



Chamberlain School

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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2023

Principal's Message

As the year is winding down, May brings many exciting spring activities for our school.

First, we are having a parent/student Spring Craft Night on May 2. This is free of charge for parents to come in and make a craft with your child. This will take place at the school at 6:30 pm and snacks will be provided. Also, May 2 is crazy hat/hair day. Send your child to school with a unique hat or a fun hairdo. In the following week, the grades 8-12 classes will be heading to Taber for the Spark Fair and to play softball against another school. Teachers will also be sending out forms for parents/guardians to sign in the coming weeks for year-end field trips that will be happening next month.

Highway clean-up is on Saturday, May 6. We are still looking for parent drivers. This fantastic fundraiser brings in money for the high school international trip, which will be open to students who will be in Grades 9-12 next year. If you are willing to drive for the highway clean-up fundraiser, please contact the school.

Teachers are continuing to prepare students for PATs and Diplomas, which the majority of these tests will take place in June. Part 1 English PAT's for grades 6 and 9 will take place this month.

The Grade 2-5 Science Fair brought many parents and families to our school. It was great to see the effort that was put into each experiment and display board. All students were happy to share their knowledge of their experiments.

Congratulations to our badminton team who put effort into all practices and those who attended tournaments. I saw huge skill development improvement this year through the drills at practices. Many of our students placed in divisionals and attended zones this year. Our next sport to take place is track and field. Please have your child sign up at school if they are interested in being part of the track and field team.

With Spring's unpredictable weather, please remember to send your kids to school with a sweater or light jacket and appropriate footwear for outside recesses. Hopefully the snow will stay away for the rest of this season.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school. We look forward to seeing you at the school for the last two months of the school year.

Have a happy May,
Mrs. Gutfriend



Teacher Appreciation Week



Let us **THANK** our teachers for helping our children!

Monday **BLOOM** – Bring in a flower for your teacher

Tuesday **LETTER** – Write a thank you note to your teacher

Wednesday **OPEN SNACK** - Bring in a snack for your teacher

Thursday **OFFICE SUPPLIES** – Bring school supplies for your teacher

Friday **MIXED DELIGHTS** – Be creative and share a smile!

Your participation is welcomed, but not expected.

We **THANK YOU** for your participation!

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

WEAR A SPECIAL HAT TO SCHOOL,
TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE
OF GOOD MENTAL HEALTH



Join us for a

SPRING

Parent/student
craft night

Gr.4-12

PLEASE RSVP
ON OR BEFORE
THURSDAY, APRIL 27



Tues. May 2

6:30pm

snacks provided



Date: April 27, 2023

To: Students and families, teachers and school staff

From: Dr. Vivien Suttorp, Lead Medical Officer of Health, South Zone

RE: Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

A pertussis (Whooping cough) outbreak declared Jan. 26, 2023 is still growing in southern Alberta. More than 144 cases have been identified in communities throughout the South Zone of Alberta Health Services (AHS), including in Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and smaller communities.

Most cases have been children under 10 years old. So far, five children have been so sick they had to be hospitalized. Newborns and young children are most vulnerable for severe illness and complications.

Cases have been identified at schools and other community locations such as churches and sites where children gather to take lessons. Public Health is unable to identify linkages between most of the recent cases, indicating there is likely more disease circulating in communities that is not being reported.

When someone has pertussis, they are contagious to others for 21 days. As well, the incubation period can be as long as 21 days, making the possibility of spreading the illness much greater. Adults infected with pertussis may have milder symptoms than children but are still infectious.

Pertussis is a bacterial infection and not a virus, which means *early* treatment with appropriate antibiotics can reduce the severity and limit the spread of the illness, as well as shorten the time required to stay at home. People with confirmed pertussis should stay home until five days of treatment with appropriate antibiotics have been completed. If a person does not take antibiotics, the recommendation is to stay home for the full 21 days in order to not spread the disease to others.

AHS is issuing a reminder to all people of the importance of immunization, particularly in small children, to prevent further illness. Pertussis causes severe and prolonged coughing that lasts for weeks. It can impact people of all ages but infants one year and younger are at greatest risk of serious complications, including pneumonia, convulsions, brain damage and death.

All Alberta residents are reminded to ensure they are up to date on their immunizations and to stay home when sick. Individuals uncertain of their child's or their own immunization history can contact their local community health centre or public health office.

The vaccine that covers pertussis is offered in schools (with parental consent) in Grade 9. See [Alberta's Routine Childhood Immunization schedule](#) for more information.

If you suspect you are sick with pertussis, seek *early* medical assessment first by calling your primary care provider or 811 for potential treatment.

Additional information on pertussis and immunizations can be found online at the following links:

- [Whooping Cough \(Pertussis\) \(alberta.ca\)](#)
- [Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\) | AHS Immunization \(immunizealberta.ca\) Immunization and routine immunization schedule | Alberta.ca](#)

May 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Coloring Contest Begins Education Week Hats on for Mental Health Family Story Time - Grassy Lake Public Library 10:30 am | 2 Crazy Hat or Hair Day Lego Club in the Library 3:15 pm Parent/Student Craft Night Grades 4-12 6:30 pm | 3 Coloring Contest Due Students vs. Staff Dodgeball | 4 K-5 Read with the Principal Star Wars Day | 5 Wear Red for Ed & Dress Like Your Teacher Day | 6 Highway Cleanup |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Lego Club in the Library 3:15 pm | 10 | 11 Ignite Spark Fair - Grades 8-12 | 12 NO SCHOOL | 13 |
| 14 Mother's Day | 15 Gr. 9 English PAT Family Story Time - Grassy Lake Public Library 10:30 am | 16 Lego Club in the Library 3:15 pm | 17 Gr. 6 English PAT | 18 Ascension | 19 Kindergarten Day | 20 |
| 21 | 22 NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day (regional holiday) | 23 Lego Club in the Library 3:15 pm | 24 Track and Field Divisionals - Jrm High 8:00 am | 25 PAC Lunch Track and field zones - Sr. High School Wide Dance 12:20 pm PAC Meeting 12:30 pm | 26 Early Learning Day | 27 |
| 28 Pentecost | 29 | 30 Track and field zones - Jr. High Lego Club in the Library 3:15 pm | 31 | | | |

June 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 Family Story Time - Grassy Lake Public Library 10:30 am | 6 Jack and the Bean stalk play 1:30 pm Lego Club in the Library 3:15 pm | 7 | 8 K-3 Year-end Field Trip Game/Popcom Afternoon-Jr. High 1:00 pm | 9 NO SCHOOL | 10 |
| 11 | 12 ATL Exam Week | 13 ATL Exam Week Lego Club in the Library 3:15 pm | 14 ATL Exam Week | 15 ATL Exam Week Sports Day 12:00 pm | 16 ATL Exam Week Gr. 4/5 Year end Field Trip Gr. 6 Social PAT Gr. 9 Social PAT | 17 ATL Exam Week |
| 18 ATL Exam Week Father's Day | 19 ATL Exam Week Gr. 6 Science PAT Gr. 9 Science PAT Last Day of Early Learning Family Story Time - Grassy Lake Public Library 10:30 am | 20 ATL Exam Week Gr. 6 English PAT Gr. 9 English PAT Year End BBQ PAC Meeting 12:30 pm Lego Club in the Library 3:15 pm | 21 ATL Exam Week National Indigenous Peoples Day (regional holiday) Pizza party for Lunch Monitors 11:45 am | 22 ATL Exam Week Gr. 6 Math PAT Gr. 9 Math PAT | 23 ATL Exam Week Gr. 6 Math PAT Gr. 9 Math PAT Last Day of Kindergarten Last Day of School | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 3 ATL Grad - Ceremony @ 11 and Supper @ 6 |