

Welcome to The Colt Connection!

Our bi-weekly newsletter that keeps you in the loop on key dates and exciting events happening around our school.

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY SCHOOL EVENT. PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE TAKEN AND POSTED PUBLICLY.

Friday September 18 – PD Day - No School

Wednesday September 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – No School

October 12 - Thanksgiving - No School

October 19 - PD Day - No School

November 6 - Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 7-15 - Break - No School



A Message
FROM ADMIN

Professional Learning for staff is very important and we thank our families for their understanding as we worked as a whole staff on Friday's PD Day. Topics for the day included a presentation on Trauma Informed Foundations and time to work as grade level teams to talk about all of our students, helping to plan lessons and provide support where pinch points were noted. We also met as a whole staff to firm up our Friday Colt Time planning looking at our attendance format and assessments for these end of week activities. The afternoon was focused on our Indigenous ways of learning as we joined Spitzee's staff at the Old Womens' Buffalo Jump, just south of High River. Jared Tailfeathers is a parent in our school and an educator of Blackfoot history. He spoke to the group about this history of the land, the people and the ways in which Buffalo were hunted and provisioned for life on the prairies. As with most PD Days, there was not enough time to get everything done but every minute of work with our colleagues is much appreciated.

Many of this year's activities are up and running now, in particular, school sports! Check the calendar to see what is happening and opportunities to try out for students from Gr 6 – 8. Not sure what is happening? Make sure you find the link to the School's Slides to know what is happening. It is a direct link to the daily slides. Call Ms. Merricks for details.

Finally, the new Student Handbook has been posted to our website. If you or your student have questions about anything school related, this is where you can find the facts.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the balloons next week!

Mr. Holmes and Mme Chantal

2026-2027 VERIFICATION FORMS

What is the difference between a Registration Form and an Annual Verification Form?

- A registration form is your application to attend a Foothills School Division school and is completed when you first enroll your child.

- A verification form is completed annually regardless of your child's registration date. This provides families and schools with the opportunity to review and confirm that student, parent/guardian, emergency contact, medical, and other important information is up to date. This process also allows families to review and update permissions and consents, including Student Public Recognition, FSD/School Emails, Sexual Health Education Opt-In, and understanding the Division's responsibilities under the Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) and how student information is collected and used as per the Access to Information Act (ATIA). The verification form is required each year regardless if your contact information has changed.

Action Required

Please complete a verification form for each FSD student in your family **before October 15, 2026**. Verification forms are accessed through the Edsembli Family Portal under "Student Forms" and are listed as "Verification Form – Current Student Only." Please review and update all information, permissions, and consents as required. One verification form is required per student.

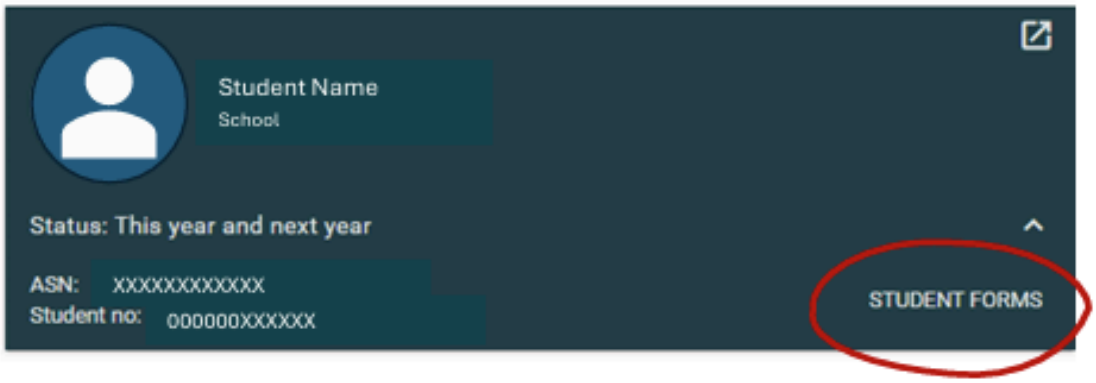
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Accessing the Verification Form on Edsembli

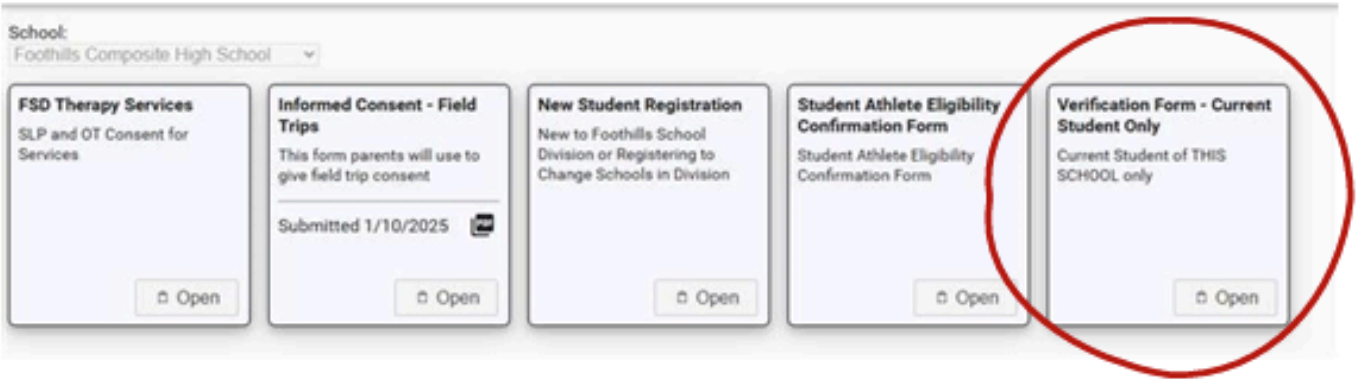
To access the form please go to:

1. Edsembli Family Portal
    a. Log in with your email
    b. Forgot your password? Enter your email, then “forgot password”
    c. Locked out? Contact your child’s school for a reset.

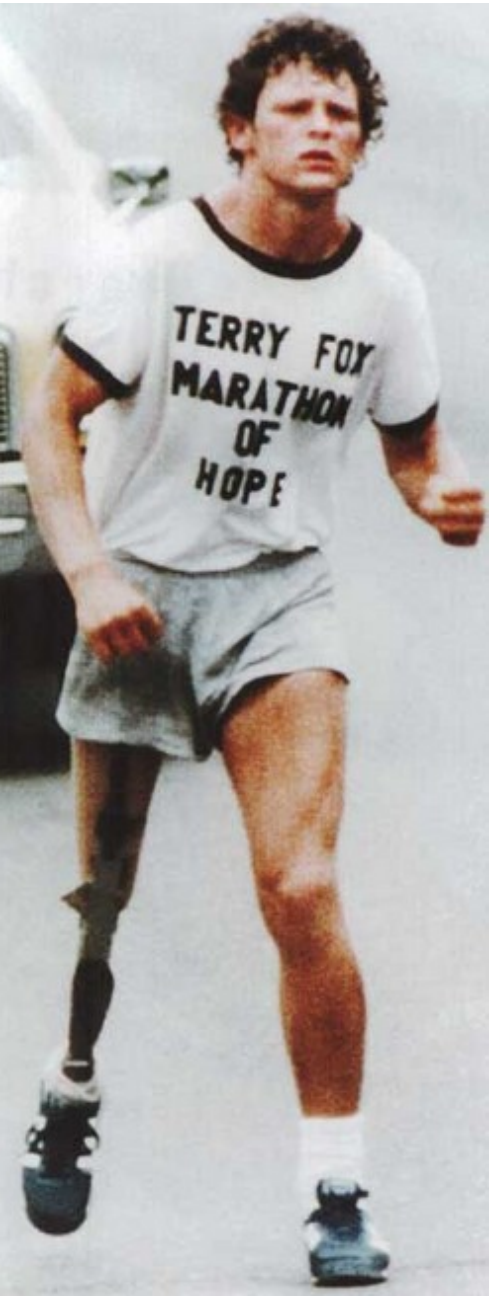
2. Go to: **Student Forms**



3. Go to: **Verification Form – Current Student Only**



4. Provide information for the student
    a. This is asked each year to ensure information is always current.
5. **Submit**
    a. You will receive an email notifying you of an online registration.
6. **Repeat for each child in a FSD school.**



TERRY FOX

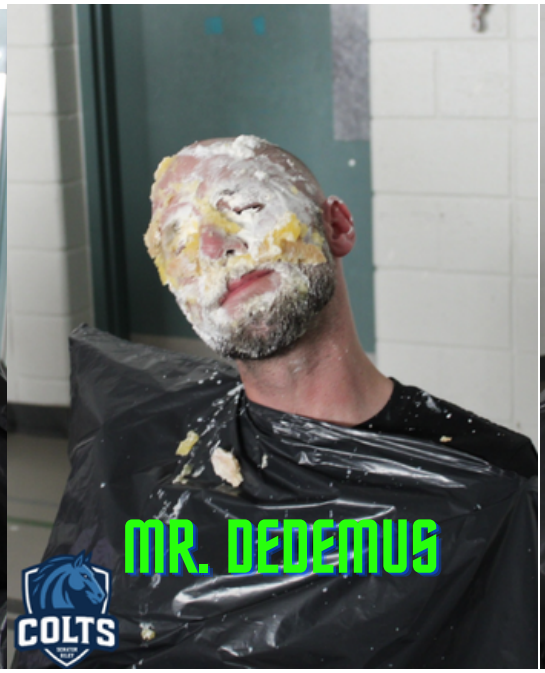
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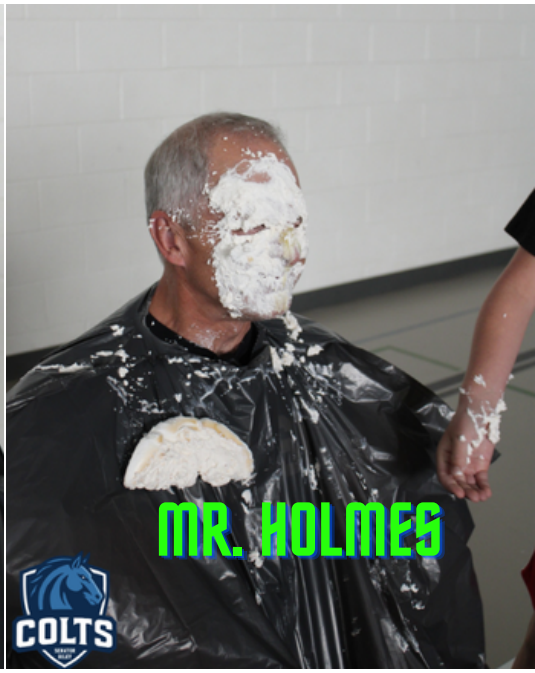
OVER $300 RAISED!!
THANK YOU SENATOR RILEY!!











IMPORTANT



Know Before You Ride:

UNDERSTANDING ALBERTA'S RULES & REGULATIONS FOR SMALL VEHICLES

The provincial government of Alberta has indicated that miniature vehicles are not permitted on highways, public roads, sidewalks or pathways. These include pocket bikes, electric scooters, personal transporters, hoverboards and electric e-dirt bikes.

Because miniature vehicles cannot be registered for use on Alberta roads. These vehicles may only be operated on private property unless otherwise authorized under provincial and municipal bylaws.

What does this mean for École Senator Riley?
No students are permitted to ride any e-scooters or e-bikes on school property.

Alberta

High River

COLTS SENATOR RILEY

For more information please visit the Town Of High River Website

https://highriver.ca/news/know-before-you-ride-understanding-albertas-rules-regulations-for-small-vehicles

Edsembli Parent Portal

- School fees, field trips and sports activities can be paid online via the Parent Portal!
- We still accept cash, cheque, debit, Visa, Mastercard at the school office.
- You will need to sign on as this will be a vital link to keeping track of all that happens this year.

If you can't get into the Parent Portal, please contact Ms. Merricks.

EDSEMBLI PORTAL - CLICK HERE



SCHOOL Fees

Some school fees are now available in Edsembli. Fees for optional classes, sports teams, and PE gym strip shirts have not yet been added. An email will be sent to families as soon as these fees are available for payment.

Morning Announcements

Check out our morning announcements for updates on events, fun activities and much more. Click the link below or visit the news tab on our website.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS ESRMS - GOOGLE SLIDES

The Foothills School Division Footnotes is a monthly synthesis to connect how the governance work of the Board of Trustees positively impacts student engagement, support, and success, and places education at the centre of a flourishing community. Learn more by clicking the link below

Foothills SCHOOL DIVISION

Footnotes

Foothills School Division Monthly Newsletter

Please take a moment to review our School Council minutes from this month.
Do you have ideas or questions about where our school council funding goes? Please come to our monthly meetings in person and online via teams.

Click this link to view our most recent and past meeting minutes.

School Council Minutes

School Council



This year, the ÉSRMS School Council finds itself in an unusual predicament. All of our council members and members at large have “graduated” or moved on with their own students and we have no one on our School Council board.

The School Council is a guide and sounding block for Administration and the school. As well, School Council coordinates programs such as the hot lunch program, which is a parent favourite through the year. Whether you knew it or not, if you have a child in our school, you are already a voice for our school council.

The School Act states that “schools are required to have a school council” so we need a minimum of 5 individuals to help make this happen.



This would include:

A Chair or Co-chairs

A Secretary

A Treasurer

Members at large or classroom reps

Last year, our **School Council directed over $75 000** in supports to programs and expenses into our school. Without this money, replenishing of our Chromebooks, finding support for our programs, bussing for field trips, etc. would be sorrily missed. To add to that, we have another Casino scheduled for this fall. That infusion of money will impact your child directly over the next three year.

Our outgoing parent team will guide you and give you the supports to handle the roles required to make the year successful and to have fun while doing it! If you have been part of School Council before OR want to try it for the first time, please let us know. Remember, if we don’t have an active School Council, our kids will lose out!

Email us! **ERSMSschoolcouncil@gmail.com**

2026 / 2027 Colt Merch/Spirit Wear

Ordering is available now At Fly's etc.

VISIT IN STORE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
811 Centre St SE
High River, AB
T1V 2C2

403-601-6120
flysetc@gmail.com



2026/2027 Merch/Spirit Wear Catalogue

https://media.foothillsschooldivision.ca/media/Default/medialib/2026-27-merch-catalogue.3bfc7e27874.pdf



September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

High River Library is all about providing you free access to information, resources, technology and more. This month is the perfect time to sign up for a free library card and to take advantage of everything we have to offer. Visit staff at the desk to sign up, or visit highriverlibrary.ca/cards to learn more.

ÉSRMS
FUNDRAISING



The ESRMS Fund Raising Society's 2026 Casino is scheduled for November 27 & 28, 2026. (A Friday and Saturday which is awesome)

Volunteer sign up link is https://signup.com/go/GuhisFD

Volunteers must be over 18 and bring photo ID to their shift.
Please share with friends and family.

Interested in Volunteering for field trips during the 2026/2027 school year?

Please ask Ms. Merricks for a volunteer package.
This will include a letter for a criminal record vulnerable sector check at no cost to you.