



Welcome to Fox Creek School March 2021



Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

As February comes to a close, we are looking forward to the second half of the school year. It's amazing that the year is more than half over. As I review the progress reports, I always notice a couple things that show a lot about being successful. I think this is a good time to share them and look forward to great things in the second semester.

The first is **attendance**. Most students who do extremely well have great attendance. They are here almost every day and they are here on time. Both of these things are important to learning. We certainly understand that students do sometimes get sick and there is the need for some absences, but there is a lot learned every moment we are here.

The second is **participation**. Students who are performing well in the classroom are actively engaged. I can see it in my visits to classrooms, the comments that teachers write, and in the "Behaviors and Social Growth" part of the progress report. I very much recommend that all parents encourage active participation in class.

The third is connected to one of our school's themes Perseverance. The ability and willingness to take on a challenge and stick with it is so important. We want to encourage all of our students to do their best, even when things are challenging - this is how they will accomplish great things! Our most successful students continue to work hard when things are challenging. We hope you will encourage and inspire this at home as we do the same here at school.

We thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Baxter

Mrs. DeCiccio

Email List:

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Dates to
mark your
calendar

Mar. 29- Apr. 5
Spring Break

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Every Day Counts

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

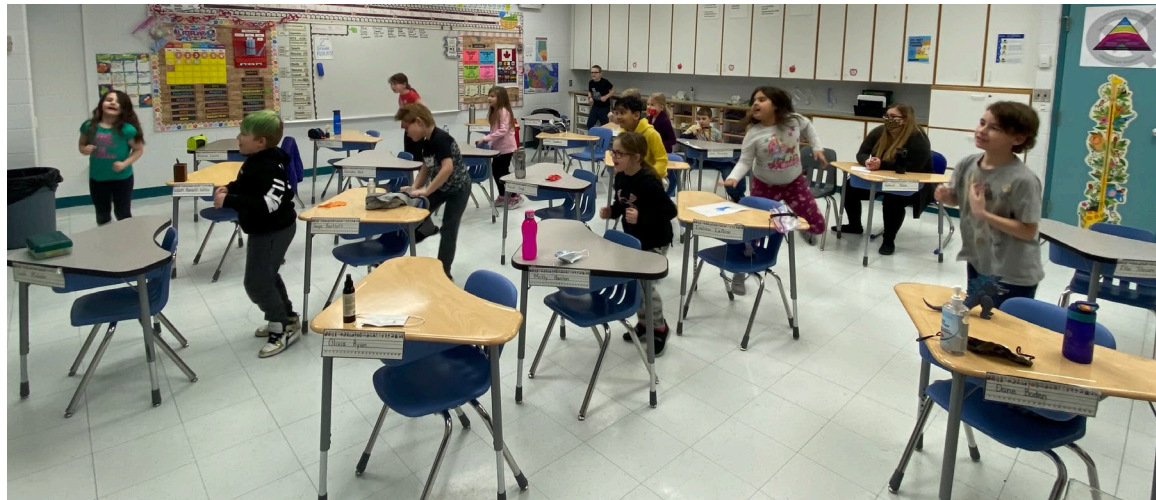
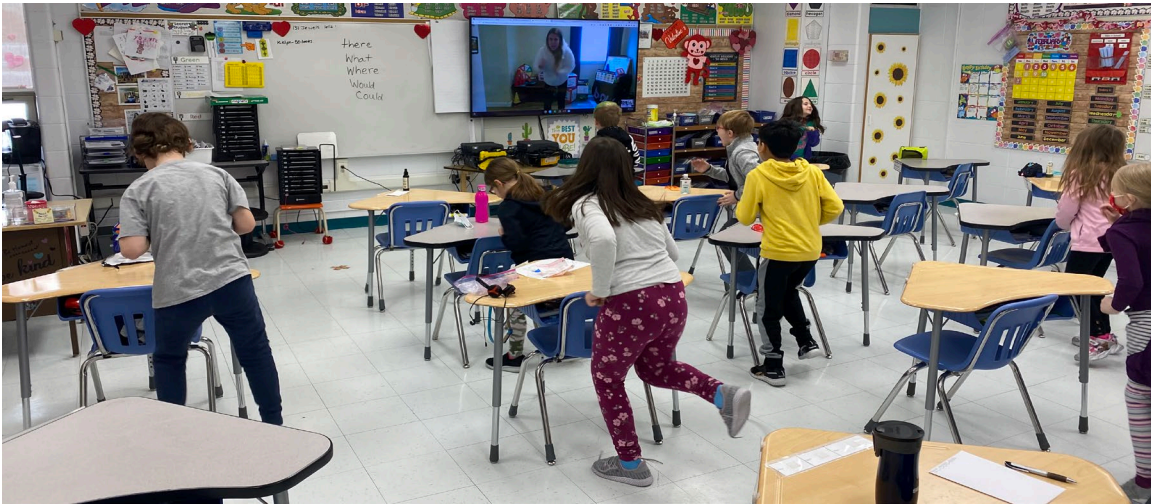
How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely, that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hr 40 min per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

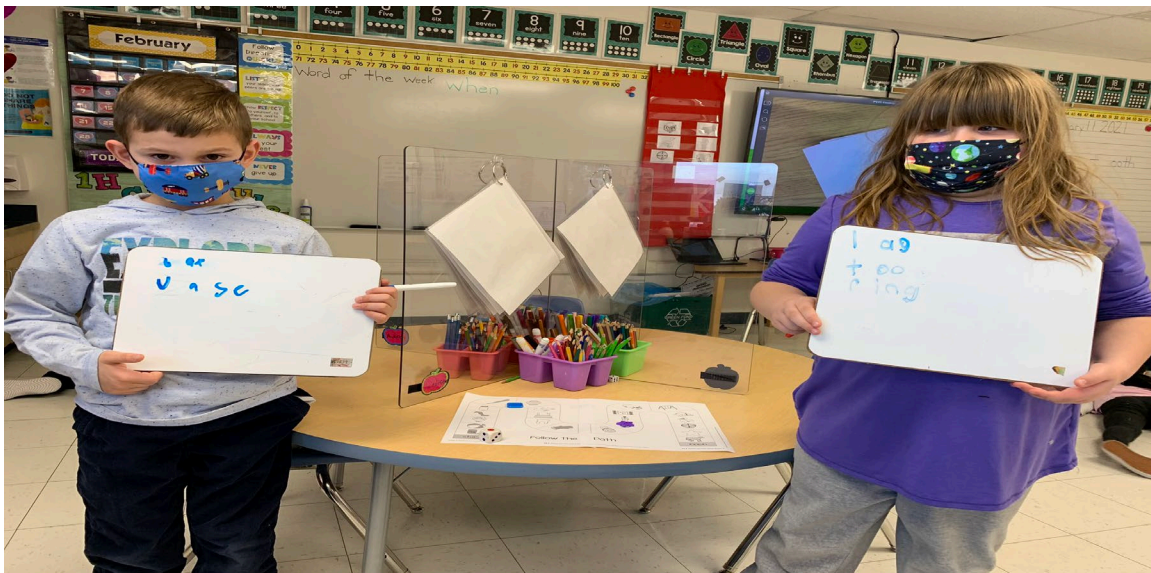
If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

Elementary News

2G had a blast with Lauren from BOKS kids! It was fun to participate in some new inside activities with these extremely cold temperatures outside! *BOKS* is a free physical activity program that improves our *children* physically, mentally and socially through movement.



1H was learning all about onsets and rhymes today! We love our Fountas & Pinnell word study program! The progress these students have made is amazing to see!



Grade 3 students created their own sound instruments in Science to bring together Science and Music class. The students did a fantastic job and came up with some very creative ideas.



Electric Car Garage

During the coldest weeks of February, the Grade 5 class was having fun with the Electric Car Garage project, a TELUS World of Science virtual program. Each student received a kit containing all the components to build their own working electrical car! TELUS World of Science provided video instructions on how to assemble their cars. In the Grade 5 Science curriculum, students are assessed on designing and constructing vehicles or other devices that use a battery-powered electric motor to produce motion. Their knowledge of circuits and switches were put to the test by participating in this hands-on activity.

We would like to thank Chevron for sponsoring this incredible activity for the entire Grade 5 class.





A huge Thank You to ATB Bank for donating mittens, hats, and scarves to the school!!



Foods Sweet Treats

We had a sweet time in the Foods room! In the cupcake decorating contest Jayce, Ryan and Carter won in grade 7. Li-Am and Ava won in grade 9.





Legion Remembrance Day Poster & Literacy Contest Winners

2019 Winners

Intermediate Poem

1st Mason Mohler

2nd Hayden Bingham

Honourable Mention Althea Lopez

Intermediate Essay

1st Hope Johanson*

2nd Kiya Boden

Honourable Mention Chloe Coughlin

Intermediate Colour Poster

1st Allyssa Johnson

2nd Brandon Taylor

3rd Kodee Shepherd

Intermediate Black and White Poster

1st Abigail King

2nd Jeni Molina

Honourable Mention Althea Lopez

*Royal Canadian Legion AB/NWT Command - District 1 - 2019 Winner

Intermediate Essay

2nd Hope Johanson

It's not often that we have students succeed at the next levels, we are really proud of them when they do.

District 1 is Fox Creek all the way to Hythe, north to High Level and staggers over to Slave Lake and back over to High Prairie/MacLennan.



2020 Winners

Intermediate Poem
1st Olivia Moon

Intermediate Colour Poster
1st Ryan Grumbach
2nd Kyla Pattison
Honourable Mention Carter DeCiccio

Intermediate Black & White Poster
1st Zarah MacKay
2nd Jaydalynn Davis
Honourable Mention Brandon Taylor

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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

Calls to bus drivers and contractors

Scouting the Roads

-40
Temperature readings
Environment Canada
511 Alberta
- 2

Are the buses running?
- 3

The decision is made between

06:00

am

06:30

am
- 4

How do we let you know?
- 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!



**Our Virtual
Book Fair
is coming!
Save the date!**

March 17, 2021 to March 26, 2021

Virtual Book Fairs

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5156232>



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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? If the child answered 'YES' to any of the above: If the child answered 'NO' to both of the above:

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' and 'NO' answers.



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

Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
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	YES	NO
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
Headache Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
<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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February to June is the peak scholarship period for grade 12 students. This is the time of year that there is the most amount of scholarships available to students. Peak season coupled with the fact that some students who were actively looking for scholarships in Oct & Nov have dropped off, make this a great time for students to find and apply for scholarships.

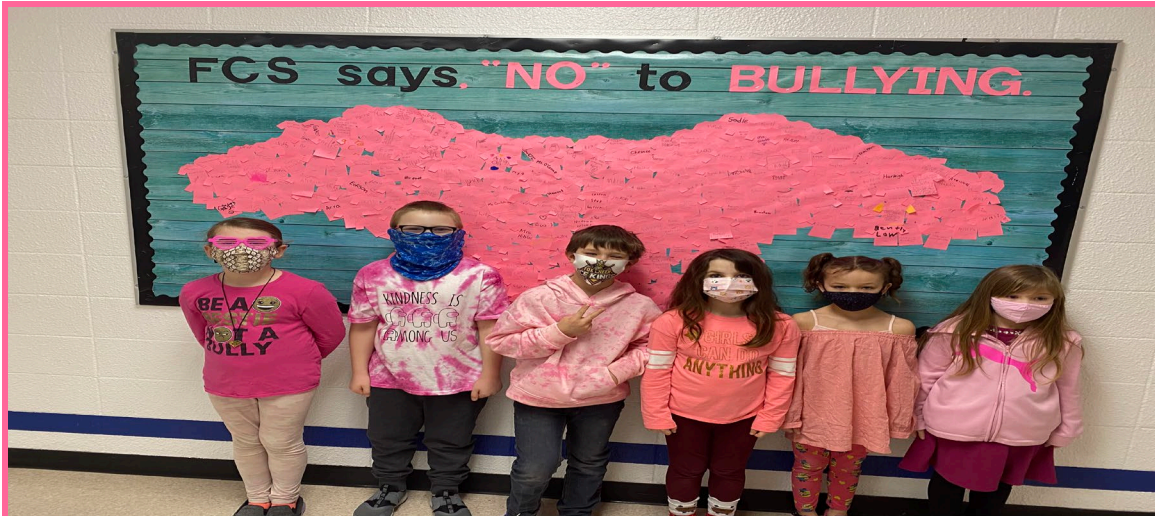
Please visit [Fox Creek School website](#) to see some of the scholarships available to apply for!!



EXAM BANK

Practice tests for all grade levels are available on this site.

1. Log onto alberta.exambank.com
2. On the left hand side choose a grade level
3. Choose which exam you want to write and click on the start exam button
4. username: foxcreek
password: school





PLANNING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS – YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Northern Gateway Public Schools seeks your input as we plan for the 2021-22 school year and beyond. Your feedback as students, parents, staff and leaders is an important part of our education planning process.

WATCH YOUR INBOX! We are using a tool called ThoughtExchange to gather your input. You will receive an email in which you will be asked to answer two open-ended questions with as many responses as you like. Then, you will move on to the next step, which is Star. In Star, you will see your thoughts and the thoughts of others and assign stars to each thought (from 1-5) depending on how strongly you agree or disagree with the idea.

ThoughtExchange ensures your anonymity, keeping confidential who shared each thought and who assigned what ratings. You can rate as many thoughts as you would like, and come back often to rate new ideas.

We're listening! We will review all of the collected thoughts to understand what is important to you in improving student learning. Thank you for taking the time to share your voice! The Exchange will remain open until March 10 at 12:00 pm.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

