

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 activities included students getting to know their classmates/teachers/staff, settling back into routines and revisiting the 3 pillars of our PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports) matrix, participating in our Terry Fox Run, exploring the giant Indigenous Peoples of Canada map, and participating in activities and discussions focused on Orange Shirt Day! In addition, our teachers were busy completing various AB Education assessments and creating student School Success Plans. Lastly, it was wonderful to see all the families at the Welcome Back BBQ. A big thanks to School Council and Save-On-Foods for supporting the BBQ and to all volunteers who helped make the day so successful!

Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch program is up and running once again! We are very thankful to Coralee Vinish who is once again coordinating this program. In case you missed ordering, an email was sent home to all families last month explaining how to order Hot Lunch 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! In case of job action, any lunches that were ordered and not delivered will be postponed to January.

Terry Fox Run

Congratulations STS community on another very successful Terry Fox Run. We are pleased to report we raised \$1855.00!!! 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. Congratulations to Clark H. and Grayson B. for winning the Terry Fox t-shirts... 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, discussions and read-alouds. 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!



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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](#).

Violence Threat Risk Assessment / Assessment of Risk to Self and Others

Last month you would have received an email from RVS explaining the division's commitment to ensuring the safety of all students and staff. As a reminder you may click on the following link for information [AP351 Violence Threat Risk Assessment \(VTRA\) / Assessment of Risk to Self and Others \(ARTO\)](#).

RESPONSIBLE USE OF PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA IN SCHOOLS

We have noticed some of our students coming to school wearing and using their devices, mostly Smart Watches, during instructional times. Teachers have shared the procedure and expectations with students, and we kindly ask that families do the same with their child(ren). Click [here](#) to read the full procedure. We will be asking School Council at our next meeting whether the devices may be used at non-instructional times, ex. Recess, or if they need to be 'away all day'. We will let families know the result of the discussion after next Monday's meeting.

Halloween

We are hopeful that we will be participating in another 'spooktacular' Halloween at STS on Friday, 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.



School
Council

Next meeting is at 1:15, Oct.
6th in the Learning Commons
or via Zoom!

**If teacher job action
proceeds the meeting is
cancelled. **

Community
Calendar

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

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

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



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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 No School PL Day	30 No School Truth & Reconciliation Day	1 Boston Pizza Lunch Individual and Class Photos	2 Milk	3 Milk No Kindergarten	4
5	6 Milk School Council Meeting @ 1:15	7 Milk	8 Booster Juice/Tim Horton's Lunch	9 Milk	10 Milk No Kindergarten	11
12	13 No School Thanksgiving	14 Milk	15 Firehouse Lunch	16 Milk	17 Milk No Kindergarten	18
19	20 No School PL Day	21 Milk	22 Coco Brooks Lunch	23 Milk	24 Milk AM Kindergarten	25
26	27 Milk	28 Milk	29 Subway Lunch	30 Milk	31 Milk PM Kindergarten	1
2	3 Milk	4 Milk	5 The Track Lunch Picture Re-Take Day	6 Milk	7 Milk AM Kindergarten	8

