



# Battle River School Division

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To: Parents / Guardians of BRSD students  
Re: COVID-19 and our schools – hope you are able to get outside!

Hello everyone.

This is a no-school day for students, as teachers are talking and sharing ideas about how to continue to move forward with student learning for the months of May and June.

I hope you will all be able to take the opportunity, whether today or over the weekend, to get outside and enjoy the warm weather. Going for a walk or even sitting in the yard in the sunshine does so much to lift our spirits!

### **Focus on Wellness**

We've added some additional wellness resources to our website this week. There is new information provided by Alberta Health Services, with a range of suggestions and activities for building both mental and physical resilience in your family. As well, we've shared a great article with tips on how to meet students' sensory needs at home.

This information, and much more, is on our Wellness and Learning Support for Parents page:  
<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/wellness-and-learning-support-for-parents>

If you're looking for ongoing ways to keep your family active, well fed and enjoying each other's company, consider joining the [Move Your Mood](#) challenge, which starts on April 30. It's an 8 week opportunity to do new things and you may even win a prize!

### **Fee Refunds coming soon**

We are pleased to let you know that fee refunds are now ready for the Early Learning Program and Transportation. If you had pre-paid to receive those services in the months of April, May and June, your refund cheque will be put in the mail on Monday, April 27. Other fee refunds will also be on the way soon.

### **Cancellation of summer programs**

With the province-wide cancellation of activities for the summer months, we have also made the decision to cancel summer programming in BRSD. That means we will not be offering Summer School for high school students or Reading University for students in Grades 2 and 3. We look forward to having both of those programs back in 2021.

### **Computer rentals**

We understand that a computer rental program has been created for families, from now until the end of June. You can rent a desktop computer with monitor, keyboard and mouse for a \$20 fully refundable fee. The program providers can also help with delivery and hook-up if needed. The computers are all ones that were previously used by employees of Vision Credit Union, which have been donated to this program. Right now the program is available in Flagstaff County, Camrose County and the City of Camrose. We hope it will be available in Beaver County soon. If you want to know more, call King's Computer Repair, 780-226-8301 (in the Camrose area) or Higster Computer Repair, 780-384-2223 (in the Flagstaff area).

Take good care everyone. We will talk again soon.

*Rita Marler, Superintendent of Schools*

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