



F.P. WALSHE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe we are already in the second half of the 2020/2021 school year! We at F.P. Walshe appreciate the continued support and look forward to the opportunity to continue working with all of your children this school year.

The month of January presented many challenges for our staff and students. We returned from the Christmas break to on-line learning and then pivoted back to in-person learning. We also experienced our first positive COVID-19 cases in the school. Our staff and students have remained resilient, and continue to work together through all the ups and downs and challenges. As a school, we continue to follow the guidelines of Alberta Health Services (AHS), Alberta Education, and Livingstone Range School Division (LRSD) with a focus on health and wellness and the safety of all.

In today's world it is very difficult to try and predict the future. As a school, we continue to respond to the ever-changing health guidelines, and do what we can to provide an engaging learning experience for our students. Our student leadership group remains strong and committed to enhancing our school culture. Student leadership has organized and continues to plan virtual assemblies and whole school activities (ie. kindness week, Valentine's Day activities) that fit within the health guidelines. We are once again offering intramural lunch opportunities for students, and are looking into extra-curricular activities that we may be able to offer that meet the latest requirements of AHS and LRSD.

Coming up on February 24th, we have two parent/guardian meetings that you are all invited to attend. The first meeting is our FPW Fundraising Foundation meeting which takes place at 6:00 pm. The Fundraising Foundation is focused on an outdoor development project to enhance health and wellness in our school. The link to attend the virtual meeting is: <https://meet.google.com/hcb-mdyn-fzv>. At 7:00 pm, our School Council meeting will take place and can be accessed virtually through: <https://meet.google.com/tpv-rkhh-ici>. At this School Council meeting we will have a Trustee report, Teacher report, Principal report, and a discussion on assessment and learning support practices in the school.

Our second semester for grades 9-12 and 3rd quarter for grades 6-8 began on February 1st. Report cards for grades 9-12 for the first term we will be mailed out today (Feb. 10).

We continue to move forward with a positive outlook and appreciation for the opportunity to educate and learn with our students. We are excited for what the second half of the year will bring and to stay informed or learn more about what is happening at F.P. Walshe, check out our website: fpwalsheschool.ca or follow us on Facebook and Instagram: @fpwalshe or on Twitter: @fp_walshe. Take care everyone.

Sincerely,

Chad Jensen

Principal