

Delburne Centralized School

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Dear Delburne School Community,

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Welcome back! We hope your summer was filled with time to relax, recharge, and make some great memories with family and friends!

We are so excited for the 2025/2026 school year! Whether you are a returning member of our school community or joining us for the first time, we want to welcome each one of you! Our incredible staff has been busy getting things ready, and we can't wait to welcome students back into our classrooms and hallways.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead. We look forward to a year full of growth, learning, and memories!

Preparing for Success

This year, we will continue to focus on academic excellence, personal growth, and the overall well-being of our students. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing classrooms, planning engaging lessons, and ensuring that all necessary resources are in place to support our students' success.

Building Strong Communication and Connections

At Delburne School, we truly believe that strong connections between home and school make such an important difference. We encourage open communication and collaboration with families. We know that when we work together, we create a positive and caring school environment where every student can succeed.

Regular updates will be provided through our weekly parent announcements. We will also provide our families with updates through our Delburne School Facebook page and school website www.delburneschool.ca. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or to one of us if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

You will soon be receiving a Delburne School Handbook. This handbook will come home with your youngest or only child in the school. The purpose of the handbook is to provide you with information pertaining to the school and the education of your child. It also contains rules and regulations related to Delburne School and Chinook's Edge School Division.

Students can once again look forward to a wide range of extracurricular activities and events being offered at Delburne School. These activities and events will allow students an opportunity to explore their passions and develop leadership skills.

Health and Safety

The safety and well-being of our students and staff continue to be our highest priority. We are committed to maintaining a safe learning environment that will protect the well-being of our staff and students while at the same time supporting academic success. Regular fire drills, lockdown drills, and tornado drills will be part of our Health and Safety protocols.

Sensitive Topics

Please note that there are changes to the way we engage with parents when sensitive topics are taught in classrooms.

Starting in September 2025, Alberta Education is requiring that all school divisions, including Chinook's Edge School Division, notify parents about instruction related to subject matter dealing primarily or explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality.

You can expect that your child's school will provide you with a form appropriate to your child's grade level. This notification provides parents with the option to 'opt in' their child for instruction related to the subject matter.

Please visit the Chinook's Edge website, [here](#), to see the grade level and curricular topics that require you to "opt in".

Important Dates and Events

Tuesday, Sept. 2	First Day of School
Thursday, Sept. 4	Back to School BBQ - From 4:00-6:00, we will be serving hot dogs, chips, beverages, and dessert. The school and classrooms will be open and you are more than welcome to tour the school and visit your child's classroom.
Monday, Sept. 15th	Terry Fox - Community Members are welcome to join us on the Upper Elementary Playground at 2:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19th	No School for Students - Professional Learning Day
Monday, Sept. 22nd	School Picture Day
Friday, Sept. 26th	High School Awards Night 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30th	No School - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Re- Enrollment Forms

Re-enrollment forms will soon be sent to your email. Please complete the form prior to the first day of school. Forms include the in-town walking field trip form, which needs to be completed prior to the Terry Fox walk. Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Page at 403-749-3838.

DCS Educational Team

<u>K - 3 Team</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Deidre McEachern - Kindergarten• Mrs. Janet Pisko - Grade 1P• Mrs. Courtney Faber-Gillespie - Grade 1/2• Mrs. Chelsey Christensen - Grade 2• Mrs. Pamala Dudar - Grade 3
<u>Gr. 4 - 8 Team</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Brittany Zak - Grade 4• Ms. Kaylee Raniseth - Grade 5• Ms. Cheyenne Cocke - Grade 5/6• Ms. Brooklyn Schlag - Grade 6• Ms. Tracey Kozey - Grade 7 Homeroom• Mr. Andrew Kartusch - Grade 8 Homeroom
<u>Gr. 9 - 12 Team</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Braedon Harke - Bio 30, Bio 20, Math 10C, Math 10-3, Sci 9, Math 9, Outdoor Education 9 - 12, PE 3 and 4• Ms. Emily McArthur - Social 20-2, Social 9, English 9, Shop/ Fabrication 7-12, CTF 5 & 6, PE 6, Gr 5/6 SEW/ Library• Ms. Tracy Ray - Social 30-1/ 30-2, Social 20-1, Social 10-1/ 10-2, Career Counselling 9 - 12, Credits and Careers• Mr. Nicholas Schultz - Math 30-1, 30-2, 30-3, Math 20-1, Science 24, ESports Option 10 - 12, PE 3 and 4• Mr. Rob Simpson - Chem 30, Chem 20, Physics 30, Physics 20, Math 20-2/ 20-3, Science 10, Grade 9 Digital World and STEM Options• Ms. Arielle Slyjker - English 30-1, 30-2, English 20-1, English 20-2, English 10-2, 10-2, Options 9 - 12 (Art, COS), Art 5 and Art 5/6• Mrs. Jackie Smith - Grade 5 - 12 Foods, Elementary PE• Mr. Ryley Smith - PE 7 - 12, CALM, Math 9 Prep, Health 9 and Athletic Director
<u>Student Support Liason</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Stephany Dreeshen - K - 12 Student Support
<u>Administration Team</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Jocelyn Pennock - Principal• Mrs. Tricia Simpson - Vice Principal
<u>Administration Support Team</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Jill Bellerive• Mrs. Kim Page

<u>Educational Support Staff</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tyler Fegan - Technical Support • Ms. Lena Jackson - Learning Commons • Mrs. Tina Muir - Educational Assistant • Mrs. Donna Peterson - Educational Assistant • Mrs. Leslie Raniseth - Educational Assistant • Ms. Robin Ritchie - Educational Assistant/ Administrative Support • Mrs. Tasha Senecal - Educational Assistant • Mrs. Krystal Stackniak - Student Support • Mrs. Zeljka Udovicic - Family School Wellness Worker • Ms. MJ Vergara - YES Program Success Coach • Mrs. Debbie Wilson - Educational Assistant • Mrs. Karen Wood - Educational Assistant
<u>Custodians</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Shauna Dorsey • Ms. Cassandra Hancher • Ms. Jennifer Lukenbill

Looking Ahead

We are so happy to welcome everyone back to Delburne School! We are excited for a year full of learning, growth, and meaningful experiences for your child. With your support and partnership, we know that this year will be successful and memorable for everyone!

Please know that you can always reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. Your child's education and well-being are of utmost importance and we are more than happy to talk things through over the phone or meet with you at the school to answer your questions or provide clarity if needed.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jocelyn Pennock, Principal

Mrs. Tricia Simpson, Vice Principal