



STETTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 – Grade 1 Home Reading Parent Information Night – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 6, 2016 – CARA Cross Country in Castor

Friday, October 7, 2016 – Professional Day for Staff – No School for Students

Monday, October 10, 2016 – Thanksgiving Day - No School

Thursday, October 13, 2016 – Grade 4, 5, 6 Turkey Trot

Friday, October 14, 2016 – Flight PBL Day for Grade 6

Saturday, October 15, 2016 – Flight Day for Grade 6

Friday, October 21, 2016 – Subway Hot Lunch

Principal's Remarks

September has certainly gone by quickly this year! We had lots of events and activities during the month of September. Among those was the visit we had from Fred Fox on Monday, September 26. We enjoyed hearing the stories that Fred had to tell us about growing up as Terry Fox's brother and about The Terry Fox Foundation. We appreciate that he chose our school for a visit. We had our Annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 30, and it was wonderful to see so many friends and families on the track. We had yet another extremely successful day, and the students did a terrific job fundraising for Terry Fox. We will have an accurate total at our October assembly and we will also find out what is in store for the Principal's at that assembly. The students seem to like keeping it a surprise! Thank you to Sobey's and No Frills for their continued generous support for doughnuts and juice boxes. The student enjoyed this snack that they received at the end of the race.

As well, a heartfelt thank you also goes out to the Heart Haven Residence Club for the continued support with our Breakfast program. Our students truly benefit from their generosity.

Our students enjoyed hot dogs for their very first hot lunch day on September 30, and they are already looking forward to the upcoming hot lunches as well. Our milk program has also started up again, and we extend a sincere thank you to our School Council parent volunteers for continuing these programs. We could not provide these services without you.

On another note, the safety of our students is always our priority and therefore we will continue to lock all of the doors except for the main entrance during class time. Parents that come to the school during regularly scheduled school hours are asked to please stop by the office first and sign in. We have also started our fire drills for the school year and will be implementing lockdown drills in the near future as well.

You have probably noticed the busses parked in front of the school at the end of the day for all student pick up. This new configuration seems to be working to alleviate the congestion when busses went to leave in past years. This backlog stalled busses for up to 15 minutes at times. Thank you for your patience and choosing an alternate spot to pick your child up. Also please ensure your child uses the cross walks when crossing the street in from of the school, as visibility is an issue.

Thank you to all of our parents for your on-going support. The more we are able to work together, the more our children benefit. On that note, please continue to check your child's agenda to see the upcoming events in the school. Also, please check out the SES website or check the SES Calendar on the Clearview Website. Our staff does a great job keeping these current to ensure that our parents are kept informed. You can access the website at ses.clearview.ab.ca. However, the simplest way to receive school information is to sign up for the Remind message. Remind is easy to sign up for, it is free, and it's safe. Subscribe by text, email or by using the Remind app. All personal information is private. We do not see any of your information, including your phone number, and a link directly to our newsletter will come right to your phone or email mailbox. To receive messages via text, please text @sesadmin to (587) 316-6152. I will be sharing a weekly update on school events called "Sharon with You" through remind, twitter, and synervoice.

We will continue to use the KEV system, which has proven to be quite successful after only one year and now that most of the kinks have been worked out. We have received some very positive feedback from many of our parents. One you are signed up with a KEV account, you will receive a notice via email of all forms, hot lunch orders, milk orders, etc. Your school fees and fieldtrips will also be on KEV. Stettler Elementary School is also now using the Synervoice system. This automated system will call your household if the school has not received a message that your child will be absent before 9:30 a.m. As with most new technology, thank you for your patience with this system as we continue to work out issues on that front. We will also be able to use Synervoice to send out information when there is a need to do so.

Congratulations to our cross country runners who participated in the Peace Hills cross country meet in Wetaskiwin on Saturday September 17. Thank you to parents who got up early and drove to cheer the kids on. Coaches this year include Jodie Limpert, Haley Tod, Trisha Kirby, Sheena McDonald and Kim Poapst. Our runners also took part in the Viking Run held on Thursday, September 22, in Camrose and will be traveling to Castor to participate in the CARA meet on October 6.

It has come to our attention that Stettler and surrounding area has a new, non-profit organization in our community called "Gear Up". Gear Up is a foundation with a mission to provide new, donated, and refurbished recreational equipment at no cost to kids in need who would otherwise be denied the opportunity to participate in sport and/or activity. For more information, please check out their website at: <http://gearupkids.ca/>

One last note this month, as the weather is changing and we are heading into the colder months, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. Our students need to remember to bring warmer jackets, mitts, hats, etc., so they are able to enjoy recess. We encourage our students to get fresh air and exercise, and they thoroughly enjoy being able to get outside when they are dressed for the weather.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.