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Mark Your Calendar

September 2	Welcome Back!
September 4	Early Dismissal 12:00 noon
September 10	Meet the Teacher Night 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
September 12	Staff Learning & Planning No School
September 16	Dawe Run
September 17	Picture Day (Pre-K, K - 2) School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
September 18	Picture Day (3, 4 & 5)
September 24	Lunch with the Principal
September 25	Assembly 9:30 a.m. Terry Fox School Run Grandview Gram

REMINDER:

**Early Dismissal—12:00 noon
Thursday, September 4
Tour of Alberta Cycling Race**

Due to the Tour of Alberta Cycling Race closing down Ross Street, Grandview School will be dismissing at **12:00 noon on Thursday, September 4.**

WANTED!

Lunch Room Supervisors

The Lunchroom Program at Grandview is in need of lunchroom supervisors. Supervisors are paid positions which can be job-shared. If you or anyone you know is interested in this position and are available from 12:00—1:00 p.m. most days, please contact the School Office at 403 346-3223.

NEW!

Grandview—Caretaker of the Environment —Grandview Gram

In keeping with one of our CARE themes—Caring for the Environment - the Grandview Gram will now be distributed to parents by e-mail or by accessing it on the Grandview website. Parents may request paper copies to be sent home or pick one up at the school at any time.

Please see **page 4** for other great ways to keep connected to your child's school activities.

Thank you for helping us save a few trees!

Grandview School Website: grandview.rdpsd.ab.ca

Be sure to check out our website for all kinds of information!

Follow us on **FACEBOOK (and Twitter)** ...*like Grandview Elementary School* to receive updates and school happenings.

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to a new school year!

My dad taught me how to sail when I was young and so I have been sailing for many years. My family now keeps our boat, named *RECESS*, in the marina at Sylvan Lake so it's nice and handy to go out for a sail over the summer months when the weather is good. We often take other people with us because it's a great way to visit. Since this past summer was so nice, we were out a lot.



What surprised me a bit were the number of people we took out who had never sailed before. It was a lot of fun handing them the rudder (the part that steers the boat) and then helping them trim the sails and understand how to get where you want to go without tipping over. Like anything new it takes some patience and a lot of practice to get to the point where things are calm and enjoyable.

School is not the only place where learning goes on but it is a place where your kids will be introduced to many things that make the world an interesting place to live. Then it will take a lot of patience and practice to get good at the skills we need to keep learning. As a Grandview Staff we know that we can't do this alone. All of education is a partnership. We know that we need your help as parents, and so we want to thank you for entrusting your kids to our care, and we look forward to **working together to provide a positive learning environment for all students.**

Have a terrific year.

Mr. Barthel

Meet the Teacher Night

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

6:30 -7:30 p.m.

To maximize the parent/teacher partnership, parents are invited to meet the teachers on **Wednesday, September 10** from 6:30 -7:30 pm. Grade 5 student hosts will be available at the entry to direct you to your child's class where you will have the opportunity to meet the teacher, and where the teacher will have an opportunity to share with you some of the things you can expect from them. The purpose of the evening is to make that important first 'put a name to a face' contact. More in-depth conversations about your child and their learning needs will be discussed at the Parent-Teacher conferences set for early October.

SCHOOL PHOTOS September 17 & 18

School Photos will be taken on September 17 and 18. Schedule is as follows:

September 17	Pre-K, K, Grades 1 and 2
September 18	Grades 3, 4, 5

SCHOOL HOURS

* 8:15 a.m.	Teachers begin playground supervision
8:28 a.m.	Entrance Bell
8:30 a.m.	Classes begin
*10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Recess, supervised by staff
12:00 noon	Lunch dismissal bell
*12:25 p.m. to 12:48 p.m.	Lunch Recess, supervised by Lunchroom supervisors
12:51 p.m.	Classes begin
* 3:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	School Dismissal and bus departure, supervised by teachers

* **Note: Playground supervision occurs at these designated times.**

Messages to Students

We would like to request the understanding and help of parents with regard to messages for their children. We will certainly take emergency messages for students but ask that you preplan other particulars with your children before they leave home in the morning. You may also use the student agenda to advise the teacher of any special arrangements for the day. If you are having someone pick up your child, please instruct them to meet the child by the classroom door.

Reporting Absences/Lates

Please remember to phone the school (403-346-3223) if your student will be absent or late. There is an answering machine available to leave a message before or after office hours.

SCHOOL FEES & LUNCHROOM FEES

The Red Deer Public School District is no longer charging School Program fees at the elementary school level. Included in this newsletter is information regarding additional purchases and lunchroom fees. Please complete required forms, include payment and return to your child's teacher beginning **Wednesday, September 3, 2014.**

WIN...WIN...WIN...

Pay your lunchroom fees by **September 26, 2014** (*including payment by post-dated cheques*) and be eligible for a draw to win your Lunchroom Fees back...to a maximum of \$150.00!! See registration form in this newsletter.

Field Trip Form

Please find attached a Field Trip Form to seek parental consent for unscheduled, weather-permitting, off-site activities in the community as part of the regular classroom program or as part of the Physical Education program. These activities would include events such as nature walks, P.E. activities in the vicinity or on the trails. These activities would not require any transportation and be within reasonable walking distance from the school. *Please complete page 2 of the consent form and return by September 11, 2014.*

Communication—Grandview School

Grandview Gram—Please sign up !

The Grandview Gram will be sent electronically on the **last Thursday of every month**. **Please sign up with your e-mail address below to receive the newsletter.** The Gram will also be accessible on the Grandview Website and paper copies will be available in the office. Please complete the information below and return to the school prior to September 22, 2014.

Student Name: _____ Home Room: _____

Parent Name: _____

Please send the Grandview Gram to the following e-mail address :



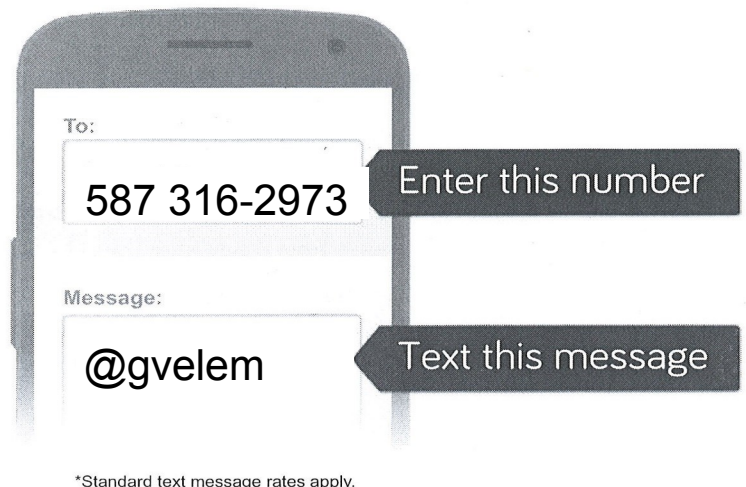
Grandview Elementary School will be using a free text messaging service called “**Remind 101**” as another form of keeping our parents in the “know”. This free service allows us to send a text message to update or remind you about upcoming events at the school (*i.e. school council meeting tomorrow night, etc...*). These messages will come from the office and not individual teachers. You cannot reply to the messages and all personal information remains completely confidential. The office will never see your phone number, nor will you ever see ours. If you would like to sign up for this message, please do the following:

In your text messaging box type: **@gvelem**

then send to the following number: (587) 316-2973

You will receive a message asking for your full name. If you have signed up before with another school or teacher, please sign up once again. You will now be on our list to receive reminders from Grandview.

NOTE to last year’s subscribers: Grandview has a new phone number with Remind 101 so you will need to re-sign up to make sure you receive the messages!



*Standard text message rates apply.

Dawe Run



The annual **Dawe Run** is scheduled for **September 16** (the alternate date is September 23). Our grade four and five students will be participating. The run starts at Heritage Ranch, follows the River Valley and ends at Great Chief Park. We encourage parents to come out and cheer on their children.

Toonies for Terry! National Terry Fox School Run At Grandview September 25, 2014

All students at Grandview School will participate in the Canada-wide School Terry Fox Run. As part of this event, Grandview Students are encouraged to donate a 'Toonie for Terry'. By working together, Terry's dream of one day finding a cure for cancer may become a reality.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE 2014-2015

For the 2014-2015 school year, Red Deer Public Schools will continue to provide a blanket policy for student accident insurance for all full-time registered students (excludes international students).

*Parents may still wish to purchase the **AIP Kids Plus voluntary insurance** to 'top up' coverage for non-school activities. These forms will be distributed to students the first days of school in September.*

NUT ALLERGY

We have students in our school who have a severe allergy to peanuts and all other nuts. If they come into contact with the residue of peanuts or nuts or ingest peanuts or nuts, they will go into anaphylaxis - one of the most dramatic allergic reactions possible. This reaction occurs rapidly and may result in death through respiratory obstruction or vascular collapse.

The school staff and the Grandview School Council request that you avoid sending snacks or lunches that contain or may contain any nuts, including peanut butter.

School Council Connects...

School Council

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

7:00 p.m. , Grandview School

- ◆ Election of Officers

We encourage parents to join our active and supportive School Council.

STUDENT UNION COUPON BOOKS

Grandview School Council is once again selling the Student Union Coupon Books. This is our fall fund-raiser so you may want to alert friends and family that the Coupon Books will be available for sale from Grandview Students. Watch for further information coming home with your child.

Evacuation Procedures

During September and October the students and staff will practice several evacuation procedures. We will also practice securing our building in the event of an emergency. Every year students have reviews of these routines for a safe and quick exit of our building. Our school has a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan. It will be reviewed by Mr. Barthel at our first School Council meeting.

Does your child stay for lunch?

To make our Lunchroom Program run more smoothly and efficiently, we need the help of our parents in regards to the following issues:

- With 15-25 students in many of our classes, it takes a long time to heat up lunches. **We would suggest that you send items that take no longer than one minute to heat up.**
- By sending foods that do not need to be heated up everyday, students would be able to finish eating sooner and get outside to play. **We ask that you refrain from sending items that require heating up to 2-3 times per week.**
- Many foods that need to be cooked take 3 or 4 minutes to heat up (Noodles, Kraft Dinner, etc.) When they are finally cooked, they are extremely hot for the students to eat. **We suggest that you precook these types of foods and allow your child to simply reheat them.**
- **Please do not sent Microwave Popcorn as this will no longer be accepted at our school.**
- **Please remember to send the necessary cutlery with your child, as we will no longer be supplying plastic cutlery.**
- We try to carry some extra lunch items for students who have forgotten their lunches. **However, students who have a lunch and request additional items will be asked to let their parents know that they need more food.** Please check with your child to ensure that they have enough to eat each day.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE for SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

In an effort to maximize the safety of your children and our students, the Red Deer Public School District has requirements for school volunteers.

All adults who volunteer in a school or at a school-sponsored activity, and who will have opportunity to interact with students during the course of their volunteer service, will need to provide the school with a Police Information Check (formerly known as a Criminal Record Check) and two written references that confirm the suitability of the individual to serve as a school volunteer.

The forms are currently available in the school office or on request, may be sent home with your child. If you have completed these forms in past years, it will not be necessary to redo them as the Police Information Check is valid for **five** years.

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a volunteer and for your understanding in meeting these requirements in order to enhance the safety of your children and our students.

LUNCHROOM POLICY & FEES 2014—2015

The Grandview Lunchroom Program is jointly accountable to school administration and the Grandview School Council. The Red Deer Public School District provides support for a “basic lunch supervision” program for students who are bussed to Grandview from Rosedale, Timberlands & designated Downtown areas. The District pays \$ 7.50 per eligible student per month. At Grandview there is a paid lunchroom supervisor in each classroom. We believe this adult presence promotes appropriate social interaction. In order to accommodate this financial commitment, the following fees apply:

Lunchroom Fees:

Rosedale and designated Downtown Bus Students

\$ 7.50 per child per month ***paid by parents*** (\$75.00 per year) and remainder subsidized by the Red Deer Public School District.

We would request that payments are made as follows: \$ 37.50 in September and \$ 37.50 in January (*post-dated cheques*) or one payment of \$ 75.00 per child is made in September.

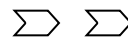
All Other Students

\$ 15.00 per month per child, paid by parents.

We require post-dated cheques payable to ***Grandview School*** or cash payment prior to the beginning of each month.

The Red Deer Public School District requires that all lunch students complete a registration for the lunch program and it ***must be accompanied with payment. Thank you.***

Please see reverse side of this page for registration / agreement form.



Lunch Supervision Program

Registration / Agreement Form

Note: The Red Deer Public School District requires that all lunch students complete a registration form for the lunch program and return it to the school, along with the appropriate lunch fees.

Children Being Registered:

Name

Homeroom

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please indicate when you expect your child(ren) will remain at school during the lunch hour? (Check only one)

All year Occasionally

FEES

Eligible Bus Transported Students (Rosedale and Downtown – over 1.6 km from school) **\$7.50 per child per month.**

We would request that payments are made as follows: \$ 37.50 in September and \$ 37.50 in January (*post-dated cheques*) or one payment of \$ 75.00 per child be made in September.

All other students - \$15.00 per child/per month paid by parents.

We would request that payments are made as follows: \$75.00 in September and \$75.00 in January (post-dated) or one payment of \$150.00 per child in September or post-dated cheques payable to **Grandview School** for \$15.00 dated the 1st of each month.

Your signature below indicates that you wish to register your child for the Lunch Supervision Program at Grandview Elementary School and that **you agree to pay the necessary fees.** Please return this form and payment to the school office by September 26, 2014.

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Parent /Guardian Signature

Phone Number: _____

Date: _____



SCHOOL: Grandview Elementary School

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY and return to the school by September 11 2014

FIELD TRIP/SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Consent of Parent or Guardian and Acknowledgement of Risk

The TEACHER has completed this section for parental information. Parents are asked to read and consent to the information provided below.

A. Select either (i) or (ii)

(i) The student will be given the opportunity to participate in the following program or activity (or as attached) (please specify program): _____

a) Location: _____

YES, this is a City of Red Deer facility.

b) Date: _____

c) Supervisor in Charge: _____

(ii) The student will be given the opportunity to participate in the attached series of off-site activities, as part of the Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5 Program as well as the Foundations and Stepping Stones program.

Site Activities: Nature walks, re-location evacuation procedures, "Pitch-In" Activities, walks to Little Ice Cream Shoppe or other local businesses, outdoor Physical Education activities and any other neighborhood activities within walking distance.

***See the attached list for activities, date, location, and supervisor in charge.**

B. Red Deer Public Schools will make every reasonable effort to ascertain that:

- a) The supervisors and staff of any Service Providers (e.g. bus drivers, venue staff) are fully trained and qualified.
- b) The students who undertake the program or activities will be adequately supervised.
- c) The location and/or facilities meet the applicable health and safety standards.
- d) Any equipment made available by the Service Provider or used in the activity has been inspected and is deemed to be appropriate, safe, and well maintained.
- e) The location where the activity will take place is appropriate and safe.
- f) The Service Provider has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that any animal(s) involved in the activity are safe.

The potential hazards that may be associated with this activity/program include, but are by no means an exhaustive list of potential hazards, and therefore are not limited to the following: (if additional space is required, please add a separate sheet)

_____ Any hazards that may be associated with the above-mentioned activities _____
 _____ such as crossing streets, walking/running on trails, outdoor physical _____
 _____ activities (such as skating), exposure to insects and plants, and usage of _____
 _____ playground facilities on the Grandview Elementary School site. _____

C. FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION

The following means of transportation will be provided: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTIONS BELOW.

STUDENT SURNAME: _____ STUDENT FIRST NAME: _____

D. CONSENT TO FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION (Please check one)

- Yes I accept this mode of transportation for this activity **OR**
 No In the event that you do not consent to accept transportation, your child will not be able to participate in this field trip/school activity.

E. CONSENT TO FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION

1. I am satisfied that I have been informed of my right to obtain as much information about this program, or activity as I feel necessary, including information beyond that information provided to me by the school or Board to the extent that I require and am not, in any way, relying solely upon information provided by Red Deer Public Schools respecting the nature and extent of the risks and hazards associated with the program or activity.
2. I freely and voluntarily assume the risks and hazards inherent in the nature of the program or activity and understand and acknowledge to the school and the City of Red Deer, in that event the location is a City of Red Deer facility, that my child, as a participant, may suffer personal and potentially serious injury due to an unforeseeable event.
3. My child has been informed that he/she is to abide by the rules and regulations including directions and instructions from the school's administrators, instructors, and supervisors as imposed on students while participating in the program or activities. This shall include his/her participation in the planning and information sessions and meeting of all prerequisites prior to his/her participation in the activity or program.
4. In the event that my child fails to abide by the rules and regulations imposed on the student while participating in the program or activities, disciplinary action may either require that he/she not participate in the program or activity, or that I will be contacted to have him/her picked up.
5. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to advise the Board of any medical or health concerns of my child which may affect his/her participation in the stated program or activity.
6. I consent that the Board, through its employees, agents, and officers at the school may secure such medical advice and services as those individuals, in their sole discretion, may deem necessary for my child's health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such advice and services.
7. I understand the Board of Trustees will monitor the level of risk and assess the potential for liability associated with these field trips and reserves the right to cancel a trip at any time. In the event that a field trip is cancelled, the School Board will not provide compensation or reimbursement to parents, students or staff for any costs associated with the field trip.
8. Based on my understanding, acknowledgement, and consents as described herein, I agree that my child has my permission to participate in this program or activity.

Date: _____ Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Student Name: _____ Signature: _____
(student to sign if in high school only)

HEALTH INFORMATION (Supervisor-in-charge will have this information during the Off-Site Activity/ies to address health and medical needs including emergencies) **Please complete if current medical information has changed since school registration.**

Alberta Health No.: _____ Birth Date: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Medications taken (name, reason, dosage) _____

Medical Treatment Restrictions (if any) e.g. blood transfusions: _____

Dietary Restrictions (if any): _____

Other Concerns: _____

Emergency Contact(s):

1) Name: _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

2) Name: _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Welcome!

New Faces at Grandview



Mrs. Rose



Ms. Hart
Grade 2



Ms. Schneider
Grade 1



Mrs. Billyard
Educational Assistant



Mrs. Smith
Educational Assistant



Mrs. Carey
Educational Assistant



Pre-Kindergarten
Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Walters, - Educational Assistants
Mrs. Coghlin - Teacher

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day <i>No school</i>	2 Classes Begin for students	3	4 Tour of Alberta Cycling Race Dismissal 12:00 noon	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Staff Learning & Planning <i>No School all day!</i>	12	13
14 RED DEER TERRY FOX RUN	15 Dawe Run	16 Picture Day (Pre-K, K, 1 -2) School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Picture Day (Gr. 3, 4 & 5)	19	20
21	22 Dawe Run (Alternate Date)	23 Lunch with the Principal	24 Assembly 10:40 a.m. Terry Fox School Run Grandview Gram	25	26	27
28	29	30				

OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Picture Re-take Day		<i>Book Fair</i> Parent-Teacher Con- ferences No School All Day	Staff learning Day No School All Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Thanksgiving Day No School		School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Lunch with the Principal		October Assembly 1:00 p.m. Grandview Gram	Halloween Black & Orange Day	