

# MUSTANG NEWS

Alix MAC School  
Principal: Boyd Davies

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Alix, Alberta (403)747-2778  
Assistant Principal: Adrian Paolinelli

**Welcome Back 2021 Edition**



## RUN STRONG 2021



# BREAKFAST PROGRAM UPDATE

Why is breakfast important?

Eating breakfast improves overall health and wellbeing of children and youth. Those who eat breakfast regularly are more likely to meet their nutrient requirements. When students eat breakfast before school starts, they may perform better throughout the morning hours in readiness to learn, memory and ability to stay focused on classroom activities. ALL students are welcome to have breakfast each day!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who come in each week to prepare and serve breakfast to the Alix-MAC Students. We are currently looking for a few more volunteers to help with the breakfast program. If you are interested, please contact the school office or Sandra Sargent at 403-788-2334.



**VOLUNTEERS**  
**NEEDED!**  
Alix-Mac School  
Breakfast Club  
is looking for  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
Sandra @ 403 - 788 - 2334

## WELCOME TO ALIX-MAC SCHOOL

PLEASE WELCOME MR. MALCOLM TISDALE, MISS LAKEISHA ROBERTSON AND MRS. JEN SPENCE TO THE ALIX-MAC SCHOOL .

MR. TISDALE IS OUR SPORTS DIRECTOR AND MISS ROBERTSON TEACHES JR AND SR HIGH MATH. WELCOME TO THE ALIX-MAC SCHOOL MUSTANGS FAMILY.

**WELCOME  
TO THE TEAM**



*Welcome!*



THIS YEAR WE WATCHED AS OUR K-1 SPLIT CLASS GREW TO 30 STUDENTS WITH AN INCREASING NUMBER OF HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE BEST THING WAS TO SPLIT THE CLASS INTO A K AND 1 CLASS TO BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS. WORKING WITH WOLF CREEK SCHOOL DIVISION, WE WERE ABLE TO USE SOME OF OUR LOCAL FTE ALLOCATION AND GET SOME FTE ALLOCATION FROM THE DIVISION TO MAKE A 0.5 FTE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER POSITION.

I WOULD LIKE TO FORMALLY WELCOME JENN SPENCE ONTO OUR ALIX MAC STAFF AS THE NEW KINDERGARTEN TEACHER. WE HAD MANY TEACHERS APPLY FOR THIS POSITION AND WERE HAPPY TO PICK JENN AS THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE. SHE HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH TEACHING YOUNG STUDENTS, DIFFERENTIATING LEARNING, AND HAS AN IMPRESSIVE PORTFOLIO THAT GIVES US CONFIDENCE THAT SHE WILL BE ABLE TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR ALL OF OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS. WELCOME TO THE MUSTANGS TEAM JENN!

A banner with a dark green background and an orange border. The text "Principal's Message" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The banner is decorated with various white icons representing school subjects: a camera, a paint palette, a pencil, a microscope, a printer, a beaker, a stack of books, and a globe. Small yellow stars are scattered throughout the background.

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Staff, and Students.

We are in our third week of the school year. If I were to pick a movie title to describe the start of this year it would be “the Fast and The Furious” Things have been going by at a very quick pace. We have started the year with a return to many things from our pre COVID days.

Volleyball Teams are practicing in the gym, the running club has been out tearing up the turf, and we even have a few golfers with goals to get to Zones this fall. We had a successful Run Strong Event and are looking forward to a pancake breakfast along with the Terry Fox run this Thursday. Speaking of breakfast, it's so great to see the return of our parent volunteers in the morning and the mass of food they make for our hungry students at the breakfast program. Hot lunch program is scheduled to return in the near future but we are waiting for a break in the COVID numbers to resume.

Next Tuesday we are hoping the whole community comes to the Meet The Teacher BBQ. We will be raising money for school programs by selling sponsorship signs, taking donations, and holding a silent auction. If you have a service or product you can donate for the auction, please email [sandy.campbell@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:sandy.campbell@wolfcreek.ab.ca)

Looking ahead we hope to have some awesome Orange Shirt Day, Thanksgiving, Halloween, and Remembrance Day activities to rap up our first term in Early November. Last year the staff embarked on a series of discussions to help our school with the theme of Climbing Higher! That is our goal for this year. To take Alix MAC from the successful and welcoming school it is now and to reach for even greater heights is our goal.



## Alix MAC Battle of the Bands Logo Contest

**Win a prize by designing the official logo of this year's Alix MAC Battle of the Bands Competition.**

- 1. Design your logo on a regular sheet of white photocopy paper. (Landscape Preferred)**
- 2. Include the words "Alix MAC Battle of the Bands" and "2022" in your design.**
- 3. Put your name and grade on the back of the paper**
- 4. Turn in to Mr. Davies. Deadline is Friday, September 24th.**

**The winning Logo will receive a \$30 cash prize and there will be three runner up prizes of \$10. Your logo will be used on posters and T-Shirts for this first ever competition.**



Thank you to the following sponsors who purchased **Smile Cookies** from the Stettler Tim Hortons. The funds from these cookie sales will support the Stettler Health Services Foundation. Thanks to Lori Giles for organizing and delivering the treats to the school!

Cookies sponsored by:

- Staff- Crystal Larose
- Bus Drivers- Kathy Walker
- Kindergarten- Jodi R Marshall
- Grade 1- Janine Cochrane
- Grade 2- Lisa Honish
- Grade 3- Shelby Keeping
- Grade 4- Megan Meehan
- Grade 5- Shelby Keeping
- Grade 6- Shelby Keeping
- Grade 7- JoAnne Andrew
- Grade 8- Angela Richmond
- Grade 9- Janny Liebeton
- Grade 10- Melody McBride
- Grade 11- Darlene Tucker
- Grade 12- [OBJ] Helen Lacroix
- Preschool- Jen Brown
- Daycare- Mel McBride



## **Returning Student Demographic Forms for 2021-2022 School Year:**

Returning student registration information has been emailed to all parentst. Forms are required to be completed by **September 15, 2021**. To find these forms, log into your parent portal, click on School Engage and complete the assigned forms.

**If the form is not completed, including the acknowledgments for a number of school-related activities and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) which is part of the process, student(s) will not be able to:**

- a. **Participate in physical education**
- b. **Access any school-issued technology or the network**
- c. **Participate in any field trip or activity involving walking from the school.**

If you need any assistance logging in to your parent portal, contact Mrs. Lacroix at the school office at 403-747-2778.

## **School Fees:**

**All School Fees are now due.** To pay your school fees, log into your parent portal, click on Student Fees, check off fees you are paying, Click on the cart to pay fees. If you wish to pay at the school by cash, debit or credit, please come to the school office. Masks are required when entering the school.

## **Library Books Not Returned**

If you have outstanding library or textbooks from last year, please return them ASAP. Fees for unreturned books will be applied to your account.

## **Staff Parking:**

Just a reminder that the **staff parking** by the elementary playground is from the power pole to the concrete curb. Parents can park from the concrete curb towards the west side of the bus drive way. Thank you for not parking in the staff parking area or in the roadway east of the light pole while dropping off your children.



Band Society- Any parents who are interested in being part of the Band Society, please come to the band room on October 4th at 7 pm. We will discuss the music program at Alix MAC. There may be opportunities for new executive members of the society as most of the executive currently don't have children in the school.

Parents and students are welcome to attend a meeting for the 2022 Grad class to talk about planning for the event. It will be held October 4th in the library at the school at 8 pm.



Introducing the **Alix Pond Hockey Team!**

Recreational Pond Hockey will be starting up in Alix in November. Despite the name, all practice time and game time is actually played indoors. If you have kids **aged 7 – 10, 11-14, or 15-18** who are interested in playing hockey but in a less formal schedule than minor hockey this is the team for you! **No experience is necessary!!**

Practices will be once a week, on Thursdays, with 2 to 3 games a month (depending on what the team would like to do!)

Registration fees are \$375 for 7-10 age group, and \$390 for 11-14 and 15-18 age groups. If you are interested in registering you can contact Marcy Henry at (403)391-3111 or [mltofsrud@hotmail.com](mailto:mltofsrud@hotmail.com)

## What do I do if my child is sick?

If your child is sick, please call the student absence line at 403-747-2778 or email [alix@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:alix@wolfcreek.ab.ca) to report your child away from school. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or any respiratory virus MUST stay home until they are well. Please use the [daily screening checklist](#) to monitor your child each day. Parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up students who develop symptoms while at school.

**SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** To volunteer in the school, we must have a current (within 3 years) Vulnerable Sector Check and a current (yearly) [Volunteer Application](#). Vulnerable Sector Check forms can be picked up at the school office to take to your local Police Station to be completed.

## VOLUNTEER DRIVER INFORMATION

The use of private vehicles for transportation students on approved school trips is allowed, but drivers are required to carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 third party liability coverage.

A [volunteer diver authorization form](#) must be submitted yearly along with a copy of the insurance showing two million dollar liability. .

[Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation of Students in Private Vehicles Administrative Procedure 554](#)

## **myPass for Grades 10 - 12 students**

Students can sign up with [mypass](#) online (do not use Wolfcreek email address) Personal email address can be submitted to Mrs. Lacroix to help with the setup process.

High school students are highly encouraged to sign up for myPass if they have not done so already. Why?

- View progress towards diploma or certificate
- View and update student personal information
- View and print Detailed Academic Reports (DAR)
- View diploma exam scores



# WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2021 - 2022 School Year

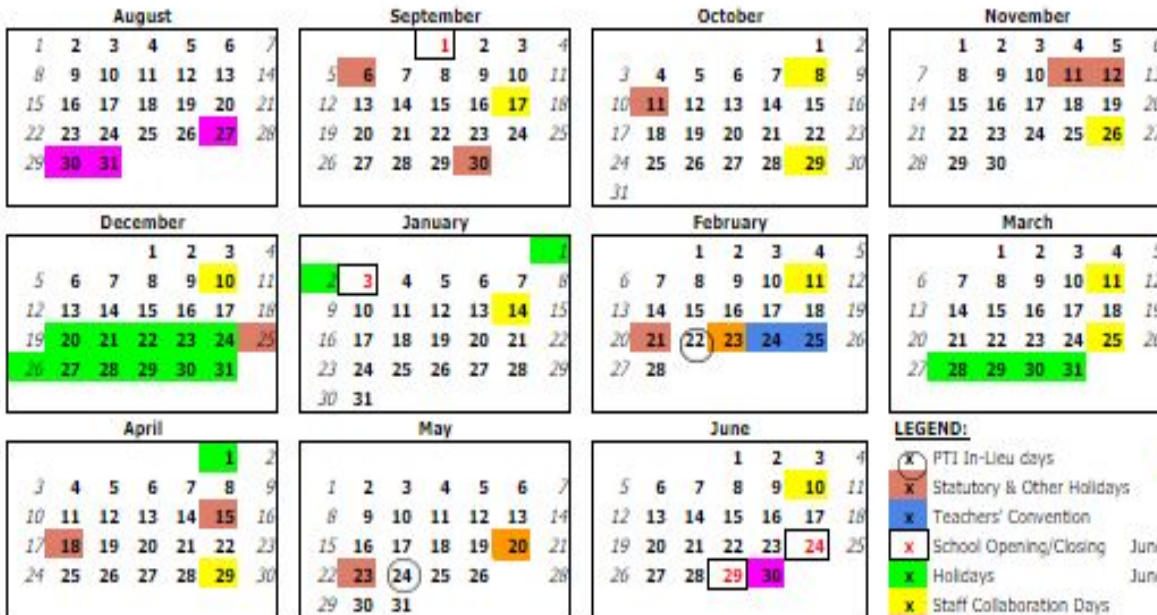
**Alix MAC**

**BASE CALENDAR**

**APPROVED**

12/17/2020

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Staff Students

August	Aug. 27, 30, 31	Staff Planning Days	3	0
September	Sept 1	Students' First Day		
	Sept 6	Labour Day Holiday		
	Sept 17	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Sept 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)	21	20
October	Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day Holiday		
	Oct. 8 & 29	Staff Collaboration Day	20	18
November	Nov. 11	Remembrance Day		
	Nov. 12	Day off for students and staff		
	Nov. 26	Staff Collaboration Day	20	19
December	Dec. 10	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Dec. 20	Christmas Holidays (Dec 20 - Jan 2 inclusive)	13	12
January	Jan. 3	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Jan. 4	First student day back after Holiday Break		
	Jan. 14	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Jan. 31	Conclusion of First Semester	21	20
<b>Semester One Total</b>			<b>98</b>	<b>89</b>
February	Feb. 1	Commencement of Second Semester		
	Feb. 11	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Feb. 21	Family Day Holiday		
	Feb. 22	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	Feb. 23	Alix MAC Differentiated Day (No School)		
	Feb. 24-25	Teacher's Convention	19	14
March	Mar. 11	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Mar. 24	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Mar. 25	Spring Break (March 28 to April 1 inclusive)	19	17
April	Apr. 15	Good Friday		
	Apr. 18	Easter Monday		
	Apr. 29	Staff Collaboration Day	18	17
May	May 20	Alix MAC Differentiated Day (No School)		
	May 24	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	May 23	Victoria Day Holiday	21	19
June	Jun. 10	Staff Collaboration Day		
	June 24	Last Day for Elementary and Jr. High Students		
	Jun. 29	Last Day for High School Students (Conclusion of Second Semester)		
	Jun. 30	Teacher Evaluation Day (final staff day)	22	20
<b>Semester Two Total</b>			<b>99</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Year Total</b>			<b>197</b>	<b>176</b>

# Download our Bus Status App



## BEGIN TRACKING YOUR CHILD'S BUS STATUS IN 5 SIMPLE STEPS

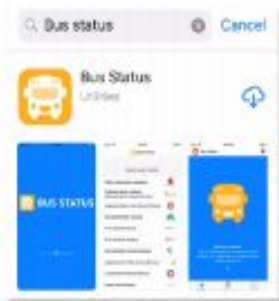
### 1. Search

Search "Bus Status" on the App Store or in Google Play, or simply use the QR codes below.



### 2. Download

Download the Bus Status app by Box Clever



### 3. Open & Select

Open the app and select Wolf Creek Public Schools



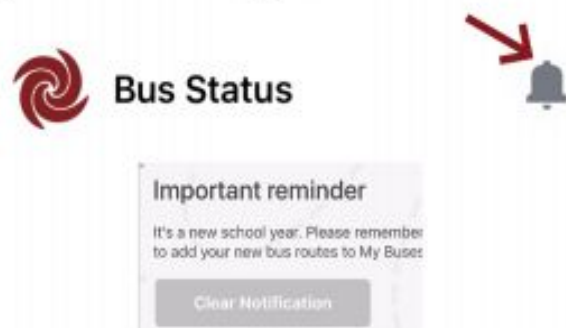
### 4. All Buses

Open all buses at the bottom of the screen and then star to add your child's school buses. You'll get notifications when one of your buses is **Delayed, Canceled or Early**.



### 5. Tap the Bell

Tap the Bell icon to see general notifications.



**FUNDRAISING  
EVENT**

*Let's get  
fundraising!*



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

# ALIX MAC

*Learning and Growing Together*

## Community BBQ & Fundraiser

Tuesday Sept. 21st

4:30pm-8:00pm

Live Music, Silent Auction,  
Sponsorship/Donation  
Opportunities & Great Food!

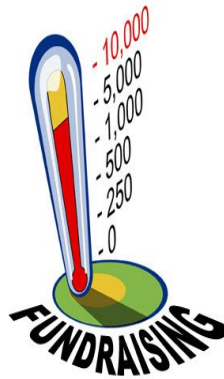
Everyone Welcome!

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST - 4:30 - 8:00**

We will be bringing in some talented musical entertainment. As the community is participating in the Silent Auction, Meeting the Staff, Enjoying the Food, and listening to the entertainment, we hope that we can raise a significant amount of money so that we will not have the need to do the other kinds of fundraising that we mentioned above in the concerns. After our September Fundraiser, we will assess the amount of funds we are able to raise. If the annual budgets of our groups are met, we will not need to fundraise further during the year. If we do not meet the need there is another event that we will be willing to try at Christmas to make up the difference. Our target for the year is \$28000. We do not need to raise this at the beginning of the year but every dollar that we do raise will lessen the need for further fundraising during the year.

There are several fundraising activities that we will continue to participate in because they make sense for our school as high profit activities or high educational value.

1. Book Fair
2. Grad Baskets
3. Seed Fundraiser
4. Tail Creek and Clean Up Services
5. School Bottles and Cans
6. Anything service oriented.



We appreciate the ongoing support and relationship

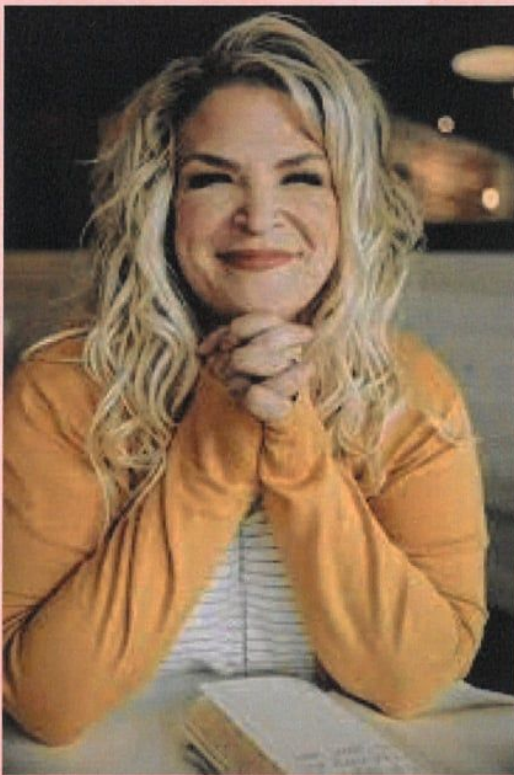
FAMs who have provided the school with much financial support. As Casino Funding is in limbo at the present time we hope to be able to provide for the needs of students at our school with a renewed partnership with all students, parents, local businesses, and the community.

**If you would like to be a part of our September 21st Silent Auction by donating a service or product or become a school sponsor by purchasing a sign in our gym, please email Boyd Davies at [boyd.davies@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:boyd.davies@wolfcreek.ab.ca), Sandy Campbell at [sandy.campbell@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:sandy.campbell@wolfcreek.ab.ca) or call the school office 403-747-2778**

# Dr. Jody Carrington

PRESENTS

## Reconnect: Building a Foundation of Authentic Relationships



**DATE:** OCTOBER 28, 2021

**TIME:** 7 PM

**WHERE:** CLIVE SCHOOL  
5016 52ND AVE

**TICKETS:** \$45 @ EVENTBRITE

***Dr. Jody is one of North America's top psychologists, bringing a unique and often hilarious take on what it means to master the art of reconnection.***

*We are not born with the ability to repair ruptures; we have to learn how to do this as we build strong cultures. These relationships are the foundation of a successful community, team or company.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**CLIVEFCSS@LACOMBEFCSS.NET OR CLIVELIBRARY@PRL.AB.CA**

**GRADUATING STUDENTS: ALL School Fees (including past years) Must be paid in full before Graduation.**



## SCHOOL FEES:

School fees for 2020-2021 are now due. Any outstanding school fees or credits from 2019-2020 will roll over into this year.

Payments can be made online through Parent Portal or at the school office if you wish to pay by debit or credit card. If your child needs to purchase a lock for \$6 or a yearbook for \$30 contact the office to add it to your Rycor account.

Any outstanding/lost book charges have been added to your child's account. If these books are returned, the charges will be removed. Please review your Rycor account and return any outstanding books.

Contact the school if you would like to set up a payment plan or if you need assistance logging into the Parent Portal.

**STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS HAVE NOT PAID OR MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY SCHOOL FEES MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.**

Instructions: Log in to your [Powerschool Parent Portal Account](#).

1. Navigate to School Fees icon on the left side This will open the Rycor Online Payment website
2. To pay your fees, click on each student's tab and click Add to Cart on the items you want to pay now. This will add them to your "cart" for payment. To review or remove items from your cart, click "View Cart". When complete, click **Checkout** to make your payment.
3. You can print and save payment receipts from the online payment website.  
\*click on Receipts Icon. In the payment history window, select Receipt in the far right column to save or print the desired payment receipt.
4. Once you have added all of the fees to your cart, click on Checkout to make your payment. If you would like to pay by Interac at the school office, please call and make an appointment. Remember to bring a mask and complete a Covid-19 self check before going to the school.
5. We accept cash, cheques, online and debit machine located at the school office.  
Cheques payable to Wolf Creek School Division

## POWERSCHOOL APP

The Powerschool app can only be used to look at your children's grades and attendance. You are able to see the fee tab, but does not support fee payments. To access school fees or complete a registration form, you must log into Powerschool via the school website or click the link above to the Parent Portal.



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**Sign up Today!**

# Ready to see the world?

## Let's start by going to Scotland & Ireland

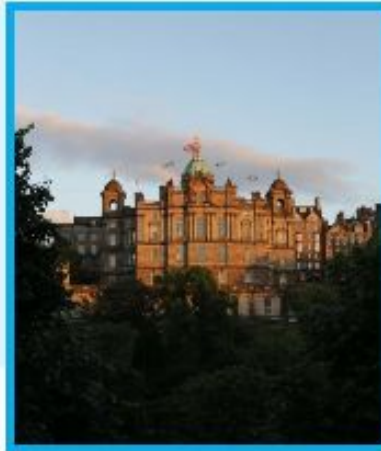
Check out your tour enrolment page (AKA home base) to enrol, or to find even more info like your itinerary, program reviews, FAQs, and more!

Learn more and enrol:



Scan this code or visit:  
[www.eftours.ca/2455743EN](http://www.eftours.ca/2455743EN)

**Enrol by September  
13th and get \$150 off!**



**Questions? Call 1-800-263-2806**

**Tour number: 2455743EN**

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For more information or to enroll, please click the link below.

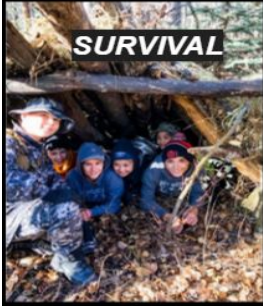
[Alix-MAC EF Tour to Ireland and Scotland Link](http://www.eftours.ca/2455743EN)

TOUR # 2455743EN

# How do you Spend your Tuesday Nights?

Have Fun & Make Friends with the PONOKA AIR CADETS!

Power-flying, gliding, aerospace & aircraft maintenance AND SO MUCH MORE!



## JOIN US!

**Tuesday Nights**  
(October to May)

**6:15 pm to 9 PM**

**Ages 12-19**

**TO REGISTER:**

- Stop by 4900 54 Street Any Tuesday Night
- CALL 403-783-4181
- OR VISIT [www.canada.ca/join-cadets](http://www.canada.ca/join-cadets)



## JUST JOKES

1. What did one calculator say to the other calculator?
2. Why is  $1+1=3$  like your left foot?
3. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

## CHROMEBOOK PARENT PURCHASE PROGRAM

Alix-MAC students are welcome to bring their own electronic devices to school to help support their learning. If you are interested and purchasing a device through Wolf Creek, the school division is excited to continue working with BCom Computers. In partnership with Wolf Creek, BCom has built an online store specifically for our families which provides the ability to purchase Chromebooks, accessories and warranty options. Families wishing to purchase a Chromebook through this program can click this link: [Chromebook Parent Purchase Program](#)

For detailed instructions on how to purchase, please click on this link

[Parent Purchase Portal Instructions](#)

You will be able to create an account and payment profile through [BCOM Education](#)





### **Telephone Calls During Instructional Time:**

Please note that telephone calls during class time can **disrupt student learning**; thus we ask that telephone calls to students and staff during class time be limited to cases of urgency. Teachers, EAs and our School Social Worker all have voicemail for non-urgent matters. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



### Staff Directory

To contact teachers you can dial the school phone number, 403 747-2778, and enter their respective extension.

Mr. Davies	5664
Mr. Paolinelli	4039
Mrs. Lacroix	4074
Mrs. Russell	5582
Mrs. Knapp	4262
Mrs. MacLeod	4987
Mrs. Swainston	5272
Mrs. Winslow	4108
Mrs. Stoupe-Trigg	4069
Miss Robertson	4053
Mr. Tisdale	4038
Mr. Campbell	5681
Mr. Boss	4118
Mrs. Shapka	4067
Mr. Grocholski	4066

### Support Staff Directory

To contact support staff you can dial the school phone number, 403 747-2778, and enter their respective extension.

Mrs. Janice Besuijen	5365
Mrs. Janny Liebeton	4236
Mrs. Dawn Shine	5232
Ms. Beth Strohschein	4495
Mrs. Jan Stanyer	4086
Mrs. Marian Pitt	5687

### **Teacher Email..**

To find your child's teacher email, log into your parent portal. Select "Grades and Attendance". Right click on the teacher's name to copy their email address. Paste it into "To" on your composed email message.

### **How to manage Alert Preferences:**

Log into your Parent Portal, click on SwiftK12. Click on Alert Preferences (top right hand bar). You can select or unselect contact methods for Attendance and General Information alerts. Please have at least one contact option for safety reasons.



## Wolf Creek Public Schools

September 1, 2021

Dear Parents,

### RE: Fair Notice

The safety of our children is a top priority for us all. We, as a school system, have been involved in intensive safety training and collaboration with our community partners – the police, Alberta Health Services (Mental Health) and Children's Services. Together we have created and signed a community protocol for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

This letter is to inform you that we, as a school system, adopted policy in January 2003 that mandates schools to have a "zero tolerance" stance for not investigating all threats and threatening behaviours (Admin Procedure 167). The purpose of the investigation/assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. Please be assured that if your principal is aware of threatening behaviour, he/she will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that protocol is being followed and that the goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with **fair notice** that we, as a school community, will not accept "no response" to a threat making behaviour. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side.

Sincerely,

Tim De Ruyck  
Superintendent of Schools

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6000 Highway 2A  
Ponoka, Alberta T4J 1P6

Phone (403) 783-3473  
Fax (403) 783-3483

Departmental Faxes  
Facilities & Transportation  
(403) 783-3155  
Inclusive Learning Services  
(403) 783-3140





September 16, 2021	Pancake Breakfast @ 8:15 Terry Fox Run will happen during PE Class times
September 17, 2021	Staff Collaboration Day
September 20, 2021	Sr. Golf Tournament (Camrose)
September 21, 2021	Alix-MAC Fundraiser Event 4:30-8 pm
September 30, 2021	Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)
October 4, 2021	Band Association Meeting 7 pm
October 4, 2021	Grad 2022 meeting 8 pm
October 8, 2021	Staff Collaboration Day
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October 29, 2021	Staff Collaboration Day



## JUST JOKES ANSWERS

1. You can always “count” on me
2. It’s not “right”
3. She had such bright students.