

June 23 - September 5

BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

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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For our current grade 6, 7, and 8 students,

Please complete the Complementary Course Selection Form by Monday, June 23 - this is the link [Google Form: RDL - Complementary Courses](#). Please note that course availability is subject to student enrollment. Additional sections or courses may be added based on student interest and scheduling feasibility. More information below:

At Red Deer Lake School, we are committed to providing rich, meaningful learning opportunities that spark student interest, develop real-world skills, and foster personal growth. One key way we do this in Grades 7–9 is through Career and Technology Foundations (CTF)—options or complementary courses - a dynamic Alberta Education program that allows students to explore interests and career pathways through hands-on learning.

We are excited to align our complementary course offerings with the Alberta CTF Program of Studies, which encourages students to:

- Explore personal interests and passions while making connections to potential careers.
- Plan, create, and communicate in response to challenges.
- Collaborate effectively and responsibly with others using technology and community resources

To ensure we are able to offer the most relevant and engaging experiences possible, **we ask all families to please complete the Complementary Course Selection Form by Monday, June 23** - please complete this [Google Form: RDL - Complementary Courses](#)

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- School Supply Information
- Please remember to register to take the bus! Bus - Transportation
- A reminder to please access your child's Edsembli account to pay for field trips that are coming up! Please and thanks!
- School Supply lists will be shared with families next week. ***Updated***
- Volunteer Ice Cream Social on June 23 @ 2:45 - 3:25 in the Learning Commons - invitations came via email.
- Elementary Sports Day: June 24th from 9:30 - 11:40
- Junior High Awards in the gymnasium: June 24th @ 1:45
- Talent Show in the gymnasium: June 25th @ 12:45
- <https://bit.ly/rdlyearbook25> - please navigate to this link to purchase a yearbook!

Friday, August 15

- Class lists shared on Edsembli.

Friday, August 29 - OPTIONAL

- Open House from 2:00 - 3:30. Come see the school and your classrooms!

Tuesday, September 2

- First day for all 1-9 students!
- Staggered start for Kindergarten

Thursday, September 4

- Welcome Back BBQ for all Red Deer Lake families!

2025/2026: Dates

Monday, June 23	Tuesday, June 24	Wednesday, June 25	Thursday, June 26	Friday, June 27
Day #4 Volunteer Ice Cream Social 2:45 - 3:25 Learning Commons Grade 5 to Heritage Park Grade 1 to Granary Road School Council Planning Meeting 2:00	Day #5 Junior High Awards 1:45 in the Gymnasium Elementary Sports Day 9:30 - 11:40 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 	Day #6 Talent Show 12:45 in the Gymnasium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 Recycling Club! 	Day #1 Grade 6, 7, 8, and 9 Callaway Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS - recess helpers - from 11:40 - 12:10 Dungeons and Dragons Club - after school 	Day #0 Last Day of School Full Day of School Learner Profiles available on Edsembli
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! Stay tuned for details!	Day #3 Staggered Start for Kindergarten

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Teaching Staff: 2025/2026

Full Time Kindergarten:

Ms. Ozimko

Part Time Kindergarten:

To Be Hired

Grade One:

Mr. Merkel 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

Learning Coaches

Ms. Skory and Ms. Williams

Teaching Staff: 2025/2026

Junior High Science

Grade 9 Homeroom

Mr. Dubs

Junior High Social Studies

Grade 7 Homeroom

Mr. Borko

Junior High Math

Grade 8 Homeroom

Ms. Muir

Junior High ELA

Grade 9 Homeroom

Ms. Hamid

Physical Education and Athletics

Grade 7 Homeroom

Mr. Wooldridge and Ms. Sheen

K-9 Music and Band

Grade 8 Homeroom

Mr. Hibbard

Vice Principal

Ms. Burrows

Principal

Mr. Flintoft

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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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.

