



August 30, 2011

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Medicine Hat, Alberta
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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school! The start of a new school year always brings a multitude of feelings...excitement, nervousness, possibility. Please be encouraged that our staff has been hard at work for a number of days preparing for your children. We are looking forward to a productive and rewarding year ahead.

Last year, we said goodbye to Ms. Weeks as she began a new job as principal of Elm Street School. We wish her well in this new opportunity for her. This year, we say hello to Miss Shipley, who has recently moved from Ross Glen School to become the vice-principal. She will be teaching the Grade 4/5 class. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself.

September Highlights

Sept. 12

- * Meet the Teacher Night (6:30 p.m.)
- * Annual General Meeting for School Advisory Council (7:00 p.m.)

Sept 12-16

- * Bottle Drive Week

Sept. 16

- * PD Day (No School)

Sept. 19-23

- * Cat IV Testing

Sept. 21

- * Terrific Kids Assembly

Sept.28

- * No PDP Classes

Sept. 30

- * Spirit Day
 - o Sports Star Day

The beginning of the year always is a flurry of paperwork. It is important that you take the time to read through the letters and respond accordingly. Please take the time to read through the School Handbook as there have been changes to last year's handbook.

If you are new to this school, we would love to meet you as well. Stop by the office and book an appointment.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year for our students!

As your child sets out for school this year, we encourage you to share in their journey. Elementary school can be a very rewarding and positive experience for all when we work together as partners in the educational experience. Learning may begin in the classroom, but it should never end there. Parents, talk with your child, share in their natural curiosity as their minds are opened to many new and wondrous things.

As you tour Southview, you will notice a few new faces that we have added to our Southview family this year.

Please remember that we are a **Peanut and Nut Aware School** when packing your lunches. Peanut butter **cannot** be consumed at school. We have several children with severe allergies and we would appreciate your cooperation.

School Arrival & Dismissal Times

8:40-12:10	Morning Session
12:10-12:56	Lunch
12:56-3:00	Afternoon Session

Check out what Southview has to offer....



Instructional Material Fees

Instructional Material Fees for the 2011-2012 year are as follows:

Kindergarten fees: \$110

- \$50 Instructional materials
- \$60 Funding for nutritional programs, field trips, etc...

Grades 1 through 6 students: \$100.00

- \$100 Resource texts and other supplies

All instructional material fees are payable by **September 30th**.

Please visit the office to pay fees.

Out of School Care

Does your child need supervision before or after school? Southview Community School offers an excellent supervised program that is sure to meet your needs. Supervision is available from 7:00 a.m. until classes begin and from dismissal to 5:30 p.m. If this meets your need, please come in to the office and register for our programs.

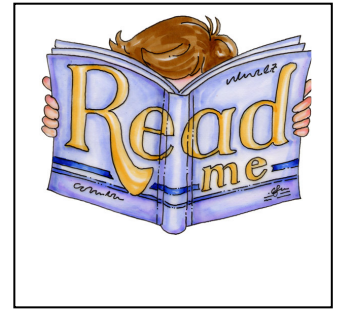
This year, we have had a change of staffing. Our After School Supervisor is Mrs. Skryp and our Before School Supervisor is Mrs. Taylor. At the end of last term, Mrs. Statham accepted a position at a



different school for the upcoming year. She will certainly be missed, but we wish her well in her new assignment.

Details for this program are included in our Student Handbook which will be sent home during the first week of classes. A registration form must be completed prior to entering the program and a registration fee of \$10.00 will be collected at that time. The cost of the program is \$4.00 per hour for the first child registered. Each child thereafter is charged \$3.00 per hour.

- School Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 4.
- Parent volunteers are always welcome on this day and the extra help is greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist, please contact the office.



Hot Lunch Program

Every Tuesday, starting September 6th, Grade Sixes will be selling hot dog lunches. For \$3, students will receive a hot dog, a snack, and a juice. Students who wish to have a hot dog lunch are asked to give their money to their homeroom teacher Tuesday mornings. Proceeds go to the Grade Six Outdoor Education Program.

School Advisory Council

Annual General Meeting

School Advisory Council meets regularly in the school library and all are welcome to attend. Dates of meetings will be decided at the Annual General Meeting on September 12th.

Questions or comments? Feel free to contact the school and we will have a member return your call: (403) 526-4495.

Supervision

For safety reasons, children are not allowed to be in their classrooms until the first bell rings in the morning. There will be teacher supervision outside starting at 8:25. **Any children before 8:25 a.m. must attend the Out of School Care Program, if registered.**

All children are expected to be outside, weather permitting, until 8:35 a.m. Please dress appropriately for the weather.



Please remember to call in and let the school know if your child will be absent for any reason.

(403) 526-4495

Ext. 5801

Bottle Drive

We are trying something new for fundraising this year. We are breaking our fundraising efforts into smaller events, rather than one large effort. One of the first events takes place the week of September 12th through the 16th. Southview Community School will be hosting a week of bottle and can collection. Each day, we will be collecting, sorting, and returning bottles collected from local families and the communities. All monies collected will go to supporting classroom activities such as field trip transportation and admission costs.

If you have any bottles or cans you would like to donate, helpers will be positioned by the entrance to assist with the collection. Bottles can be dropped off in the

Kindergarten playground to the left of the front doors. Collection times are as follows:

8:25 a.m. 12:50 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

Please contact the school office if you are unable to make the scheduled collection times. Alternate arrangements can be made.

If you are able to help with either the initial collection or the sorting and returning process, please contact the office. All help is appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support with this opportunity!



Celebrate Savings!

Southview is also participating in a second fundraising effort that we are thrilled to take part in. We will be selling the 2011-2012 SUTP Coupon Book that includes offers from businesses in the Medicine Hat and area, including coupons from M&M Meat Shops, Mc Donald's, Dairy Queen, and the Co-op. There is surely something for everyone.

With the sale of each book, \$10.00 less GST of the \$20.00 purchase price stays in the school, so your purchase is mutually beneficial with many savings opportunities contained within. Don't forget to ask your friends and family as it makes a great gift.

Parking

We would appreciate it if parents would park on the street to pick up their children. Please use the back doors off the playground area to sign in at the office and pick up your child. Please remember that parking is prohibited in the bus zone. Parking in this spot could result in fines. Finally, please remember that the handicapped zones are reserved for those in need. This parking is prohibited to those without the proper signage.

A Reminder to Bikers

Bicycle racks are provided for those who ride their bicycles to school. All bicycles must be placed in the racks and locked up to ensure their safety. There have been a number of bicycle thefts from school playgrounds in Medicine Hat so locks are mandatory.

School Website

Communication with our parents is a priority at our school. One of the vehicles of communication we offer is our school website. The website will be updates regularly and will include school information, upcoming news, monthly calendar items, and much more. We encourage all parents to visit our site to see what we have to offer. The address is:

www.southviewschool.ca

Did you know?

Did you know that you can sign up on our website for an electronic version of our school newsletter?

Located on the bottom right-hand side of our home page, parents, students, and community members can subscribe to receive their individual copy or view past newsletters. If you need any assistance, please contact Miss Shipley or Mrs. Ziel.



Check us out!



A Note from Your Local Police

Near the end of the 2011 school year, the Medicine Hat Police Service received numerous complaints about traffic violations occurring around area schools. The purpose of this letter is to remind parents / guardians of the importance in practicing safe driving habits in these areas to ensure the safety of the children and other users of the roadways.

The Service will be increasing enforcement of all traffic and parking laws in the area with a zero tolerance approach to infractions. Officers will be monitoring crosswalks, parking and speed in school and playground zones throughout the city.

To keep children safe, motorists should do the following:

- Use caution when approaching intersections or mid-block crosswalks. Parked or stopped vehicles may hide pedestrians trying to cross the road. The fine for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk or passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk is \$575 and four demerit points.
- Watch for the school safety patrol in their orange vests and stop as directed. Patrollers play a vital role in directing the children safely across the street.
- Bus safety is also important. Watch for alternating flashing amber lights which indicate that the bus is slowing down to a stop. Be prepared to do the same.
- Obey all posted parking signs. Do not park where it is prohibited, for example designated bus and staff parking areas. Double parked vehicles (parked on the street side of a parked vehicle) create a significant safety hazard preventing other children and other drivers from seeing students crossing the road. Parking fines range from \$50 to \$500. For more information about parking regulations and associated fines please visit the MHPS website at www.medicinehatpolice.com and review the City of Medicine Hat Traffic Bylaw 2434.

Please also be reminded that while school zone speed limits are in effect from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm ALL school zones throughout the city are also considered playground zones where the 30 km/hr speed limits are in effect from 8:30 am until one hour after sunset.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly at 403-529-8471 or by email at gersad@medicinehat.ca.


Regards,

Sgt. Gerald Sadlemyer
Supervisor i/c Traffic Unit

VIOLATIONS	FINE
Park on private property*	\$50
Park within 5 meters of intersection	\$57
Park within 5 meters of fire hydrant	\$57
Park within 1.5 meters of alley	\$57
Park within 5 meters of a yield/stop sign	\$57
Park within 1.5 meters of a private driveway	\$57
Park facing the wrong way/ on the wrong side of the street	\$57
Double park (park on street side of parked vehicle)	\$57
Park within 5 meters of a cross walk	\$57
Park on sidewalk	\$57
Park where prohibited by sign (no parking zone)	\$57
Park in handicapped zone	\$100

*Private property includes parking in staff/teacher designated areas

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 THEME: New Beginnings						
4	5 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	6 Hot Dog Day	7	8	9	10
11	12 Annual General Meeting for School Advisory Council PM <u>Meet the Teacher Night</u> Bottle Drive Week	13 Hot Dog Day	14	15	16 Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL (School PLC) <u>Staff Meeting (pm)</u> Bottle Drive Week	17
18	19 CAT IV Testing	20 CAT IV Testing Hot Dog Day	21 Terrific Kids <u>Assembly 1:00 pm</u> <u>One-to-One Working Session @ Elm St.</u> 3:30 to 5:30 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Hot Dog Day	28 NO PDP Class (Teacher PD Day)	29	30	SPRIT DAY