

Thompson Telegraph

At Sarah Thompson School we nurture relationships, agency, belonging, and inclusion to cultivate academic success and personal wellness for everyone.



It is hard to believe that there is only one month of school left! June is an exciting and busy one for everyone. Classes are all a buzz finishing up curriculum, year-end projects, assessments, field trips, and other amazing events!! With the weather becoming nicer, it is tempting to take more long weekends, but we do ask you limit these, as regularly attending school remains very important. Be sure to check the school calendar for all important dates and contact the office or your child's teacher if you require clarification. Here's to another great year!!!!



National
Indigenous
History Month

#NIMH2024

In honour of National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21st, STS will be placing emphasis on activities that recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis across Canada. Be sure to ask your child(ren) all about it!

Are you Moving?

If your child is planning to attend a different school than STS next September, please let the office know as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

Report Cards

With year-end approaching, teachers are once again busy assessing their students and inputting grades and comments into PowerSchool. We want to take the opportunity to remind you that a child's learning is cumulative and not all learning outcomes are 'graded' equal. Teachers prioritize outcomes they feel are necessary for success in the next grade; literacy and numeracy skills continue to be our focus. Therefore, you may notice your child's 'grades' change as teachers start to input the more heavily weighted cumulative outcomes. As report cards are now digital click [here](#) for instructions on how to view and print your child's report card. Report cards will be available on June 26, 2024. In the meantime, please continue to check PowerSchool for information regarding your child's progress and do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions.

Grade 5 Transition and Farewell

The grade 5 transition is off to great start! Our Learning support Team met with Langdon School's team on May 24th to discuss our kids, specifically those with SSP's. A small group of grade 5's went over on May 28th for a pre-tour, and on May 30th all of our 5's went to Langdon School for a tour and stayed to enjoy the Spring Band concert. Lastly, on June 14th LS grade 5's will be joining us for our 'Off Their Rockers' play and then again on June 17th for a 'Picnic-n-Play'! And as a reminder, the grade 5 ceremony will follow the play (certificates and BBQ).



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Register Now for 2024/25 Bus Transportation

Transportation registration is now open for the 2024/25 school year. Families who currently use RVS bus services will receive an enrollment form directly in SchoolEngage; please complete this form even if your child is not returning to bus service. Families requiring new service will also be able to complete a new registration form in SchoolEngage.

To access SchoolEngage, please log in through your [PowerSchool](#) parent account. If you do not have a PowerSchool account, please contact your school directly before June 26 for assistance.

To guarantee service for the first day of school, registration must be received **before Aug. 1**. Students registered after this deadline may experience delays of two to three weeks before they can ride the bus as late applications will be processed with a start date after Sept. 18.

Families who register before June 30 will receive an early registration discount of \$40. This is extended to each of the first two students in a family, with additional students receiving \$20 off if registering early. A minimum payment of 50 per cent is due at registration. Bus service may be cancelled up until Oct. 31, 2024, to receive a full refund.

Transportation fees for 2024/25 will remain the same as 2023/24. A step-by-step guide to registration, fee information and more is available on the [RVS website](#).

2025/26 & 2026/27 School Calendar Survey

Rocky View Schools (RVS) invites you to give feedback regarding the proposed school calendars for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 school years. Beginning in 2025/26, RVS is considering the introduction of a fall break in November to support staff and student well-being. The survey includes questions about the impact a break in November might have for you and your family. It is important to note RVS is legally required to include a minimum number of school days, professional learning days and all statutory holidays into every school year calendar. To learn more about the options being presented and to provide feedback, visit [RVSEngage](#). The survey will be open beginning May 20 and close June 17 at 4 p.m. The Board anticipates making a decision next fall. Thank you for your time and input.

We are very excited to be hosting our first **'Stock-Up for Summer Reading' Book Fair**

which will run June 10th-14th!

Students will be able to purchase books during their regularly scheduled library times, during lunch recess or on the evening of Tuesday, June 11th from 4:00-6:00.

Donations

We need your help!

We are in the looking for the following items to be donated for our STS Day on June 24th.

- Face Paint
- Bubbles / Bubble machine
- Chalk
- Squirt Guns
- Tattoos

Thank you!

Learning Commons

Speaking of books.... this is the last week students will be allowed to sign out books from the Learning Commons. All library books are due back the week of June 10th-14th. Overdue notices will start coming home the following week. If your child brings home a notice please assist them in locating their book(s)! Any unreturned/lost items will be placed onto SchoolCash.

Post Card Design Contest

Today students were informed about designing a cover for the 'Welcome Back to School' POSTCARD! The winning postcard design will be used by all teachers this fall when they welcome students back into their classrooms.

REQUIREMENTS: Size: Design needs to be 4x6

Heading: Postcard needs a 'heading'... students were told to be creative. Here are some suggestions: 'Welcome to Sarah Thompson School', 'Welcome Back to School', 'Let the Adventure Begin', 'It's Back to School Time'.

All design submissions are due Friday, June 14th at 1:00pm and can be handed in at the office.

We look forward to seeing all the designs!!!



Over the years, FoSTES has had some amazing volunteers that drive and support the fundraising efforts for Sarah Thompson School. Unfortunately, as children graduate and move on to new schools so do those volunteers.

In order to continue supporting fundraising opportunities, FoSTES needs new volunteers to step up and fill the roles of those that have and will move on. There is currently a need for members on the Executive Committee. These roles include, Chairperson (Vice), Treasurer and Directors, as well as volunteers to help with fundraising activities.

As a team we are always working hard to ensure we can provide our school with the funds necessary to purchase equipment and programs that will enhance our children's experience at Sarah Thompson.

Some examples of the items/programs that FoSTES has funded this school year are:

- Soccer Nets
- Literacy and Numeracy Resources (Razkids/Mathletics, etc.)
- Partial payment of swim fees and bussing for swim lessons (grades 3-5)
- FinS fish program plus bussing to release the fish in Strathmore
- Purchasing books and prizes for Battle of the Books
- Quest Theatre performance (in school)
- New Curricular Materials - Science, Math and Literacy (K-3)
- Glenbow Museum in-service program (grade 2s)
- Bussing to Heritage Park for Year-end AMA Patrol Picnic

We will be hosting a public meeting on June 9 at 6:30 pm at Tim Horton's, we hope you can attend to learn more.

For more information or to express interest in volunteering, please contact friendsofstesociety@gmail.com.

School Council

Our last School Council meeting of the year will be June 12th at 8:35 am in the Learning Commons. At last month's AGM, elections were held for Council positions and several positions remain unfilled. If you are interested in volunteering on Council, please join us! Thanks to all our School Council members that have volunteered their time to fulfill Council positions and to all the parents for attending meetings this year. Your participation, suggestions and feedback are greatly appreciated!

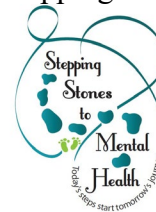


Click [Trellis Commons](#) to learn about all the exciting events happening in the area!



Click [here](#) for info on family friendly events around Calgary.

Click [here](#) for FREE Parent & Caregiver Education Sessions (MHCB Stepping Stones to Mental Health)



STS STAFF SPOTLIGHT!

Did you know this about our staff?

Name three people who you would invite to your dream dinner party (historic figures welcome).

Tyler (my son), Abraham Lincoln, Aretha Franklin

If you could hop on a plane right this second, where would you go?

Barbados

If you could be any fictional character, who would you be?

Helen Parr - Elastigirl

Name three people who you would invite to your dream dinner party (historic figures welcome).

Oprah, my grandpa, my Mom



Mrs. Trithart
Learning Assistant

What's your hidden talent?

Singing!

If you could be any fictional character, who would you be?

Belle

What's your hidden talent?

Cake Decorating!



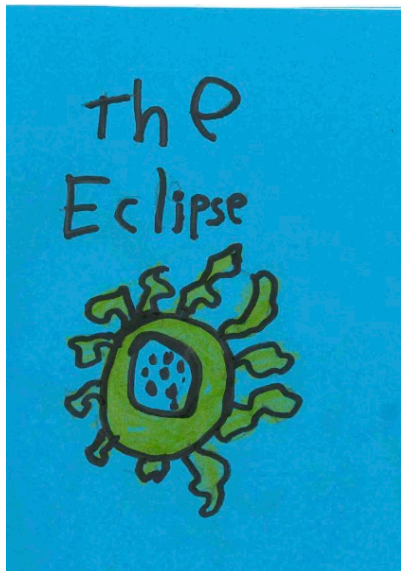
Mrs. Winkler
Learning Support Teacher

What's the one snack we'd always find in your kitchen?

Hawkins Cheezies

AUTHOR Spotlight

Check out this piece of writing by Enzo. in 5R... Greek mythology meets science!
Way to go Enzo!!



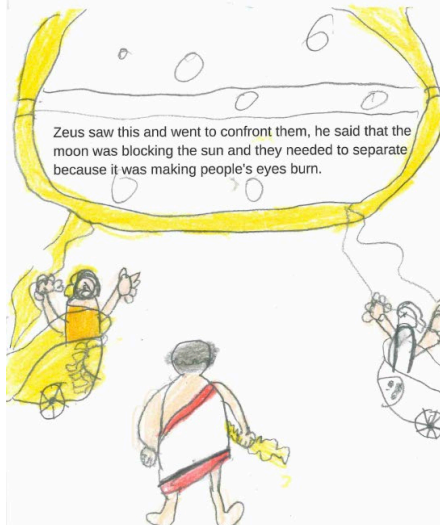
Apollo was pulling the sun across the sky in his chariot when he saw Selene, the moon goddess.



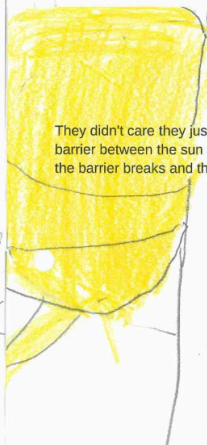
They saw each other and got into an argument about who should be on which side of the world and without noticing the moon went in front of the sun.



Zeus saw this and went to confront them, he said that the moon was blocking the sun and they needed to separate because it was making people's eyes burn.



They didn't care they just kept arguing so Zeus put a barrier between the sun and the moon but once in a while the barrier breaks and that is how the eclipse happens.





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Sarah Thompson Schedule

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June 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2	3 Milk Passport to Kindergarten Open House 3:30-6:00pm	4 Milk 3/4H, 4C & 4P to Tyrrell Museum 3M & 3W to Kinsmen Park	5 Harvey's Lunch Patrol Picnic at Heritage Park	6 Milk Staff Appreciation Lunch	7 Milk No Kindergarten	8
9	10 Milk Gr. 2 to Heritage Park School Council Meeting @ 8:35am Stock-Up for Summer Reading Book Fair	11 Milk 3/4H, 4C & 4P to Heritage Park Book Fair Open from 4:00-6:00pm	12 Il Bricco Lunch	13 Milk	14 Milk No Kindergarten Gr. 5 Farewell Play & BBQ	15
16 Father's Day	17 Milk Gr. 5 Play & Picnic with Langdon School	18 Milk Kindergarten Field Trip to Granary Road	19 Coco Brooks Lunch Gr. 5 to Calaway Park	20 Milk Last Day for Kindergarten	21 Milk National Indigenous People's Day	22
23	24 STS Day!	25	26 Last Day of Classes Year End Assembly Report Cards Available	27 Summer Vacation Starts! Org. Day	28 Org. Day	29

