



# VERMILION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



*Being the Best We Can Be*

**May 2022**

## Student Registration

**Accepting Registrations  
for the 2022-2023  
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**

**Assembly  
& Dress Up Day  
Tuesday, May 4, 2022  
Dress up  
Star Wars or Alien**



**Virtue of The Month  
Citizenship**

**School Council  
Next Meeting  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

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



From the Office

As we head into the next leg of our school year, we are excited about the many opportunities we have planned to connect as a school, with parents, and with the community! Please read about some of our upcoming events. More information will be shared about each as we approach those activities.

### **Students and Staff Connection**

**Assemblies** - Students and staff gathered in the gym on May 4th for our first in-person assembly. We will be coming together for two assemblies in June as well.

**School-wide Field trips** - We have the opportunity for students and staff to build community after being cohorted so long. As we have included all of the staff at VES, we are able to have small groups with each supervisor and will not have parents join us that day. Both field trips will be outside trips.

(June 9th) - Grade 1-3 Field trip to Elk Island Park

This field trip was specially designed for VES and includes three hands-on programs about the wetlands plants, animals, insects, and indigenous stories that meet many of our curricular goals.

(June 10th) - Grade 4-6 Field trip to Fort Edmonton

We will visit the Fort Edmonton site to learn about Alberta's history including the culture and experiences of first nations and metis, fur trading, and how Edmonton grew from a hamlet to a city.

Thank you for supporting these unique opportunities for our staff and students to reconnect.

**Indigenous Day** - Our school will be participating in activities to further our knowledge about First Nation peoples Treaty 6. We are still working on the details surrounding this day.

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## 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.*

## **School, Parent, and Community Connection**

**Track and Field Day (June 3rd)** - We invite parents to join us for Track and Field Day. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and treats will only be available to students by pre-order for this day so watch for coming information.

**Local Field Trips (through May and June)** - Classes will be participating in local field trips that fit their curriculum. These offer the opportunity for students to connect with our community and parents. Letters from the classroom teachers will come out with details and where parent help as supervisors may be needed.

**AR Celebration and Family Picnic (June 24th)** - This is a day to celebrate literacy. A special part of this day will be a family picnic. More details to follow.

**Grade Six Farewell (June 28th)** - Parents and grandparents will be invited to join their grade six student in the gym for this celebration. The kindergarten through grade 5 students will be watching this through a Google Meet. Prior to the ceremony, the students will be honoured by the students of VES through a school-wide parade. Immediately after the celebration, the students will be going over to the Vermilion Valley Lodge for a short parade to connect with our seniors.

**Kindergarten Celebration (June 27th)** - Parents and grandparents will be invited to join their kindergarten student from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm in the gym. KA students will have their lunch early, and KB students will just be there for the celebration. There will be a letter to parents outlining the details prior to that.

### **Other Routines and Practices**

Our other routines and practices remain the same including food and sanitizing practices. We would like to ask you to continue to pick up and drop off students in the outside drop off zones or outside the office to minimize distraction and congestion in the hallways as the students are returning to classes and preparing for home.

We are making memories!



## **VIRTUAL SPRING CONCERT**

Our Virtual Spring Concert will happen the week of May 9-13th! Watch on the VES website and on Facebook for postings with more information!

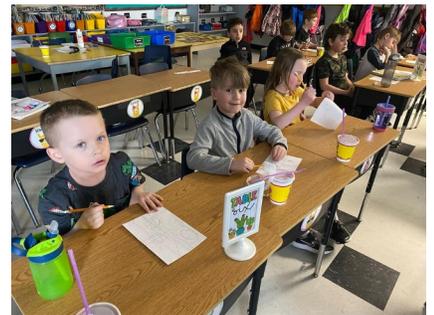


## Hometown Hero: Cindy Plant - Local Artist and Art Teacher

We had a fascinating visit with Mrs. Plant about why doing art is important, different types of art, and who should be an artist. Mrs. Plant showed us examples of different types of art that she created or collected. We learned about the key elements of colour, shape, and line that artists use to express themselves. She talked about perseverance and finding ways to be creative to improve your mental wellness. The students had so many thoughtful questions about being an artist and where Mrs. Plant gets her inspiration from.

Mrs. Plant left a directed doodle lesson for the students to experiment with this style of art. A quote from Mrs. Plant, "Who can be an artist? Everyone! It's your turn!"

We will be sharing our art work with our other Community Connections at the Vermilion Lodge and Extended care.



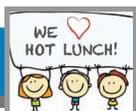


## DATES & THEMES

To help you remember, dress up days are on Assembly days. There are a few other seasonal days included below. Have fun and get involved!

**May 4 Star Wars or Aliens**

**June 7 Beach wear or Inside out/Backwards**



## HOT LUNCH

The VES Hot Lunch Program would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU for your generous donations** from our families, community members, and organizations over the past few months. Our program relies on these donations to ensure that all students have access to hot lunches. Our community has stepped up in a big way to support us through another challenging year.

We are excited to announce that we will soon be starting **FUNdraiser Fridays** twice per month starting in March. Families will be able to order lunch on these days with the net proceeds going to support the VES Hot Lunch Program. FUNdraiser Friday menus will include our (dearly missed) Hot Dog Days, and a new option: Booster Juice. Watch for these new options when you complete your March orders!

Our Kitchen staff is anticipating some supply shortages in the upcoming weeks and months. **Be sure to like our Facebook page** for daily updates on what's for lunch, and any last minute changes to our lunch plans. For example, if you need to pack extra condiments with your child, or if kitchen staff is off sick.



**V.E.S HOT LUNCH Program**

<https://www.facebook.com/VES-HOT-LUNCH-Program-289665581439881>

Are you interested in being part of our Hot Lunch Program executive? We are looking for new members to join our team. Send us an email at [veshotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:veshotlunch@gmail.com).



## VES SPIRITWEAR

Looking for VES Spiritwear clothing to wear to show your school pride? Visit the official Vermilion Elementary School shop online at [ves.entripyshops.com](http://ves.entripyshops.com) to place an order. Choose from a variety of products and brands that you can customize with our VES logo! Everything from t-shirts, hoodies, polos, jackets, shorts, pants, hats, toques, and bags. Orders will be shipped directly to you and 10% of sales is donated back to the school!



**\$35.00**



**\$22.00**



**\$13.00**



**\$25.00**

**Every Friday is wear VES Spirit Wear or School Colours**

Please remember to check the email that BTPS sends on the 27th of each month with invoices for Transportation, Tech & Supplemental Support Fees. Fees can be paid by cash, cheque (payable to BTPS), or online 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 payment which is found on your BTPS Invoice for fees.

 IMPORTANT

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

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

All visitors to the school must use proper hand hygiene upon entering, and complete the BTPS [daily screening app](#). Visitors, students or staff who feel ill or have symptoms of COVID-19 cannot enter the school.

**As you enter the building through the main entrance ONLY, you will follow the visitor protocol outlined here.**

- **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 with your device camera.**
- **Sanitize your hands with the provided sanitizer.**
- **Sanitize the IPAD after use with the provided wipes.**



All visitors, including those coming for Vermilion Play Development and Before/After School Care, MUST use the front entrance to enter the building and must follow the visitor instructions in the front entrance.



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Parents and caregivers must access their children daily for symptoms of cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. Anyone showing symptoms listed on the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) must remain home. Information about isolation requirements is [available here](#).

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. Please note if you are emailing a teacher during the school day, they may not always get them in time to avoid a call from the automated system.



## 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.



## FROM THE BUS LANE

### BUS FEE PAYMENTS:

Parents and guardians can now pay their bus fees online. Go to your school website, Parents tab, Pay Fees. You will need your child's Alberta Student Number to make the payment. It can be found on the invoice. 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: school name, child's name, bus route number and bussing service you are paying for (i.e. Vermilion Intown, Wainwright Intown, Yard Service, etc.).

### BUS CANCELLATION - COLD WEATHER:

The BTPS Inclement Weather 701.11AP and 701.12AP includes a -40°C clause. If the temperature with or without a windchill factor reaches -40°C buses will not run. The temperature will be read at 6:00 pm the night before and based on the next day projected temperatures (with windchill) between 6:00-9:00 am for the morning run and from 3:00-5:00 pm for the afternoon run. On mornings when weather conditions are poor, parents will be advised by their bus driver and/or by an emergency announcement regarding bus cancellations on the [BTPS Website](#).

### BUS STATUS APP:

Buffalo Trail Public Schools launched their new [website](#) in October that comes with the Bus Status App that allows parents to subscribe to their child(ren)'s school bus route. The division will use the Bus Status App to alert parents when a bus is delayed or cancelled. Bus drivers will continue to notify families of bus cancellations, but this will aid in the communication process to ensure no one gets missed. You can download the new Bus Status App by Box Clever on your smart phone or device.

< Search



**Bus Status**  
Box Clever

Tap on "All Buses" to find and star the buses you want to receive status notifications for. Then select the district in the lower right corner and select "Buffalo Trail Public Schools".  To choose your bus route to get notifications and status alerts, select the bottom middle icon "All Buses" on the main page. Then you can search for your bus route number or driver's name to find your child's bus route. Click on your child's bus route and the star should turn white.  You have now selected your bus route. When there is a change in that bus route's status you will be notified by an alert on the BUS STATUS APP. Please email [transportation@btps.ca](mailto:transportation@btps.ca) if you have any problems with the process.



FREE ART  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
ALL AGES

VIBE MENTAL  
HEALTH  
CONTEST ART  
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FREE MENTAL  
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A LITTLE BIT OF THAT

SENIOR'S ART  
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FREE DESSERT  
WITH  
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INDOOR  
PLAYGROUND OPEN  
FOR FAMILIES TO  
TRY OUT

# 8<sup>TH</sup> MENTAL HEALTH

## *Art Gala*

SILENT AUCTION OF THE WINNING ART  
FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH ART  
CONTEST

**WEDNESDAY MAY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**5:30 - 9:30 PM**

**VERMILION REGIONAL  
CENTRE**

**FREE COME & GO EVENT**

**PARTNERSHIP WITH:**

- VILLAGE OF KITSCOTY FCSS
- VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE FCSS
- COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER FCSS
- TOWN OF VERMILION FCSS
- MANNVILLE, MINBURN, INNISFREE FCSS
- WALKING THROUGH GRIEF SOCIETY

**CASUAL DRESS**



# 2022-2023 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.

### LEGEND

<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:blue;"></span> Holiday	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:orange;"></span> Day-in-Lieu
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<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:lightorange;"></span> School Based PL	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:grey;"></span> First Student Day of Semester
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:lightgreen;"></span> BTPS Learning Day	
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The first day for students is **August 30th, 2022**. **February 1st, 2023** is the first day of Term 2. **June 27th, 2023** 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 prior to the diploma marks submission date. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur.

The total student days in this year's calendar equals 181 days.

## STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DATES

August 1	Heritage Day	Dec 26 - Jan 6	Christmas Break
August 24	BTPS Learning Day	January 30	School Based PL
August 25	School Based PL	January 31	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 26	Self Directed Teacher Day	February 16 & 17	ATA Teachers' Convention
August 29	Self Directed Teacher Day	February 20	Family Day
September 5	Labour Day	March 10	BTPS Learning Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	April 7	Good Friday
October 7	School Based PL & Support Staff PL	April 10 - 14	Easter Break
October 10	Thanksgiving Day	May 5	School Based PL
November 7	School Based PL	May 18	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
November 8	ATA Professional	May 19	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)
November 9	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)	May 22	Victoria Day
November 10	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)	June 28	Self Directed Teacher Day
November 11	Remembrance Day		

\*\* Central Office Closure will be July 24th - August 4, 2023



# Vermilion Elementary School

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May 2022

SUN	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Global Development Delay Day Wear Yellow Shirts 	3 Hats on for Mental Health  Virtual Family Bingo 6:30 pm 	4 School Assembly 9:30 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Dress Up              Star Wars or              Aliens</b> </div>	5	6 School Based PL Day No School	7
8	9 Spring Concert Week 	10 Spring Concert Week	11 Spring Concert Week	12 Spring Concert Week	13 Spring Concert Week	14
15	16	17	18	19 Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meetings) No School	20 Day-in-Lieu (PTI's) No School	21
22	23 Victoria Day No School	24 School Council Meeting 7-8 pm 	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3 Track & Field Day 	4