



# École AGNES DAVIDSON SCHOOL



September, 2020

## Dates to Remember

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| Sept. 1  | Welcome students last name (A-M)                                    |
| Sept. 2  | Welcome students last name (N-Z)                                    |
| Sept. 9  | Teacher Pre-Recorded Meet the staff released via classroom teacher. |
| Sept. 10 | Meet the Teacher Live Q&A via Zoom<br>6:30-7:45pm                   |
| Sept. 15 | School Council AGM 7:15pm   |
| Sept. 24 | Terry Fox Virtual Assembly  |
| Sept. 30 | Every Child Matters (orange shirt day)                              |

## School Council Annual General Meeting



The school Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:15pm at Agnes Davidson School. The AGM will include the election of School Council Executives and an overview of any plans for the coming year. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to be part of the School Council. Please visit the webpage for more information on School Council.

We continue to use the **SchoolGuide app** at our school. You will find everything you need to know about École Agnes Davidson School on our new app. The free **SchoolGuide** app brings you the latest reminders, news, events and emergency alerts from your child's school, right from your IOS or Android device. See all upcoming events and have access to important links to tools such as PowerSchool and School cash online. This new app means that our upcoming newsletters will be condensed and we will be directing you to our digital format. Feel free to use the app to connect with siblings schools. Everything you need will be right at your fingertips.

## Masks

Please provide additional masks for your child at school should your child's mask become soiled. Masks will be sent home daily for laundering. We will be encouraging our K-3 students to build their stamina for masks by **recommending** they wear masks when 2 meters distance is not possible.

## Agnes Davidson Staff 2020-2021

**Principal:** Terra Leggat

**Vice-Principal:** Megan Cummins

**Early Learning Manager:** Pam Shearer

**Kindergarten:** Tracy Baker, Nicole Mills, Alicia Mooney

**Grade 1:** Julie Laplante, Crystal Bridge, Jarred Braun, Kristy Walker,

**Grade 2/3:** Karli Nelson, Tacy Thomsen

**Grade 2:** Marie-Hélène Lyle, Tina Zolondek, Kyla Sacrey

**Grade 3:** Jennifer Jay, Stuart Nish

**Grade 3/4:** Brandon Morrison

**Grade 4/5:** Jackie Grover, Brianna Stetski, Christine Levesque-Smuk, Matt Vanden Dungen, Chris Firth

### Online Teachers

**Kindergarten:** Jory Kohn(FI), Jennifer Mikilah

**Grade 1:** Lisa Jensen, Alex Westwood(FI)

**Grade 2:** Taylor Bourassa, Mme Chudobiak(FI)

**Grade 3:** Josh Firth, Mandy Chudobiak(FI),

**Grade 4:** Karli Okuba, Tammi Foreman(FI)

**Grade 5:** Tammi Foreman, James Schalk

**Learning Support:** Tom Scott

**Music:** Meagan Thorlakson

**Learning Commons Facilitator:** Lesley Masuk

**Office Staff:** Sue Alchin-Smith, Shelley Payne

**Educational Assistants:** Denise Kenney-Stewart, Jackie Webster, Tina Gunness, Janet Vander Linden, Tammy Zmeko, Isabelle Crombez, Hélène Bourgeois, Arlene Graham, Anny Chenard, Brienne Luca, Tiiu Martin, Micheline Zaina, Dianne Hearne, Charlene Schow

**Caretakers:** Mike Gauthier, Char Huber, Florence Kangoogo

**First Nations Liaison Worker:** Monte Wolf Child

## Volunteers

At this time we cannot have our amazing volunteers in our school building as per Alberta Health Services and Division guidelines. We take student and staff safety seriously and no exceptions will be permitted. Should you require a meeting with an administrator, please book an appointment by calling 403 328-5153.



## Parent Information Night

Wednesday, September 9th: Due to Covid 19 restrictions we will be hosting a virtual meet the teacher. On September 9th teachers will share via email a pre-recorded presentation outlining your child's program and general classroom information.

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>: Teachers will provide an open mic question and answer period between 6:30 pm and 7:45pm via Zoom. All parents are invited via public format to the Q & A period. Here you will be able to ask any general questions about grade level curriculum, classroom routines and more. Your child's classroom teacher will provide a link to the Zoom closer to the date. Feel free to enter and exit the question and answer period freely in order to virtually check-in with your children's teachers on a needs basis.

## School Fees

School Fees will be added to your School Cash Online accounts mid-September. New families: you will need to create an account. **See the main page and click on School Cash Online.**

## Bell Times

### Grades 1-5

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| Warning Bell     | 8:25am                                     |
| Classes Begin    | 8:30am                                     |
| Morning Break    | Three groups alternate between 10:30-12:00 |
| Afternoon Break  | Three groups alternate between 1:40-2:45   |
| Dismissal        | 3:35pm                                     |
| Friday AM Break  | Three groups alternate between 9:45-10:30  |
| Friday Dismissal | 11:45pm                                    |

### Kindergarten

Monday to Thursday

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Warning Bell | 8:25am         |
| AM Classes   | 8:30am—11:45am |
| PM Classes   | 12:20pm—3:35pm |

### Kindergarten

Tuesday/ Thursday

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| Warning Bell      | 8:25am     |
| Full Day Students | 8:30– 3:35 |

### Early Education

Monday to Thursday

|              |                |
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| Warning Bell | 8:25am         |
| AM Classes   | 8:30am—11:45am |
| PM Classes   | 12:30pm—3:35pm |

# Safe Arrival

At École Agnes Davidson School, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. We have implemented a system called *Safe Arrival*. It allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently.

If you don't yet have an account, please follow the steps below to create one for your child.

**Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your \*NEW\* account using your email address. Select Attendance to Report an Absence.**

**Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence.**

This is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

We will continue to use our automated notification system to contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after 20 minutes, office staff will continue to follow up. By reporting your child absent in advance using the *Safe Arrival* App, Website **or** *Safe Arrival* toll free number **1-866-8791041** you will **NOT** receive a call.

Reminders:

**Please be diligent in reporting your child's absences**

**Please do not contact the school directly to report an absence, use the Safe Arrival App, Website or call the Toll Free Number at 1-866-879-1041**

## To Report a Student Absent

School Messenger APP (Apple and Google Play Stores)

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> (Website)

1-866-879-1041 (Toll Free)

### Student Medical Alerts



If your child has a prescribed Ventolin Inhaler or Epi-pen that may be needed during school hours please let the office know. Lethbridge School District #51 requires specific medical forms so that we can be better prepared if your child ever needs assistance and to ensure that we are doing the best for the safety of your child.



### School Photos

Picture day is **Wednesday, October 8th**. Students will be called down throughout the day to have their individual photos taken. For best results, have your child/children wear solid coloured clothing. Every child will have his/her photo taken for school records. Please **do not** send money on picture day, you will have a chance to preview the images before you buy! A flyer will be going home with your child/children in the next few weeks with more details. No classroom pictures will occur during the 2020/2021 school year. Please visit [lifetouch.ca](http://lifetouch.ca) to find out what they are doing to respond to Covid-19 while providing family keepsakes.



### Terry Fox School Run

In 1980, Terry Fox was a young Canadian with a dream of finding a cure for cancer. He started his Marathon of Hope and invited Canadians



to share in his vision. When Terry recognized that he would not be able to complete his Marathon, he instead bequeathed his mission to those very Canadians who kept him going day in and day out. He knew before his death that there would be an annual Terry Fox Run in cities, towns, hamlets, and villages across the country. Canadians continue to adopt Terry's mission of finding a cure for all cancers with an enthusiasm and passion that has done him proud.

To help support Cancer research, the students at Davidson will be participating in the "Terry Fox Walk" and fundraising this year in honour Broc Higginson and Suzie Chambers who are both courageously battling cancer.

### Student Information and Contact Changes

If you have any demographic changes, such as phone numbers, addresses or emergency contacts, please visit the Parents Section on the School Website. Please email completed updates to davidson@lethsd.ab.ca. These changes cannot be made over the phone, through teachers, or notes in the agendas. They must be made in person by completing and signing the student information update form.

### Student pick-up and drop-off

Please do not park or drop children off in front of the school, in the alleyway or in the staff parking lot at anytime. The primary reason for this is the safety of our students. In addition, it is very difficult for our busses to park and depart in front of the school when vehicles are parked there, even if it is for a brief period of time. Your cooperation with this concern is greatly appreciated. Please also note that all city by-laws are enforced. Due to increased number of parent drop offs we encourage parents with children who are able to drop students off at a further distance and have them walk to their assigned doors in order to decrease congestion at peak times. **Thank you for your support.**

### Nut Allergies

Every year, we have students in our school with a variety of allergies. For some students, these allergies can be extremely severe. Even though our school is not "Peanut or Nut Free", we are asking parents to be mindful of the different allergies in each of the specific classrooms. Of particular concern is peanut and tree nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



### Indoor/Outdoor Shoes



Please send 2 pairs of shoes with your child. Outdoor footwear will be changed keeping physical distancing and student safety in mind. While the weather is nice, students will not change their shoes with the same frequency as in previous years.

### Fire Drills and Practice Lockdown

Each year, it is our responsibility to prepare all students and staff in our building with the correct procedures in the event of a fire or an internal or external threat. It is our district policy for each school to have six fire drills and two lockdowns during each school year.

Fire drill and lockdown procedures will be discussed with the students before they occur. Our first two fire drills will be announced to the whole school, so that the students are aware. Teachers will explain what to do during a lockdown and fire drill in a matter of fact way and will address any of the students' concerns. The first lock down drill will take place in September .



## Soft Start and Assigned Doors

Please note that due to Covid-19 and higher than normal parent drop off and pick-up, we have implemented a soft start procedure. Parents who will be driving their student to school will now have flexibility to do so between the hours of 8:30am-9:00am. Please make sure your child uses their assigned door. Please refer to your child's classroom teacher email for your assigned door. All doors are indicated with a number. Your child will enter and exit at all times through their assigned door unless they are arriving after 9:00 am in which case they would proceed to the office for a late slip.

## Bussing

Bus routes are on the Lethbridge School Division Website. Please visit for more information

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/transportation>



## Counselling Connection

Hello! My name is Alex Ann Mulner and I am excited to begin my fourth year as the Teacher Counsellor for Agnes Davidson Elementary School. It is my hope that this school year will be full of successful experiences for all students.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about anything. Since I cover two buildings, email is the best way to get ahold of me: alex.mulner@lethsd.ab.ca. You can also reach me by telephone and or text before 6:00 p.m.

Best Wishes,

Ms. Alex Ann Mulner

Agnes Davidson Elementary: 403-328-5153

Cell number: 403-892-0301



**Up to Date Covid-19 Information** The latest and most up to date information regarding student re-entry is located on the Division website. Please visit the link below for accurate Division wide information on how we can work together to maintain a safe and healthy school environment.

## A message from The Administrative Team

We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome back to all our Agnes Davidson community. We are so excited for Back to School. Whether it be online or in person, WELCOME! We are glad you have entrusted your most special people to the Agnes Davidson family. We know that it is a start up filled with mixed emotions. Both due to Covid-19 and the sudden departure of our amazing principal Mr. H. We have both worked closely with Broc as Vice-Principal and it is with determination and honour that we move forward and take care of this community that we belong. Lastly, we know that this year is filled with uncertainty with regards to so many unknowns. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility as our staff of professionals move forward and implements the recommendation by AHS and our Division while providing the amazing educational programs that your families have had the privilege to witness. Whether you are online or in-person we value our community stakeholders. We intend to continue our collaboration and pride ourselves in being a learning community in which our families feel proud to belong. We look forward to working with you in the coming school year.

**Terra Leggat ( Principal) and Megan Cummins ( Vice-Principal)**

## **Let's Eat!**

We encourage families to provide a reusable/ washable placement in their child's lunch box. These placemats will be used as an additional measure to support cleanliness. All placemats will be returned daily.

## **Recycling & Garbage**

At this time, the school will not be participating in a recycling program. We are asking that students take home as much of their lunch garbage as possible. For example, wrappers, plastic bags and juice boxes will be sent home. Apple cores, banana peels and the like will be disposed of at school.

# **First Day of School Procedures**

## **Arrival**

We can't wait to see you on Tuesday September 1st ( family names A-M) and Wednesday September 2nd (N-Z). All parents and students will meet in the field. Families will have been contacted by their classroom teacher prior to the first day of school. If you haven't heard from your teacher, please email Terra Leggat at [terra.leggat@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:terra.leggat@lethsd.ab.ca).

Each teacher will be standing beside a pylon. You will also see a lot of staff in orange vests, feel free to ask any of those people to point you in the right direction. Students will be spaced 2 meters apart from each other in a line behind the teacher. Please remind your child to remain on the X to support the necessary 2 meter physical distancing protocol. Due to the high volume of people that will be outside and gathering at this time we recommend that all parents and students wear masks at this time. Our grade 4 and 5 students will be required to put on their masks once they enter the building so it will be important to have it handy.

After a short greeting from our principal Terra Leggat, teachers will take their students into the school. No parents are permitted in the building at this time. Thank you for your cooperation as we follow the guidelines set forth by AHS, the provincial government and Lethbridge School Division 51.

## **Dismissal**

At the end of the day your child will exit out of their assigned doors. At this time, no other door is permitted. Due to the high volume of people that will be outside and gathering at this time we recommend that all parents and students wear masks.

If your child attends Blast they will exit out of their assigned doors and re-enter the school through the BLAST doors.

If your child attends Boys and Girls Club they will exit out of their assigned doors and meet at the NEW outdoor classroom.

Siblings will only be permitted to pick up other siblings outside the school. If your family is choosing to do this, we require the older sibling meet their younger sibling outside at the younger siblings Entrance.



# September 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat |
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|     |     | 1<br><b>Welcome Students (A-M)</b>                             | 2<br><b>Welcome Students (N-Z)</b>   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6   | 7   | 8  | 9<br><b>Pre-recorded Meet the Teacher</b><br>(sent out via class-room teacher) | 10<br><b>Meet the Teacher Live Q&amp;A</b> via Zoom 6:30-7:45pm | 11  | 12  |
| 13  | 14  | 15<br><b>School Council AGM 7:15PM</b><br><i>At the School</i> | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 20  | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24<br><b>Terry Fox Virtual Assembly</b>                         | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28  | 29   | 30<br><b>Every Child Matters</b><br>(orange Shirt Day)                         |   |     |     |