



September Tidbits

WELCOME!!

The staff of Ross Ford Elementary School would like to welcome back students and families who were with us last year, and new students and families who are joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you with us this year!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Almerol to our Grade 3/4 Split class and Mrs. Hutcheon in our Grade 4.2 class. Welcome **back** to Mrs. Shantz in Grade 3.2 and to Mrs. Strautman who will start the

year in the Grade 4.3 class. We would like to also offer a warm welcome to our acting Vice Principal, Mr. Sanche!

We are very pleased to have all of our wonderful educators join us!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for being patient and understanding as we start this new year.

We look forward to another great year of learning and growth.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, September 9:

5:30-6:30pm - Meet the Teacher & WELCOME BACK BBQ

Thursday, September 12:

2:30pm - Welcome Back Assembly

Tuesday, September 17:

Picture Day (K2, 1.1, 1.2, 1/2 Split, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3)

2:00pm - Terry Fox Run

Wednesday, September 18:

Picture Day (PK, K1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3/4 Split)

Tuesday, September 24:

7:00pm - Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, September 26:

2:30pm - Empathy Assembly

Friday, September 27:

Orange Shirt Day

Kindergarten Fridays:

September 6 - K1 Staggered Entry

September 13th - K1 M/W

September 27th - K2 T/Th

No School Days:

Friday, September 20

Monday, September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Looking ahead!

Oct. 11 - No School

Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving (No School)

Oct. 25 - No School

Oct. 30 - Picture Retakes

Oct. 31 - Halloween Assembly

Principal:

Mr. George Thomson

Acting Vice Principal:

Mr. Trevor Sanche

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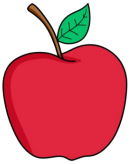
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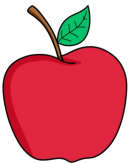
For more school information and updates please follow us on [Facebook!](#)

Around the school



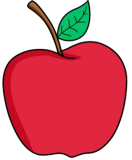
Dropoff and Attendance

Our student supervision begins at 8:20am (when our doors open) so please arrange to have your child dropped off after this time! Our first bell rings at 8:30 and students are marked late after the second bell at 8:35am and must check in at the office. Please email rossfordattendance@cesd73.ca or call 403-335-3234 to advise the office if your student will be late or not attending each day.



Student Re-Enrollment Forms

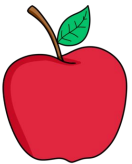
Returning families should have received an email reminding them to complete the Re-Enrollment and Consent Form for your student(s). This form must be completed each year, and is where you update student information, parent and emergency contact information, and give your consent for FOIP and walking in town (like going to the pool). Log in to your PowerSchool account, click the link to SchoolEngage and look for the red dots. Call us if you need help!



Swimming Lessons

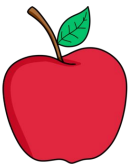
Each of our classes will be attending swimming lessons throughout the year. Grade 3 and 4 students begin next week! Please watch for incoming Field trip permission forms in your email. We will need a quick turnaround so all of our kids have permission to participate.

Our Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes will be attending lessons in the Spring.



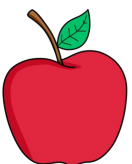
Nut & Peanut Aware

As we have students in the building with anaphylactic nut and peanut allergies, we ask our parents for their cooperation and request you do NOT send products or foods that may contain nuts or peanuts in your child's lunch or snacks. The risk to our students is critical and therefore, we ask for all students to observe this precaution.



Criminal Record Checks

Traditionally, we plan field trips for the spring. If you are interested in being a parent volunteer for these trips, we do require a recent vulnerable sector check. It gets very busy for the local RCMP detachment in the spring, so please plan ahead!



Science & Education Fair

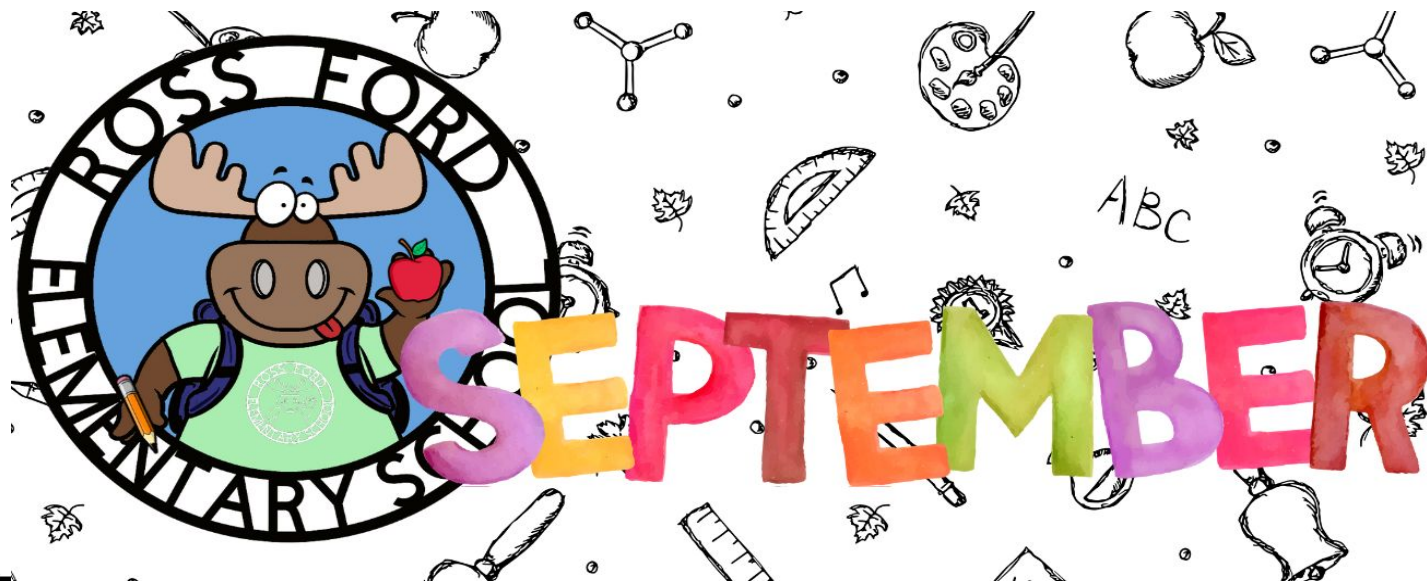
Ross Ford will be hosting our Science & Education Fair on Friday, February 7th. If students are interested and want to get an early start use [this link](#) to register.











You're Invited
to our
**MEET THE
TEACHER**
& WELCOME BACK BBQ
**ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9TH
5:30 TO 6:30PM**



SCHOOL PICTURE
Days
Tuesday, September 17th
K2, 1.1, 1.2, 1/2 Split, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
Wednesday, September 18th
PreK, K1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3/4 Split



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY 	3  K2 Staggered Entry (Half Day)	4 K1 Staggered Entry (Half Day)	5 K2 Staggered Entry (Full Day)	6 K1 Staggered Entry (Full Day)	7
8 	9 K1 Staggered Entry (Full Day) 5:30-6:30pm - Meet the Teacher & Welcome Back BBQ	10 K2 Staggered Entry (Full Day)	11 Swimming Lessons 9:9:40 - Grade 4.1 9:40-10:20 - Grade 4.2 10:20-11:00 - Grade 4.3	12 Swimming Lessons 9:9:40 - Grade 3.1 9:40-10:20 - Grade 3.2 10:20-11:00 - Grade 3/4 Split 2:30 - Welcome Back Assembly	13 K1 (M/W)	14 
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29 	30 <i>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)</i>					



Chinook's Edge School Division

2024-2025 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

AUGUST 2024						
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Aug 28-30 Professional Learning Day

FEBRUARY 2025						
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Feb 3 First Day Semester Two
Feb 17 Family Day
Feb 17-21 Winter Break
Feb 20-21 Teachers' Convention

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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Sept 2 Labour Day
Sept 3 Students' First Day of School
Sept 20 Professional Learning Day (HS Common Collab)
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

MARCH 2025						
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Mar 7 Professional Learning Day
Mar 21 Professional Learning Day (HS Common Collab)

OCTOBER 2024						
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Oct 11 Non Instructional Day
Oct 14 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 25 Professional Learning Day

APRIL 2025						
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Apr 18 Good Friday
Apr 21 Easter Monday
Apr 21-25 Spring Break

NOVEMBER 2024						
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 8/11 Fall Break
Nov 29 Professional Learning Day (HS Common Collab)

MAY 2025						
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May 2 Professional Learning Day
May 16 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
May 19 Victoria Day

DECEMBER 2024						
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Dec 13 Non Instructional Day
Dec 23-31 Christmas Break

JUNE 2025						
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Jun 26 Students Last Day (noon dismissal)
Jun 27 Professional Learning Day

JANUARY 2025						
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Jan 1-3 Christmas Break
Jan 30 Professional Learning Day
Jan 31 Non Instructional Day

LEGEND			
	Professional Learning Day		Teachers' Convention
	Non Instructional Day		Significant Start and End Dates
	Holiday		Breaks

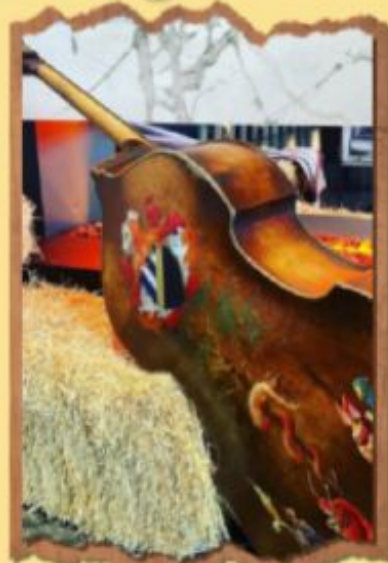
CESD appreciates feedback from all of our stakeholders in the creation of this calendar. Over 2000 CESD staff members, parents and students contributed to the most recent CESD Calendar Survey. The next opportunity for feedback will be in the 2028-2029 school year.



Mountain View ARTS FESTIVAL

September 6 to 8, 2024

Throughout Didsbury



Jazz/Dessert Concert Friday night - Memorial Complex

USAY Indigenous Oculus - Library Saturday

Game Zone - Elks Hall Saturday

Music Zone & The Polyjesters - Elks Hall Sunday

Artists at Work - Train Station Saturday & Sunday

Kids pARTy Centre - Train Station Parking Lot Saturday & Sunday

Harvest Tea & Old-Tyme Sing-a-Long - Museum Saturday

Tractors, Trains & Teddy Bears - Museum Sunday

Photography Show & Sale - Museum Saturday & Sunday



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