

August 25 - September 5

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BE A DRAGON.

Belong

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SAID, PEOPLE WILL FORGET  
WHAT WE DID, BUT PEOPLE WILL  
NEVER FORGET HOW WE MADE  
THEM FEEL.

WE ARE CURIOUS, NOT  
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Welcome back to our returning families and a hello to our new ones!

We hope you had a great summer and found time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time together. We're excited to welcome everyone back to Red Deer Lake School for the 2025–26 school year!

Staff have been busy getting classrooms ready, planning for the year ahead, and making sure everything is in place for a smooth and positive start. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're glad to have you as part of our school community.

We're looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones as we kick off another year of learning, growing, and building strong connections.

You can expect an email every Friday previewing the upcoming two weeks, plus any important information we need to share with families. Please peruse at your leisure and reach out if you have questions!

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Our Team: 2025/2026

**Full Time Kindergarten:**

Ms. Ozimko

**Part Time Kindergarten:**

Ms. Kaminer

**Grade One:**

Mr. Merkl and Ms. Dowson

**Grade Two:**

Ms. Hinton and Ms. Bilotta

**Grade Three:**

Ms. Anderson and Mme Timmons

**Grade Four:**

Ms. Lowes and Ms. LJ

**Grade Five:**

Ms. Schuster and Ms. Dixon

**Grade Six:**

Ms. Van Horne and Ms. Penney

**Junior High Social Studies**

**Grade 7 Homeroom**

Mr. Borko

**Physical Education and Athletics**

**Grade 7 Homeroom**

Mr. Wooldridge and Ms. Sheen

Our Team: 2025/2026

**K-9 Music and Band**

**Grade 8 Homeroom**

Mr. Hibbard

**Junior High Math**

**Grade 8 Homeroom**

Ms. Muir

**Junior High ELA**

**Grade 9 Homeroom**

Ms. Hamid

**Junior High Science**

**Grade 9 Homeroom**

Mr. Dubs

**Learning Coaches**

Ms. Skory and Ms. Williams

Ms. Copeland joining in January 2026

**Learning Commons Facilitator**

Ms. Beacom

**Educational Assistants**

Ms. Clowe, Ms. Svetlana, Ms. Kitchen, Ms.

Henkel, Ms. Hall, and Ms. Rawson

**Secretary**

Ms. Walsh

**Vice Principal**

Ms. Burrows

**Principal**

Mr. Flintoft



YOU ARE INVITED TO RDL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL'S

## WELCOME BACK BBQ

SEPT 4, 2025

WELCOME & MEET THE STAFF IN THE  
GYM- 5:15PM

DINNER OUTSIDE- 5:30-6:30PM

### RDL Back-to-School BBQ

We're kicking off the new school year with food, fun, and community spirit!

**Thursday, Sept 4, 2025**

**Gym @ 5:15 PM** – Principal's welcome + meet our amazing staff

**BBQ @ 5:30–6:30 PM (outside)** – come hungry!



**BONUS:** Kona Ice is back for the 3rd year in a row!

We're also looking for a few awesome **volunteers to help make the event a success**. If you're able to help, please sign up here: **[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)**

We can't wait to see everyone there!

In an effort to ensure our division is properly staffed with teachers, our office administrator - Ms. Tucker - has moved to a divisional position.

Ms. Walsh and Mr. Flintoft are still 'learning the ropes' of how to complete payments, administer fees, and other Edsempi questions; however, we are fast learners! Please reach out when you have questions and we will figure it out together!

School Supply Lists can be found [here](#)

Monday, August 25	Tuesday, August 26	Wednesday, August 27	Thursday, August 28	Friday, August 29
Summer Vacation - No School for Students				OPTIONAL Open House from 2:00 - 3:30. Come see the school and your classrooms!
Monday, September 1	Tuesday, September 2	Wednesday, September 3	Thursday, September 4	Friday, September 5
Labour Day  No School for Students	Day #0 First Day of School for all 1 - 9 Students Bell goes @ 8:25  Staggered Start for Kindergarten	Day #1 Staggered Start for Kindergarten	Day #2 Staggered Start for Kindergarten  Welcome Back BBQ! Meet in the gym @ 5:15 with dinner outside at 5:30!	Day #3 Staggered Start for Kindergarten

# Bell Times and Calendar for 2025/2026

	End Time	Elementary	Junior High
8:25	8:35	Homeroom	
8:35	9:20	Period 1	
9:20	10:05	Period 2	
10:05	10:20	Nutrition Break	
10:20	11:05	Period 3	
11:05	11:50	Period 4	
11:50	12:20	1st Recess	
12:20	12:40	Lunch	
12:40	1:25	Period 5	
1:25	1:55	2nd Recess	FLEX
1:55	2:40	Period 6	
2:40	3:25	Period 7	



## 2025-2026 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

Schools are closed on gray shaded days

Aug 15 Edsembl: Student Timetables & Homerooms available

Aug 22 Schools open for registration

Aug 25-29 Non-Instructional Days

Aug 29 Student Transition Day

Sep. 1 Labour Day

Sep. 2 Semester 1 Begins

Sep. 19 Non-Instructional Day

Sep. 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Oct. 13 Thanksgiving

Oct. 24 Non-Instructional Day

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day

Nov. 10-14 Fall Break

Nov. 3-7 & 17-21 Learner Conferences reporting period 1

Nov. 24 Non-Instructional Day

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Winter Break

Jan. 23 Non-Instructional Day Elem. & Junior High

Jan. 28 Semester 2 Begins

Feb. 2-13 Learner Profiles Reporting Period 1

Feb. 16 Family Day

Feb. 17 School Closed

Feb. 18 Non-Instructional Day

Feb. 19-20 Teacher's Convention

Mar. 16 Non-Instructional Day

Mar. 30-Apr. 6 Spring Break

Apr. 3 Good Friday

Apr. 6 Easter Monday

Apr. 13-24 Learner Conferences Reporting Period 2

Apr. 24 Non-Instructional Day

May 15 Non-Instructional Day

May 18 Victoria Day

Jun. 25 Last day of school for students

Jun. 26 Non-Instructional Day

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## PARENT GUIDE TO ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

### Multiple Modes of Assessment



- Quality assessment and evaluation are crucial for improving student learning.
- Ongoing research-based assessment and reporting can guide teachers in adjusting instruction, monitoring progress, providing effective feedback, and assessing student learning.
- Collaboration between parents, educators, and students is also important for student success.

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## GRADE LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

### Grades K - 8

Levels of Achievement are the scores teachers in kindergarten through to grade 8 use to indicate a student's level of performance, in relation to the grade level outcomes in the Alberta Curriculum. This is a 5-point system.

1

Student is not yet demonstrating knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alberta Curriculum.

2

Student is demonstrating partial knowledge and skills and is approaching an understanding of the concepts as outlined in the Alberta Curriculum.

3

Student is demonstrating satisfactory knowledge and skills and is developing an understanding with general application of the concepts as outlined in the Alberta Curriculum.

4

Student is demonstrating substantial knowledge and skills and shows comprehensive understanding with relevant application of the concepts as outlined in the Alberta Curriculum.

5

Student is demonstrating extensive knowledge and skills and shows a depth of understanding with thorough application of the concepts as outlined in the Alberta Curriculum.



### Grades 9 - 12

Grade levels of achievement for students in grades 9 through 12 are percentage-based; however, teachers will communicate how these grades are determined for each class.