



# VERMILION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



*Being the Best We Can Be*

**June 2021**

## **Student Registration**

**Accepting Registrations  
for the 2021-2022  
School Year**

**Kindergarten Registration  
packages are available  
at the office.**

**If you require further  
information please stop by  
or call the office at  
(780) 853-5444**

Typically in May and June, our Gr. 6 students would be busy writing their Provincial Achievement Tests and perhaps doing other year-end assessments. This year, students in BTPS are not writing these Achievement Tests. This is just one sign that this has been a very different school year and continues to have its challenges. While the end to this school year is definitely better than last year, we do recognize that we are still operating under many restrictions and that we are still not able to do many of the typical year-end things that we would normally do. We do have a glimmer of hope that brighter days may be on the horizon, but we are not quite there yet. We thank everyone for all their efforts this year to help us in following all the restrictions and for your patience and understanding.

We are experiencing changes at VES as we look to the next school year. Mrs. Thronson began her maternity leave on May 28, so Mrs. Andrea Cassibo was hired as a short-term replacement. Unfortunately, she is unable to be with us until the end of the school year, so we have now confirmed that Miss Taylor Heinrich will take over our Gr. 2/3 class on June 7 and will be with us until the end of June. Our revenue moving from the current school year to the upcoming school year will be dropping significantly, causing some cuts to our school staff. We will not be hiring a replacement teacher for Mrs. Thronson for next year, which will be a 1.0 fte teacher cut to our school. As well, we are not able to keep our Learning Commons Facilitator position, so we are saddened to be saying farewell to Mrs. MacMillan. We are still working on how we will handle the movement of books within our Learning Commons and will keep you updated as we solve those challenges. Mrs. MacMillan has been at VES for several years and has been a valuable part of our team. She will be missed at VES.

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**BTPS self-screening App**



**Virtue of The Month**  
*Respect*

**Stay Connected with VES on  
our website, Facebook, or  
email the principal by clicking  
on the following buttons**



## Vermilion Elementary School Mission Statement:

*Within a safe and nurturing community, we at Vermilion Elementary School, will foster personal and academic excellence, while treating each other with dignity and respect.*

*As a team, we will be the best we can be.*

As a result of the reduction of 1.0 fte teachers at our school, we will be moving to an additional split class next year. We will have a gr. 2 class, a gr. 2/3 split class and a gr. 3 class. We will also have a gr. 4 class, a gr. 4/5 split class and a gr. 5 class. This will be yet another change for VES. A split class is really no different than a single grade class, as learning is often an individual process. Research has shown that students in a split class achieve as well or better than a single grade class. As such, we will be moving Mrs. Tupper to teach the grade 2/3 class and Mr. Haslehurst to teach the grade 4/5 class. We will be carefully selecting students for the split classes who we feel can be successful in such a setting, much as we carefully select students for single grade classes. We are confident that students in the split classes will be successful.

As a result of all of the changes, our teaching staff will look like this in 2021/2022 at VES:

ECS - Mrs. Zaharko

Gr. 1 - Mrs. Long and Mrs. McLaughlin

Gr. 2 - Mrs. Heinrich

Gr. 2/3 - Mrs. Tupper

Gr. 3 - Mrs. Tomkins

Gr. 4 - Mr. Harvey

Gr. 4/5 - Mr. Haslehurst

Gr. 5 - Mr. Beecroft

Gr. 6 - Mrs. Myshaniuk and Mrs. Joa

Music and Intervention - Ms. King

Assistant Principal and Inclusive Learning - Mrs. Doherty

Principal & K-6 PE - Mr. Anhorn

At VES, we encourage communication between staff and parents. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher. By working together, we believe that we can have the most positive impact on a child and foster them in "Being the Best They Can Be". If you have any questions or concerns in regards to our school, please feel free to contact either Mr. Anhorn, Principal or Mrs. Doherty, Assistant Principal.

As we begin looking towards next year, teaching staff are carefully designing class lists for the 2021-2022 school year. Much time is invested in developing balanced classrooms accounting for academic achievement, work habits, friendship, etc. We will be letting students and families know their homeroom teacher for 2021-2022 in late June. This information will be made available through Parent Portal.

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At this time, we have not been given any direction from Alberta Education in regards to whether we will be operating under restrictions or not to start next school year. We are all doing our best to be optimistic that we will soon be able to return to what we had prior to the pandemic. In the meantime, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer and we certainly look forward to hopefully seeing you all in September. Together, we will get through these crazy times. Stay strong! Stay safe! Stay positive!

Please continue to reach out at any time to your homeroom teacher or to us as administrators. Your feedback matters to us. If you have any questions or feedback on how we can improve, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mr. Calvin Anhorn  
Principal

Mrs. Sheila Doherty  
Assistant Principal



## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Leading up to the Indigenous Day on June 21, VES will be partaking in a week of Indigenous activities and mini workshops from June 14-18. Each class is signed up for live virtual tipi teachings, where they will learn the meaning behind each pole of Cree style tipi, while one of the interpreters builds a tipi with that class. Other activities during the week will include reading Indigenous stories, playing Indigenous games, partaking in art projects, and learning how to do cultural dances, such as the Metis jig and the Chicken Dance. As well, each student will get to try some homemade bannock. We are so super excited about all the learning and fun that will take



## BOSTON PIZZA DRAW

Wow, this year has been a year full of hard work on the part of teachers, students and families. We wanted to take the time to recognize and thank you for all the hard work this year. We received some MyBP cards from Boston Pizza and are having a draw for our VES families! Each card is loaded to receive 5 free kid's meals, valued at \$7.99 each! The cards can be registered to a MYBP account, which then would award you for a 6th free meal. You can redeem your FREE kids meals in-store, or phone orders for take out by providing your card number. These cards do expire June 30, 2021 so please use quickly!! We hope you enjoy these meals and a big thank you to Boston Pizza for the donation!



## LEARNING COMMONS

Congrats to the students on their reading success this year! The majority has reached their AR (Accelerated Reader) year end goal already. 100 students earned the reward to pick a new book for the Learning Commons. They get recognition by having their name inside the book, and be the first to read the new book. On June 25th, we will have an AR Celebration for all the students to reward them with their efforts.

**Please note the last day to take AR quizzes is Monday, June 21st.**

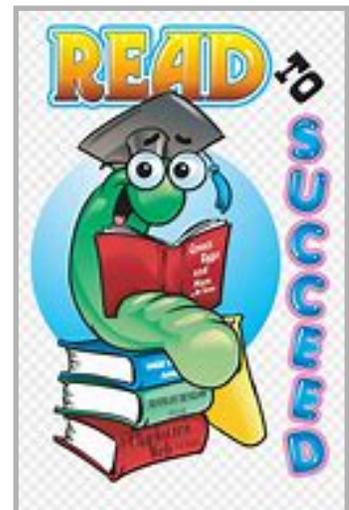
**Also note, all Learning Commons books need to be returned by Friday, June 18th.** If students continue to do AR quizzes, they will have to use their own books from home, or their classroom library. If you are having trouble finding books to be returned, please check your couch, under the bed, in the vehicle, or on your bookshelf. Dig deep so we do not have to send our notices for payment of the item to be replaced.

This year we did not have the normal Scholastic Book Fairs in the Fall and Spring. This fundraiser is usually a huge success and allows us to add many more books to our collection. Even without the fundraiser, we were still able to add many books to our collection. The Vermilion Credit Union is a big benefit to our school, for their donation to put towards new Accelerated Reader books, and rewards for student success. So, Thank You to Vermilion Credit Union for your continued support.

Have a super summer. Make time to enjoy a great read in a happy, cozy spot.

It has been a pleasure watching your children grow in body and mind.

Mrs. MacMillan



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent/late, even if buses are not running please let your child's teacher know or call the office to notify us. If you have not contacted the school office or teacher to inform us if your child will be absent/late, we will call you to ensure your child is safe.

**IMPORTANT  
REMINDER**

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

We would like to thank all parents and guests of VES for adhering to all the extra protocols that are required while we navigate through the Covid-19 pandemic. We want to remind everyone to social distance when dropping off or picking up their child(ren). We also want to thank everyone for wearing a mask when entering the school and for completing the app either on their phone or using the iPad at the front door.

## BOOK ORDERS



## PARKING

Parents and visitors are able to park on 49 Avenue, as well as south of the crosswalk on 44 Street. **Please ensure that you are not parking in front of the school in the bus loading/unloading zone from 8:00-9:30 am and from 2:30-4:00 pm.** We ask that parents & visitors also refrain from parking in the staff parking lot as this is reserved for staff members and for safety reasons students may not be dropped off or picked up in the parking lot.



## FOUR YEAR PLAN

Please see [BTPS Four Year Plan](#) for our BTPS Mission, Vision, and Values. This document also includes other important information such as the current BTPS Calendar, Map, Contact Information and some fun facts about BTPS.



## BTPS STUDENT FEES

BTPS sends invoices out on the 27th of each month by email for Transportation, Tech & Supplemental Support Fees. Fees can be paid at VES with cash or cheque (**payable to BTPS**) or you can make an online payment via PayPal. You can find the link to pay fees online on the parent page of the Vermilion Elementary School website by clicking on the Parents tab and then [Pay Fees](#). You will need your child's Alberta Student Number to complete the online payment.



## MICROWAVES

In the BTPS/VES re-entry plan, microwaves were taken out of the classroom for the month of September. The BTPS re-entry committee has met and has left this decision up to individual schools. We are continuing to evaluate the use of microwaves at VES, but at this time, we have not made any changes to the microwave section of the re-entry plan.



## SHARED SNACKS

In previous years, some parents have chosen to send a shared snack on their child's birthday or during other celebrations. This year with COVID Restrictions we are unable to share food in the same way we would have in the past. We all appreciate the homemade goodies, but at this time, we are asking that all snacks be individually, pre-packaged (store packaged). We understand this may not be what we are used to, but in order to keep everyone safe, it is what we need to do at this time. If you have any questions, please call the school.

**IMPORTANT**

## PICK-UP/DROP-OFF COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

### **Parents/Guardians/Caregivers/Visitors Entering the School**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and to minimize risk on a day to day basis we are minimizing the number of people entering our building. Parents/guardians and caregivers should remain outside the school to pickup and drop off their children at their designated doors for entry/exit. If parents/guardians, caregivers, or visitors need to enter the school you will need to enter through the main entrance only and go through our visitor protocol. If you are required to visit the school more than once in one day you will need to complete the app each time that you enter. When you exit the school please go out the nearest exit to you. VES students entering the building do not need to complete the app.

Complete the BTPS COVID-19 app on the ipad provided or use your own device to complete the app. To open the app, scan the QR code below with your device camera.

- Sanitize your hands with the provided sanitizer.
- Sanitize the ipad with the provided device wipes.
- Wear a mask at all times.
- Maintain a physical distance of 2m from others where possible.



### **VES Students Self-Assessment (prior to coming to school)**

Each morning before sending your child to school you will need to review the [Self-Assessment](#) questionnaire to determine if they should attend school. You do not need to submit this questionnaire to the school but we are depending on families to be honest about their child's self-assessment and to make this a part of their new morning routine. If your child is able to answer "NO" to each question he or she is allowed to attend school for the day. If your child is ill with common cold, influenza or symptoms listed on the Self-Assessment they must stay home and contact 8-1-1 for guidance to determine if testing is required.

## Connection

### What is social connectedness? Why is it important?

Social connectivity is the feeling of closeness and connectedness to a community. It is rooted in feelings of belonging, love and common values. Humans are innately social creatures. Every person we interact with is forever part of our social network. They are family members, friends, coworkers, teammates, neighbors, and acquaintances. Each has a lasting impact on our physical and mental health.

### How does social connectedness impact our health?

Studies show that friendships and social connections provide intellectual stimulation and emotional support through hardships. Stress and isolation can be particularly challenging, especially in times of social distancing. People who provide you with a sense of belonging, love or value can be buffers against stress. Be mindful of the company that you keep and not to self-isolate—both of these can increase your stress and lead to overall poor health.

### Ways to Build Connectedness Virtually

- Use video chat applications. Consider scheduling regular dates and times with family and friends for video calls. Have a game night with friends using FaceTime, Skype or Google Hangouts.
- Does your neighborhood have a Facebook group? If they do, request to join and see what fun activities they do. Start a sidewalk chalk drawing contest with different themes.
- We have very quickly become too familiar with our homes—[self-isolating to keep our loved ones healthy](#). Staying connected virtually can help ease stress, reduce suffering and promote overall wellness. “Now, more than ever, it is critical to place our health and wellbeing, and that of our families and communities, first,” says Dr. Cotton. “Staying connected—even virtually—will aid in this effort and sustain us all for the journey ahead.”

### Resources:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/Page14063.aspx>

<https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!! We look forward to seeing you in the new school year!

Submitted by Tanya Laye, your school's Social-Emotional Coach. If you'd like further information or have any questions, please contact your school's SEC to follow up.



## FROM THE BUS LANE

### PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE FOLLOWING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:

Complete the [COVID-19 Checklist](#) or use the [Self-assessment tool](#) prior to boarding the school bus daily. Do not ride the school bus if you are not well.

- Wash hands before you get on the school bus and before you board the bus in the afternoon.
- Social Distancing is not possible so students must wear masks. For K-3 students it is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged especially during the loading and unloading process. Gr 4-12 students must wear a mask at all times on the school bus.
- No eating or drinking on the school bus.
- Stay in your assigned seat.
- No guest riders are permitted.
- Let your bus driver know if you will not be on the bus.

**STUDENT SAFETY IS  
OUR GOAL!**

### BUS FEE PAYMENTS:

Parents and guardians can now pay their bus fees online. The button to pay fees is on the parent page of the school website and labelled “[PAY FEES](#)”. For assistance please email [transportation@btps.ca](mailto:transportation@btps.ca). We also accept e-transfers. The email is [vivian.locher@btps.ca](mailto:vivian.locher@btps.ca), and in the message include your child’s name, bus route number and bussing service you are paying for (i.e. Vermilion Intown, Wainwright Intown, Yard Service, etc.).

### TRANSPORTATION BUS REGISTRATIONS:

Transportation Registration information can be found online at <https://sites.google.com/a/btps.ca/btps-transportation-registrations/> Choose the service on the left that you want to register for.

### 2021-2022 TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION PAMPHLETS:

Here is the [link](#) to the 2021-2022 Transportation Information Pamphlet. Due to COVID-19 and everything being electronic and/or virtual, we will not be having the pamphlets printed.

### Helping Kids Grow Up Great

Nothing has more impact in the life of a child than positive relationships. Building these connections can be easy but takes intention. Start by telling your child what you love about them. Catch them doing great things. Have them overhear you saying something positive about them. Doing these easy things will help them grow up great!

### Every Child Has a SPARK!

Find out what spark (passions or interests) your child has. Ask them what they love to do with their free time. Then help them grow that passion! But what if you don't share that same enthusiasm for their passion?

Ask them to teach you about what they love.

Have them show you what they love about their spark.

### Show Kids You Care

Feeling love for a child may come naturally, but how do we show that love to them?

Be dependable.

Involve them in decisions that affect them.

Set boundaries.

Inspire them by exposing them to new ideas or experiences.

Expect their best.

### 40 Developmental Assets

The 40 Assets are building blocks & experiences that all kids need to thrive.

The higher the number of assets a child has, the more likely they are to make good choices and avoid risky behaviours.

To learn how you can be an asset builder, visit: [sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets](http://sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets).

### MORE RESOURCES

[sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets](http://sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets)

[Bringing Out the Best in Your Family - Keep Connected \(searchinstitute.org\)](#)

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line  
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line  
1-877-303-2642



# MOVE YOUR MOOD VIBE SUMMER PROGRAM

AUGUST 16 - 20, 2021



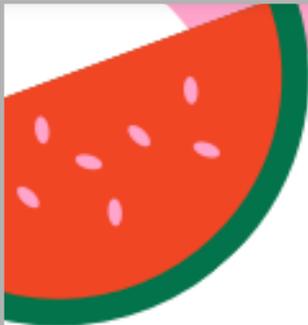
FREE 5 day program running the week of August 16 to 20. Open to youth from grade 4-6.

Learn fun ways to Move Your Body, Fuel Your Body, Expand Your Mind, and Practice Mindfulness.

- Choose session time:
  - morning session 9:30 to 11:30 am. or
  - afternoon session 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- All sessions will be held outdoors in Vermilion.
- Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

**Ways to register:** e-mail [pat.calyniuk@btps.ca](mailto:pat.calyniuk@btps.ca)  
phone VIBE at 780.853.3717  
or with a VIBE Wellness Coach





**Mental Health**  
**Summer**  
**Bucket List**

1. Have a picnic
  2. Go on a hike
  3. Wake up early and watch the sunrise
  4. Roast a marshmallow
  5. Read a book
  6. Stargaze with a family member or friend
  7. Go swimming
  8. Leave a nice note on someone's car
  9. Go to bed early/sleep in
  10. Set aside time for yourself everyday
  11. Find a grounding strategy that works for you
  12. Try a new physical activity
  13. Try a new food
  15. Hangout with friends
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May 30 to June 5, 2021  
[parachute.ca/SafeKidsWeek](http://parachute.ca/SafeKidsWeek)



## Backgrounder

**Take part in Parachute Safe Kids Week,  
happening May 30 to June 5, 2021 in communities across Canada.**

**Parachute Safe Kids Week** is an annual awareness campaign designed to bring attention to predictable and preventable injuries in children. In 2021, Parachute Safe Kids Week focuses on the topic of outdoor play, encouraging children to **#PlaySafeOutdoors** and take part in active, unstructured and exciting play, daily.

Lots of physical activity and limited down time (e.g., screen time and sitting for a long time) are key for children's healthy development. When children spend too much time inside, they miss out on the benefits of outdoor play, including healthy emotional, mental, social and physical development.

Children and youth are struggling to meet healthy movement guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. **This is why Parachute Safe Kids Week aims to provide parents with simple, clear tips to support their kids to #PlaySafeOutdoors.**

### Encourage your children to take part in outdoor, active and unstructured play.

- Unstructured play is child-led, letting children follow their own interests, get creative and have fun. Unstructured play encourages empathy, self-awareness and self-esteem, social and emotional learning, and teamwork skills.
- Unstructured play takes less planning and requires fewer resources than organized play, such as team sports, which may be on hold during COVID-19. Encourage your children to spend time outdoors, doing activities they are most interested in, such as walking, wheeling or general exploration and play.

## Don't let fear stop you from letting your child benefit from outdoor play.

- Children are less likely to be injured during outdoor play than organized sports.
- Serious injuries from play are rare. The positive impact of letting children #PlaySafeOutdoors generally far outweighs the risk of serious injury.

## Know the difference between a real hazard and a risk.

- A hazard is something dangerous that can cause serious injury, such as a broken railing or unsafe equipment. Help your child #PlaySafeOutdoors by managing hazards while letting your child explore risk-taking, such as exploring the woods or climbing a high tree.
- Try to match your supervision with the risk of the activity your child is engaging in and their capabilities. For example, it's important to supervise your child around potential hazards such as water — an adult should be present as lifeguard. Less supervision may be needed when your child is exploring risks, such as playing in the sand or climbing.
- Remember, risk changes over time as your child develops. Getting “lost” for a toddler could be a hidey-hole in the bushes, but an older child could safely wander the neighbourhood with friends and find new places to play.

## Ask yourself, “what is one small thing I can do to encourage my child to increase their outdoor, active play time?”

- If your child isn't very interested in outdoor play, you can start with encouraging them to go with you to a nearby park or nature trail, or search for animal tracks or signs of summer.
- Help make outdoor play fun for your child! Items that children can move around, such as rocks, wood, baskets, paintbrushes and water, a rope swing, buckets and sand can help your child use their imagination outdoors and make it fun.
- Start small. You can start by watching your child while they are playing and challenge yourself to interfere as little as possible. Count to 17 next time you feel like saying “be careful”.
- Your confidence to support your child to #PlaySafeOutdoors will likely increase as time passes. Your supervision may change from watching through a window to checking in from time to time, and giving your child more freedom as you are comfortable.
- Letting your child #PlaySafeOutdoors, with all its risks, encourages healthy development and fun. Your child will thank you!

**For more information, visit [parachute.ca/safekidsweek](https://parachute.ca/safekidsweek)**



Every time a Co-op member uses any recyclable bag at a Cornerstone Co-op store, 3¢ is donated to local school breakfast programs. VES encourages our parents to use recyclable bags to reduce our collective impact on the environment and to help support our breakfast program.

## JOIN WOW + VIBE FOR SUMMER VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

We would like to stay connected with you this summer! We are offering live summer programs via Zoom for children and youth in the mornings. Families can pre-register for programming and will receive craft kits for the Craft Friday sessions.

We also will have community-based drop-in activities for families. These activities will be advertised weekly on VIBE and WOW Facebook pages.

TO REGISTER USE THE QR CODE OR GO TO:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/KCBGPVBSQY5CBAQZ8](https://forms.gle/KCBGPVBSQY5CBAQZ8)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE VIRTUAL SUMMER PROGRAMMING  
GO TO: [HTTPS://WWW.FLIPSNACK.COM/ABF8EEDD75E/WOW-AND-VIBE-VIRTUAL-SUMMER-PROGRAMMING-2021.HTML](https://www.flipsnack.com/ABF8EEDD75E/WOW-AND-VIBE-VIRTUAL-SUMMER-PROGRAMMING-2021.HTML)



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Join us for a summer full of fun at the  
**Brighter Beginnings Summer  
Program**

**Location:** Brighter Beginnings Classroom upstairs at St. Jerome's School

**Details:**

- Full or half day options
- Ages 3 to Kindergarten
- 5 days a week for July and August
- Available 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Childcare subsidy available
- Games, toys, crafts, playground, stories, songs, etc.
- Field Trips
- Qualified staff, accredited program

**Rates:**

- Half day session - \$15
- Full day session - \$30
- 1 week - \$150

**Register:**

- **Accepting registration now**
- Contact Brighter Beginnings at 780-853-6633 or email [brighter@silvercrest.ca](mailto:brighter@silvercrest.ca)

**For more details visit our Facebook page:**  
[Brighter Beginnings, Vermilion and Area](#)

**"Services and Families Working Together"**



## Vermilion Wellness Challenge 2021

### Walk - Bike - Roll your way through Vermilion

Stop by the Visitor Information Centre and pick up a guide to the Vermilion walking trails.	Take your dog for a walk to the Dog Park.	Spend time enjoying the Pollinator Garden.	Go to the Vermilion Sports Mural for inspiration on active living.	Visit one of the many parks in Vermilion and play.
Workout at the Outdoor Fitness Park.	Check out the Four Season Mural and take a stroll down Main Street.	Take a stroll to the Rotary Lookout. What do you see?	Play a game of Frisbee Golf at the Provincial Park.	Hike down to the scenic Vermilion River. Try skipping some stones.
Go for a walk and find the Splash Park.	Pack a healthy snack and play at the park at the Vermilion Heritage Museum.		Pop by the tennis courts and play a game of tennis or make up your own game.	Go for a walk to the Mini-Golf Course. Play a round if you can.
Visit the Creamery Mural and talk about the "good old days".	Walk or Roll to the Skateboard Park for some active fun.	Discover the trails in Vermilion Provincial Park & take a hike in nature.	Go for a walk around the Claude Brennan Memorial Trout Pond.	Visit the community oven at Heritage Park.
Take a walk to the Cenotaph at Town Hall Park and take time to reflect.	Pick up garbage at your local playground.	Plan a family outing at the CN Station & Caboose in the Provincial Park.	Visit the Blacksmith Mural. How many horseshoes can you spot?	Head downtown and take time to read the heritage plaques.

Send an email to [VermilionWellnessCoalition@gmail.com](mailto:VermilionWellnessCoalition@gmail.com) by July 7, 2021 to enter for prizes: include: Name & phone #, a photo of you completing one of the tasks, and tell us which 2 lines you completed. Add your photo to social media and use #VermilionWellnessChallenge for an additional entry for prizes.



# YOUR OPINION MATTERS TO US!



Help shape future services for your family, friends and neighbours. Please take a few minutes to do our COVID-19 Well-Being Survey.

The information gathered will help us understand and respond to our community's needs.

SURVEY CLOSES JUNE 25, 2021



## GRADE 10-12 VIBE MENTAL HEALTH ART CONTEST 2021 WINNERS



1st Place Spectrum of Emotions by Allecia McDonald  
Grade 12 J.R. Robson High School

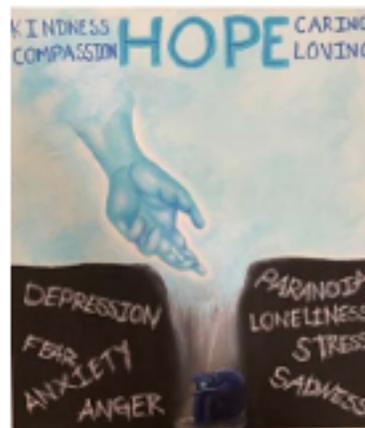


2nd Place Surveil by Austin Laurence  
Grade 12 St. Jerome's School



3rd Place Brave Front by Rebecca Irvine  
Grade 12 J.R. Robson High School

4th Place Helping Hand by Raya Ettel  
Grade 11 Blessed Sacrament School



5th Place Vogue: The Battle Within by Morgan Tiede  
Grade 10 Blessed Sacrament School

# Get Wheelin' Alberta!

Wheel Week is held the first week of June every year. It is an opportunity to celebrate and encourage students to bike to school on a regular basis. For many communities, this is also Bike Month so check out what is happening in your local community!

Open to everyone!

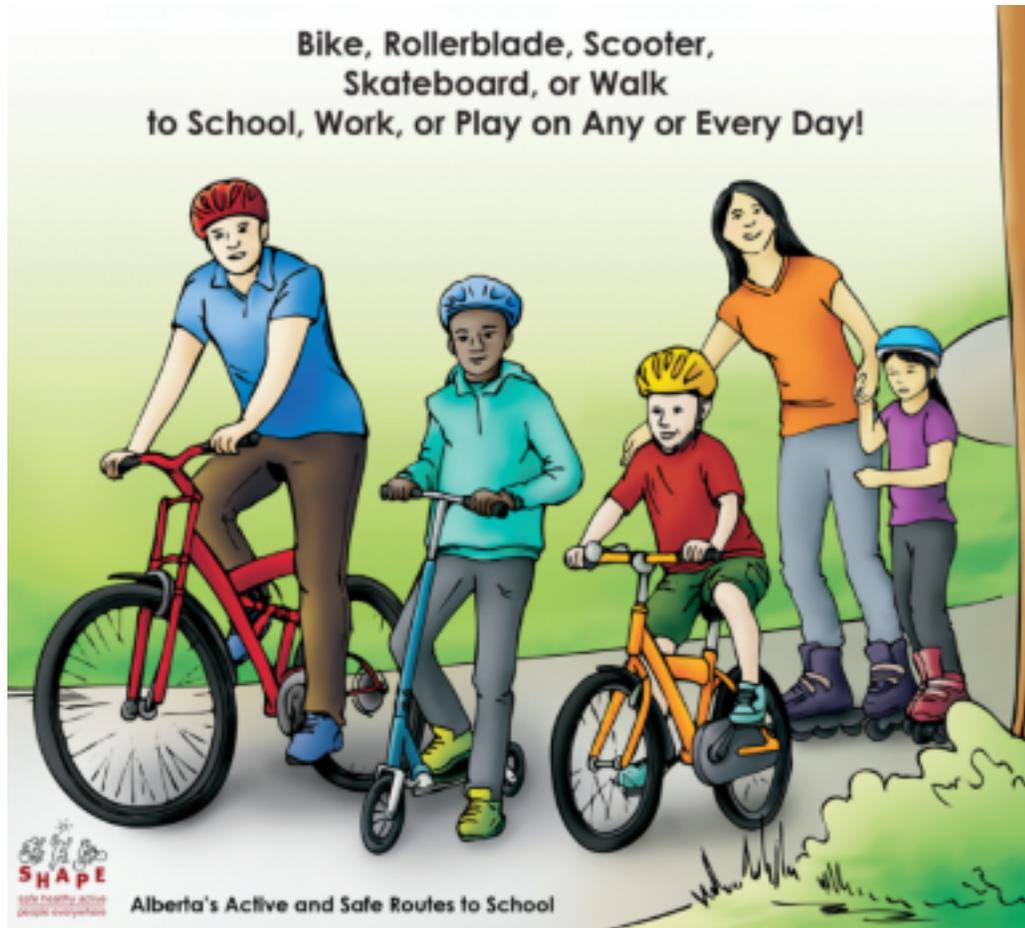
Join schools, community groups, workplaces and individuals to participate by wheeling your way to work, school and/or anywhere!

Participate any or every day of Wheel Week, May 30 to June 6, 2021, on any type of wheels that are self-powered or by walking!

**Bike to School Week is always the first week of June**

**Date: May 30th - June 6th, 2021**

**Wheel Week DAY is June 2, 2021**



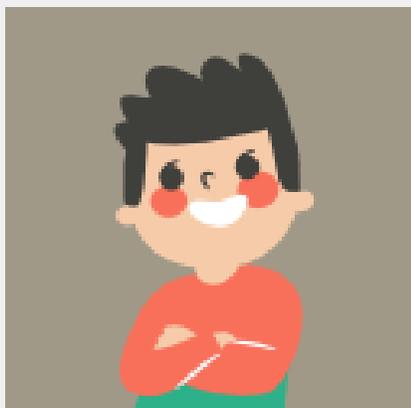
# LEGO® Social Skills Group



All building levels welcomed



Ages 6-12



Weekly and day camp formats



Interest List

If there is enough interest, we will also run a group for teens!

[info@huntpsychologicalservices.com](mailto:info@huntpsychologicalservices.com)



# LEGO® Social Skills Group

## What is LEGO® Social Skills Group?

The LEGO® Social Skills Group engages participants in their social skill development through collaborative play.

## Who may benefit from LEGO® Social Skills Group?

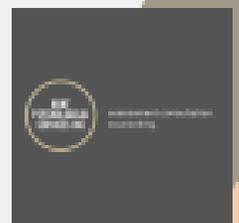
The group may be helpful for children with ASD, ADHD, social communication difficulties, anxiety disorders, depression, or adjustment difficulties.

## What are the qualifications of LEGO® Social Skills Group facilitators?

The group is overseen by Christy Hunt, Registered Psychologist. It is facilitated by a registered provisional psychologist, master-level students, and trained volunteers. All facilitators have extensive experience working with children.

Reference: The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health. (2014). LEGO®-based social skill development manual. Gibbstown, NJ. [www.cnehh.org](http://www.cnehh.org)

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# 2021-2022 BTPS SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

**AUGUST**

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**SEPTEMBER**

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**NOVEMBER**

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**DECEMBER**

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**JULY**

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## LEGEND

- Holiday
- Self Directed Teacher Day
- School Based PL
- BTPS Learning Day
- Central Office Closed
- Day-in-Lieu
- Celebration Day
- Convention / ATA PL Day
- First Student Day of Semester

The first day for students is **September 1, 2021**. **February 2, 2022** is the first day of Term 2. **June 29, 2022** is the last day of school for students.

Please be reminded that when inclement weather does not allow us to operate our buses, schools will be open, classes are occurring and student learning continues. As with any absence, students who miss material will be provided with an opportunity to receive instructional material through an alternate means or catch up on missed school work upon return to school.

Students are required to be in attendance until the last day of school as identified by the BTPS Board Approved Calendar. Final exams at the Grade 7 to 9 level will occur during the last five student days each semester. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur. Final exams in diploma courses will occur as described in the Alberta Education Diploma exam schedule ([www.education.alberta.ca](http://www.education.alberta.ca)) and submission of marks will occur the day the diploma marks are due to Alberta Ed. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur.

The 2021-2022 school calendar provides for instructional time for students that exceeds the requirements set by Alberta Education for instructional hours at the Grade 1-9 levels of 950 hours and at the Grade 10-12 levels for 1000 hours. The total student days in this year's calendar equals 181 days.

## STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DATES

August 2	Heritage Day	December 12	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)
August 25	Self Directed Teacher Day	January 31	Christmas Break
August 27	BTPS Learning Day	February 1	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 30	Self Directed Teacher Day	February 17 & 18	School Based PL
August 31	School Based PL	February 21	ATA Teachers' Convention
September 6	Labour Day	March 4	Family Day
October 8	Celebration Day	April 15	BTPS Learning Day
October 11	Thanksgiving Day	April 18 - 22	Good Friday
October 22	School Based PL & Support Staff PL	May 6	Easter Break
November 8	School Based PL	May 19	School Based PL
November 9	ATA Professional	May 20	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
November 10	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)	May 23	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)
November 11	Remembrance Day	May 23	Victoria Day
November 12	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)	June 30	Self Directed Teacher Day

\*\* Central Office Closure will be July 18th - July 29th, 2022



# Vermilion Elementary School

*Being the Best We Can Be*

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 School Assembly 9:30 -- Dress Up for any season or any holiday! 	2	3	4	5
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20	21 Indigenous Peoples' Day 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Gr. 6 Farewell 	29 Students Last Day 	30 Teacher Directed Day No School	1	2	3