

August 24 - September 4

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.

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 2026-2027 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!

A few notes:

- We have a portable being installed on the far West End of the school. Please provide a wide berth if you are playing before/after school. All materials for the portable should be removed by Monday, September 15 at the latest.
- Ms. Lowes' class will be affected by this construction as her classroom is housing much of the materials for the installation. Ms. Lowe's classroom will go in and out of the north entrance, and will be utilizing another classroom for the first week or two.
- Please see slide #4 for for class doors for your use!
- There will be a 'Welcome to Your Homeroom' email coming your way early next week; however, you can view your child(ren)'s homeroom through your Edsempi account.
- **For our 'Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, September 3:**
 - **5:00 – 5:15 PM:** Meet the teachers in their classrooms
 - **5:15 – 5:30 PM:** Principal's address & teacher introductions in the gym
 - **5:30 – 6:30 PM:** BBQ

Save the Date: Back to School BBQ!

Join us on **Thursday, September 3, 2026** to kick off the new school year! Proudly sponsored by our School Council, this is a great chance to celebrate, grab a bite, and meet our amazing staff.

If you are free to help volunteer, and meet some great parents along the way, please sign up here: [Back to School BBQ Volunteer](#)

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We look forward to seeing our school community there!



Our Team: 2026/2027

Junior Kindergarten

Ms. Fornataro

Full Time Kindergarten:

KOK : Ms. Ozimko and Ms. Kaminer

Part Time Kindergarten:

KS : Ms. Schuster

Grade One:

1M : Mr. Merkl

1D : Ms. Dowson

Grade Two:

2C: Ms. Copeland

2HB: Ms. Hinton and Ms. Bilotta

Grade Three:

3A: Ms. Anderson

3T: Ms. Timmons

Grade Four:

4L : Ms. LJ

4M : Ms. Lowes

Grade Five:

5D: Ms. Dixon

5F: Ms. Fraser

Grade Six:

6B: Ms. Bootle

6VH: Ms. Van Horne

Junior High Social Studies

Grade 7 Homeroom

7B : Mr. Borko

Physical Education and Athletics

Grade 7 Homeroom

7WS: Mr. Wooldridge and Ms. Williams and Ms. Skory

K-9 Music and Band

Grade 8 Homeroom

8H Mr. Hibbard

Our Team: 2026/2027

Junior High Math

Grade 8 Homeroom

8M: Ms. Muir

Junior High ELA

Grade 9 Homeroom

9H Ms. Hamid (Grade 7 and 9)

Ms. Hinton (Grade 8)

Junior High Science

Grade 9 Homeroom

9D: Mr. Dubs

Math Support

Ms. Bilotta

Literacy Support

Ms. Schuster

Learning Coach

Ms. Williams

Learning Commons Facilitator

Ms. Beacom

Educational Assistants

Ms. Clowe, Ms. Kitchen, Ms. Hanckel, Ms. Hurlburt

Family School Liaison Counsellor

Ms. Long

Secretary

Ms. Walsh

Vice Principal

Ms. Battrum

Principal

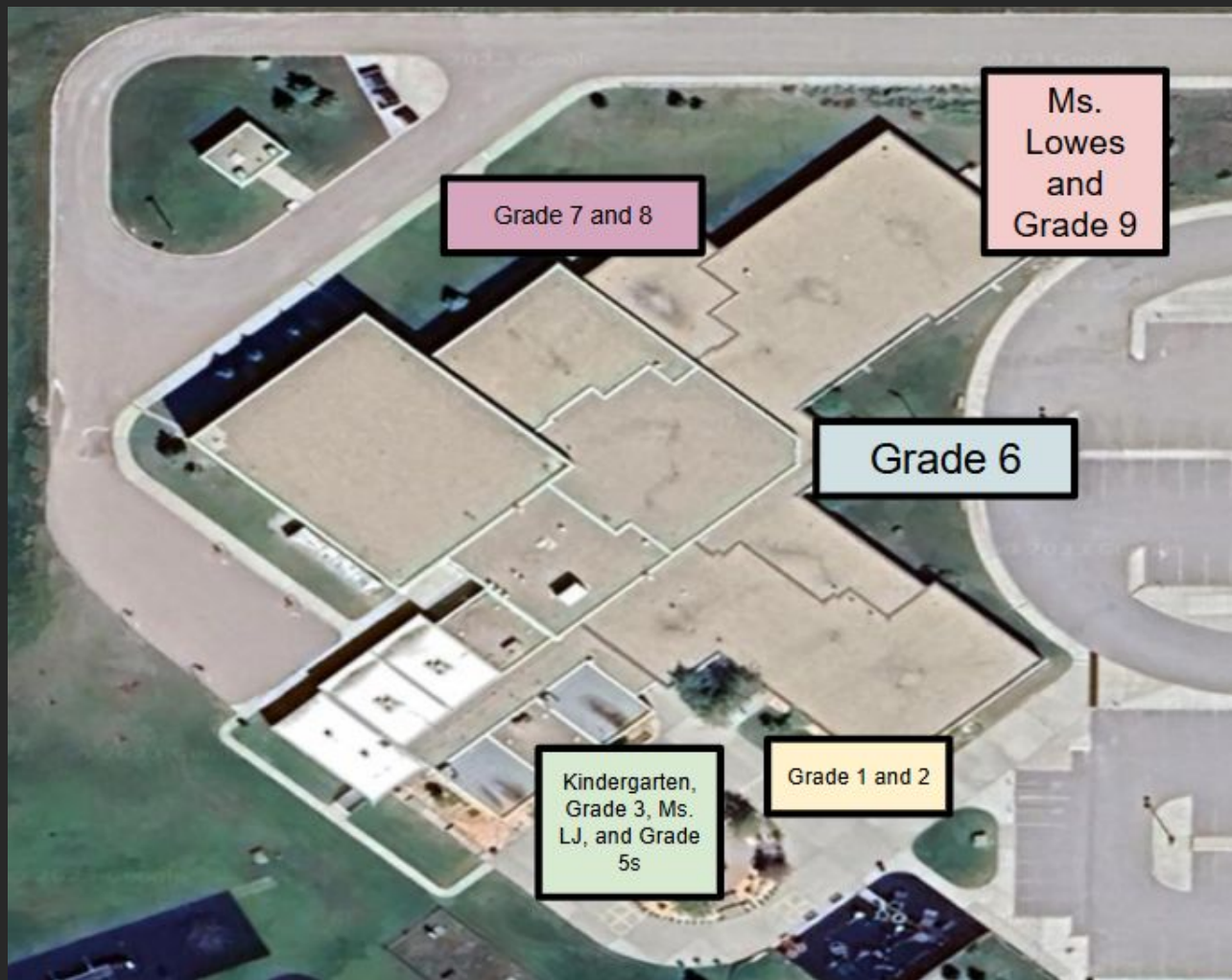
Mr. Flintoft

Many of our staff will be attending First Aid and Crisis Intervention on Friday, August 28 during our 'Open House' hours; however, we will have staff and families there to assist you in finding your classroom!

For the first day, Monday, August 31st, staff will be out and about with everyone around 8:10. The bell will go at 8:25 and we will walk the students into the school!

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

Monday, August 24	Tuesday, August 25	Wednesday, August 26	Thursday, August 27	Friday, August 28
Summer Vacation - No School for Students				OPTIONAL Open House from 2:00 - 3:30. Come see the school and your classrooms!
Monday, August 31	Tuesday, September 1	Wednesday, September 2	Thursday, September 3	Friday, September 4
Day #1 First Day of School for all 1 - 9 Students Staggered Start for Kindergarten	Day #2 First Day of School for all 1 - 9 Students Staggered Start for Kindergarten Staff Briefing @ 3:35	Day #3 Staggered Start for Kindergarten	Day #4 Back to School BBQ 5:00 – 5:30 PM: Meet the teachers in their classrooms 5:30 – 6:30 PM: BBQ	Day #5



Grade 7 and 8

Ms.
Lowes
and
Grade 9

Grade 6

Kindergarten,
Grade 3, Ms.
LJ, and Grade
5s

Grade 1 and 2

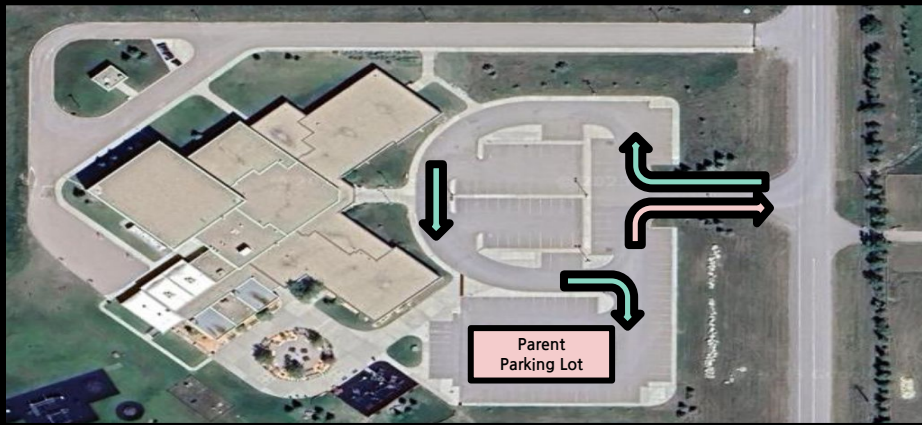
Bell Times and Calendar for 2026/2027

	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	

JK, Full Time Kindergarten
thru Grade Nine Calendar

Part Time Kindergarten
Calendar

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!



Reminder that the Spruce Meadows Green / 112th Street intersection is a two-way stop for traffic on Spruce Meadows Green.

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.