Notes and flyers with more information are going home with students on November 2, if your family is interested in participating. The deadline to drop shoeboxes off at our school is **November 16**.

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our Junior High Leadership students will prepare and present our Remembrance Day Ceremony to our students once again this year. As we are unable to meet as a group, the presentation will be made via Google Meet and each class will participate from their own classroom.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

### Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten to Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, child care or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

### Screening Questions

#### 1. Has the child:

*(Choose any/all possible exposures)*

|  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>Traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days?</b><br>When entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada, individuals are legally required to quarantine for 14 days unless enrolled in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project  | YES | NO |
| <b>Had close contact with a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?</b><br>Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer, or direct physical contact such as hugging   | YES | NO |
| <b>If the child answered “YES” to any of the above:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If the child is participating in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project, they must comply with the program restrictions at all times.</li></ul></li><li>If the child develops any symptoms, use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.</li></ul> <b>If the child answered “NO” to both of the above:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proceed to question 2.</li></ul> |     |    |

#### 2. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:

|   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| <b>Fever</b><br>Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher   | YES | NO |
| <b>Cough</b><br>Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma   | YES | NO |
| <b>Shortness of breath</b><br>Continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma   | YES | NO |
| <b>Loss of sense of smell or taste</b><br>Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders  | YES | NO |
| <b>If the child answered “YES” to any symptom in question 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The child is to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms.</li><li>Use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.</li></ul> <b>If the child answered “NO” to all of the symptoms in question 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proceed to question 3.</li></ul> |     |    |

**3. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:**

|   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| <b>Chills</b><br>Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather  | YES | NO |
| <b>Sore throat/painful swallowing</b><br>Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux   | YES | NO |
| <b>Runny nose/congestion</b><br>Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather   | YES | NO |
| <b>Feeling unwell/fatigued</b><br>Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury  | YES | NO |
| <b>Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea</b><br>Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome   | YES | NO |
| <b>Unexplained loss of appetite</b><br>Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication   | YES | NO |
| <b>Muscle/joint aches</b><br>Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury   | YES | NO |
| <b>Headache</b><br>Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines   | YES | NO |
| <b>Conjunctivitis</b> (commonly known as pink eye)  | YES | NO |
| <p><b>If the child answered “YES” to ONE symptom in question 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours.</li> <li>If their symptom is <b>improving</b> after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary.</li> <li>If the symptom <b>does not improve or worsens</b> after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.</li> </ul> <p><b>If the child answered “YES” to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep your child home.</li> <li>Use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.</li> <li>Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.</li> </ul> <p><b>If the child answered “NO” to all questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child may attend school, child care and/or other activities.</li> </ul> |     |    |

**Please note:** If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started/until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR ADULTS 18 YEARS AND OLDER)

### Overview

This tool was developed to support schools, activity organizers, employers, businesses and facility operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees/staff. The tool is meant to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should complete this checklist prior to participating in the activity or program.

If an individual answers **YES** to any of the questions, they **must not** be allowed to attend or participate in the activity or program. \*Individuals with fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat, are required to isolate for 10 days per [CMOH Order 05-2020](#) **OR** receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities.

Use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) to determine if testing is recommended and follow information on [isolation requirements](#).

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

### Screening Questions

| 1. | Does the attendee have any new onset (or worsening) of any of the following symptoms:  | CIRCLE ONE |    |
|----|--|------------|----|
|    |  | YES        | NO |
|    | • <i>Fever*</i>  | YES        | NO |
|    | • <i>Cough*</i>  | YES        | NO |
|    | • <i>Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing*</i>   | YES        | NO |
|    | • <i>Runny nose*</i>   | YES        | NO |
|    | • <i>Sore throat*</i>  | YES        | NO |
|    | • Chills   | YES        | NO |
|    | • Painful swallowing   | YES        | NO |
|    | • Nasal congestion   | YES        | NO |
|    | • Feeling unwell / fatigued  | YES        | NO |
|    | • Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea   | YES        | NO |
|    | • Unexplained loss of appetite   | YES        | NO |
|    | • Loss of sense of taste or smell  | YES        | NO |
|    | • Muscle/ joint aches  | YES        | NO |
|    | • Headache   | YES        | NO |
|    | • Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)  | YES        | NO |
| 2. | Has the attendee travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days?<br>(Individuals are legally required to quarantine for 14 days when entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada unless exempted by the Alberta COVID-19 Border Testing Pilot Program.) | YES        | NO |
| 3. | Has the attendee had close contact <sup>1</sup> with a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?   | YES        | NO |

<sup>1</sup> Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in an occupational setting wearing recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

# 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.



# DETERMINING WHEN TO CANCEL BUSES

PWPSD exercises care and caution during inclement weather.



# 1

During times of inclement weather, PWPSD's Director of Transportation, and a Transportation employee located in the northern end of the Division are both on call. Between 4:00 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., the Director consults with local weather reports and Alberta 511. By 4:30 a.m., and over the course of the next two hours, both employees drive the primary and secondary highways throughout PWPSD's attendance boundaries, covering approximately 150 to 200 kilometers each, while performing braking tests to determine skid conditions.

# 2

As the delegated authority to shut down all bus routes, or a section of routes, the Director will make a decision by 6:30 a.m. and then notify the Superintendent.

# 3

Local radio stations report updates from PWPSD's online and e-mail-based bus route notification system. Each year, families should sign up to receive notifications at

<http://transportation.pwpsd.ca>

...or, scan the QR Code:



# 4

Regional and division-wide cancellations are posted on PWPSD's website and Facebook and Twitter feeds.



# 5

A bus driver who has made a reasonable attempt may cancel their specific route, under consultation with the Director of Transportation.

Some bus drivers may make calls to individual homes, and PWPSD may opt to send out automated messages to homes using PowerAnnounce telephone notification software.

Please provide your current daytime telephone number to your bus driver and the **Transportation Office, Grande Prairie:** (780) 532-7734, or the **Spirit River Sub-Office:** (780) 864-3741.



## REMEMBER:

- **Students:** Dress warmly for the weather.
- **Parents:** It is your decision to allow your child to ride a bus during inclement weather. Share your decision with your bus driver and the Transportation Office in Grande Prairie or the Spirit River Sub-Office.
- **Safety:** According to the American School Bus Council, school buses are the safest method for transporting children to and from school.
- **Varying Conditions:** PWPSD covers more than 16,000 square kms – weather and road conditions can vary.
- **Visibility Issues:** Bus drivers will not stop on primary or secondary highways when there is limited or no visibility. The Transportation Office will notify parents by telephone. Parents, please call your driver or the office if you feel your stop is dangerous.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** If buses are cancelled when travel to extracurricular events is planned, please check with the school on the status of the trip. Inclement weather en route or at the destination may also impact the decision to allow students to travel.
- **Know your Zone:** PWPSD is divided into seven zones based on high school attendance areas. All buses associated with a particular high school attendance area are cancelled at the same time. Any or all seven zones could be cancelled at any time. Parents of elementary students need to know which high school is associated with their area, as outlined in [Policy EFAF – PWPSD Buses and School Operation during Inclement Weather](#).

COLD WEATHER  
CANCELLATION

**-40°  
CELSIUS**

excluding wind chill, or  
-48 with wind chill

(Source: Weather Network)

# SCHOOL BUS

