

EYE of the Storm


SEPTEMBER 2023




Schuler School

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September Calendar

<https://schuler.myprps.com/calendar>

If you wish to print a copy of the above calendar for your fridge, go to our website at

- <https://schuler.myprps.com>
- take a 'snip' snapshot
- print from your snip menu

Lyle's Lowdown!

Welcome back to a new year at Schuler School! I am extremely excited to be joining Schuler School in my new role as Principal. Although I have only been in my new role for a week, I have enjoyed getting to know the students and staff. I look forward to meeting the rest of the Schuler School families at our

Welcome Back BBQ on September 14th from 4-6 PM. I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed their summer holidays. We are ready and excited for the new school year!

If you have any questions or concerns please always feel free to call me at Schuler School or on my cell phone @ 403-866-7780.

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Schuler School Calendar

Sept. 5..... First Day for Students

Sept. 14..... Halo Field Trip Gr. 3-6

Sept. 14..... Welcome Back BBQ by School Council

Sept. 18..... School Council AGM @ 6:00 PM

Sept. 20 Terry Fox Run @ 2:00 PM

Sept. 21..... Badlands Field Trip (Gr. 1-9)

Sept. 22..... PD Day ~ NO SCHOOL

Sept. 29..... School Fees Due, Orange Shirt Day, Hats on for Mental Health

Sept. 30..... **Truth & Reconciliation (Saturday)**

October 5..... Turkey Trot @ 2:00 PM

October 6..... PD Day ~ NO SCHOOL

October 9..... Thanksgiving Day ~ NO SCHOOL

October 11..... SC Photo School Pictures

October 31..... Halloween Activities

November 8..... Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 2:00 PM

November 9..... SI Day ~ NO SCHOOL

November 10..... Wellness Day ~ NO SCHOOL

November 11..... Remembrance Day ~ Saturday

November 17..... Report Cards

November 23..... Parent Teacher Interviews (4:00 – 7:00 PM)

December Christmas Activity (TBD)

December 22..... Early Dismissal @ 2:00 PM

December 23 - January 7 ~ Christmas Holidays ~ NO SCHOOL

January 8..... Back to School

January 31..... SI Day ~ NO SCHOOL

February 19 ~23 Family Day, Teacher's Convention ~ NO SCHOOL

February 28..... Pink Shirt Day

March 14..... Report Cards

March 15..... **SI Day ~ NO SCHOOL**

March 21..... Parent Teacher Interviews (4:00-7:00 PM)

March 28..... Easter Activities

March 29 - April 7 ~ Easter Vacation ~ NO SCHOOL

April 26..... SI Day ~ NO SCHOOL

May 10..... Muffins with Mom

May Track & Field (TBD)

May Track & Field (alternate day TBD)

May 17 **SI Day ~ NO SCHOOL**

May 20..... **Victoria Day ~ NO SCHOOL**
 June Grade 9 Farewell (TBD)
 June 14..... Donuts with Dad
 June 27..... Report Cards, Students Last Day - Early Dismissal @ 2:00 PM
 June 29..... Staff Last Day

Prairie Rose Public Schools Calendar



Prairie Rose Public Schools 2023-2024

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SI/PD Days No School	
Statutory Holidays	
Truth and Reconciliation	
Wellness/Holiday No School	
Teachers' Convention	
First/Last Day of Classes	
Early Dismissal @ 2pm	
Semester 2 Begins	

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August 30, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Fair Notice and Process, Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)

In Prairie Rose School Division No. 8, the safety of our children is a top priority. Along with our community partners, we are committed to keeping our schools safe for students and staff. The community partners as members of the Southeast Alberta Regional Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) committee have developed a plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others, which includes all staff must report all threat related behaviours.

What is the purpose of a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)?

The Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) is designed to be proactive in developing intervention/safety plans that address the emotional and physical safety of those involved; to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat; and to begin to understand the factors that contribute to the threat-maker's behaviour.

What behaviours warrant a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) to be initiated?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture. Every threat must be taken seriously, thoroughly investigated and a response and follow through completed.

What is a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Team?

Each school has a multi-disciplinary VTRA team that includes the school administration, school-based counselors and support staff, and may also include district resource staff and community partners (i.e. police, mental health practitioners). It is important for all parties to engage in the VTRA process. If for some reason there is reluctance to participate in the process, by the threat-maker or the parent/guardian, the threat assessment will still continue to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all.

What happens in a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)?

The process of a VTRA begins when threat making behaviours are reported. The VTRA protocol is then activated. Interviews will be held with the student(s), the threat-maker, parents, and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. An intervention plan will be developed and follow-up meetings will occur, as deemed necessary, to ensure that interventions are supporting all those involved.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school division, will not accept "no response" to a threat in our schools. We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and we are fortunate to have the commitment of our community partners. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact your school administrator, or further information can be found on the division website.

Sincerely,



Mark Heinrichs
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

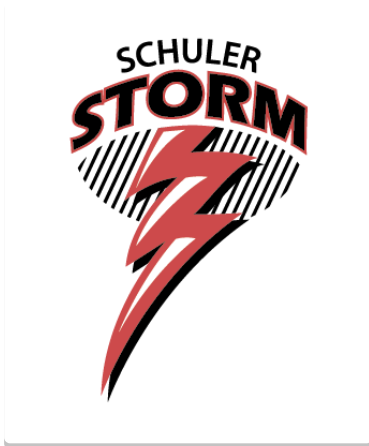
The model presented reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response www.cctatr.com.

Picture Day ~ Wednesday, October 11th.

Pictures are by SC Photo in Medicine Hat.



VOLLEYBALL



We are SO excited to have TWO competitive volleyball teams this year! Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Farion will be coaching a B Girls and B Boys team.

A reminder for parents with a child playing, there will be a fee of \$55 to cover league and tournament fees. This can be paid through SchoolCash.

School Pick-up/Drop-off

Please ring the door buzzer when you arrive to pick-up your child during the school day. Once you have arrived and buzzed, we will call your child down to be signed out. On occasion if Mrs. Herman is away for the day, you may have to ring more than once or if no response, call a staff member on their cell phone.



When dropping off your child, please be sure you ring the buzzer as well and make sure they get access inside and are signed in for the remainder of the day.



Your child came home with an letter and envelope for school fees. You also got a notification email that they are set up in School Cash. These fees are due by Friday, Sept. 29th.

I highly encourage all parents to the link below for SchoolCash Online to pay for their school fees as well as any upcoming expenses.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the fees, please call Lisa or Janice at the school.



If your child is going to be absent at any time, please call the school at 403-839-3732. There is an answering service available 24 hours per day.

We will be following the same protocol as the end of last year if you are picking up or dropping off your child during the school day. Our doors are locked so please ring the doorbell or call to let us know you are here.



We will continue to offer our hot lunches online only now as we did last year. **In order to access the hot lunch YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR SCHOOLCASH ONLINE.** I cannot set this up on my end for you, YOU must do it. Please select the link below to do this and select 'REGISTER'. After this is done you will receive emails each time something is available to be purchased. If you have questions or need help feel free to give me a call.



[SchoolCashOnline.com... prrdweb.schoolcashionline.com](https://prrdweb.schoolcashionline.com)

Why Use SchoolCash Online? Convenient Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home Easy To Use Online shopping with various payment methods Safe Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school Saves Time Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

Terry Fox Run ~ Friday, September 20th

Our Annual Terry Fox School Run day is set for **Wednesday, September 20nd at 2:00 PM.**

All parents and community members are welcome & encouraged to join us outside the school at this time.

Pledge sheets will be coming home soon for students to raise funds. We highly encourage you to use the online pledging at <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/>.

-select 'Donate to a School' in the top right corner

- under 'School Name' type in **Schuler School**
- select 'Schuler School' then 'Donate'
- proceed to make your donation

Students can also get on board by setting up their own fundraising page under your school name using <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/>

- select 'Menu' in the top right corner
- select 'students' from the drop down menu
- scroll down to 'Setting up your Student or Classroom Page' and follow the prompts



FACES OF OUR SCHOOL ~ Jeremy Molzan

Each month, a member of our staff will be highlighted. This is your chance to get to know a few things about them!

How do you like to spend your time outside of work or school?

- I like spending time with my family doing a variety of activities. We love playing sports, going for walks, swimming or playing in the water. In the winter we enjoy tobogganing, and skiing/snowboarding.
- I also enjoy playing slopitch in the summer, coaching my daughters' baseball teams, fishing, hiking and riding my motorcycle.
- I am told by my wife I spend too much time tending to our small garden and my lawn.

Are you an early bird or a night owl?

- This is a tough one for me. If I had the choice I would prefer being a night owl and sleeping in. However, I have young kids and this isn't an option for me. So I suppose I would say I am an early bird.

How do you like to start your day?

- With coffee. Ideally a peaceful coffee on my deck, but definitely with coffee.

What kinds of activities energize you?

- Any activities with my two girls are generally energizing. I also find riding a great way to wake up.

What's one thing you're learning now or learned recently?

- I am currently learning how to teach in multi grade classroom

What's something you saw recently that made you laugh?

- When walking through spirit Halloween I jumped after one of the decorations. This put my wife into a fit of laughter in the middle of the store. This made me laugh.

What's something you have done, but you'll never do again?

- Bungee jump

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

- Police officer or a teacher

Are you reading anything interesting right now?

- Currently reading : Gibby- Tales of a Baseball Lifer. Next I will be reading. "No Days Off: My life with Type 1 Diabetes" a book by Max Domi about living with Type 1 diabetes.

Are you binging on any shows?

- My wife and I are currently watching the show "Walker" on Prime TV

SCHOOL COUNCIL

SCHULER STORM SCHULER Council
SCHOOL &
Schuler Community Association

Welcome Back

BBQ
Party

**MEET YOUR SCHOOL &
COMMUNITY**

THURSDAY SEPT 14TH

@4:00-6:00PM



SCHULER SCHOOL Council



**AGM AND
ORGINIZATIONAL
MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 18TH
@ 6PM**

SCHULER SCHOOL

**COME JOIN THE
CONVERSATION AND
LEARN WHAT IS GOING
ON AT SCHULER SCHOOL!**

**MEET OTHER PARENTS,
HAVE A VOICE IN THE
SCHOOL, ENJOY A
REFRESHMENT, AND
YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL
QUALIFY FOR AN ENTRY
IN OUR DOOR PRIZE!**



School Council AGM - September 18 @ 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held at the school. *Adults only please.*
All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. It's your school, come be a part of it!

- Get school updates
- Share ideas to build our school community
- Have your voice heard
- Participate in decisions that impact student learning

SCHULER'S
RUST OR SHINE
CARSHOW

Centennial Park in Schuler, AB 1st Street E & Railway Ave E NE of Medicine Hat on Hwy 41 N



Proceeds go to:


SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 30th** 10am-3pm

SILENT AUCTION FOR HALO

CONCESSION QUILT DISPLAY FARMER'S MARKET

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST w/ DONATION (9AM) •
 KID'S BIKE DECORATING & PARADE (10:30AM) • PEDAL TRACTORS (12-2PM)

CARSHOW: \$10 reg fee - Wayne 403-502-4543 • FARMER'S MARKET: \$10/table - Michelle 403-332-2778

Schuler & Hilda Centennial 2023

A huge thanks to everyone who helped plan, execute or participate in the the Schuler and Hilda Centennials this summer. They were both a huge success! As a school, we feel those that planned as well as those who attended, have modelled the importance of celebrating both community and history to our kids. Well done everyone!!