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Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We are super excited to begin the adventure that is a new school year. We will continue our weekly updates starting today, with teacher updates being added in the coming weeks. Our purpose is to keep parents informed of news and information. In addition, our weekly updates provide a snip of what is happening in each classroom.

Calendar Changes: Last evening, the Livingstone Range School Division School Board approved changes to the 2021-2022 school calendar. The Professional Development Day scheduled for September 24 has been moved to October 1. Additionally, the school board has elected to observe the new Federal Statutory Holiday entitled National Day for Truth and Reconciliation scheduled for September 30.

Events: Planning is underway for our annual Terry Fox Run, which will occur on September 15. Volleyball and Cross Country practices are also underway. Our First School Council Meeting of the year is also being planned for September 16. Picture Day is also scheduled for September 10.

Timetable changes: Our enrollment was higher than anticipated. Therefore we have to make changes to the school schedule that impacts multiple grades. New schedules will be provided to students by Tuesday to affected students. The most significant difference is splitting Chemistry 20 into two and opening up a new section. **New Software:** In the summer, LRSD moved to new software platforms for teachers, our student database, payroll, and even communications. The main component Ed Sembli is our student information system is how we enroll students, print timetables and many other pieces. The new software is a tremendous change as we learn how to use all of these tools. For parents, this means that we no longer use PowerSchool. The replacement parent tool will be rolled out as soon as we can, likely in early October.

Please remember to call or email us anytime.

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Our Mission:

- To create lifelong engaged learners.
- To inspire excellence in leadership, academics, athletics, and fine arts.
- To develop critical thinkers, problem solvers, and ethically responsible citizens.

Our Vision:

- **People:** Be a great place to learn, be inspired, and self-discovery.
- **Planet:** Be a responsible and ethical citizen in a local and global world.
- **Community:** To create a dynamic engaged community that includes the arts, athletics, and respects the agricultural roots and traditions of our community in order to nurture creativity and lifelong learning.

LRSD WILL RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 30 - NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WITH NON-OPERATIONAL DAY

September 3, 2021 - The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021, will be recognized in Livingstone Range School Division with a non-operational day. At a special board meeting on September 2, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to close schools on September 30 so that families, staff, and students can reflect on and participate in activities related to Truth and Reconciliation and the Calls to Action. September 30 continues to also be Orange Shirt Day.

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make September 30 a federal statutory holiday. The day provides an opportunity to commemorate the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools, and to honour their survivors, their families, and communities. Although not officially recognized in Alberta, LRSD is choosing to observe September 30 as part of our ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

To understand how we can best support all students and staff, we invite stakeholders to share how we can honour and support Truth and Reconciliation throughout the year. Please take a few moments to [participate online](#) now until September 10.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Friday, September 10, 2021
J.T. Foster School



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