



Principal's Message

Welcome Back to Cardston Elementary School! We are excited to start a new year focused on “learning and growing together.” As we collaborated with staff, students and parents to re-focus our mission, it became clear that teamwork is a priority of everyone at Cardston Elementary School. Our newsletters, [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) are all intended to strengthen our partnership with families. If you have any questions or concerns, are looking for more information or support, please contact us thru our office, your students teacher, or thru email so we can support your child’s learning and growth.

Included in this newsletter is a magnet that we hope you can keep somewhere handy, such as your fridge, to help keep track of the most important school dates. Other school dates will be communicated through email or classroom teacher communication. Our website includes up to date information with an updated calendar. Please refer to those resources or give the school a call if you are looking for information about school events. We feel our role is making the information available, your role is seeking the information you need to support your children. When we work together, everyone can stay well informed.

I hope this newsletter provides you with everything you need for a smooth start to the school year. More information about your child’s classroom will be shared thru their teacher at the start of the year. We invite you to bring your student to school on our first day and visit their classroom to establish communication with their teacher and help your child settle into their new year.

School Hours

Grade 1-5

Monday thru Thursday 8:30- 3:05

Friday 8:30- 12:00 pm

Kindergarten

Monday thru Thursday

Morning 8:30-11:30

Afternoon 12:05-3:05

We suggest students arrive at school between 8:15 and 8:25 so they can be ready for the start of the day.

School Nutrition Program

For the past few years, CES has been fortunate to provide a school nutrition program funded through an Alberta government grant. At this point in time, the government is no longer providing the funding for the program. We are working to seek funding from other sources to continue our program. **However, at this point in time, Cardston Elementary School will no longer provide breakfast or snacks for students.** Please be sure your child eats a healthy breakfast that will keep them energized until recess break at 10:15 am.

Our school hot lunch program for a cost of \$5 will continue. Students ordering hot lunch will pay in the morning at the office where they can pick up their wrist band as a ticket for their lunch at noon time.

Important Dates

September 3	8:30 am Back to School for Grade 1-5
	9:00- 9:45 am Morning Kindergarten Orientation for Students and Parents
	10:30- 11:15 am Afternoon Kindergarten Orientation for Students and Parents
	10:30 am Welcome Back Assembly for all Grade 1-5 Students. Parents Welcome.
September 9	First Day for Preschool, more information will be sent directly to preschool parents.
September 12	7:00 pm School Council Meeting
September 19	Grade 4 Field Trip- Buffalo Jump
September 20	Terry Fox Run
September 24-25	School Pictures
September 26	Back to School Night
September 27	PD Day- No School
September 30	Orange Shirt Day
October 7	8:30 am Monthly Assembly

School Council

The first School Council Meeting is Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact our School Council Executive.

Megan Redford- Chairperson, (403) 593-8085

Melanie Ellingson- Vice-Chairperson

Jocelyn Wynder- Secretary

Or check out their Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/367811623304447/>

Welcome to Our New Staff

If you see some new faces in the building it likely one of our new staff members. We have four new teachers this year. Hali Leishman is our new preschool teacher, Matt Webster joins our grade 3 team, Jennifer Heninger joins our grade 2 team and Jesse Dobson will be filling in for Traci Aipperspach in grade 5, while she is out on maternity leave. We welcome a few new assistants to our preschool program: Alex Ducharme and Vanessa Jensen. Jocelyn Wright is joining our grade 1-5 CES team as an assistant as well. Finally we welcome our new caretaker, Jason Schnoor. Change is always exciting and we look forward to collaborating with our new CES team.

Bus Information

We are so grateful to all our bus drivers who deliver students to and from school safely throughout the year. If you have bus concerns, please first contact your driver or you may follow up with the bus supervisor. For those riding a Westward bus, contact Corey McCarthy at (403) 653-4491 and for the Blood bus Co-op, please contact Ryan Many Chief (403) 849-7089. If you need assistance resolving concerns, after you have contacted the driver and appropriate supervisor, please contact the school office.

Summer Reading

Just a reminder to send your child's Summer reading BINGO card back to school with them on September 3. We have lots of fun prizes to hand out and a Family Game Night basket to give away on Back to School Night! If you haven't had a chance yet, post your reading pictures on either the school Facebook page or School Council page for a chance to win a summer treat.



As you establish new routines for Fall, this may help with ideas.

