Bowden Grandview School

DECEMBER 7, 2020



Dear grade 7 to 12 Parents.

As we kick off another stretch of online learning during this pandemic, we wanted to remind you of, and clarify, some expectations. This time we are being asked to conduct a full school day with **full curriculum expectations** which will require a more productive and effective learning experience than last spring. We need your help at home with making sure students are:

- virtually attending each class as per the regular daily school timetable, this is not the time for students to take on extra shifts at their part time job or to go skiing (etc.)
- distraction free with a good learning location and moderate level internet access.
- respectful while being digitally present in other people's homes,
- focused to complete their assignments by deadline dates to maintain learning timelines upon return.

Proper etiquette for online meetings is being established at the beginning of each class by the teachers, but this will require some extra discussions with students and their parents. As parents may be out of the house working, regular attendance using PowerSchool will be taken and absences reported to parents. As in face to face classes, regular attendance is vital for success and students are expected to attend their Google Meets and complete school assignments and assessments as they normally would.

While we appreciate the challenges this puts on everyone, please understand that this reminder is rooted in the students' best interest. For our grade 9 to 12 students, they will only have a few weeks to complete the semester when they return and we do not want them falling behind and struggling to finish their courses successfully.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Mr. Jeff Thompson Mrs. Dawn Weststrate

Principal Vice-Principal



What's Happening:

Tuesday, December 8

- Poinsettia pick up
 Friday, December 11
- Non Instructional Day

Friends of Grandview Poinsettia Pick up

Tuesday, December 11th Staff Entry (east side) 11:00am -



Literacy Corner

Inclusive Schools Week is December 7th - 11th. Although we work every day and week to be inclusive, this week - according to inclusiveschools.org - aims to celebrate "the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an incredibly diverse student population." Sharing stories is a natural way to make everyone feel included at school and in the classroom. Here is a menu of suggested book titles that you might want to take a peak at.



Indigenous Education

This great and amazing knowledge keeper teaches you some very old knowledge that will now be passed on to you. Sylvia teaches the Woman's role back in the day at The Time of Treaty Signing.

https://youtu.be/vey0HMGrxtA



School Council

Thee School Council has an email address: bgscouncil@gmail.com. Parents who are interested in attending an online School Council meeting can email this address to express their interest. The next meeting is December 15 at noon.



Sub-Way/Sunshine Blends Wrap



Wednesday - December 9, 2020-Subway Online orders due by Wednesday, December 2020, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday - December 16, 2020-Sanshine Blends Wraps. Online orders due by Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 7:30 a.m.



Due to circumstances due to Covid we are cancelling Subway, December 9 and Wraps, December 16. Funds will be placed back into your online payment account. Sorry for the inconvenience, hopefully we will be able to continue with our lunches in the future.





Community Education Service



Improving emotional health and well being

Helping Our Children & Youth Cope

Kathy Jarrell, Lead - Alberta School Mental Health Literacy Project, AHS Brian Madill, Coordinator of Student Services - Red Deer Public Schools Jodie Mattia, Director of Support Services - Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

Let's boost the resiliency of our children and our families!

Has the current pandemic affected our mental health?

What can we believe?

Should we be worried?

Mental health is an essential component of personal well-being. Join our panelists as they discuss coping skills, balance and resiliency which can serve us well through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Their insights and tips will support both your and your child's mental health and overall well-being.

Prior to the session, please send questions you would like addressed to ces@ahs.ca

> **FREE Webingr Tuesday December 1 2020** 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Register https://community.hmhc.ca/sessions

This session is presented by the Community Education Service of the Child & Adolescent Addiction & Mental Health and Psychiatry Program (CAAMHPP) of Alberta Health Services.



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Introducing the Community Support Navigation Team

The Community Resource Navigation team exists to support families in accessing social supports as they reintegrate to schools and community post isolation and to build capacity for community resource navigation. COVID has affected and continues to affect many individuals and families in numerous ways. People throughout the community are struggling and trying to figure out where to go but just do not know where to start. FSCA supported by FCSS has created a pilot project called The Community Resource Navigation Team. We are here to support families in accessing appropriate Community Supports and Services working together to strengthen families, and to enhance their sense of safety and well-being.

What can we do?

- Support in Connecting to appropriate resources within the community.
- Meet with the family via phone, video meetings such as ZOOM, and we can arrange safe, in-person
 meetings if needed.
- Provide community referrals or help in obtaining referrals to the appropriate resource/agency.
- Offer info and understanding in navigating intake processes such as completing forms, assisting in booking appointments and even attending appointments with the family to provide extra support when possible.
- We have a diverse team with extensive backgrounds of experience and understanding in working with families and navigating community resources.

Complete the intake form online at https://fsca.ca/community-resource-navigation-team/ or contact Lynette Braun at 403-309-8204 / lbraun@fsca.ca

We look forward to working together with you to support families and individuals in our communities to get back on their feet.

Thank you,

Lynette Braun for the Community Resource Navigation Team, Family Services of Central Alberta









TRIPLE P PARENTING WORKSHOP

Practical ways to develop skills, strategies and confidence to handle these parenting situation. This workshop will focus on strategies geared for children ages 2 to 6 years.

WHERE:

Virtual

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Call or text: 403-877-7163

Email:

kristin.mcbride@mcmancentral.ca

Please let us know which classes you would like to attend

WHEN:

December 1st

Dealing with Disobedience

December 8th

Hassle-Free Shopping

December 15th

Coping with Stress

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Classes will be virtual



BUILDING BIGGER CONNECTIONS: TEENS @ HOME DURING COVID



Big Brothers Big Sisters



Researchers at York University and the University of Victoria invite youth to complete this online survey on teen mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are interested in your relationships, mental health, health behaviours, and understanding of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Who can take the survey?

If you live in Canada, are a Little with Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and are 12-18 years old.

No special background or knowledge is needed.

The online survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and is entirely anonymous.

Complete the survey and enter for:

One of TWO \$100 or ONE \$250 online gift cards to an online store of your choice!

For more info go to: www.teensathomeduringcovid.com











