

Thompson Telegraph

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



It's hard to believe the first month of school has already come to an end! September was filled with students getting to know their classmates and teacher, and settling back into routines. Our staff did an amazing job of planning and organizing school events such as the Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day, completing AB Education assessments and creating our student's School Success Plans. A big thanks to School Council for supporting our Welcome Back BBQ! We recognize we have had some staffing challenges thus far. However, we feel our students, and other staff members, are showing great resilience with these changes and together we will continue to work diligently to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students and greater school community.



Wednesday,
October 2

Class and Individual Photos will be taken!

Patrols

Once again over 50 students signed up to be patrollers this year which is a testament to our students wanting to contribute to their school community. They received their first in-school training session last Thursday and this week we will continue our training out at the crosswalk. We ask that whether you are driving or walking, please be patient with our Patrollers as we have many new members learning the procedures. Our Patrollers are trained to say, "Point", "Double-Check" and "Proceed". If you are walking, please ensure you wait for the "Proceed" command before crossing... thanks!

Volunteer Survey

One of our school priorities is to have our families and community members be more involved in our school. If you haven't completed our Volunteer Survey sent our last month, we would appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to share with us if you have any time to volunteer at our school and in which way(s) might work best. Please click [here](#) to access the survey. Thanks for your participation and support!

Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch program is up and running once again! Thanks so much to Coralee Vinish for volunteering to coordinate this program and a huge thanks goes out to Carrie McMillan who was our Hot Lunch coordinator for many years! In case you missed ordering, an email was sent home to all families last month explaining how to order using [School Cash](#). You must order the Monday prior to the scheduled lunch. Late orders will not be accepted. Please remember this service is optional, but just to let you know the Hot Lunch program is one of our major fundraising programs, so we certainly appreciate your support!



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Terry Fox Run

Congratulations STS community on another very successful Terry Fox Run, albeit a wet and soggy one! We set a lofty goal to raise \$1000.00. While we came in a wee bit short at \$822.00, everyone still did an amazing job. We could not have done it without the efforts of the organizing committee, the enthusiasm of all the students and staff for running/walking as many laps as they could, and the parents who volunteered to make the day a success. Way to go STS!

Truth and Reconciliation

Our commitment to recognizing the importance of Truth and Reconciliation was evident in the final week of September. Students in all grades were engaged in many activities, including reflective art pieces, read-alouds, and a culminating 'Orange Shirt Day' assembly. A big thank you goes out to all staff involved in creating such a powerful and meaningful assembly! Thanks to all those who wore orange on Friday. As we reflect on seeking Truth and Reconciliation, and learning about Residential Schools, we recognize the importance of doing this learning throughout the year not just on one particular day or week. The important conversations and learning will continue!

Congratulations to Abi St. Croix for winning our Orange Shirt Day design contest. Here is Abi's design...



School Emergency Program

Last month we conducted our first fire drill, and everyone did an amazing job. Over the course of the year, we will be conducting 5 more evacuations as well as practicing 'Lock-down' drills. For more information on the RVS Emergency Response please click [here](#).



Snow White... A Quest Theatre Performance

We are looking forward to October 30th as Quest Theatre will be visiting STS to teach us about creative storytelling, imagination, and problem solving through their performance of Snow White.

'When the rest of the cast fails to appear, two performers are left to tell the classic tale. Creative staging, music and imagination are woven together to present this innovative storytelling adventure proving that anyone can tell any story.' Quest Theatre.

Halloween

We look forward to a 'spooktacular' Halloween at STS on Thursday, October 31st. As always, students and staff are encouraged to dress up. As you are planning your costumes, please refrain from including weapons, or representing gore or violence. In addition, please wait to hear from your homeroom teacher regarding 'treats' coming in.





FoSTES held their AGM last month and are very excited to have some new members join their team! We also would like to thank FoSTES for paying for student agendas, digital subscriptions for student use such as Raz Kids and replenishing new board games for student lunch clubs. Stay tuned for information about their next meeting.

School Council

We are very pleased to announce we had an excellent turn-out to our first School Council meeting last month... thanks to everyone to joined us! We are hopeful to have our vacant positions of 'Chair', 'Vice-Chair' and 'Secretary' filled at our next meeting. More information about the positions, nominations and elections will be emailed soon. October's meeting time is October 28th @ 1:15pm in our Learning Commons or via Zoom.



Click [here](#) for Halloween themed community events!



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



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



Synergy Program Registration is Now Open!

[SHOUT GIRLS](#) - ages 10-12 Thursdays 6-8pm

Registration Required

[SHOUT BOYS](#) - ages 10-13 Thursdays 6:30-8pm

Registration Required

[Video Game Night](#) - October 18th at The Chestermere Rec Centre

[The Drop](#) - ages 10+ Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4-8pm No Registration Required

[Homework Helpers](#) - grade 4-12, Wednesdays at The Drop from 6-8pm

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Sarah Thompson Schedule

A digital copy of October's Newsletter can be viewed on our website at thompson.rockyview.ab.ca.

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October 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

29	30 No School Truth & Reconciliation Day	1 Milk	2 Langdon Pizza Lunch Individual & Class Photos	3 Milk	4 Milk No Kindergarten	5
6	7 Milk	8 Milk	9 EDO Japan Lunch	10 Milk	11 No School PL Day	12
13	14 No School Thanksgiving	15 Milk	16 McDonald's Lunch	17 Milk	18 Milk AM Kindergarten	19
20	21 Milk	22 Milk	23 Firehouse Lunch	24 Milk	25 Milk PM Kindergarten	26
27	28 Milk School Council @ 1:15pm	29 Milk	30 Booster Juice/Tim Horton's Lunch Quest Theatre – Snow White @ 1:00pm	31 Milk	1 PL Day No School	2
3	4 Milk Scholastic Book Fair	5 Milk	6 Coco Brooks Lunch Picture Re-Take Day	7 Milk	8 Milk AM Kindergarten	9



Tiger Talk

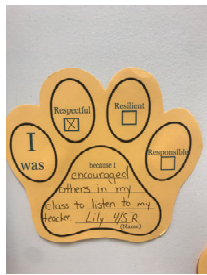
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