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From the Principal's Office: (doucetr@lrsd.ab.ca)

Hard to believe this past week was the first day of fall. The snow and cold weather is not too far away. School is continuing to adjust to the COVID realities. We have made a few timetable adjustments that will increase both options and core class time.

With October fast approaching, we turn our attention to some of the more common elements of school. Friday, October 2 is a no student day for students as staff work on learning support plans for students. October 9 is our first inter-school collaboration day so that staff can work on professional development.

A few weeks ago, we said goodbye to a very valued member of the JTF team. Louanna Jones has left us for a tremendous new opportunity. The JTF team are deeply thankful for her contributions and wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

We will be tweaking this weekly newsletter to more focus content from teachers to parents. Starting next week, we ask teachers to only post about assessments (tests, etc.) and perhaps a concise description of what is happening.

Roger

Online Progress Reports Are Always Available!

Parents/Guardians, please contact the office to set up your "Parent Internet Viewer" for real-time updates. There is a Quick Link on the homepage of our website to take you there and our office staff are always willing to assist you in how to use this feature!

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- *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.*

From our Learning Support Support

We have a dedicated day for staff to work on learning plans. Friday October 2nd is dedicated to writing student learning plans and there will be no school for all students. Our Individual Support Plan (ISP and IPP) conversations are underway and looking forward to working with teachers and parents to support our students. Please reach out to Mr. Gamache, gamachej@lrsd.ab.ca if you have questions or concerns.

September 30th is Orange Shirt day Please wear orange to honour the efforts being made toward reconciliation.

From the desk of our FSLC:

As the Family School Liaison Counsellor, I am here to support students with their wellbeing and mental health.

Students are able to access my services by coming to find me (across Mr. Hatch's room) or by reaching out to a teacher who can then refer the student to me. The best way to work with a student is in collaboration with parents and as a parent, you are able to reach out to me as well.

If you or your child need some support please feel free to contact me via email conwaya@lrsd.ab.ca or by calling the school 403-646-2264.

I am available from Monday to Thursday!

From the desk of our Career Practitioner:

With the return to school, it's a good time to start thinking about MONEY for post-secondary education and future career goals! Here is an article entitled "[WHAT IS FREE MONEY?](#)" I wrote recently for our district news pages. With the considerable cost involved in ongoing education, it's a great idea to have discussions NOW with friends and family about what funding may be available through RESPs, savings, student loans, as well as "FREE" money from grants, awards and scholarships!

For more information or to book an individual appointment, please contact Lettie Croskery, our Career Practitioner (403-915-0781 croskeryl@lrsd.ab.ca).

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