

Welcome to Fox Creek School September 2016



Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for 2016-2017. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The maintenance department has been busy painting our entire school and changing some of the hallway floors. Unfortunately the big gym will not be ready for the start of school but we will work around that. Thank you to the maintenance department and to Mr. Palmer's team for getting our school ready.

The start of the school year is like the start of the calendar year. It is a good time to make some resolutions and commitments to success.

We are happy to welcome Ms. Thomas to our staff this year. She will be teaching junior and senior high mathematics as well as Physics.

Our school goals this year will focus on, critical thinking, improving students' writing skills and reading comprehension. We will also continue to work on improving students' competence and confidence with mathematics. Again this year we would appreciate your support in trying to improve student attendance and we also want to maintain a clean and safe school.

We have moved to Cash Online now so sports fees, field trips and other school expenses will be paid online. We encourage use of the parent portal to stay informed about grades and attendance. As much as things change and we progress, the one constant is that we want to maintain a partnership with parents and work collaboratively with you to support your children to being successful and happy in school.

I look forward to working with you and your children in the coming school year.

Email List:

If you would like to be added to our email list and receive an electronic version of our newsletter, please contact Mrs. Demings at the office or <u>deanne.demings@ngps.ca</u>



School fees are now due!

For your convenience you can make your payment with SchoolCashOnline or at the school. We accept Debit, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express as well as cash or cheque. Thank you for your co-operation!

Dates to mark your calendar September 5 No School September 8

Meet the

Teacher

September 16 No School PD Day September 28 EC-Gr.6 Interviews September 28 EC-Gr.6 Interviews

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Meet the Teacher BBQ September 1st 5:00pm-7:00pm

Come out and enjoy some bbq'd Hamburgers & Hotdogs and get to know your child's teacher!



Parent Teacher Interview Bookings are now available on line!!

Choose the time that works for you!

Parent Teacher Interviews Grades K-6 September 28th 6:30pm-9:00pm & Grades K-12 on September 29th 6:30pm-9:00pm

https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?code=a4uwg

Each new event will have a new link ©







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2016-2017 Official School Year

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June

Instructional Days (Students)	184
Non-instructional Days (Teachers)	13)
Total Operational Days	197
First and Last Day of Instruction for students	±.
Vacation/Days in Lieu For Parent-Teacher Interviews	
Teachers' Convention February 9 & 10 – Onow March 9 & 10 - Valleyviev	

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<u>Month</u>	Instructional Days		Non Instructional Days		Operational Days	
August	1		2		3	
September	20		1		21	
October	19		1		20	
November	19		1		20	
December	16		1		17	
January	16	91	1	7	17	98
February	17/18		2/1		19	
March	22/21		1/2		23	
April	13		0		13	
May	20		2		22	
June	21	93	1	6	22	98
TOTAL	184		13		197	

Aug 29 - 30 - Staff Planning & Development Days

Aug 31 - First Day for Students

Sept 5 - Labour Day

Sept 16 - Staff Planning & Development Day
Oct 7 - Staff Planning & Development Day

Oct 10 - Thanksgiving Day

Nov 9 - Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews

Nov 10 - Day Off

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day

Dec 2 - Staff Planning & Development Day

Dec 26 - Jan 6 - Christmas Vacation

Jan 31 - Staff Planning & Development Day

*Feb 9 & 10 - Teachers' Convention (Onoway to Fox Creek)
Feb 17 - Staff Planning & Development Day (Valleyview)

Feb 20 - Family Day

*Mar 9 & 10 - Teachers' Convention (Valleyview)
Mar 10 - Staff Planning & Development Day (Onoway to Fox Creek)

Apr 13 - Day Off Apr 14 - 21 - Easter Vacation

May 18 - Staff Planning and Development Day May 19 - Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews

May 22 - Victoria Day

Jun 29 - Last Day for Students

Jun 30 - Staff Planning & Development Day





■SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Our first book fair for the year is coming up on Wednesdays Sept. 28 (10am-4pm) & Thursday Sept. 29 (9am-4pm & 6:30-9pm). Every purchase you make helps put student resources into our school! If you can volunteer to work a shift at the fair please contact Ronica @ 780-622-7544.

The <u>purchases made at book fair last year earned over \$5500 worth of resources</u> to put back into the hands of the students at Fox Creek School. A few examples include: a beautiful class set of up-to-date atlases available for use by any grade, exciting new sets of Grade 2 and 3 Science books to complement the curriculum and a new classroom set of leveled readers for the primary grades. In addition, selected students are provided free books at the monthly elementary assemblies and the library continues to receive new materials from each book fair. Great things happen when we all support our local book fair!

Mark your calendars for the two remaining book fairs of the school year. Wednesday, Dec. 7 & Thursday, Dec. 8 - just in time for Christmas shopping! Wednesday, March 23 & Thursday, March 24 – always a new selection of books for Spring.

