

Treaty 6 Acknowledgement - We acknowledge that Battle River School Division is located on Treaty 6 territory, and we respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

Administrator Message

by Mrs. Lazaruk & Mr. Sikorski

October is a month where we pause and take time to express our thanks.



- **Thank you to our teachers** who have put in many hours to keep our students safe, connected and calm so they can focus on learning.
- **Thank you to our students** for working hard to learn the new routines (hand hygiene, physical distancing and staying home when sick).
- **Thank you to our support staff** for your exceptional teamwork and for showing great strength in pulling together for our most vulnerable students
- **Thank you, parents**, for trusting us with your children and following the new health protocols.
- **Thank you** to our custodian for being diligent with sanitizing throughout the day.
- **Thank you to our bus drivers** who bring our students to school and home safely each day.
- **Thank you, Mother Nature**, for the beautiful autumn weather so that we may be outside and for our farmers to bring in their crops.

School arrival

A reminder that teachers begin their day at 8:15 am to greet students until 8:30 am when classes start.

As the weather cools off, please do not drop off your child before 8:15 am

AMA Patrol

We have begun training our AMA safety patrol group starting on Monday, October 5, to Friday, October 16. Please be patient as they learn their roles these next two weeks.

Parent Council Meeting

We had our first Jack Stuart school council meeting on Thursday, September 23 and our council is as follows:

President: Terra Manion

Vice President: Jennifer Klein

Secretary:/Treasurer: Francine Hamilton

Hot Lunch representative: Terra Manion

Teacher representatives:

Ms. Knull, Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Mitchell

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

A virtual meeting link will be sent out via the school messenger system the day of the meeting. There will be a JSS Parents' Society meeting to follow. All are welcome to join the meetings to get updates, info, ask questions and have your voice heard.

Halloween Activities

We are pleased to announce that we will have our Halloween celebrations **on Thursday, Oct 29**. This will include:



- students arriving at school with their costumes on - must be comfortable to sit in all day. No face masks, no face paint, no inflatable costumes and no weapons
- JSS along with Parent Council, will be providing pre-packaged treats to all students (*Please ensure your child's allergy info is up to date with the school, so they can ensure everyone gets something to enjoy*). Covid precautions will be taken.
- students are not to share food
- students must stay in their own cohort (classroom)
- we are unable to have a traditional costume parade but will come up with a virtual alternative

School Fees

School fees have been issued for Agendas \$7.00 and a Technology fee grade (1-3) \$10.00 and Grades (4-12) \$20.00. The BRSD school trustees have approved a technology fee that is to assist in offsetting the costs of enhanced internet bandwidth, wireless connections and software that is used by students.

Parking Lot

Thank you for being patient as we learn a new system of drop and pick up of students. We have 3 drop off zones

Zone 1 - as you enter to the right of the pylons

Zone 2- south end of the parking lot

Zone 3 - bike rack as you leave the parking lot

Thank you for using the crosswalk when dropping or picking up your child.

Parent parking is the last two rows of the parking lot. The first two rows are for staff.

Fundraisers

The DFS (Dieleman Fundraising Sales) fundraiser is in full swing. Students were sent home fundraising packages last week. Remember that all paper orders and payments are **due back to school by Oct. 19th**. Online sales will be accepted until **Oct. 21st**.

www.shopdfscanada.com

We will be starting the Growing Smiles poinsettia & plant sale on Nov. 1 (details to come).

All profits from this year's fundraising will go directly to replacing 28 Chromebooks for the school. Thank you for your support.



School Clothing Order:

All our school clothing orders are done online at Entripyshops.com (link to Jack Stuart Store below:

<https://jackstuart.entripyshops.com/>

Step 1: Choose item(s) you wish to purchase

Step 2: Choose a color

Step 3: Choose a logo (use scroll down menu as there are lots to choose from)

Step 4: Choose size

Step 5: Enter Quantity and Buy



Canadian Parents for French

If you are interested in joining Canadian Parents for French, CPF Membership Fees 2020-2021 are free to March 31st, 2021. CPF provides information and access to resources and youth opportunities for learning and using French as a Second Language. Find out more information by visiting the CPF website: <https://cpf.ca/>

On The Community Board

Quite often community groups advertise their events with our school. This section of the newsletter will give you a brief outline for more information. On the community board right now, you will find:

- Camrose Public Library offers a series of programs for children, families & adults in Oct.,: Join them for Crafternoon, Storytime with Feena, Photography Club, Family Bookclub, Craft & Connect, A Book and a Bounce and many more activities. Find out more at <http://camrosepubliclibrary.com>, on facebook @CamroseLibrary or on Instagram @CamrosePublicLibrary



Important Dates:

October 12 Thanksgiving Day - School Closed
October 15 Hat day
October 21 School Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
October 29 Halloween celebration
October 30 Staff PD - No Students
November 5 Staff Meeting - 2:06 Dismissal

**** Next Newsletter November 4, 2020**

*On behalf of Jack Stuart staff,
we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving
Day, a time to be grateful
with family and friends.*

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CONNECT. CREATE. CAPTIVATE.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a new school year has begun, the Camrose Public Library is taking this opportunity to promote the benefits of children obtaining a library card. The Camrose Public Library provides free memberships to residents of the City of Camrose and to Camrose County residents aged 18 and younger. Users with a valid library card are able to check out library materials at any of the 48 public libraries in the Parkland Regional Library System, request and renew library materials from across Alberta, download eBooks and eAudiobooks, and access curriculum-aligned online resources.

We would like to provide your child with their own library card. To do so, we need you to fill out the attached form. By signing, you are indicating permission for your child to have a library card and the associated responsibilities.

If your child already has a Camrose Public Library membership or a membership at another library in the Parkland Regional System, it is not necessary to fill out this form. However, if your child's membership has expired, we can update any changed information and renew it with your permission.

The Camrose Public Library strives to provide accessible services and programs that promote intellectual freedom, recreation, and lifelong learning for all. We offer free programs, books, DVDs, eBooks, magazines, physical literacy materials and more! If you would like to sign up for a library card yourself, September is Library Card Sign-up Month and we are waiving the usual fee of \$12 for all adult County of Camrose resident cards created in September.

Please complete and **return the attached form to your child's school by October 5**, or come into the library to get set up with a card at any time. You can also visit us at <https://cpl.prl.ab.ca/services/get-a-library-card> to sign up online. Note that a parent or guardian must sign the form. If you have any questions, feel free to call, email, or visit the library. Welcome to the Camrose Public Library!

Nicole Kyle, Program Coordinator, Camrose Public Library



LIBRARY CARD APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the form below to get a Camrose Public Library card for your child. It's completely free for City of Camrose and to Camrose County residents aged 18 and younger!

School Name: _____

Teacher: _____

1. Library Membership

Does your child currently have a Camrose Public Library Membership?

No Yes (Card Number: 2100000 _____)

2. Applicant information (please print).

*If you do not live in the county or city of Camrose, please see section 3.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Birthdate: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____ City: _____

By providing your email address, you consent to receive emails containing account information and notifications.

3. If you live outside Camrose County or the City of Camrose

Under the ME Libraries service, you can register to use the library card you have with your home library and borrow at the Camrose Public Library.

Name of local library: _____

Library card number: _____

4. Signature

I, _____ give permission to the Camrose Public Library to prepare a
Print name of parent/guardian
library card for my child _____. I understand I will be responsible for all
Name of child
items signed out on this card.

Date

Signature

Empathy: What is it?

- Empathy is the ability to recognize the emotions of others. Children under two years of age can show empathy. It is never too early to foster empathy.
- Empathy helps children understand others' viewpoints, needs and intentions.
- Empathy is key to creating successful relationships. Strong relationships build resilience, which helps children bounce forward from difficult times.

Empathy encourages kind, helpful behavior

- Empathetic children are willing to share, help and comfort others.
- Model empathy by asking your child how they are feeling, listening to their feelings, and acknowledging their feelings.

Empathy creates a safer school culture

- Less bullying and a more tolerant environment is developed through increased empathy.

Empathy fosters positive student relationships

- Children who show empathy are more popular with their peers.

Empathy leads to school success

- Empathetic students are more cooperative in class, have better relationships with teachers and are more engaged in school.
- Students who practice empathy tend to excel in school.

MORE RESOURCES

- [Greater Good Science Center: Empathy for students](#)
- [Big Life Journal: Strategies to teach children empathy](#)
- [MyHealth Alberta, Ca: Promoting positive Mental Health](#)

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642

