



KILLAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

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September 2, 2022

Dear KPS Families,

Welcome and welcome back! I am excited to embark on this journey as the new principal of Killam Public School! I hope your summer has allowed time for the things that are most important in your lives. I am looking forward to working with KPS staff, students and families to continue to provide a caring school community where optimum learning and high quality teaching are at the forefront of everything we do.

The 2022-23 school year marks my 21st year as an educator. Over the course of my career, I have been fortunate enough to work in many different educational environments, both in Alberta and overseas. In addition to being a classroom teacher, I have also been a lead teacher, a literacy support teacher and an assistant principal. I am excited to take on the role of principal as this provides me with the opportunity to work collaboratively with teachers and families while also continuing to connect with students in the classroom. At KPS, we strive to create an environment where students thrive and positive partnerships between home and school support student growth. I am committed to always exploring new ways to meet the needs of all students.

In addition to my role as an educator, I am first and foremost a mother and wife. My husband, Steve, operates our grain farm in Camrose County and our children attend school in Camrose. Alyssa, our oldest daughter, graduated high school this past year. In September, our son, Hayden, will begin grade 10 and our youngest daughter, Ella, will be in grade 5. September is a busy month in our world, with harvest underway and school beginning, there is a lot of excitement and work to be done. This September will be different as our oldest undergoes major surgery. As such, my start at KPS will not look like a usual first month of school. I will have to be away from the school, caring for my daughter during surgery and for the beginning of her year-long recovery. While I will not always be physically present in the building, I will put in every effort to support staff, students and families virtually and in-person as time allows. I have full confidence in the KPS staff to continue to support the needs of all students. In my absence, Mrs. Emily Coykendall will be supporting teachers and students at KPS, both through teaching and administration duties alongside assistant principal Melissa Skuce.

To all of our KPS students, I cannot wait to meet you! I hope that you are excited for this coming school year and that your summer has been filled with all you love to do. It is going to be a great year learning together.

Please know that my door is always open. I welcome your conversation and positive input throughout this year. Our students will always be the primary focus of the work we do. I look forward to celebrating our successes during the 2022-23 school year.

Sincerely,

Keely Nelson
Principal, Killam Public School



Killam Public School staff is excited to welcome students back for another school year and are committed to supporting students while providing high quality teaching and optimum student learning opportunities. Following is some important information about the beginning of our school year to start us off:

Tuesday, September 6 - The First Day!

- Drop off is between 8:25 and 8:40
- There will be a photo booth set up in front of the school for back to school photos
- Starting at 8:25, staff will meet students outside: K-6 on the Playground, 7-9 in front of the school
- Teachers will bring students in the appropriate doors when it is time for classes to start

Bell Schedule

Killam Public School Bell Schedule
2022-2023

Bell Schedule		Instructional Minutes
8:40	Doors Open	
8:50-9:27	Period 1	37
9:27-9:59	Period 2	32
9:59-10:31	Period 3	32
10:31-10:45	<i>Recess</i>	
10:50-11:22	Period 4	32
11:22-11:54	Period 5	32
11:54-12:13	<i>Lunch A -Out, B -In</i>	
12:13-12:32	<i>Lunch A -In, B -Out</i>	
12:36-1:08	Period 6	32
1:08-1:40	Period 7	32
1:40-2:12	Period 8	32
2:12-2:26	<i>Recess</i>	
2:31-3:03	Period 9	32
3:03-3:35	Period 10	32
3:35	Dismissal	
Total Instructional Minutes/Day		325



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Door Entrances and Exits:

To eliminate congestion of students entering and exiting the building, students will use the following doors:

- K-6 students will enter through their designated doors on the South side of the building.
- Junior high students will enter through the main entrance.

If possible, we are asking for the arrival time for all students to be between 8:25-8:40 am. For the safety of our students and staff, all doors to the building, except for the front door, will be locked at 9:00 am. After that time, all students must enter the building through the front door.

When visiting the school, **all parents and volunteers must enter through the main doors and sign in at the office to receive a visitor pass.** Schools are busy places, please remain in the office until a staff member is able to help you. This prioritizes safety and instructional time for our students.

Breakfast Program:

Our Breakfast Program will be provided to any student who needs breakfast. This grab and go breakfast consists of granola bars, fruit and other items and will be available in classrooms. Cold items such as yogurt and cheese strings will not be available until mid September.

If you have any questions that haven't been answered here, please be in touch with us. We will do our best to continue to provide updates throughout the year. Please continue to check our school website at www.killam.brsd.ab.ca.