





# École AGNES DAVIDSON SCHOOL

**October, 2020**

## October Interviews

At Ecole Agnes Davidson School we know that connections with our families is so important. That is why we are hosting virtual interviews in October! To book for your virtual spot with your child's teacher, please complete the following steps.

Visit <https://ad.lethsd.ab.ca>

Click on Bookings (right hand corner of the main page)

Click on Interviews

Click on your child's classroom teacher.

Grades 1-5 Bookings will be open October 1st ( 3pm) until October 13th (10pm)

Grade 1-5 Interviews will be held **October 15th 1pm-7pm** and **October 16 8am-1pm**

Kindergarten Bookings will be open October 22 (3pm) until November 3rd (10pm)

Kindergarten Interviews

**Mon-Friday Kindergarten Interviews Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues/Thurs Kinders Interviews November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**: Evening hours offered for ALL kinder parents

Report Cards Issued Digitally December 4th, 2020

Each Interview is set for 15minutes unless additional time is requested by the classroom teacher. You will receive a calendar invite in your email inbox. At your scheduled time and date, please click on the link to join the virtual interview and discuss your child's progress with regards to the following competencies as promoted by the Alberta Curriculum:

Critical Thinking

Problem Solving

Managing Information

Creativity and Innovation

Communication

Collaboration

Cultural and Global Citizenship

Personal Growth and Well Being

French Language Skills ( French Immersion students)





Competencies are combinations of attitudes, skills and knowledge that students develop and apply for successful learning, living and working. Students use and develop competencies when they encounter unfamiliar or challenging situations. Competencies help students draw and build upon what they know, how they think and what they can do.

Masks are mandatory in Grades 4 and 5 and highly recommended from Kindergarten to Grade 3. Thank you in advance for ensuring that your child has the required face coverings.



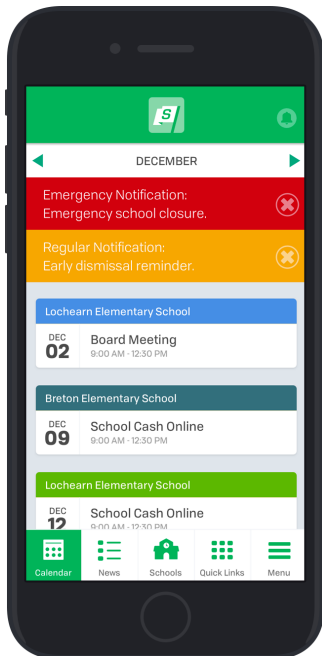


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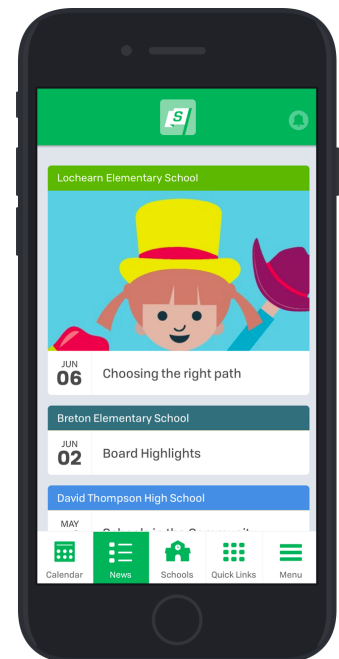
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11	12 <i>Thanksgiving</i>  	13 <i>Division Wide PL</i> <i>Elementary Assessment Day</i> <i>Grade 1-5 Bookings Close (10pm)</i> 	14 	15 <i>Interviews (PM)</i> 	16 <i>Interviews (AM)</i> 	17
18	19 <i>Colibri Reusable Bag Fundraiser Ends</i> 	20	21	22 <i>Kindergarten Bookings Open</i>	23	24
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# Welcome to *SchoolGuide!*

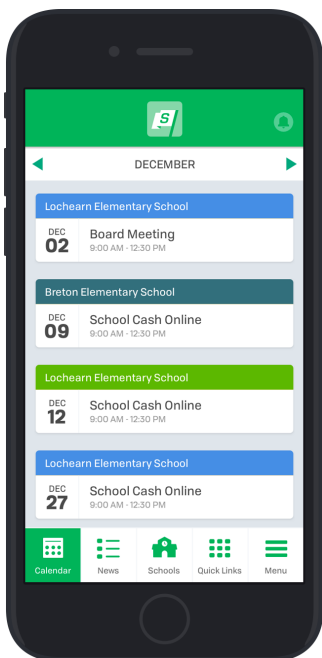
The free *SchoolGuide* app brings you the latest reminders, news, events and emergency alerts from your child's school right to your iOS or Android device.



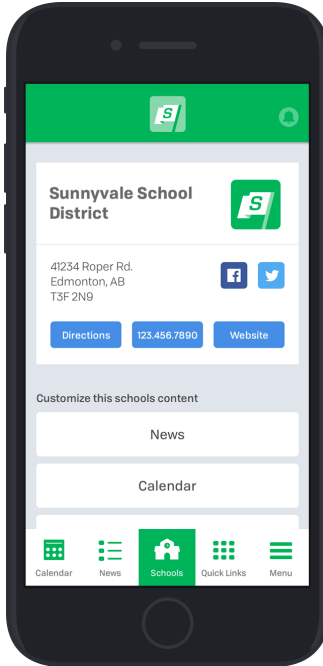
**Notifications –**  
Get notices and emergency alerts from your school with a push notification



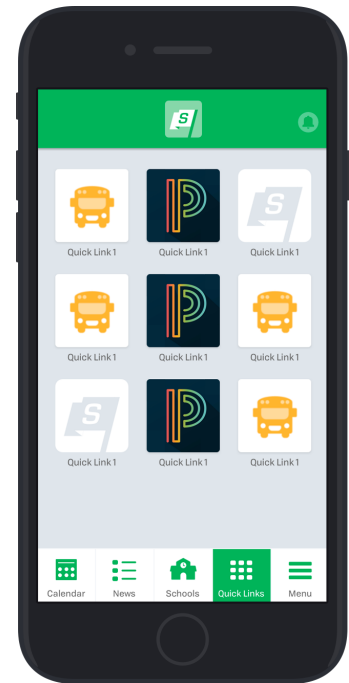
**News -**  
View the latest news from your school and school district



**Calendar –**  
See all upcoming events at your child's school and your school district



**School Directory -**  
Tap to call, get directions,  
or visit the school website  
and social media accounts



**Quick Links -**  
Access your school  
district's most important  
tools and information  
from the app

*SchoolGuide* is on the App Store and Google Play:

App Store:



Google Play:



# Student illness

## If a student has COVID-19 symptoms

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Students with symptoms must not attend school. If a child develops symptoms that could be caused by either COVID-19 or by a known pre-existing condition (e.g., allergies, chronic cough), the child should be tested for COVID-19 to confirm that it is not the source of their symptoms before returning to school.

Anyone that reports symptoms must stay home and seek health care advice as appropriate. Parents can call Health Link 811 or their primary health care practitioner, and fill out the [AHS Online Self-Assessment tool](#) to determine if their child should be tested.

Parents, household members, and contacts of a student who has symptoms but is not a COVID-19 case, are not required to quarantine.

Only the people identified as close contacts of an individual who is a case of COVID-19 need to quarantine. The contacts of the close contacts do not need to quarantine.

### Book a test

Book a testing appointment online with the AHS assessment tool or call Health Link 811. <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>

### Symptoms

You should get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptom.

If you have any of these symptoms you are [legally required to isolate for at least 10 days](#) from the start of your symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer:

- Fever
- Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

If you have any of these other symptoms, stay home and minimize your contact with others until your symptoms resolve:

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye

Monitor your child's health and call [Health Link 811](#) if you have questions or concerns. Call 911 immediately if experiencing severe symptoms of COVID-19, including difficulty breathing, severe chest pain, feelings of confusion or loss of consciousness.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

### Isolation requirements

#### Albertans with symptoms

- You are legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days if you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition.
- The mandatory isolation period is 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.

#### Tested positive for COVID-19

- You are legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days if you have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Isolation period is 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.

#### Have symptoms but tested negative for COVID-19

- If you tested negative and have known exposure to COVID-19, you are legally required to quarantine for 14 days from the last date of your exposure.
- If you tested negative and have no known exposure to the virus, you are not legally required to isolate. However, it is important to stay home until your symptoms resolve so that you do not infect others.

#### Close contacts of confirmed cases

- You are legally required to quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms if you are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 (provides care, lives with or has close physical contact without appropriate use of personal protective equipment, or comes into direct contact with infectious body fluids).
- If you become sick with cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat during this time, you must isolate for an additional 10 days from the beginning of symptoms or until you are feeling well, whichever takes longer.

#### If you are self-isolating:

- Stay home — do not go to school, work, social events or any other public areas or community settings.
- Avoid close contact with other people, including household members but especially seniors and people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Do not use public transportation or ride sharing.
- Do not go for walks in public places. This includes children in mandatory self-isolation.
- If you go outside, you must remain on private property not accessible by others.

#### If a student has symptoms related to allergies or a pre-existing medical condition

- The student should be tested at least once before returning to school and have a negative COVID-19 test result.
- These symptoms would be their baseline health status. As long as the cough or runny nose is always the same and does not get worse, the student can attend school.
- Talk to your school about your child's pre-existing medical condition so the school may keep a confidential record of this condition.

#### Note

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, information regarding COVID-19 will be updated as required. Please check online for the latest information and links to testing, symptoms and isolation requirements: [alberta.ca/covid19](https://alberta.ca/covid19)





September 16, 2020

Dear Administrators, teachers, parents and students:

Public Health Registered Nurses will be working in schools again to provide essential immunizations during the 2020-21 school year. We are committed to ensure that students are up to date with their immunizations, which will decrease the spread of vaccine preventable diseases in schools and communities. Although this year will be a challenging one during the COVID 19 Pandemic, we are available to support schools, parents and students.

We have developed a **tentative** timeline below for our school immunization program. We recognize these timelines may be affected by Coronavirus disease activity in the South Zone region during the year. The Pandemic affected our immunization programs last year, however most of the Gr.9 students received their routine vaccines.

In August, we called and texted the parent/guardian of students in Gr.9 (from 2019-20 school year) to book into a clinic at their local Public Health office for only those students we identified who missed their Gr.9 vaccines last year. Parents, if you are unsure if your child is up to date, please contact your local Public Health office to talk to the school nurse before booking an appointment.

Our first priority this year will be the re-immunization of the Gr.6 students from the 2019-20 school year who received only the first dose of Hepatitis B and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccines. These students, now in Gr.7, will be immunized in school with the second dose of Hepatitis B and HPV vaccine. We will only immunize those students whom we already have consent for. If we do not have a consent, we will attempt to contact the parent/guardian in the next few months.

For students whom are extremely anxious, and for whom the parent does not want them immunized at school, we encourage parents to first phone the school nurse to discuss the options, and the nurse can offer an appointment at the Public Health office if needed-see our tentative plan for when we will begin these immunizations below.

**Tentative School Immunization program timeline:**

**SEPT 18, 2020 and after-** Gr. 10 students who missed receiving last year's Gr.9 vaccines can book at local Public Health office- call to talk with a nurse first if any questions before booking

**NOV-DEC 2020-** immunize Gr.7 students with second dose of vaccines to catch up those students from 2019-20 year, and consents for the 2020-21 current Gr.6 and 9 students will be sent home with students

**FEB-MAR. 2021-** immunize Gr.9 students with diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (whooping cough), and Meningococcal vaccine

**MAR 2021-** immunize Gr.6 students with the first dose of Hepatitis B and Human Papilloma Virus vaccines once our Gr.9 students are done

\*Second dose of Hepatitis B and HPV vaccine for Gr.6 students to be offered in the next school year of 2021-2022.



Students who are not up to date with their primary immunization series will be immunized as time permits during the 2020-21 school year. If consent for these immunizations was provided by parent/guardian last year, we will immunize the student. If we do not have a consent yet the school nurse will send a letter, consent forms and vaccine information home through the school. Please visit Immunize Alberta [www.immunizealberta.ca](http://www.immunizealberta.ca) to view the primary immunization schedule, and Gr. 6 & 9 immunization information and schedule.

Parent/guardian of home schooled, At home learning, and Alternate learning environment identified students can call their local Public Health office during the above noted timeline to check appointment availability.

Please also be aware that other zones in Alberta may have different immunization timelines based on their staffing availability and COVID disease activity in their area.

Lastly, for information on Coronavirus symptoms, and what to do if a student has any of those symptoms **please see the attached document** provided by the Government of Alberta “ Student Illness. If a student has COVID-19 symptoms”.

Thank you for your time and support!

Sincerely,

*Leanne*

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**Alberta Health Services**  
[www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)

Visit AHS' **COVID-19** page for the latest updates and accurate information: [ahs.ca/covid](http://ahs.ca/covid)

Dear Parents,

Each year our school council holds various fundraisers to help pay for many excellent educational and fun activities offered to the students at Ecole Agnes Davidson. In partnership with Cupper's Coffee & Tea, we are *buzzed* to announce we have *brewed* up a new way to raise money for our school.

Cupper's Coffee & Tea has worked closely with us to create our exclusive blend of coffee called **Aggie's Brew**.

- *Freshly Roasted*
- *Medium/Dark Blend*
- *Notes of Dark Chocolate, Stone Fruit Sweetness and Almond*
- *Whole Bean or choice of 8 different Grind Types*

**Aggie's Brew** will be made available to purchase through our School Cash Online site for \$20.00/pound. School Council will keep 25% of the proceeds for each pound sold.

Participation is optional, so you are in no way obligated to buy the coffee. But if you are going to buy it anyway, we would like it a *latte* if you purchased it from us!

Here is how it works:

- *We will process orders once a month throughout the school year. You do not have to place an order every month, only as needed.*
- *Log into your School Cash Online account to place your order.*
- *The order cut-off date will be the 2nd Thursday of the month. Reminders will be sent out before the cut-off.*
- *Select the "**Aggie's Brew** - Coffee Purchase Item" from the list of items available.*
- *Select the number of pounds of coffee you would like to order.*
- *Select the grind type.*
- *Complete Order.*
- *Your coffee will be labelled and delivered to your child's classroom each month.*
- *Your child will be responsible for getting the coffee home to you.*
- *Delivery will take place around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.*

Questions? Please Contact Marieke Van Schothorst at [albemaha@gmail.com](mailto:albemaha@gmail.com)

*Cupper's Coffee & Tea is an independent, locally owned and operated coffee importer and roaster in Lethbridge. They have been roasting exceptional coffee for 22 years! They source green coffee from all over the world, and believe in purchasing beans from small, family-owned organic farms that help employ and support their community. They small-batch roast daily to-order so that you will be getting the ultimate in freshness and quality.*

# Reusable Lunch Bags



In an effort for our school to become more environmentally conscious, we are once again offering an opportunity to purchase reusable snack bags. Our hope is to reduce the number of Ziploc/plastic bags being thrown in the garbage or on the school grounds.

**Placing your order is easy, simply visit this website...**

**[www.colibrifundraising.com](http://www.colibrifundraising.com)**

All orders are to be placed online during the campaign time period and payment will be made at the time of ordering.



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**October 6-19**

- Orders will be sent home with students shortly after the campaign is complete
- As an added bonus up to 50% of the price of the lunch bags will go directly to our school!
- These bags are easy to wash, either rinse in the sink or machine wash and dry

*Lots of fun & new patterns available this year!*

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# FUNDRAISING



## Agnes Davidson

is fundraising with Mabel's Labels!

Please visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search for our organization name to place your order and support our fundraiser.

## Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!®

Mabel's Labels are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe personalized labels.



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# Picture Day is Coming



October 8th, 2020

Ecole Agnes Davidson

## What to Expect:

- 1 Students are photographed on Picture Day
- 2 Images sent home with your child
- 3 Review pictures & purchase

*All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school.*

Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 1-866-457-8212

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## Is your child leaving early?

- ◆ All students are to be picked up from the office
- ◆ Parents are asked to ring the doorbell, push the talk button and give their name and who they are picking up
- ◆ Office will sign the student out in the Sign Out book and in Power School
- ◆ The office staff will escort the child out the front door

Please inform your child's classroom teacher of any early departures, appointments, absences etc. Please give yourself plenty of time to allow for our Covid Pick Up procedures when planning appointments. Our EXITING procedures are taking longer as we adhere to the guidelines set forth by Alberta Health Services, the Provincial Government and our local school division.