

Thompson Telegraph

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

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Hello! My name is Jennifer Yersh, and I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new Principal at Sarah Thompson School. I feel incredibly fortunate to be here and have already been warmly welcomed into the STS community—thank you! I'm excited to meet each of you and get to know the wonderful community here at STS. A little about me: I grew up in Montreal and moved to Alberta in 2009. Over the years, I've had the privilege of teaching in a variety of communities, including Strathmore, Brooks, Airdrie, and Cochrane. Now, I'm excited to be here, in Langdon. When I'm not at school, you'll often find me spending time with my family, experimenting in the kitchen, or exploring the outdoors with my dog.

I'm always happy to connect, so please don't hesitate to reach out via phone or email. I value open communication and look forward to hearing from you!



Holiday Spirit Week

Participation during the 'Holiday Spirit Week' was amazing again this year! Many students proudly donned festive clothing, and enjoyed sharing their favorite books and games with their classmates. And although the whole school carolling was cancelled, some classes were able to go carolling on the last day of the school year... hopefully our neighbors enjoyed our singing and cards! A huge thank you goes out once again to the teachers for being great sports in being decorated by their students. Be sure to check out the last page of the newsletter to see all the beautifully decorated teachers!

Christmas Concert

We hope you enjoyed this year's 'Antler's' concert. We are very proud of all the students in 1/2W, 2B, 3/4M, 4N and 4/5R for the wonderful performance. Thanks to all the teachers for their flexibility in preparing the students for the big show and the parents who created the fantastic set! And lastly, congratulations to Mrs. Crooks for the successful production!

Battle of the Books ... Let's get ready to READ!!

Battle of the Books and Battle of the Books 'Lite' Returns! Battle of the Books is a friendly reading contest where teams comprised of 4 to 6 students read books from a variety of genres and reading levels. Toward the end of the year teams will come together in a 'battle' to answer questions about the books they have read. Battle of the Books includes students in grades 3-5 and Battle of the Books 'Lite' is for our grade 1 and 2 students. Our goal of these competitions is to promote a love of reading and support literacy development through friendly competition. Stay tuned for more information.



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School Education Plan

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Welcome to our Student Teachers

We are excited to welcome 4 student teachers to our school from Ambrose University. Sean Tan will be joining Mrs. Bertamini’s kindergarten classes, Eric Gratton in 3/4M, Rebecca Williams in 3B and Faith Schwartz will be joining 4/5R. They will be with us for the next 5 weeks.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year will open on Monday, February 3, 2025. The standardized age of entry requires students to turn five years old by December 31 of the school year they begin Kindergarten. This means children born between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020 can register for Kindergarten for the 2025/26 school year. All registration must be completed online. Paper application forms are no longer available.

New RVS Families: To register a child for Kindergarten, please create a new [SchoolEngage account](#).

Current RVS Families: To register a new child for Kindergarten, login to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and access SchoolEngage on the left-hand menu.

Parents with age eligible children are encouraged to register as soon as possible so that plans for next year can be made with the most accurate numbers in mind. If you or anyone you know requires assistance with the registration process, please feel free to come into the school.

Hot Lunch and Milk

We are happy to continue to offer milk on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday every week. Hot lunch is on Wednesdays. If you are interested in either program, don’t forget to order. The cut off to order lunch or milk is always the prior Monday. Both of these programs are optional. Thank you for supporting the hot lunch program as it is a major fundraiser for our school and provides for numerous different opportunities for our students.

Library

We currently have many overdue books that we would appreciate being returned. Below is a schedule of all library times:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Kindergarten: Bertamini PM	Kindergarten: Bertamini AM 3B 3H	5P 2B 1/2W 4N 3/4M	Kindergarten: Goll AM 1L 1W 5C 4/5R

In addition, many books are being returned in poor condition; water damaged, ripped or written/coloured in. Please ensure your child is keeping them in a safe location when at home and it may be beneficial to have your child use a large water-proof bag for transporting the books to and from school to avoid leaky water bottle incidents!



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

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

Click [here](#) for more information on Community Resources!



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Sarah Thompson Schedule

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January 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

29	30 No School	31	1 Happy New Year	2	3	4
5	6 First Day of School for 2025!	7	8	9 Milk	10 Milk PM Kindergarten	11
12	13 Milk	14 Milk	15 McDonald's Lunch	16 Milk	17 Milk AM Kindergarten	18
19	20 Milk School Council Meeting @ 1:15pm	21 Milk	22 Booster Juice/Tim Horton's Lunch	23 Milk	24 Milk PM Kindergarten	25
26	27 Milk	28 Milk	29 Subway Lunch	30 Milk	31 Milk AM Kindergarten	1
2	3 Milk	4 Milk	5 The Track Lunch	6 Milk	7 Milk PM Kindergarten	8

