

December 23 - January 17

BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

BE A DRAGON.

Belong

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

WE ARE CURIOUS, NOT JUDGMENTAL

Believe

WE ARE BRAVER THAN WE BELIEVE, STRONGER THAN WE SEEM, AND SMARTER THAN WE THINK.

NOT ALL THOSE WHO WANDER ARE LOST

Become

THE ONLY PERSON WE ARE DESTINED TO BECOME IS THE PERSON WE DECIDE TO BE.



Thank you for your generosity towards the 'Magic of Christmas'!

December 23 - January 3
Winter Break: No School

Monday January 6	Tuesday, January 7	Wednesday, January 8	Thursday, January 9	Friday, January 10
Hot Lunch: Edo	Hot Lunch: Holy Grill			Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs
Day #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Girls Basketball (Before School) Senior Girls and Boys Basketball (After School) 	Day #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Boys Basketball (Before School) PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 Senior Basketball (After School) 	Day #5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Boys Basketball (Before School) PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 Recycling Club! Grade 3, 4, 5 Choir from 1:25 - 1:55 Junior Basketball (After School) 	Day #6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Girls Basketball (Before School) PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 Chess Club Junior Basketball (After School) Dungeons and Dragons Club (After School) 	Day #1 <p>Wear your Dragon SWAG!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Basketball in Cardston
Monday January 13	Tuesday, January 14	Wednesday, January 15	Thursday, January 16	Friday, January 17
Hot Lunch: Little Caesars		Hot Lunch: Subway		Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs
Day #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Girls Basketball (Before School) Senior Girls and Boys Basketball (After School) 	Day #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Boys Basketball (Before School) Grade 9 Vaccination Catch-Up PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 School Council Meeting @ 7:00 in the Learning Commons Senior Basketball (After School) 	Day #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Boys Basketball (Before School) PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 Recycling Club! Grade 3, 4, 5 Choir from 1:25 - 1:55 Junior Basketball (After School) 	Day #5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Girls Basketball (Before School) PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 Comic Club! Junior Basketball (After School) Dungeons and Dragons Club (After School) 	Day #6 <p>Wear your Dragon SWAG!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Basketball Tournament Chess Club

Kindergarten Registration/Open House: January 29th @7:00

Dear Parents,

The hot lunch ordering system is now open for January and February orders! Please carefully review the important information below to ensure a smooth ordering process:

Payment Information:

- **CASH or CHEQUE** payments: Accepted until **December 20, 2024**.
- **E-transfer** payment: Available until **January 3, 2025**.
 - Send to **rdlcounciltreasurer@gmail.com** (no password necessary).
 - **Include your family name in the notes section** of the transfer.
- **Unfortunately, late payments cannot be processed.** Orders not paid by **January 3, 2025** will be cancelled.

Hot Lunch Information!

Order Online:

<https://rdl.hotlunches.net/>

Access Code:

Use **RDLWINTER2025HL** to place your orders.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to providing delicious hot lunches in the new year!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

RDL School Council

Good afternoon,

We hope this message finds you well during this busy time of year.

SWAG Update!

We want to provide you with an update regarding the recent school swag orders. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Canada Post strike, our shipment of Dragon Swag has been severely delayed. **Despite our best efforts, we will not have the orders ready for pick up tomorrow (December 18) and it is unlikely that the items will be ready for pick-up before the last day of school on December 20.**

We are truly sorry for this unexpected situation. We understand how disappointing this may be, especially for those planning to give the swag items as Christmas gifts. While this delay is out of our control, we want to do everything possible to make it right:

1. **Swag Vouchers** – We have attached a digital voucher that you can print and give to your children or loved ones if their swag items were intended as gifts.
2. **Refund Option** – For anyone who would like to cancel their order due to this delay, we are happy to offer a full refund. Please reply to this email by Friday, December 20 to process your request.

We are still working hard to get the swag orders to you as soon as possible and will keep you updated on their arrival and any potential pick-up dates.

Thank you so much for your patience, understanding, and continued support. We appreciate your understanding during this unexpected challenge.

Warm regards,

RDL School Council

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



Information that our School Council asked us to share regarding what to do when you have questions!

FOR OPINIONS, ASK FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR MAKE A RESPECTFUL POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

FOR FACTS AND RESOURCES TO ANSWER A QUESTION, GO TO THE SOURCE: DIVISION OR SCHOOL WEBSITES, SCHOOL PERSONNEL, OR DIVISION OFFICE.

Social media can be a wonderful communication tool, but it is not an effective way to get **factual answers** or **resolve concerns** about our students, staff members, or operations. Often, it can prolong the resolution process. When you have a question, concern, or feedback, please follow the steps within Administrative Procedure 151 - Parental/Guardian Complaints or Concerns and Dispute Resolution

LEARN MORE:

- **Administrative Procedure 151:** Parental/Guardian Complaints or Concerns and Dispute Resolution
- **Administrative Procedure 146:** Social Media Code of Conduct
- **Administrative Procedure: 170:** Bullying, Harassment, and Threatening Behaviour

HOW TO ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING A STUDENT OR LEARNING

Questions related to a Student:

- Achievement
- Behavioural/Social
- Environment
- Instructional

Class Environment

School Bus

Respectfully communicate with the Teacher

Respectfully communicate with the Bus Driver

If the concern is not resolved

Respectfully communicate with the Principal

If the concern is not resolved

Contact Division Office
Director of Education Partner Relations

Traffic @ Red Deer Lake



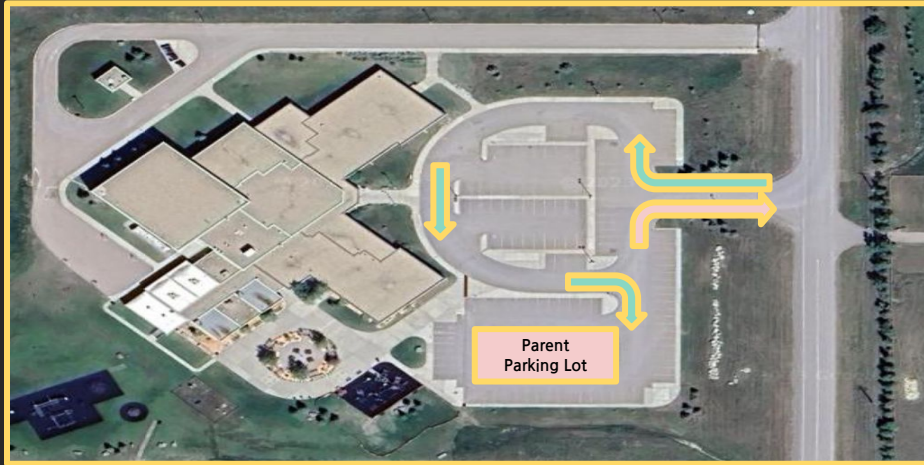
Thank you to all for reaching to to discuss the traffic on Stoney Trail. We are working with the country/City of Calgary regarding the lights as it appears that Tanbridge Academy's bell times have been changed to be closer to our arrival and dismissal bell, which has led to the increased congestion.

A few idea to alleviate this while we work through solutions.: You can always take 'Spruce Meadows Green' which is the road directly south of Stoney Trail / 22x which connects with James McKeivitt Way and Spruce Meadows Way.

Carpooling is another option to consider to help with the traffic.

As always, here to support and help!

Traffic and Parking at Red Deer Lake



A reminder that there is a 'one way' to enter the parking lot.
The parent parking lot is on the south end!



Had a parent who had close call at the top of the hill right off of Highway 22x and Tanbridge Academy. A friendly reminder that it is a three way stop!

Bell Times

	End Time	Elementary	Junior High
8:25	8:35	Mindfulness / Homeroom	
8:35	9:20	Period 1	
9:20	10:05	Period 2	
10:05	10:10	Nutrition Break	
10:10	10:55	Period 3	
10:55	11:40	Period 4	
11:40	12:10	1st Recess	
12:10	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	

USE OF MOBILE DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

WHAT ARE MOBILE AND SMART DEVICES?

Personal mobile and smart devices can be used to communicate with or access the internet. This includes a cell phone, tablet, laptop, or smartwatch, as well as their accessories, such as earbuds.

Other communication and internet-capable devices apply.



INSTRUCTIONAL VS. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TIME



Instructional Time is the time dedicated during the school day to teaching subject area and curricular content and that is supervised by a teacher or other member of the school staff team.

Non-Instructional Time is school designated time that includes the time before and after school, lunch, recess, or another school-designated break in instructional time.



EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT PERSONAL AND SMART DEVICES



Devices are powered off and stored out of view during instructional time*

Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12



Devices may be powered on and used during non-instructional time

Grade 7 - Grade 12



Devices are powered off and stored out of view during non-instructional time*

Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6



Social media sites are blocked on FSD Routers at all times

All school sites



Families may contact the School Office to relay urgent messages to a student. Students may utilize designated school phones to contact family members for urgent matters.

* Exemptions for personal mobile and smart device use for students with documented medical and/or assistive technology needs as outlined in AP 350. Families can work with school staff and administration to assure requisite exemptions are in place. Personal devices may be employed under direction of a teacher for academic use in grades 7 - 12.

For more information please see **Administrative Procedure 350 - Respect for All** in accordance with Ministerial Order #014/2024

The new provincial mandate regarding mobile devices does not change much for what we have been doing at Red Deer Lake. However, a few pieces of information regarding our context:

- **All Mobile and Smart devices are powered off and out of view from 8:15 - 3:35 at Red Deer Lake from K-9.** We have received incredible feedback in previous years that this has been beneficial to our student population.
- If you have a get a hold of your child, please phone the office. We promise to get them so you can chat!

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.

Foothills School Division Calendar: 2024/2025

2024 - 2025 Calendar (Approved by the Board January 31, 2024)

		M	T	W	T	F	Student Contact Days	Staff Days			M	T	W	T	F	Student Contact Days	Staff Days				
August					1	2	0	5								15	18				
		5	6	7	8	9							3	4	5			6	7		
		12	13	14	15	16							10	11	12			13	14		
		19	20	21	22	23							17	18	19			20	21		
	26	27	28	29	30				24	25	26	27	28								
September		2	3	4	5	6	18	19								19	21				
		9	10	11	12	13							3	4	5			6	7		
		16	17	18	19	20							10	11	12			13	14		
		23	24	25	26	27							17	18	19			20	21		
	30								24	25	26	27	28								
									31												
October				1	2	3	22	22								16	16				
		7	8	9	10	11							1	2	3			4			
		14	15	16	17	18							7	8	9			10	11		
		21	22	23	24	25							14	15	16			17	18		
	28	29	30	31					21	22	23	24	25								
									28	29	30										
November						1	15	16								20	21				
		4	5	6	7	8							5	6	7			8	9		
		11	12	13	14	15							12	13	14			15	16		
		18	19	20	21	22							19	20	21			22	23		
	25	26	27	28	29				26	27	28	29	30								
December							14	15								19/20	21				
		2	3	4	5	6							2	3	4			5	6		
		9	10	11	12	13							9	10	11			12	13		
		16	17	18	19	20							16	17	18			19	20		
	23	24	25	26	27				23	24	25	26	27								
	30	31							30	31											
January				1	2	3	19/20	20								88/89	97				
		6	7	8	9	10							6	7	8			9	10		
		13	14	15	16	17							13	14	15			16	17		
		20	21	22	23	24							20	21	22			23	24		
	27	28	29	30	31				27	28	29	30	31								
Semester 2																89/90	97				
TOTAL																177/179	194				

Student Transition Day – Aug 30
 First Day of School for All Students – Sept 3
 1st Day of 2nd Semester – Jan 29
 Last Day of School – June 27

- Statutory Day
- Fall/Winter/Spring Break
- Local Professional Learning Day
- Operations Day
- Divisional Learning Day

Local Professional Learning Day including Support Staff

- Schools Closed
- Elem./Jr. School PD
- Teachers' Convention