



KPS FRIDAY JOURNAL

Every Student, Every Day, A Success

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Welcome back!! It doesn't seem possible that we have already been back in classes for a week! We hope that all of our students, staff and their families had a well-deserved, relaxing summer holiday and are ready for a great school year!

September already promises to be a busy month as students and staff have settled into their classes and routines are being established. Thank you for your support as we implement many new protocols to help ensure our students and staff are safe and healthy. Students have been extremely cooperative and the transition has been smooth. We appreciate parents following guidelines about making appointments before entering the school and taking the [daily self assessment checklist](#).

In addition to welcoming all of our new students, KPS would like to extend a warm welcome to some new staff to our school. We would like to welcome Glenda Armitage and Shannon Irving who will be working as educational assistants in our school. Mrs. Armitage will be in grade 1 and Mrs. Irving will be in Kindergarten. Both are great additions to our staff and we look forward to working with them this year. To start the school year, we have 14 students working from home as part of the BRSD At Home learning program. As well, a few families have chosen home school programs both through the division and elsewhere.

Regardless of where students are doing their learning, KPS wishes them well and looks forward to a time when we are all able to be back at school together.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please call the school office or email skueber@brsd.ab.ca by 9am to inform us of any absences. Please note that JH attendance is recorded by class period, not by half days as elementary attendance is. Later this month we will be going to an automatic call out system so if we haven't heard from a parent of an absent student, a call will be made.



IMPORTANT COVID PROCEDURES

*Parents and community members who need to enter the school must book an appointment with the school office. Individuals without an appointment will not be able to enter the school.

* Showing Signs of Illness: If a student shows Covid-related symptoms during the school day, they will need to be isolated and then leave the school as soon as possible with a parent/guardian. In the event of an outbreak in a cohort, communication will be done jointly by the school division and the school, working in cooperation with Alberta Health Services. All families must provide updated parent/guardian contact information and a *minimum of three emergency contacts (including parents)*. Any individual with COVID-related symptoms must contact AHS to arrange for testing.

REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Thanks to all families who have already returned these packages. Please return them ASAP if you have not.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7pm at the school.
Everyone welcome!



TERRY FOX RUN

Information will be sent home at a later date.

ALLERGY ALERT

Some of our students have been identified with severe nut allergies which has led to our school declaring "allergen conscious" zones. Parents have been made aware of classroom food restrictions. We would appreciate if parents in these classrooms would send nut free snacks as these are often shared among students at breaks. Remind your child not to share food with other students. This reduces the possibility of nut items coming into classrooms. KPS's policy regarding allergies can be found in this year's online handbook. Please phone the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.



[Baseline Medical form](#) needs to be done for all students with pre-existing medical conditions.

STUDENT SAFETY

Bus lane signs

are posted at the entries to our bus lane. Please note the times when NO vehicles are permitted to enter the lane.



Crosswalk Safety

The boundaries of the crosswalk between the school and the post office are the edges of the cement pathway. Parents are asked to model correct use of crosswalks for our students. If you park across from the school to drop off or pick up your child, please have them go to the crosswalks at either end of the school to cross safely.

Note that there is no crosswalk from the police station to the courthouse. Students are asked to use the post office crosswalk.

Staff Parking Lot

The parking lot on the east side of the school is for staff parking only, not for dropping off students. This area is very narrow once people are parked.

Post Office Parking Lot

A reminder from the Post Office that the parking lot behind the Post Office is for the use of their staff and is not available for public parking.

COMMUNICATION

This **Friday Journal** is generally published every other week. It is the major means that the school uses to communicate important information to parents about all KPS events and is emailed through School Messenger. A **monthly calendar** of events will also be emailed close to the beginning of each month.

School Messenger is another communication tool that alerts parents to activities and events going on at the school. This comes to parents as a text message or email if you choose to subscribe. Instructions to sign up are available at the office if you haven't already signed up. Another important communication tool between home and school on a daily basis is your child's **communication book/agenda**. Please read the Parent/School Communication section of our Handbook for more information as to how this tool is used to promote student success.

