



Welcome to
Fox Creek School
December 2020



Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

COVID Update

We continue to restrict access to the school during this time. This means that parents will not be able to come into the school without an appointment. We look forward to the day when all this is behind us but we certainly appreciate your cooperation with us as we seek to reduce the social interaction here at the school for the time being.

The Alberta Government has mandated that schools will remain closed to Grade 7 to 12 students from November 30th until January 7th. Instruction for these students during this time will be online. Grades K to 6 will continue with face to face instruction until December 18th. **All students will attend school remotely from January 4th to January 8th.** Staff will be returning to work on the 4th and students are expected to participate in the lessons that will be provided for the week. We will provide more information about what this will look like by the middle of December.

Email List:

If you would like to be added to our email list and receive an electronic version of our newsletter, please contact Mrs. Thackeray at the office or pamela.thackeray@ngps.ca



Dates to mark your calendar

Dec 21-Jan 1
Christmas Break

Jan. 4-8
At-home learning

Jan. 11
Return to in-person learning

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Home – School Communication

Good communication between the school and home is very important to us and we are working to provide numerous ways for this good communication to take place.

- K to 6 classes will be recording their Holiday Celebration on December 15. Please keep an eye out for the finished production once we have it polished and posted online for everyone to watch.
- Please ensure we have an accurate email address that you check regularly. If you are not receiving any email from us, then it probably means we have incorrect information on our end.
- Please sign up for the digital tools that NGPS has provided. These include:
 - [SchoolCashOnline](#)
 - [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)
- Please talk with your child's teacher about Google Classroom and how it can be used as a communication tool.
- Please follow us on Facebook.
- Please feel free to email us (firstname.lastname@ngps.ca) or call us at 780-622-3742.

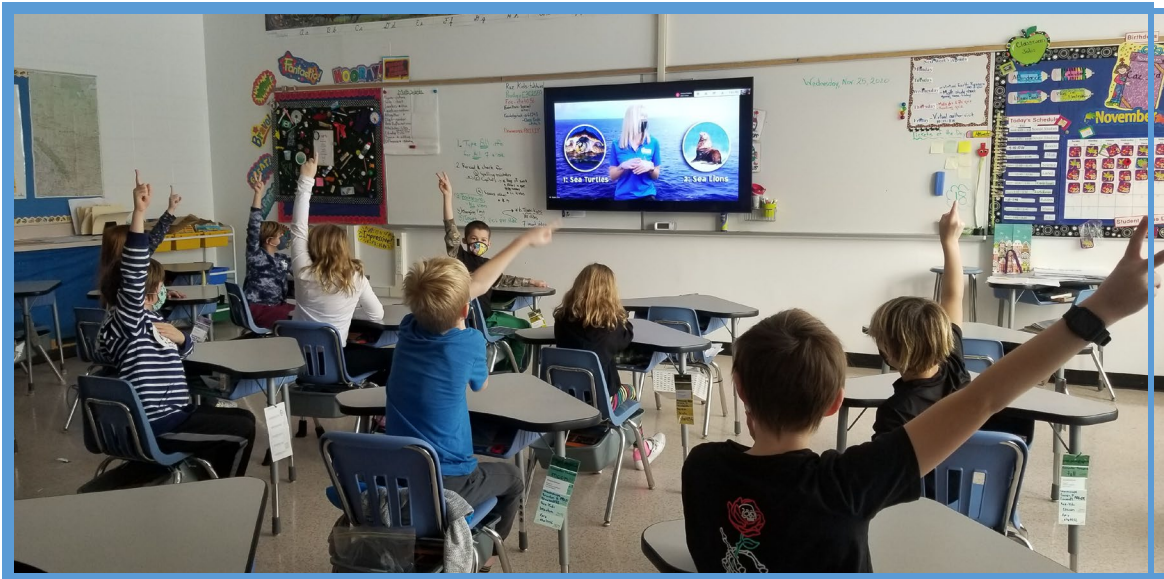
Thanks for your interest in reading this far. Please remember that if you have specific questions you can always email me at ian.baxter@ngps.ca or call me at 780-622-9290.

Ian Baxter
Principal Fox Creek School

Elementary News

Today some of our elementary students were able to participate in a virtual presentation from Earth Rangers. Earth Rangers is the kid's conservation organization! They educate children on the threats facing biodiversity and help them protect animals and their homes.

What an exciting virtual field trip for the kids to see and learn from their classroom.



The Gr. 1 & 2 classes had a Virtual Field Trip with author Natasha Deen. Their presentation was called: THE KEY TO IT ALL

In this presentation, students learn how story is all around them and how something simple—like losing a key—can make for an exciting adventure! The presentation helps kids celebrate their unique talents, personalities, and abilities, and how they are important to the people around them.





Virtual Christmas Concert

Unfortunately, this year due to COVID restrictions we won't be able to have the Elementary Christmas Concert at the school. Instead we will be having a Virtual Concert, which you can watch from the comfort of your own home. It will be similar to our virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony.

On Dec. 15th we will be videotaping each class separately throughout the morning. Once we have finished taping each class and preparing the video, we will post it on our social media. We hope this brings you all a bit of Christmas Cheer.



Thank-You to Student Council for spreading some Holiday Cheer!!



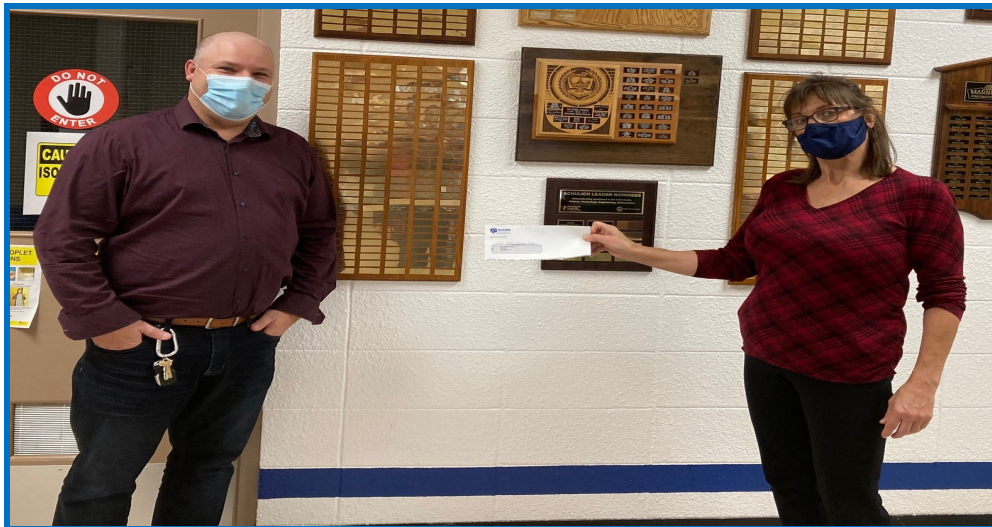
A huge Thank You to the members of the Legion who stopped by to bring the school a box of poppies!!



Miss Heyden's Grade 7 English class Poetry!!
<https://spark.adobe.com/page/K3I9jKZDvKub0/>

Thank You!

A huge **Thank You** to SemCAMS Midstream for their generous donation of \$10,000. This will be going towards the remainder of the greenhouse for our outdoor learning space. Fox Creek School couldn't do all that we do without the support of our surrounding businesses!!





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To Run or not to run

1 Who makes the decision and how?
Rhett Czaban
Director of Transportation

Weather
Highway Satellite Cameras
Temperature readings Environment Canada 511 Alberta
-40
Scouting the Roads
Calls to bus drivers and contractors

2 Are the buses running?

3 The decision is made between 06:00 am and 06:30 am

4 How do we let you know?
ngps.ca
Twitter
Facebook
Smartphone
Radio

5 It's your decision!
Send to School
Keep Home
It is always your decision whether or not to send your child to school when weather conditions are extreme.

6 Dress warmly!
Don't forget to dress warmly. See you at school!



Diploma Exams Schedule

January 2021

Diploma exams **must** be administered in accordance with the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exams must remain SECURED before and during the administration. All diploma exams except those that are asterisked (*) must remain SECURED after the administration and returned to Alberta Education.

Monday, January 11	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Tuesday, January 12	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(i)e A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(i)e A*
Wednesday, January 13	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A*
Tuesday, January 19	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Wednesday, January 20	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30-1 Mathematics 30-2
Thursday, January 21	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Friday, January 22	9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(i)e B Social Studies 30–2 Part(i)e B
Monday, January 25	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Tuesday, January 26	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Wednesday, January 27	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Physics 30
Thursday, January 28	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Science 30

All students are provided with up to double the official time noted above, if they require it.



COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten to Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, child care or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

Screening Questions

1. Has the child: (Choose any/all possible exposures)

Table with 3 columns: Question, YES, NO. Rows include: Traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days? Had close contact with a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days? Includes instructions for YES/NO answers.

2. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:

Table with 3 columns: Symptom, YES, NO. Rows include: Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath, Loss of sense of smell or taste. Includes instructions for YES/NO answers.



3. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:

	YES	NO
Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather		
Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux		
Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather		
Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury		
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome		
Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication		
Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury		
Headache Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines		
Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)		
<p>If the child answered “YES” to ONE symptom in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary. If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended. <p>If the child answered “YES” to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home. Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started. <p>If the child answered “NO” to all questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child may attend school, child care and/or other activities. 		

Please note: If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started/until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.

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Fox Creek Library is currently unable to offer in-person programming due to Covid-19 restrictions. If you would like a take home kit for one of the activities, give them a call to see if they still have any available. Supplies are limited.



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Monday-Friday 10:00am-8:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-3:00pm

Computers, printing, photocopying, faxing etc.
FREE library membership for residents!


Library books can be returned to our new location;
upstairs in the Fox Creek Greenview Multiplex

Children's Wooden Santa craft night at the library


December 7-11
7:00pm-7:30pm
Ages 7-11

Get ready to create your own
Wooden Santa

Pre-Registration Required
Limited Supplies Available



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Teen Ugly Christmas Sweater craft night at the library

November 30-December 4

7:00pm-7:30pm

Ages 12-19

Get ready to make your very own
Ugly Christmas Sweater!

Pre-Registration Required

Limited Supplies Available



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