



Fort Vermilion School Division

2021-2022 School Year

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy summer break everyone!

I trust students, parents / guardians and staff are enjoying family time and staying safe this summer.

FVSD is in its fourth year of our focus on the following priorities:

- FVSD will align practices to foster connectivity and well-being.
- All students will improve literacy skills across the content areas.
- All students will improve numeracy skills.

I continue to be amazed and appreciative of the tremendous commitment by the FVSD staff to make a positive difference for students and their families, as well as supporting the community in which you live and serve.

This year will be a fresh look at normal. FVSD will focus on Literacy and Numeracy to continue to change the lives of your children. We are looking forward to normal events, parents in our schools, and recess. We will take a few good ideas and

move them forward this year, like a shortened day, and more consistent breaks in the school calendar. Please feel free to call and let us know what you think.

The 2021-22 school year begins on September 7th for students, and with that comes much excitement for everyone. The staff of FVSD will continue to strive to provide an educational environment in which the new draft Alberta curriculum in Math, Language Arts, and Wellness is delivered in a manner that is meaningful, engaging, challenging and fulfilling. It is our desire that all students complete high school and that they are prepared for a life of continued learning and success. As always please contact your local school to plan for the education of your children.

The mission statement of the Fort Vermilion School Division is "Our Children, Our Students, Our Future." With this in mind we will connect with communities to provide the best programming for all students.

Michael McMann
Superintendent of Schools



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

On October 18, 2021 School Board elections will take place across the province of Alberta. School board trustees are local politicians elected by and accountable to the community they serve. The provincial government delegates to the school boards the responsibility for conducting the affairs of the school jurisdiction. The school board has many responsibilities including (but not limited to):

- setting school jurisdiction goals
- planning school jurisdiction priorities
- developing and implementing an annual budget
- advocating on behalf of the school community to decision-makers and stakeholders
- Ensuring regular opportunities for public input and access

Do I have what it takes to be a successful school board trustee?

Am I prepared to put my community and students first?
Successful school board trustees put the needs of students first. They run for office because they passionately believe a quality education is one of the most important things a community can do to ensure students have the knowledge and skills that enable them to be better prepared for life.

Do I need to be an expert in education?
No, you don't. The school board trustee does not serve as a professional educator or as the spokesperson for a particular interest group or region. The ideal school board includes people from all aspects of life and is as representative as possible of the community it serves.

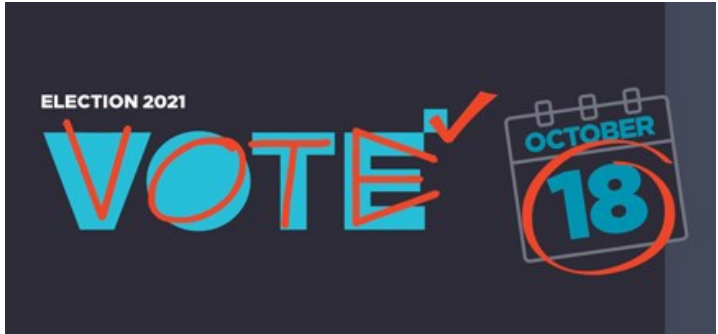
Am I eligible to run for school board trustee?
There are some basic requirements you must meet:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a Canadian citizen
- be eligible to vote in the election
- have lived in the local jurisdiction and the ward if any, for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day

Interested and eligible individuals are encouraged to consider running in this fall's election. You (or your representative) must file in person your completed Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance at Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office, 5213 River Road Fort Vermilion by 12 noon on **Monday, September 20, 2021.**

For more information regarding this please contact FVSD Secretary-Treasurer, Norman Buhler, at normanb@fvsd.ab.ca

Offices (# of Vacancies)	Ward
Trustee (1)	Ward 1 Rainbow Lake/Zama City
Trustee (2)	Ward 2 High Level
Trustee (1)	Ward 3 Rocky Lane
Trustee (1)	Ward 4 Fort Vermilion
Trustee (1)	Ward 5 Blumenort
Trustee (2)	Ward 6 La Crete
Trustee (1)	Ward 7 Buffalo Head Prairie/Tompkins Landing



Current Board of Trustees

Ward 1 – Rainbow Lake/Zama City Dale Lederer	Res: 780-956-6525 Cell: 780-956-3459 DaleL@fvsd.ab.ca
Ward 2 – High Level Marc Beland	Res: 780-926-2676 Cell: 780-841-4220 MarcB@fvsd.ab.ca
Ward 2 – High Level Clark McAskile (Chair)	Res: 780-926-4731 Cell: 780-926-0018 ClarkM@fvsd.ab.ca
Ward 3 – Rocky Lane Linda Kowal	Res: 780-927-4510 Cell: 780-841-9295 LindaKo@fvsd.ab.ca
Ward 4 – Fort Vermilion Leah Lizotte	Cell: 780-247-1081 LeahL@fvsd.ab.ca
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Ward 6 – La Crete Tim Driedger (Vice-chair)	Res: 780-928-3528 Cell: 780-926-6044 TimD@fvsd.ab.ca
Ward 7 – Buffalo Head Prairie / Tompkins Landing John Zacharias	Res: 780-928-4055 Cell: 780-841-1547 JohnZ@fvsd.ab.ca

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Grades: K-9
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Buffalo Head Prairie School Phone: 780-928-2282
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High Level Learning Store Phone: 780-926-3626
Grades: 9-12
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Kelly Bourgeois, Principal KellyB@fvds.ab.ca

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Rocky Lane School Phone: 780-927-3297
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St. Mary's Catholic School Phone: 780-927-3706
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Upper Hay River School Phone: 780-535-2220
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Kim Brown, Principal KimB@fvds.ab.ca

REGISTRATION

If you are new to the area, please contact the Principal of the school your child(ren) will be attending to arrange for registration on or after August 31, 2021.

STUDENT FEE STRUCTURE

The decision was made on January 13, 2020 by the Board of Trustees to remove all instructional fees including CTS charged to parents effective September 2020.

Schools may charge fees for non curricular activities, clubs and sports as outlined in the school handbook and in accordance with the FVSD Fee Schedule. Fees are due and payable prior to receipt of services unless arrangements are made with the school principal for alternative terms of payment.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that while fees are necessary, some parents or students may be unable to afford such fees. To ensure that students have access to a basic education the Board, through this policy, makes provision for forgiving fees where economic hardship can be demonstrated. Additional details are provided on the [FVSD website](#).

LEARNING STORES OUTREACH PROGRAM

Learning Stores in La Crete and High Level welcome students from grades 9-12. Grade 8 students will be accepted on a referral basis. We offer all Alberta Education core courses and Career Technology Studies (CTS) courses through a flexible, friendly and informal learning environment. Students graduate with an Alberta High School Diploma or Alberta Certificate of High School Completion.

Our outreach school provides the opportunity for students to progress through their school courses independent of the structure and program constraints of a standard high school. Schedules are flexible. Students will become confident in their ability to learn new skills. Our program has a student wellness focus including mental health therapist access. Teachers are on site to mentor and provide academic guidance. Our staff has the ability to customize programs to meet the needs of the learner, as well as offering flexible modes of delivery.

NORTHERN HOME EDUCATION CENTRE

The Northern Home Education Centre is the organization within the Fort Vermilion School Division that looks after all things related to home education. We offer local families assistance with curriculum support and arranging for resources necessary to complete their child's education at home.

We are able to offer numerous opportunities for families and students to get together and make connections. Events such as: gym nights, field trips, ice skating, x country skiing, flag football, softball and many others are used to enrich the educational experience of FVSD children.

Each family that chooses to homeschool their child will receive the opportunity to spend up to \$850.00 in order to purchase the necessary curriculum resources. We offer assistance with purchasing resources that are deemed to be an allowable expense within a home education program.

We have three staff on hand who are willing to help any family within the FVSD with their home education programming. We can point you in the right direction with popular resources and in some cases offer you the opportunity to blend a program where a portion of the learning follows Alberta curriculum. For any homeschool related questions or to inquire as to how you sign up for homeschooling please do not hesitate to get in touch.

AT-HOME LEARNING CENTRE

At-Home Learning Centre is a K-9 school, where all the instruction occurs online. As instruction occurs online, we have the expectation that parents are available to support their children throughout the day. This support can mean parents are there to help with technological issues, as well as being informed as to what is happening in each class daily. Also, making sure that their children are attending class, and completing assigned work.

Grades K-7 will have a designated teacher who will teach all of the 4 core courses throughout the week, following the Alberta curriculum. Every day classes will be scheduled; each online class can be anywhere from 30 minutes to 60-70 minutes depending on the grade and subject. We have set up a schedule like a regular school, but breaks are built into the day to give both students and teachers some relief from being on a screen all day. Health and Physical Education will also be included into each class week schedule. In any of the classes, students are expected to attend every day, ask questions, participate in class discussions, and complete assigned work, so that they can be accurately assessed.

In grades 8 and 9, there will be 3 teachers: One that teaches Language Arts and Social Studies, one Math and Science, and the last will teach Health and Physical Education. Classes will be held through software called Brightspace. Teachers will assist both students and parents with the navigation through these programs and are always available to help or trouble shoot. Of course, a reliable internet connection is required.

At-Home teachers offer one on one support, small group guided practice support. We are also able to offer interventions in reading and math for students online.



CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools *Michael McMann*
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Supervisor of Learning Services (Literacy) *Sharon McLean*
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Assistant Secretary-Treasurer *Payne Cardinal*
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Director of Essential Services *Bruce Harder*
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Supervisor of Maintenance *Dan Dyck*
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Health & Safety Officer / Housing Coordinator *Cory Wright*
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CENTRAL OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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CONNECT ON FACEBOOK

Want to stay informed about what is happening at your school and around Fort Vermilion School Division? Follow along with us on Facebook!

Fort Vermilion School Division

www.facebook.com/FVSD52

At-Home Learning Centre

www.facebook.com/At-Home-Learning-Centre-102548194983071

Blue Hills Community School

www.facebook.com/BlueHillsSchool

Buffalo Head Prairie School

www.facebook.com/Buffalo-Head-Prairie-School-109663793704776

Florence MacDougall Community School

www.facebook.com/fmcsclub

Fort Vermilion Public School

www.facebook.com/FortVermilionPS

High Level Learning Store

www.facebook.com/HighLevelLearningStore

High Level Public School

www.facebook.com/HighLevelPublic

Hill Crest Community School

www.facebook.com/HCCSchool

La Crete Public School

www.facebook.com/La-Crete-Public-School-1153463294787498

Northern Home Education Centre

www.facebook.com/Northern-Home-Education-Centre-101313677885473

Rainbow Lake School

www.facebook.com/Rainbow-Lake-School-754412541298954

Ridgeview Central School

www.facebook.com/RVCSHuskies

Rocky Lane School

www.facebook.com/RockyLaneSchool

Sand Hills Elementary School

www.facebook.com/Sandhills-Elementary-School-100695544614868

Spirit of the North Community School

www.facebook.com/SpiritOfTheNorthCommunitySchool

St. Mary's Catholic School

www.facebook.com/SMESFV

Upper Hay River School

www.facebook.com/UpperHayRiverSchool

MISSION STATEMENT

“Our Children, Our Students, Our Future”

Clearly defined goal statements, focused on improving results, will direct the development of all of the Board's programs and will be communicated to staff, students, parents and the public.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

RURAL STUDENTS:

All students living 2.4 km or greater from the closest school will be provided transportation.

- If you are new to the area or have moved to a new location over the summer months, please call Essential Services at **780-928-3860** to register your child(ren) for the bus.

YARD SERVICE FEES:

Yard service is available for a cost of **\$75 per month**. In order to receive yard service, the yard **must**:

- have a driveway of appropriate width to accommodate the bus,
- have an appropriate space to turn the bus around with sufficient clearance between the turn-around and any items such as vehicles, ATV's, sheds, etc.,
- have snow promptly and regularly cleared from the yard and driveway in winter, and
- have a driveway and turn around area that is not excessively muddy.

Yard service will be provided to the following families at **no cost**:

- families with a student that is physically disabled,
- families where at least one of the children being transported is in Grade 3 or less AND the driveway length is 0.4 km (¼ mile) or more,
- families with a driveway length in excess of 0.8 km (½ mile),
- families with a driveway in a location that does not allow for safe pick up at the road.

In an effort to control costs and ride times, each yard service will be re-evaluated in the coming year. Having received yard service in the past is not a guarantee of receiving it again this year.

For yard service approval, please contact the Transportation Department at 780-928-3860. If applicable, fees must be paid prior to commencement of yard service.

URBAN STUDENTS:

Urban transportation has been discontinued at this time. This program may be brought back in the future if there are enough drivers to fill the positions needed. At that time, students living within a town or hamlet of the School Division **may** be provided transportation for a fee of:

Half-Time ECS	\$250/year per student
ECS to Grade 6	\$400/year per student
Grades 7 to 12	\$500/year per student
Family Rate	\$1000/year (maximum fee)

- Payment options will be made available through SchoolCash Online or payment can be made at your child's school.

TRANSPORTATION RATES are reviewed annually and adjusted to offset additional costs incurred in providing these services.

UNSAFE DRIVING CONDITIONS:

In all cases, the Superintendent in consultation with the Director of Essential Services has the authority to suspend, cancel or reroute bus service if it is deemed that the safety of staff, students or the general public is in jeopardy. Bus service in a certain area is to be cancelled by 6:30 am by the school administrator when the temperature reaches -40°C without the wind or -48°C with the wind as measured by Environment Canada Data. This communication will be posted to the schools' website and Facebook page. In the event of a bus cancellation, drivers will inform all parents on the route as soon as possible.

All students riding the bus are required to wear adequate clothing to ensure their safety during cold weather. If you have questions, comments or concerns regarding student transportation, please call Bruce Harder, Director of Essential Services in La Crete, at **780-928-3860**.

Fort Vermilion School Division's new bus app is called "Bus Status" and replaces a previous app service used by FVSD. The new app functions in much the same way as the old one did, but with a new look. The app is available for free from the App Store and Google Play, and can be



reached through the FVSD website by clicking on the App Store or Google Play links to take you directly to it. If you do not have a Smartphone, you can still keep tabs on the latest bus updates by visiting the [FVSD website at fvsd.ab.ca](http://fvsd.ab.ca)

CROSS BOUNDARY TRANSFERS:

A cross boundary transfer is a request for a child to attend a school outside their current attendance boundary. Cross boundary transfers must be approved by the Director of Essential Services, Bruce Harder. For more information call **780-928-3860** or email BruceH@fvsd.ab.ca

780-928-3860
9705B - 99 Street, La Crete





Fort Vermilion School Division 2021-2022 School Calendar

August 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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August
2—Civic Holiday
31—Organizational Day
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February 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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27	28					

February
1—First day of Semester 2/Quad 3
17-18—Teachers' Convention
21—Family Day
O = 19 I = 17

September 2021

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September
1-2—Professional Development Day
3—Organizational Day
6—Labour Day
7—First day of classes
30—National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
O = 20 I = 17

March 2022

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March
14-15—Professional Development Day
16-17—Day off in Lieu of PT Interviews
18—School Closed
O = 22 I = 18

October 2021

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October
8—Division PD Day
11—Thanksgiving Day
O = 20 I = 19

April 2022

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April
14—Last day of Quad 3
15—First day of Spring break
15—Good Friday
18—Easter Monday
25—Classes Resume
25—First day of Quad 4
O = 15 I = 15

November 2021

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November
10—Last day of Quad 1
11—Remembrance Day
12—Professional Development Day
15—First day of Quad 2
O = 21 I = 20

May 2022

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May
23—Victoria Day
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December 2021

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December
23—First day of Christmas break
25—Christmas Day
26—Boxing Day
O = 16 I = 16

June 2022

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June
23—Last day for K-9 students
24, 27—PD for K-9 Teachers
27—Last day for K-12 students
28—Organizational Day
29—Summer break begins
O = 20 I = 17/19

January 2022

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January
1—New Year's Day
10—Classes resume
28—Last day of Semester 1/Quad 2
31—Professional Development Day
O = 16 I = 15

July 2022

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July
1—Canada Day

2021-2022 School Year

Semester 1 **K-9** **10-12**
Operational Days = 94 94
Instructional Days = 87 87

Semester 2 **K-9** **10-12**
Operational Days = 97 97
Instructional Days = 88 90

Total Days for Year **K-9** **10-12**
Operational Days = 191 191
Instructional Days = 175 177

Quad 1 = 44

Quad 2 = 43

Quad 3 = 45

Quad 4 = 45

Professional Development (no classes for students) Organizational Day (no classes for students) Day in Lieu (no classes for students)
PAT/Diploma Exams Holidays

Elementary, Junior High: Based on 326 minutes instructional day X 175 days = 951 hours.

High School: Based on 340 minutes instructional day X 177 days = 1003 hours.