

KILLAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

September 25, 2025

KPS Activity Calendar

Click the red button to access google calendar! Take a look at our upcoming events!

Treaty Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Killam Public School is on Treaty 6 territory - the ancestral and traditional land of many Indigenous groups. We are grateful for the animals, the water and the forests that provide us with many resources we use each day. We are thankful for the diverse opportunities that this land offers. We respect the land in which we gather on today.

- Grade 5 (23-24)



Principal's Message

Thank you!

We are so grateful to our Parent Council and Parent Advisory! Their endless support of school initiatives is appreciated. We really appreciated Parent Advisory's support and cooking for our Back to School BBQ!

Parent-Teacher Interviews - October 2, 2025

We will be hosting our first Parent-Teacher Interviews evening early in the year to connect with families, set goals, and review how the year has started. We invite you to join us for this important conversation. Remember Parent-Teacher interview night is a time we set aside where all teachers are available, however, if you have questions or would like to meet with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to reach out!

To book an interview on Oct. 2, <https://kps.schoolappointments.com/>

Bus Lane Safety

The bus lane is a very busy place. Students and families are reminded to not enter the bus lane before and after school. This area can get quite hectic with bus drop offs and pick ups. Please remind your children to cross at the crosswalks to ensure their behaviour is predictable for drivers, helping keep them safe.

Real-Time Reporting

KPS is a real-time reporting school. Teachers update marks, feedback, and achievement as assessments are completed so you can stay informed throughout the school year. Please make sure you have the PowerSchool app installed to check grades, schedules, and attendance. If you need help logging in, give our office a call, we are happy to help!

New class

In Grade 4/5/6 this year students will be participating in Fine Arts classes which encompass the former separate Music and Art classes. This configuration allows for more flexibility in planning things such as the Christmas concert. Students will also have more flexibility in their Art and Music projects throughout the year. Mrs. Borgel and Ms. Armitage are co-teaching this class. Currently we are working on animal collages and have already practiced our sketching skills with 'sketch your shoe' projects. We are working on having these classes under one 'Fine Arts' heading in PowerSchool to allow for easy viewing of your child's progress.

Thank you for your continued support in making KPS a great place to be!

Keely Nelson, principal

Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation

Tuesday, September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is a Canadian day of memorial that commemorates the history and ongoing impacts of residential schools and honours the children who never returned home, Survivors, their families, and communities. There is no school on September 30.

At KPS we will mark our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by wearing orange shirts on September 29. Students have the opportunity to learn about the importance of this day through various activities happening in class.

Orange Shirt Day

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Commemoration

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.



Terry Fox

KPS hosted their Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The grade 9s displayed great leadership in course marshaling the event, complete with inflatable costumes and even music! The younger students certainly enjoyed the encouragement and high fives along the way. Thank you to our larger community for your support of this event. **Students raised \$4,717.10** in support of Cancer Research. Special mention of thanks to the group of students who ran a fundraiser movie at the Living Room.

School Council

Hello KPS families! My name is Heidi Pierce and I am once again the Parent Council Chair. We meet every other month, usually the third Tuesday to discuss what is going on at the school, get updates from school administration and make decisions about how to best support our students.

We would love to see you at our next school council meeting on **November 18 at 7:00pm** in person at the school.

Volunteers Needed!!

Parent Advisory is looking for volunteers for a school dance in November. Volunteers will need to be agents of the board - which involves an application process through the school office and requires a Criminal Record Check (with Vulnerable Sector). We need a minimum of 4 volunteers (including at least one male) by October 21 for the dance to go ahead. If we do not have enough volunteers, there will be no fall dance. Please text Heidi at 780-254-001 with your name if you are able to help out!

PAWSitive Behaviour

At KPS we work hard to highlight and acknowledge PAWSitive Behavior. The focus is on Responsible, Respectful, Collaborative behaviour in and out of the classroom and as school representatives during athletics and in the community. Students can get a "Golden PAW", which is entered into a draw, for exhibiting these characteristics. We celebrate our PAWSitive students with a draw each month during our assembly. Thank you to Parent Advisory for contributing the prizes.

We know that, at times, student language and behaviour may not exhibit these characteristics. As a place of learning, we strive to build a welcoming, safe and caring environment for all students. We thank you for your support and reinforcement of the characteristics outside school.



September Pawsitive Behaviour Winners: L to R: Issac Gordash, Ike Waldner, Emma Hart, Aspen Borgel, Hailey McGowan, Hudson Cox, Will Moser, Zoanna Pettem and Harlynn Morin.

Student Wellness Facilitator (SWF) - Crystal Rapson

Crystal Rapson is the SWF at Killam Public School this year. She will be in the building most Thursdays and also supports Daysland School and Ecole Charlie Killam School this year.

The SWF role is a part of the Health and Wellness Team. SWFs support students who may be facing social, emotional, or behavioural challenges by listening, encouraging, and offering practical strategies for growth. SWFs provide strength-based coaching, help students set and reach meaningful goals, and connect families with community resources when extra support is needed.



Referrals to the SWF may be made by: individuals, family members, school staff, and community members.

Referral forms can be found by asking your child's teacher, the SWF in your building or online at: <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/download/204202>

If you have any questions, please contact Crystal at: crapson@brsd.ab.ca

Picture Day

Picture Day will be November 7, in the afternoon. Retakes will be on November 21.



Kougar Athletics

Volleyball Info

Girls JH Volleyball Coaches - Chelsea Nielsen, Candace MacKinnon

September 29 - Practice 3:45 p.m.

October 1 - Game @ CHSPS - 5 p.m. (Bus Available)

October 3-4 - Tournament @ OLMP - information sent out by coaches

October 6 - Practice - 3:45 p.m.

October 8 - Game vs Viking - 5 p.m.

October 9 - Practice 3:45 p.m.

October 15 - Game @ Viking (Bus Available)

October 16 - Practice - 3:45 p.m.

October 17 & 18 - Home Tournament

October 20 - Practice 3:45 p.m.

October 22 - Game vs Holden

October 27 - Game vs CHSPS

October 28 - Practice 3:45 p.m.

October 30 - Division Finals

November 5 - Regionals



Boys JH Volleyball Coaches - Synthia Gordon, Kerri Kinzer

October 1 - Game at CHSPS (Bus Available)

October 2 - Practice 3:45 p.m.

October 3 - Tournament @ Tofield

October 7 - Practice 3:45 p.m.
October 8 - Game vs Viking
October 14 - Practice 3:45 p.m.
October 15 - Game @ Viking (Bus Available)
October 17 & 18 - Tournament in Bawlf
October 21 - Practice 3:45 p.m.
October 23 - Practice 3:45 p.m.
October 27 - Game vs CHSPS
October 29 - Practice 3:45 p.m.
October 30 - Division Finals
November 5 - Regionals

Mini Slammers

All Practices are held at lunch recess on Wednesday and Friday

October 1 - Game vs Sedgewick
October 6 - Game vs Bawlf - right after school
October 14 - Game @ Viking
October 21 - Game vs Daysland
October 28 - Game @ Forestburg

Volleyball

Junior High Volleyball is in full swing, with both our girls and boys teams preparing for their league games against Holden, Sedgewick and Viking this season. Thank you to coaches Synthia Gordon, Kerri Kinzer, Candace MacKinnon, and Ms. Nielsen for leading our teams this season. Also thank you to Mr. Gratrix for organizing the season, and to Mrs. Pedersen for being the school liaison for boys team.

Cross Country

The Cross-Country Running season is just past the midpoint having completed runs in Brownfield, New Norway and Bashaw. We have had a small group for the first 3 races and are excited to have more students join us in Hardisty and Camrose in the next 2 weeks. Thank you to Mrs. Nelson for organizing the season and to Jenine Ruzicka for helping out at the races. Thank you to parents for ensuring your children can get to the races!

Following is a list of dates for races to still be completed:

Race #4 Hardisty Invitational - Hardisty - Thursday, October 2, 2025

Race #5 Vikings Run - Camrose - Thursday, October 9, 2025

Check the School [Activities Calendar](#) for practice schedules and tournaments



Upcoming Events

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day

October 2 - Parent Teacher Interviews

October 13 - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

October 24 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL

October 31 - HALLOWEEN

EXTRA INFORMATION

Private Piano Lessons

Private Piano Lessons offered by Ruth Wallner. For more information please call 780-385-2461.



Yearly School Calendars

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