



Bear Tracks

We strive for Champion Effort, Champion Attitude and
Champion Teamwork



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Principal's Prints

Welcome back, everyone. What a whirl wind of activity. We are doing our best to try and create an environment that has health and safety at the forefront but also returning to some of the normal routines we have been used to. We are enjoying a great start up, a different start up and a similar start up all at once. We have kept some of the processes, procedures and rules that we had last year and but also kept some processes from a pre-covid start up.

It is vitally important that every student go through the "Alberta Health Daily Checklist" screening questionnaire prior to coming to school or going to the bus stop. It is also important that any adults who are entering the building do that as well.

[Click Here for the "Alberta Health Daily Checklist"](#)

We are still trying to use the same entry and exits at all times for each class. We are trying to stay in class cohorts as much as possible but still allow our middle school students the excitement of band and options classes and mixing with different peers. We are practicing social distancing and still trying to have our 7 and 8 students use lockers just not all at the same time. We are still eating in classrooms as we have found a number of positives with that procedure. It has been tricky trying to balance everything but I think we learned from that past that we can change things up on the fly if need be so if something isn't quite working, we will adapt.

We will be having our first set of Parent/Teacher/Student conferences on October 19th and 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This year we will be offering a hybrid model of interviews that will be either in person or on zoom. You can decide what will work best for you and your family. Booking of your time slots will be done through conference manager as normal. Please watch the Friday Fan-Out for more information.

Finally, I would like to say welcome to some of our new staff. First a big welcome to Ms. Susan Noble who is our assistant principal while Ms. Mogck is on a maternity leave. Ms. Mogck had a baby girl in August. Congratulations Kendra and Welcome Susan!! Also a welcome to Mrs. Michelle Nelson, who will be teaching Grade 8 Language Arts and Social until the end of January when Ms. Chelsy Hooper returns from her parental leave.

Have a great October

Brad





Please welcome our new staff!!

Susan Noble
Assistant Principal



Hi Bearspaw families! I am thrilled to join the team at Bearspaw School this year as the Acting Assistant Principal. Working for Rocky View Schools (RVS) since 2008 has provided me with opportunities to serve students in the communities of Langdon, Chestermere, Cochrane, and now Bearspaw. I have also spent time working at the RVS central office, or Education Centre, where I worked closely with school professional teams in the areas of literacy and technology professional development. While there, I completed my Masters of Education in Leadership for Learning from the University of Calgary. I love working alongside children across the grades and am eager to learn more about the people, big and small, who make up this wonderful, welcoming learning community.

When I'm not at school, I am usually spending time walking along the Calgary river pathways and playing and picnicking at parks with my husband, Chris, and our two-year-old son, William. I look forward to meeting you soon; it's going to be a great year!



Please welcome our new staff!!

Michelle Nelson
Grade 8



My name is Michelle Nelson, and I am excited to be a part of the grade 8 team this year. For the past 6 years I have been fortunate to work at Bearspaw in many classrooms guest teaching. I love the community we have here! Prior to Bearspaw I was teaching grade 5 at a small-town school near where I grew up on a farm by Kitscoty, AB (bonus points if you know where that is!)

In my spare time I enjoy hanging out with my family and taking my dog Maverick for a walk.



Welcome to Bearspaw School!

Here is the staff roster for the 2021-2022 school year:

Principal – Mr. Brad Walls	
Assistant Principal - Mrs. Susan Noble	
Kindergarten A.M./P.M. - Mrs. Cheri Badry	<u>French/Music/Band:</u> Mr. Brad Vance, Mrs. Kim Becker Mr. Dan Bosse
Grade 1 – Mrs. Jenn Taggart	Learning Support Lead - Mrs. Tayna Ceh
Grade 1 – Mrs. Rhonda Gogol	Learning Support - Ms. Cheryl Berglund
Grade 2 - Mrs. Julie Simpson	Early Literacy - Mrs. Shari Visvanathan
Grade 2 - Mrs. Siara Rogers	Literacy Assistant - Mrs. Janet Holdaway
Grade 3 – Miss Heather Frass	C.D.A. - Mrs. Liz Procee
Grade 3 - Ms. Dayna Johnson	Head Secretary - Ms. Dana Gray
Grade 4 – Mr. Braden Jepson	Secretary of Accounts - Mrs. Michelle de Beurs
Grade 4 - Mrs. Marianne Sawatsky	Receptionist - Mrs. Kerri Ebbinghoff
Grade 4/5 – Mrs. Jamie Straile	Librarian - Mrs. Holly Imler
Grade 5 - Mr. Ben Ryan	Tech. - Mr. Gord Goss
Grade 5 - Mrs. Helena Smith	Learning Support Asst. - Mrs. Linda Peterson
Grade 5/6 – Mr. Andy Sibley	Learning Support Asst. - Mrs. Kim Aitken
Grade 6 - Mrs. Janet Cheverie & Mr. Dan Bosse	Learning Support Asst. - Mrs. Wendy Bulger
Grade 6 - Ms. Jennifer Saville	Learning Support Asst. - Mrs. Yvonne Bechtold
Grade 7 – Mr. Reed Barrett	Learning Support Asst. - Ms. Sacha Le Claire
Grade 7 – Mrs. Rachel Crossland	Learning Support Asst. - Mrs. Liz Coombes
Grade 8 - Mr. Jamie Angus	Learning Support/Office Asst. - Mrs. Debbie Baudais
Grade 8 - Mrs. Michelle Nelson	Head Building Operator - Mr. Anthony Barretto
Grade 8 – Ms. Keara McMurdo	Caretaking - Mr. Gary Wright & Mr. Peter Michaud



Cashless Schools and NEW Electronic Permission Forms with SchoolCash Online!

How did we do...

Thank you to parents and staff who increased the amount of online payments through our online payment system "SchoolCash" by 12 per cent compared to last year. RVS is pleased with the success from the past year and we are continuing the focus for the 2020/21 school year. Further enhancements to our online payment system will include Electronic Permission Forms. While paying fees online, parents can approve their child's attendance to an activity and volunteer. No more paper forms to send back to school! Simply log into SchoolCash and electronically sign then make payment. Here is a sneak peak!

The screenshot shows the SchoolCash Online interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with the Rocky View Schools logo and navigation links. The main content area displays a 'Fee Details' section for a 2019/20 ACT - Zoo - High School Field Trip TEST ONLY - FINANCE DEPT - 2019/2020. It lists various fees and a total amount due of \$1.00. On the right, there's a form titled 'Does your student have an identified medical condition on file?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. Below this is a consent statement: 'I hereby grant my informed consent and permission for the above mentioned student to attend the school supported field trip described above.' There are radio buttons for 'Yes, permission given' and 'No'. At the bottom right, there's a section for 'Parent/Guardian Signature' with a large text box for the signature.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does a cashless school mean for me as a parent?

Please don't send any money (cash or cheques) to school with your child any more. All payments will be promptly posted into SchoolCash Online and fee payments can be made conveniently from your home. You will receive an email notification of an item for payment, and then you can login to SchoolCash Online to make payment. The SchoolCash online platform accepts, credit cards (Visa and MasterCard) and an e-wallet function – which allows you to pay by debit card.

How do I set up a School Cash Online account or what happens if I encounter problems?

You can personally come into your child's school and visit our friendly front office staff. We can help you get set up with an iPad or laptop that we will have available for such times. We can get you logged in quickly and easily so that all future payments can be made online as well.

What happens if I don't have a computer at home or don't wish to pay online?

You can personally come into your child's school's front office and provide a cash or cheque. You will be provided with a physical receipt immediately following payment.

What if I forget and send cash or cheques to school with my child?

The teacher will politely ask your child to take the funds home with them and have their parents/guardians bring the funds to the front office at another time. Our teachers will no longer be accepting any kinds of money in classrooms, hallways or on field trips. You can either log in to SchoolCash Online at home and pay online or visit the front office of your child's school as soon as possible if you have cash or cheque. Remember – your child may not be able to attend or engage in the learning activity if payment hasn't been made.

I have a high school student and they are responsible for paying their own expenses.

Can they pay on SchoolCash.net?

Yes! Our students can have their own SchoolCash Online account. If they are responsible for paying their own fees, they can log in and make payment with their debit or credit card, just as you would. Students would follow the same instructions for setting up a SchoolCash Online account as parents would.



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Parent Registration Instructions for School Cash Online

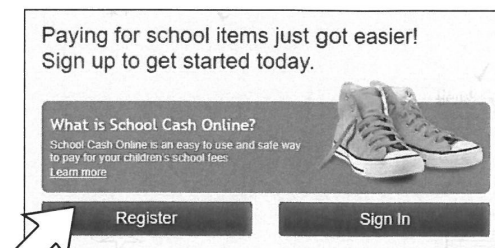
To enhance student safety and school efficiencies, Rocky View Schools would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques received by our schools. Please join other Rocky View Schools' parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than five minutes to register. Please follow the instructions below to begin receiving e-mail notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

If you are new to School Cash Online:

Step 1: Register

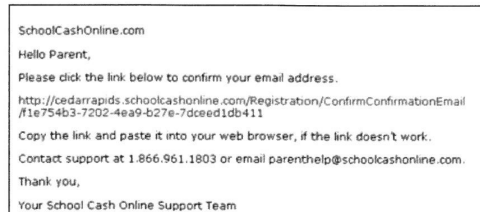
Note: If you require assistance registering, select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand corner of the screen

- If you have not registered before, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
* For Security Reasons your password requires **eight characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and **a number**.



Step 2: Confirmation E-mail

A registration confirmation e-mail will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the e-mail to confirm your e-mail address and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your e-mail address and password just created with your account to sign in.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your child(ren) to your account.

- Select the **School Board Name**
- Select the **School Name**
- Enter **Your Child's Student Number** and **Last Name**
Note: the Student Number is located in the Grades and Attendance page in the **PowerSchool Parent Portal** and on the Fee Statement sent by the school. Please do not use the Alberta Student Number (ASN).
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check the **Agree** box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children or your child attends more than one school in RVS, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. Five children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

If you have registered for School Cash Online in a previous year:

School Cash Online records are constantly updated so if a student moves to a different school within the same district, the student's information will be automatically updated. To confirm that all of your children are attached to your account, log in to SchoolCash Online <https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com>. Select the "My Account" tab and "My Students." If a child is not displayed you can use "Add another student" to attach them to your account.