

BIG VALLEY SCHOOL
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August / September 2016

Important Dates;

August 29- Welcome Back Students

September 5- No School

September 7~ Welcome Kindergarten

September 9- Welcome Back BBQ~
 Students will have a free hamburger hot
 lunch

September 12- SAC meeting

September 14- Meet the Teacher BBQ

September 21~Terry Fox Run

September 23- Prof. Day, No school

2016-2017 BVS STAFF

Ms. Charlee Mappin~ Principal, Jr. high Science

Mrs. Erin Stauffer~ Junior High ELA

Mr. David Mc Comish~ Math & Science

Mrs. Melitta Sorensen~ Gr. 4-5

Mrs. Tara Switzer- Gr. 2-3

Ms. Jessica Marshall-Gr-2-3

Mrs. Larissa Jackson~ Kindergarten & Gr. 1

Mrs. Carmen Tizzard- Playschool & Educational Support

Mrs. Dawn Fryer- Playschool & Educational Support

Mrs. Amy Blomquist- Educational Support

Mrs. Kim Brandon- Custodian

Mrs. Cheryl Bartley- Office/Educational support

As we welcome students and parents back to another school year we would like to make note of some changes;

- No early Mondays
- Parents are encouraged to sign up for email newsletters
- K&V is available again this year for school fees as well as hot lunch and other activities.
- First parent council meeting is September 12, 2016.

Riding the Bus: If your child is not going to be on the bus, please notify your bus driver. If your child is riding a different bus, please make arrangements with that driver.



BELL TIMES 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

TIME	CLASS
8:05	WELCOME BELL
8:12	O'CANADA
8:15-9:15	FIRST CLASS
9:15-10:15	CLASS 2
10:15-10:30	RECESS
10:30-10:45	NUTRITION BREAK
10:45-11:30	CLASS 3
11:30-12:15	CLASS 4
12:15-12:30	LUNCH BREAK
12:30-12:50	LUNCH RECESS
12:50-1:20	CLASS 5
1:20-1:50	CLASS 6 (ELEM)
1:50-2:30	CLASS 7
2:20-2:35	PACK AND STACK
2:35	DISMISSAL TIME

Welcome Back Students, Parents, and Staff!

I hope you had an amazing summer break and were able to recharge the batteries and spend time with your family and friends. As hard as it is to come back to school after a long break I think we will all agree that it's time to get back into a routine. I am happy to welcome back Tara Switzer and Jessica Marshall who will be working together in Grade 2/3. Welcome back also to Erin Stauffer who will be working with both our Jr High and Elementary students in various subjects.

This year our staff and students will continue to move forward with Project Based Learning (PBL) and it's going to be great to see our students use their creativity and problem solving skills during these projects. We will also continue to use Chromebooks in grades 3-9 and iPads from K-2. Our school has also gained access to a new 3D printer, programmable robots, and a few other excellent technology tools to enhance learning. As students, parents, and staff it can be hard to navigate in this world of ever changing technology and innovation. Anyone can upload a video to YouTube of an overweight cat in a tutu and become an overnight sensation. I'm not saying that an overweight cat in a tutu is innovative, but it certainly is entertaining. I want to ensure you that our teachers will work hard to provide a balanced day with both hands-on and technology based lessons.

Innovation is really at the heart of all this new technology and PBL in our school. We are challenging students to think creatively to solve everyday problems. "Innovation" soon turns into "invention" when we challenge students to think for themselves rather than being told what to think. I want students to leave Big Valley School ready to confidently take on the world!

However, with all these excellent changes in technology comes a little responsibility. **It is the expectation that students will not bring their own devices (iPad, iPod, Cell phone, tablet) into the classroom unless given specific permission to do so.** They can be kept in their lockers to be used during breaks and recess. If you need to reach your child or their teacher for any reason during school hours, please call the school. I would like our teachers to have their full attention on your children during class time rather than feeling obligated to read and respond to text messages. After school hours, we would ask that you email our staff members rather than calling or texting their personal phones. We love hearing from you, but we also need to concentrate on our own families after school. However, during field trips, school sports trips, and emergency situations, this policy does not apply. You can stay up to date with what's happening at our school each week by watching "Mappin's Message". "Mappin's Message" will be sent directly to you via Remind every Sunday. So, make sure to sign up to your Remind classes as soon as possible.

We invite all parents to join us on September 14 at our complementary Meet the Teacher BBQ, starting at 4:00. More details will come home next week.

Thank you for working with us to make Big Valley School a place where all students can belong and succeed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school or email me: cmappin@clearview.ab.ca

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE;

Keep an eye out for the following papers to be sent home this week. We ask that you take your time in reading them, but please send them back..... *INTERNET USE AGREEMENT *FOIP *DEMOGRAPHIC VARIFICATION SHEETS *KIDS PLUS INSURANCE

If there have been any changes to your contact information, please let the office know.

REMIND:

Once again we are using this application to communicate with parents.

How to sign up for REMIND:

Text the number **587 409 1803** and type into the message box **@bigvalley** and follow the instructions to sign up for the whole school message board.

To sign up for individual class message boards, text

587 409 1803 and type in to the message box the grade code that is relevant to your child(s): we ask that you sign up for the whole school as well as the grades that apply to you.

@bigvalley~ Whole School

@bigpre (Preschool)

@bvsk1~ kindergarten & gr. 1

@bvs23~ gr.2 &3

@bvs45~grade 4 & 5

@bvs6~grade 6

@big789~grade 7-9

Please sign up for all school as well as specific grades

SCHOOL FEES:

GRADE	TOTAL	SUPPLIES	CTS	TOTAL
ECS-Gr 5	\$75.00	\$25.00		\$100.00
GRADE 6	\$75.00			\$75.00
Gr8	\$75.00		\$25.00	\$100.00
Gr9	\$75.00		\$25.00	\$100.00

There will be a \$75.00 registration fee charged to each student's account. This fee covers items such as textbook rental, workbooks, student insurance, bussing, and school supplies. The registration fee will be collected in September, due by the end of October

Please note, there are NO fees for Hockey Academy this year,
Parents are able to pay all fees online.

Front Doors & Hallways:

Big Valley School is a locked facility. Please ring the doorbell and Mrs. Bartley will be happy to assist you. To minimize distractions to all students, we ask that all parents check in at the office and have Mrs. Bartley deliver messages or items to classrooms

Terry Fox Run:

Our annual Terry Fox run will be held Wednesday September 21 2016. Students from K-3 will run up to the club house at the golf course. All other students will run through the golf course and back to the school. Students will be fundraising for this event until September 21, when we ask that all money is turned into the office.

If you would like to volunteer for this day, please contact the office.

Junior High Volleyball:

Mr. McComish and Mrs. Mappin will be coaching the boy and girls teams. Practices for the boys will run on Monday after school with the girls on Tuesday afterschool. Games will once again be on Wednesdays. More information will sent home as a schedule is set up, through the "Remind" system

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

(PLAYSCHOOL): Mrs. Tizzard would like to welcome all new and returning Early Learning students. If your child is 3 or 4 years of age and potty trained, we would love to see you at our Playschool on Tuesday and Thursdays 12:00-2;30 !. The fees are \$50.00/month. For more information, please contact the office.

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to be environmentally friendly, we encourage all parents to sign up for electronic newsletters. Please let the office know your email address, or if there have been changes to your email.

Name _____ Email address _____

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
	29 Welcome Back	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 LABOUR DAY NO SCHOOL	6	7 WELCOME KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS	8	9 Welcome back BBQ Hamburger hot lunch	10
11	12 SAC meeting	13	14 Meet Teacher BBQ 4:30pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 TERRY FOX RUN	22	23 PD day no school For students	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Hot dog hot lunch	

HAMBURGER HOT LUNCH ~ September 9th~ FREE~

Please indicate if you wish to have a hamburger.

Name	
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Hot Dog Hot Lunch September 30 \$3.00

NAME	QUANTITY	TOTAL

