



SEPTEMBER 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome back students and parents to the 2014–2015 school year. I hope you have had a fun filled and enjoyable summer.

The maintenance department has worked hard over the summer to get our building cleaned, bright and shiny with new sidewalks out front, a refinished gym floor and other repairs.

Staff have already returned to work and have been busily preparing to welcome back students. We continue to register new students and the entire division is switching over to a new student information system and new email program. The division launched our new corporate logo and website last week and our new school website will be launched shortly.

The start of a new school year is like the start of a new calendar year. I will be suggesting that students make some new school year resolutions for improved success.

I am excited to be joining the staff of Fox Creek School and look forward to working with the students, staff and parents. I would also like to welcome Mr. King and Mrs. Mac Neil who have joined our staff.

I look forward to working with the students, staff and parents of Fox Creek School. I will be in the office Thursday evenings until 9:00 p.m. and you are welcome to drop in or make an appointment to see me in person. You are of course welcome during any school day as well if that fits your schedule. Let's keep the lines of communication open.

Mr. R. Rozario

Upcoming Events

- September 2-First Day of school
- September 3-Meet the Teacher
- September 11-Picture Day
- September 19-PD Day

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School fees

***School fees are now due.** For your convenience we accept Debit, Visa, MasterCard, as well as cash and cheque. Thank you for your co-operation!*



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We are on Facebook!  
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***Fox Creek School***

Keep up to date on information and what's happening at the school.

You can also find Northern Gateway Public Schools and like them as well. We look forward to keeping you all up to date.

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## Northern Gateway Public Schools

### Time for a change

Education is a journey. So too is the building of a school division. Our journey has led us in a new direction this past year. A quest, if you will to up the ante. Matching our strategic direction with our visual identity; representing on the outside what we're doing internally every day - building leadership and capacity, incorporating new learning technologies, participating in curriculum research, and

providing students with personalized and inclusive learning opportunities. Education is evolving and so are we.

Rebranding is more than a new logo, it is the way we look, the way we sound and the way we act. It is how we convey what is important through visual and written media, and how we build relationships in our communities. It represents what makes our schools great ... JOURNEYS, COMMUNITIES, IMAGINATION, INNOVATION AND GROWTH.

Northern Gateway Public Schools. Learning for life. Together.

Watch the video <https://amplomedia.wistia.com/projects/xhvmk7tzmd>  
**ngps.ca**

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### I can't wait for summer

I can't wait for summer when school days are done,  
to spend days playing outside in the sun.

I won't have to study. No homework, no tests.  
Just afternoons spent on adventures and quests.

Instead of mathematics and writing reports,  
I'll go to the park and play summer time sports.

Instead of assignments, report cards, and grades,  
I'll get to play baseball and watch the parades.

I'll swing on the playground. I'll swim in the pool  
instead of just practicing lessons in school.

The second the year is finally done  
I'll spend every minute with friends having fun.

I hardly can wait for the end of the year.

I'm counting the days until summer is here.

It's hard to be patient. It's hard to be cool.

It's hard to believe it's the first day of school.

Kenn Nesbitt



My name is Deirdre Morrival, and I am the Alberta Health Services Speech Language Pathologist for Fox Creek School. I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself. I'm thrilled to be back for my 3<sup>rd</sup> year! I live right here in Fox Creek and I LOVE it! I split my time between Fox Creek and Valleyview, so in total I have five schools and two hospitals to take care of, as well as a preschool caseload here in Fox Creek.

This year, I'm hoping to have a few articles in the school newsletter, so that you can be better informed about what Speech and Language therapy is, and why we do it. But please remember, if you have specific questions, you can contact me any time at the Fox Creek Hospital (780-622-3545), on my work cell (780-622-7634), or by e-mail:

[Deirdre.morrival@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Deirdre.morrival@albertahealthservices.ca)

Typically speaking, if your child's teacher has concerns, they will discuss them with you and determine if you would like your child to have a referral for a speech and language assessment. If you think this is a good idea, they will give you some papers to fill out, and when they are returned, they will send them to me. Once I have a referral, I will give you a call to get your consent for the assessment. The assessment can be done at the school or at my clinic, and parents are ALWAYS welcome to attend the assessment. After, I'll call you back and let you know what areas of strength and need I found, and we can discuss if treatment is recommended, and what it will look like (e.g. individual, small group, whole class). All of this will be discussed with you to make sure that we provide the best possible service to your child. It's important to note, there will be no services provided until we talk to you in person or on the phone.




So, what do we do? Well, the "Speech" part of Speech Language Pathology refers to the actual speech sounds. Some children may have difficulty making certain sounds (e.g. "cat" becomes "tat" or "lion" becomes "wion"). A delay in speech sound development can impact your child's ability to effectively communicate with friends and staff. It can also impact their ability to learn to read and write. So we provide the "how-to" instruction to correct the sound error, and then we give lots, and lots, and lots of practice with their new sound. Kids learn through play, so you may see lots of smiles, laughs, and games in the speech room. We are playing, yes, but we are also learning!

Language therapy is a very broad area, because language is...well, everything! We communicate all day and in so many ways. In general, there are two types of language; receptive (i.e. understanding of language) and expressive (i.e. use of language). Students with receptive delays may look like they're not paying attention, bored, or are "lost" in the classroom. While students with expressive delays may look shy, speak with grammatical errors (e.g. "her did it"), or may speak in longer sentences that have little content (e.g. "I went to the place over there by the thing and then John gave me one and I was so happy.")



So if you have any concerns or questions about your child's speech and language development, you can talk to their teacher, contact me at the numbers above, or check out [www.parentlinkalberta.ca](http://www.parentlinkalberta.ca) and click on "TalkBox" to find out more information about what to expect from your child at every age. Thanks for reading!

## SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day 	2 First Day for Students	3 Meet the Teacher	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Picture Day 	12	13
14	15	16	17 Parent Council Meeting 7:00PM	18	19 PD Day-Teachers Only	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 	30			