

# WAINWRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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As we sat down as a collective of teachers and admin to discuss how we were to move forward this year, we considered a number of things that have been voiced to us, such as use of lockers, and the ability for students to move to the teachers rather than remaining in one classroom for the entire day. While the School Division has recommended masks be worn in the school, they have given schools latitude to mandate their use in certain situations such as where large groups of students are located in a common area, or when students are doing group work.

So it was decided that at Wainwright High School, in order to accommodate the need for students to access lockers to store their materials, and for them to be allowed to move from class to

class, while maintaining caution to prevent the spread of COVID in our school, we have designated our hallways and the library/learning commons as common areas.

The collective decision that was made by our teaching staff did not come without a discussion. During our meeting we considered the possibilities to minimize contact, provide students more freedom, maintain predictable routines from day to day, and provide a reliable and consistent teaching space for teachers. Unanimously, we agreed having students move classrooms and everyone wearing masks in common areas was the best way to uphold the health and safety of students and staff at Wainwright High School.

We look forward to the time that these issues will not be a concern, but, at the same time, feel great pride in how our students are responding to the challenges that arise with the changes.

## KEY DATES

**September 13th - 17th**  
Spirit Week

**September 17th -**  
School Virtual Assembly for  
students during R2.

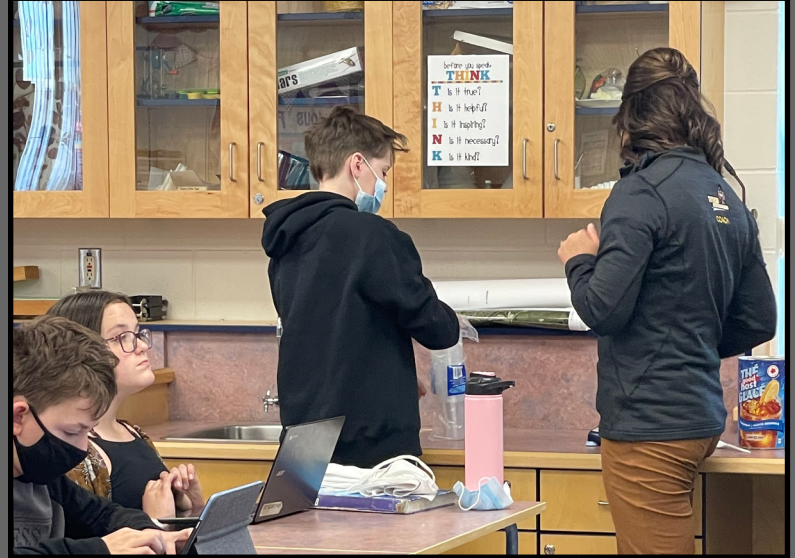
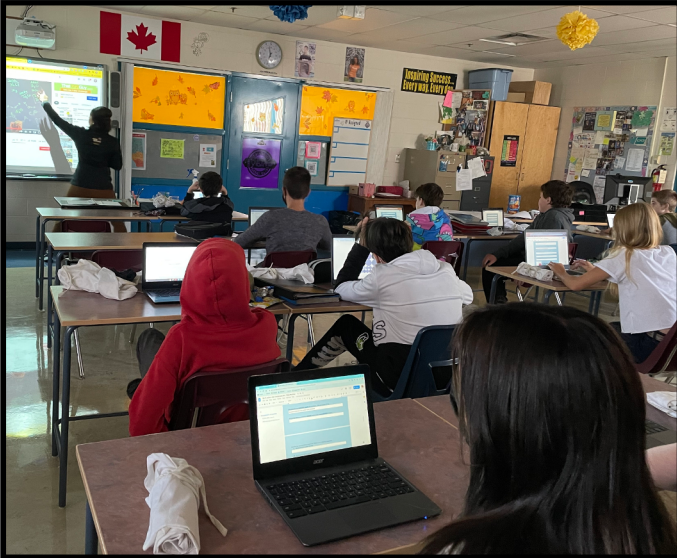
**September 28th -**  
AHS COVID immunization Clinic

**September 30th -**  
Truth and Reconciliation Day

**Terry Fox Run date: TBD**

# Grade 8 Science with Mrs. Oracheski.

- Students learned about solubility with the Juice lab - taste the dilution.



# Senior Band with Mrs. Gingrich.







## Grade 10 Phys Ed with Mr. Marchand.

- Instead of a beep test, the class negotiated a work out day!

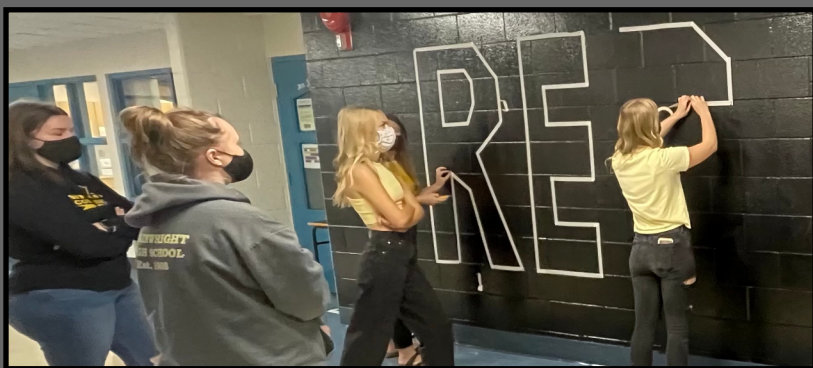
## Grade 10 Foods with Mrs. Belanger.

- On the menu: Snickerdoodles.



## Sr High Leadership with Mrs. Grunow

- Prepping the Virtues wall for September.





## **BUFFALO TRAIL SCHOOL DIVISION**

Nominations are open for the 2021 School Board Election.

The 2021 School Board Election Nomination Period is open and will remain open until 12:00 noon on Monday, September 20, 2021. The positions for 9 Trustees are open for nominations.

Please contact the Returning Officer, Faye Dunne to make an appointment to submit nomination papers between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Nominations are required to include a \$200.00 cash deposit.

For more information check out the Buffalo Trail Public School website at [www.btps.ca](http://www.btps.ca) then click on Board/Policies then click on Election 2021.

Faye Dunne, Returning Officer

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**TERRY FOX RUN 2021 \*TRY LIKE TERRY\***



**'anything  
is possible  
if you try.'**



**Sunday September 19, 2021**

# TERRY FOX RUN

FOR CANCER RESEARCH

*"The answer is to try and help others"*  
- TERRY FOX



**"anything  
is possible  
if you try."**



# Orange Shirt Day

September 30th

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion events that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. This project was the vision of Esketemc (Alkali Lake) Chief Fred Robbins, who is a former student himself. It brought together former students and their families from the Secwepemc, Tsilhqot'in, Southern Dakelh and St'at'imc Nations along with the Cariboo Regional District, the Mayors and municipalities, School Districts and civic organizations in the Cariboo Region.

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Chief Justice Murray Sinclair challenged all of the participants to keep the reconciliation process alive, and as a result of the realization that every former student had similar stories.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. As spokesperson for the Reunion group leading up to the events, former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

It all started in the Cariboo, and as a result, School District No. 27 has been chosen by the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) to pilot curriculum changes for all Grade 5 and Grade 10 students reflecting the residential school experience, to be implemented province-wide.

Resolutions have been passed in support of Orange Shirt Day by local governments, school districts, and First Nations in the Cariboo, at UBCM, and at FCM. The AFN Chiefs-in-Council passed a resolution declaring Orange Shirt Day "a first step in reconciliation", and pledging to bring the message home as well as to the government of Canada and the churches responsible.

On this day of September 30th, we call upon humanity to listen with open ears to the stories of survivors and their families, and to remember those that didn't make it.

<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>





Dear Parent or Guardian,

**Re: COVID-19 School Immunization Program**

Alberta Health Services (AHS), Public Health School Immunization Program is offering a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible students in Grades 7 to 12, who are born in 2009 or earlier.

Your child can get a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccine in school if they:

- have never had a COVID-19 vaccine (this will be their first dose)
- had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 3 weeks ago (this will be their second dose)

Your child's school will let you know when the COVID-19 vaccine will be offered at their school.

This package includes a consent form and information for the COVID-19 vaccine.

**To have your child immunized at school:**

- read this information package
- print the consent form and sign it

The consent form must be completed by a parent or guardian. Your child will not be immunized at school without your consent (permission).

**On the consent form:**

- Complete your child's personal information.
- Complete your child's health information.
- Sign and date the consent form. Return the form to the school no later than 1 week after school starts.

**Call your school's public health nurse if your child:**

- has had a severe side effect to an immunization in the past
- has any changes to their health before getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- gets another vaccine in the 14 days before immunizations will be provided at your school

If you agree to the immunization, your consent means that your child will get a **dose** of the COVID-19 vaccine. If the consent form is not returned, your child will not be immunized at their school.

Care after immunization information will be given to your child after they are immunized. Please review this information with your child.

Only one dose of vaccine will be given in school. If your child needs another dose, COVID-19 immunizations can be booked online at [ahs.ca/vaccine](https://ahs.ca/vaccine) or by contacting Health Link at 811.

**If you do not wish to have your child immunized:**

- **do not** sign the consent form
- **do not** return the consent form

If you agree to the immunization but later change your mind, please call your school's public health nurse to let them know.

If you have any questions or need more information, call your [local public health office](#) or 811.

Sincerely,

Alberta Health Services, Public Health  
August 16, 2021

To have your child immunized at school for COVID-19, please **read the attached COVID-19 vaccine information sheet, complete this form, and return it** to your child's school. NOTE: this form must be completed by a parent or guardian.

Child's personal information		
Child's Name ( <i>Last, First, Middle</i> )	Date of Birth ( <i>dd-Mon-yyyy</i> )	
Personal Health Number (PHN)	Gender	
School	Grade	Client/Unit ID # ( <i>For Office Use Only</i> )
Child's health information ( <i>If you need more space, use the other side of this form.</i> )		
Does your child have any allergies, including allergies to any vaccine, medicine, or food? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, describe _____		
Has your child had a COVID-19 vaccine before? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, when _____		
Has your child ever had a side effect from COVID-19 immunization? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, describe _____		
Consent		
<p>I confirm that I have read the attached COVID-19 vaccine information. I know about and understand the risks, benefits, and common side effects of this vaccine. Any questions I may have had about my child getting this vaccine have been answered by calling the local public health office or Health Link at 811. I understand the information I have been given.</p> <p>I understand this consent is for a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. I will contact the local public health office or the nurse for the school if my child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has any changes to their health before getting the COVID-19 vaccine</li> <li>• gets another vaccine in the 14 days before they get the COVID-19 vaccine</li> <li>• has a severe or unusual side effect after the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (other than the expected side effects listed on the COVID-19 vaccine information sheet)</li> </ul> <p>I consent to my child getting thePfizer-BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>I understand that I may withdraw this consent at any time by calling the local public health office or the nurse for the school.</p> <p>I confirm that I have the legal authority to consent to this immunization.</p>		
Printed name of person giving consent	Daytime phone	Other phone
Relationship to person <input type="checkbox"/> Parent (with legal authority to consent) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Signature of person giving consent		Date (dd-Mon-yyyy)

Alberta Health Services collects health information according to Section 20 of the Health Information Act (HIA). This information is used to provide health services, determine eligibility for health services, or to carry out any other purpose authorized by the HIA. If you have any questions about this, please ask the healthcare provider giving the immunization or contact your local public health office. If you do not know your local public health office, call Health Link at 811 to get this information.



# **FIRE DRILLS** lights on, doors closed and locked



## **Fire drill procedures:**

- Fire alarm is sounded
- Exit with your group and teacher through the assigned evacuation exits OR the closest SAFEST exit.
- Go to your assigned muster point. Stay in your group with your teacher until the drill is over.
- If you are not in the building when the fire alarm sounds, go to the Visitor Parking lot (south side of the gym entrance).

# **LOCK DOWN DRILLS** lights off, doors closed and locked

## **Lock down procedures:**

- A voice/alarm indicating "Emergency lock down NOW" is sounded
- All students are to go to the closest classroom with a teacher present
- Keep out of sight of windows, take cover under desks and remain on the floor until further instructions are given or drill is over.
- Students/staff not in the building when the alarm is sounded are to go to the Wainwright Health Center and remain in the main entrance foyer until the drill is over, (School will contact the Hospital).

# **SCHOOL EVACUATIONS**

## **Should we need to evacuate:**

- Announcement will be made that we are going into a FULL School Evacuation.
- Same evacuation procedures for fire are to be followed. The exception is that all students and staff are to go to their Muster Points and then walk to the Communiplex. Proceed to the hall #1 and wait for further instruction.



wainwrightonwellness



[Wainwright on Wellness](#)



[Wainwright on Wellness Facebook - Home](#)



[Wainwright on Wellness Instagram - Home](#)

**Wainwright on Wellness (WOW)** is a program funded by Alberta Services as part of the *Mental Health Capacity Building Initiative (MHCB)* to provide programming and support to students, schools, families and communities in building their mental health and wellness capacity.

*Please click on above links for additional online prevention and promotion support*



## School Council Dates

Please join us **VIRTUALLY** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month!

The meeting schedule is **TBD**

For more information, please contact Jason Dahlgren, School Council President at [councilwhs@gmail.com](mailto:councilwhs@gmail.com)



**Habitat for Humanity Edmonton**

**Habitat's affordable home ownership program**

Would you like to become a homeowner in Wainwright?

Your family may qualify if...

- Your annual gross income is between \$35,000 and \$65,000
- You have children under the age of 18 living at home
- You are willing to volunteer 500 hours
- You are a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

For more information, please contact Carley at (780) 842-3381. [HFH.org](http://HFH.org)



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# 2021-2022 BTPS SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
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LEGEND	
<span style="color: green;">■</span> Holiday	<span style="color: orange;">■</span> Day-in-Lieu
<span style="color: purple;">■</span> Self Directed Teacher Day	<span style="color: red;">■</span> Celebration Day
<span style="color: pink;">■</span> School Based PL	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Convention / ATA PL Day
<span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> BTPS Learning Day	<span style="color: grey;">●</span> First Student Day of Semester
<span style="color: brown;">■</span> Central Office Closed	

The first day for students is **September 1, 2021**. **February 2, 2022** is the first day of Term 2. **June 29, 2022** is the last day of school for students.

**Please be reminded that when inclement weather does not allow us to operate our buses, schools will be open, classes are occurring and student learning continues. As with any absence, students who miss material will be provided with an opportunity to receive instructional material through an alternate means or catch up on missed school work upon return to school**

Students are required to be in attendance until the last day of school as identified by the BTPS Board Approved Calendar. Final exams at the Grade 7 to 9 level will occur during the last five student days each semester. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur. Final exams in diploma courses will occur as described in the Alberta Education Diploma exam schedule ([www.education.alberta.ca](http://www.education.alberta.ca)) and submission of marks will occur the day the diploma marks are due to Alberta Ed. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur.

The 2021-2022 school calendar provides for instructional time for students that exceeds the requirements set by Alberta Education for instructional hours at the Grade 1-9 levels of 950 hours and at the Grade 10-12 levels for 1000 hours. The total student days in this year's calendar equals 181 days.

## STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DATES

August 2	Heritage Day
August 26	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 27	BTPS Learning Day
August 30	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 31	School Based PL
September 6	Labour Day
October 8	Celebration Day
October 11	Thanksgiving Day
October 22	School Based PL & Support Staff PL
November 8	School Based PL
November 9	ATA Professional
November 10	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)

Dec 20 - 31	Christmas Break
January 31	Self Directed Teacher Day
February 1	School Based PL
February 17 & 18	ATA Teachers' Convention
February 21	Family Day
March 4	BTPS Learning Day
April 15	Good Friday
April 18 - 22	Easter Break
May 6	School Based PL
May 19	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
May 20	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)
May 23	Victoria Day
June 30	Self Directed Teacher Day

\*\* Central Office Closure will be July 18th - July 29th, 2022

# Inspiration

Inspiration is more than a poster on the wall with a sage quote from anonymous. Inspiration is work that we are all dedicated to do in an environment of learning. Here at WHS, we believe that:

- All Students **can learn** at high levels.
- Learning is a **collective responsibility** to ensure all students achieve their fullest potential.
- Educating the **whole child** is vitally important.
- Providing a **safe and caring** place for staff, students and stakeholders builds positive relationships.
- **Flexibility** in programming supports success.
- **Assessment** for, and of learning needs to guide instruction.

## RESPECT

An attitude of honoring oneself and others through our words and actions. Treating every person with dignity and courtesy.

~From the Virtues Project~



## WHAT'S NEW AT WHS?

We'd like to Welcome Mrs. Gingrich to our team!

Wainwright High School is excited to have such a talented, dedicated, and enthusiastic teacher who is able to continue our band program.

"I'm really excited to be here! The kids have so much potential, and I'm very happy to be able to show them that!"



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