

WOKING SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE SUCCEED



Principal's Message

2020–2021 Bell Schedule

8:27	Warning bell
8:30 - 9:15	Period 1
9:15 - 10:10	Period 2
10:10 - 10:30	Recess
10:30 - 11:00	Period 3
11:00 - 11:45	Period 4
11:45 - 12:30	Recess/Lunch
12:30 - 1:15	Period 6
1:15 - 1:45	Period 7
1:45 - 2:15	Period 8
2:15 - 2:30	Recess
2:30 - 3:00	Period 9
3:00 - 3:35	Period 10
3:35 - 3:40	Homeroom

WELCOME BACK!!!

We are so happy to have had our wonderful students walk through our doors yesterday for the 2020 - 2021 school. We were excited to also see a few new faces at Woking School.

Things look a little different and are a little more regulated with all of the hand hygiene, social distancing and masking, but we are still the same great little school. We held an outdoor assembly where we could all take our masks off and see each others faces. We now have hand sanitizers placed in various locations throughout the school. We are encouraging hand washing after recesses, which are right before lunch. Hand sanitizer is readily available but washing hands works better. As well, students will wear masks when coming into the school in the morning and when leaving in the afternoon to get on the bus. We are working on our entry and exit routines to and from recess, but will continue to refine these routines as time goes on.

Woking School has followed the outline of Peace Wapiti School Division's Relaunch plan to outline a plan that meets the needs of our small school. The link to the Google Doc is included. If you would like a paper copy, please call the office.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19FsQsmC7deBFdVR5UPZwAB5ACrMkj1-IP5mUP0Tisk4/edit?usp=sharing>

Visitors to our school are required to wear a mask, as well as sign in at the office before entering further.

I would like to welcome Ms. Teresa Cameron to our school. Ms. Cameron is the new Grade 1/2 teacher. She worked within our building last year as our Inclusive Learning Coach. We are happy to have her as one of our full time staff.

Have a great September, and remember to follow the Alberta Health Daily Checklist to assess your child's health before sending them off to school for the day. Small steps will help everyone remain as safe as we can be.

Danelle Boychuk
Principal



Snacks and Lunches

Please be sure to send ample food for two substantial snacks and a lunch daily. Some students have long morning bus rides and because they get on the bus so early, some become hungry and eat a portion of their lunch before arriving at school. Please take this into account when packing your child's daily snacks and lunch.

We also have a supply of pre-packaged snacks at the school office for any student who needs a little something to fill their tummy!

Ms. Cameron

Welcome back students and families! I am looking forward to joining the Woking School community this year. This is my second year working at Woking School.

Last year, I was working with staff and students as the Inclusive Education Learning Coach. This year, I am excited to be teaching Grade One/Two. I will also be teaching Art for Grade Three, Four and Five students.

I look forward to getting to know the students of this wonderful school more throughout the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at teresacameron@pwsd76.ab.ca or by phoning the school (780-774-3932). Have a great school year!

Sincerely,
Teresa Cameron



Picture Day

Individual Student Portraits will be taken on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8:45 a.m. (approximately).

While Picture Day may look different this year, your safety remains our priority. Lifetouch has implemented comprehensive Picture Day safety protocols.

Our new safety protocols include:

Safety Training

Lifetouch employees are required to complete enhanced safety and cleaning protocol training.

Social Distancing

Employees will follow new posing and social distancing requirements to ensure a safe and comfortable picture day.

Electronic Check-in

To limit interactions and improve efficiency, students will not carry a name card to the camera.

Enhanced Cleaning

Photographers will have a sanitization kit to clean camera stations and equipment.

Face Masks

Photographers are required to wear face masks during the entire photography session. We recommend face coverings for students and staff being photographed. During their individual session, they will be advised to remove their face covering to capture their image.

Staff meetings are held on the first teaching Monday of each month. Dismissal time on staff meeting days is 3:10 p.m.

Student absences are to be reported (by phone or note) to the school between 8:30-8:50 a.m. on the day of the absence. This procedure is designed to ensure the protection of your children.



Hot Lunch Program

Our hot lunch program will begin on Tuesday, September 8. This program is available to all students in the school. We will once again be offering hot dogs on Tuesdays and a different menu will be offered each Thursday. Regular Thursday hot lunches will begin on September 17. There will be a pre-order form in the Wednesday newsletters.

With COVID 19 restrictions, only a designated adult who has followed hand washing and safety protocol will be preparing and serving food.

On **TUESDAY, September 8**, we will be serving hot dogs for lunch.

Child's name _____

_____ hot dogs @ \$1.50

_____ wieners @ \$1.00

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Child's name _____

_____ hot dogs @ \$1.50

_____ wieners @ \$1.00

Total amount enclosed \$ _____.

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Breakfast Program

We

offer a cereal breakfast for all students every morning after they arrive at school.

Monday to Thursday we have cereal breakfast and on Fridays we have a hot breakfast (either toast and toppings or pancakes).

On Friday, September 4, we will have pancakes for breakfast.

All COVID 19 safety protocols will be followed.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 7-Labour Day (no school)

Sept. 8-Individual student photos

Sept. 14—Staff meeting (Dismissal @ 3:10)

Sept. 18-PD Day (no school)

Oct. 5—Staff meeting (Dismissal @ 3:10)

Oct. 9-CSW (no school)

Oct. 12—Thanksgiving (no school)

Oct. 30—CSW (no school)

Nov. 2—Staff meeting (Dismissal @ 3:10)

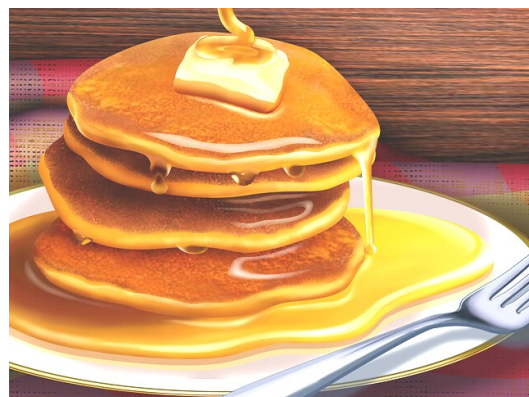
Nov. 11-Remembrance Day (no school)

Nov. 20—PD day (no school)

Nov. 27—CSW (no school)

Dec. 7-Staff meeting (Dismissal @ 3:10)

Dec. 11-CSW (no school)



Student illness

If a student has COVID-19 symptoms

Students with symptoms must not attend school. If a child develops symptoms that could be caused by either COVID-19 or by a known pre-existing condition (e.g., allergies, chronic cough), the child should be tested for COVID-19 to confirm that it is not the source of their symptoms before returning to school.

Anyone that reports symptoms must stay home and seek health care advice as appropriate. Parents can call Health Link 811 or their primary health care practitioner, and fill out the [AHS Online Self-Assessment tool](#) to determine if their child should be tested.

Parents, household members, and contacts of a student who has symptoms but is not a COVID-19 case, are not required to quarantine.

Only the people identified as close contacts of an individual who is a case of COVID-19 need to quarantine. The contacts of the close contacts do not need to quarantine.

Book a test

Book a testing appointment online with the AHS assessment tool or call Health Link 811. <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>

Symptoms

You should get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptom.

If you have any of these symptoms you are [legally required to isolate for at least 10 days](#) from the start of your symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer:

- Fever
- Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

If you have any of these other symptoms, stay home and minimize your contact with others until your symptoms resolve:

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye

Monitor your child's health and call [Health Link 811](#) if you have questions or concerns. Call 911 immediately if experiencing severe symptoms of COVID-19, including difficulty breathing, severe chest pain, feelings of confusion or loss of consciousness.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Isolation requirements

Albertans with symptoms

- You are legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days if you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition.
- The mandatory isolation period is 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.
- Tested positive for COVID-19
- You are legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days if you have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Isolation period is 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.

Have symptoms but tested negative for COVID-19

- If you tested negative and have known exposure to COVID-19, you are legally required to quarantine for 14 days from the last date of your exposure.
- If you tested negative and have no known exposure to the virus, you are not legally required to isolate. However, it is important to stay home until your symptoms resolve so that you do not infect others.

Close contacts of confirmed cases

- You are legally required to quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms if you are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 (provides care, lives with or has close physical contact without appropriate use of personal protective equipment, or comes into direct contact with infectious body fluids).
- If you become sick with cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat during this time, you must isolate for an additional 10 days from the beginning of symptoms or until you are feeling well, whichever takes longer.

If you are self-isolating:

- Stay home — do not go to school, work, social events or any other public areas or community settings.
- Avoid close contact with other people, including household members but especially seniors and people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Do not use public transportation or ride sharing.
- Do not go for walks in public places. This includes children in mandatory self-isolation.
- If you go outside, you must remain on private property not accessible by others.

If a student has symptoms related to allergies or a pre-existing medical condition

- The student should be tested at least once before returning to school and have a negative COVID-19 test result.
- These symptoms would be their baseline health status. As long as the cough or runny nose is always the same and does not get worse, the student can attend school.
- Talk to your school about your child's pre-existing medical condition so the school may keep a confidential record of this condition.

Note

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, information regarding COVID-19 will be updated as required. Please check online for the latest information and links to testing, symptoms and isolation requirements: alberta.ca/covid19