



# I.V. Macklin News

The September #2 2024 Issue

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## This week...

**Grade 7/8 volleyball practices:  
Tuesday and Thursday, 3:15-4:30 pm**

**On Thursday, September 19**, our students will participate in the annual Terry Fox School Run.

**Fun Fact!**  
*Mrs. Farn participated in the very first Terry Fox Run in Beaverlodge in 1981.*

The event has grown exponentially since the first Terry Fox Run in 1981. Now involving millions of participants across over 60 countries, it is the world's largest one-day fundraiser for cancer research. The foundation has reported raising over \$850 million since the first run.

*Please send your child with a Loonie or a Toonie to support this incredible foundation!*

**Talk Like a Pirate Day is also on Thursday, September 19.** You can dress like a pirate if you wish. Arrr!

**Friday, September 20, is a Professional Learning Day** for our staff. You will notice these days are consistent throughout the school year. In August, we finalized our Three-Year Education Plan. This will be shared during our October School Council Meeting. This document is the blueprint for our work during our Professional Learning days over the next three years.

Our commitment to our professional standards and practices will be central to our professional development as we prepare for this academic year.

The following are I. V. Macklin staff's priorities and outcomes:

**Priority 1: Teaching and Learning**

**Outcome 1:** Quality teaching in an optimum learning environment focuses on planning, instruction, and assessment and is responsive to the learning needs of every student.

**Outcome 2:** Timely and specific feedback supports student learning.

**Priority 2: Inclusion**

**Outcome 1:** IV Macklin School is a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe environment where all students, staff, and families feel a strong sense of belonging.

**Come to the Annual Family Fun Run on Saturday, September 21, between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m at the Legion Field.** Students of each grade level will be called to run, so listen for the announcer to contact you to start. They usually begin with the youngest students and then move through each grade. See you there!

Have a great week!

Hello, I. V. Macklin Families!

We have had a fantastic start to the school year at I. V. Macklin. On Friday, September 6, we celebrated the rich cultural heritage of our Ukrainian-Canadian community. We marked this occasion with a delightful pierogi tasting courtesy of Mrs. Metz. The highlight of our assembly was a delightful performance by Ms. Kristina, dressed in a traditional Ukrainian dress, and Mrs. Labrecque's Grade 1 class. Did you know that there are over 343,640 Albertans who proudly identify with their Ukrainian heritage?



Thank you to Paquin for taking our students' pictures for our school composite. If your child was away during Picture Days, your child will receive a card to take to Create-a-Portrait. Once you have chosen the pose you want for your child, please return the proof sheet to the school. If your child needs a retake or missed their photos at the school, please take your sheet into Watson's Foto Source & Studio #103, 12125-99th St.

Our students were treated to an inspirational presentation entitled **Unleash Your Greatness** by Jon Hansen.



The learning outcomes Jon shared included:

- using techniques to reframe our limiting thoughts and beliefs, enabling us to embrace a growth mindset.
- gaining a deeper understanding of the power of self-talk and how it impacts our mindset and behaviour.
- understanding why comparisons rob us of our progress and how to break free from them.
- renewing confidence and inspiration, arming us with practical everyday tools and strategies to **UNLEASH OUR GREATNESS!**

During Jon's parent presentation, he shared practical and effective methods for navigating social media with children. These strategies are designed to be implemented daily, ensuring our children a positive and safe online experience.

- Use a positive or inspirational message as a screen saver—we look at this over 400 times daily!
- Remember that what is on your social media is your "brand" – What is your online reputation? Take control of your online reputation and shape it so people see you how you want to be seen. How do you want your children, parents, and future employers to see you?
- Encourage your children to follow positive influencers—you follow them, too. You can impact social media algorithms by sending positive messages, resulting in more positivity!
- Create family content together – It could be fun!
- Set boundaries together – Do you have boundaries too? What are you modelling?



Finally, we want to thank our staff for creating beautiful environments for our classroom communities, which will support and inspire our students' learning throughout the year. We encourage all students to embrace the possibilities this year will have them find within themselves. We feel privileged to impact the lives of each student in our care. We thank you, our parents, for welcoming us back into your children's lives. Our staff works hard to create a positive and welcoming environment. It is an honour to be part of your children's educational journey.

*Tracey and Charlene ~ "Together, we can make a difference!"*



# Going to be away or late? Let us know...

[It's Easy...Click HERE](#)

Tuesday, September 3



Grande Prairie  
Public School  
Division

Dear Parents/Guardians

Beginning September 2024, the Grande Prairie Public School Division will be using **SchoolMessenger** to improve communication with parents and guardians for school events, newsletters, student attendance, emergency information and other important news.

SchoolMessenger is limited to legal parents or guardians and delivers emails, text messages and phone calls directly to your email and phone number associated with your **PowerSchool** account.

## Create your SchoolMessenger Account



On September 6 you will receive an email on how to create your SchoolMessenger account and set your preferences for general communication, attendance, transportation and emergencies.

The Division requires your permission to send messages to a mobile phone by SMS text.

**You can opt in today to receive SMS texts before you create your SchoolMessenger Account.**

- **Text 'Yes' to 978338** to receive the following reply message: *You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger. Txt STOP to quit, HELP for help. Std msg /data rates apply. Freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/smsca*

If you do not opt-in for SMS Text messages prior to September 6, you will get a text around 11:00 am that day inviting you to participate. The text will say: *Grande Prairie Public School Division messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq.varies. schoolmessenger.com/smsca*

- **Recipients must reply 'Y' or 'Yes' to 'opt-in'.**

## Easy Absence Reporting

SchoolMessenger simplifies reporting student absences for parents/guardians through the mobile app, website or automated voice system.

More details are available now on our website and will be included in the September 6 email.

<https://www.gppsd.ab.ca/schoolmessenger>

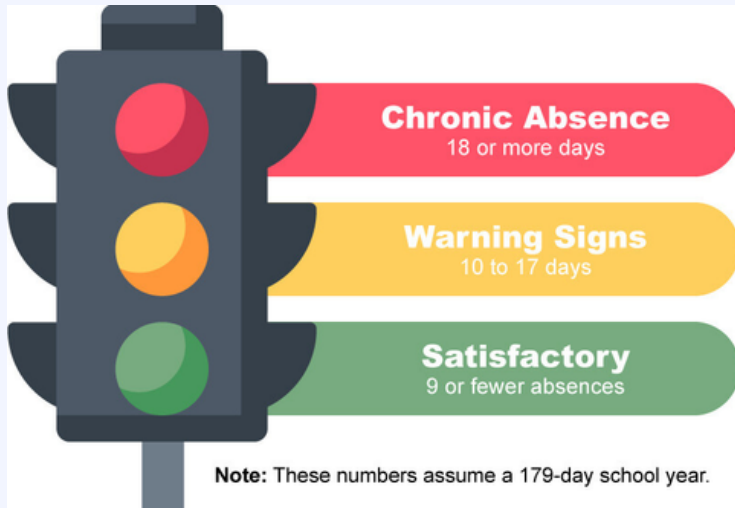
Thank you and we look forward to SchoolMessenger enhancing our communication with parents/guardians to ensure that "Every Student Succeeds"





## Bell Schedule

**Doors open at 8:18 am**  
**School Starts at 8:28 am**  
**School Ends at 3:16 pm**



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

**SEE YOU AT SCHOOL**

**Did you know...**

Starting right now, students who miss 10% (or about 18 days) of school are more likely to have difficulty in school, including learning how to read.

We're counting on you to make attendance at school a priority.

Need attendance support? Talk to your child's teacher or school administration.

For more on school attendance, visit [gppsd.ab.ca/parents](http://gppsd.ab.ca/parents)

## Attendance

Regular attendance is not just a routine; it is one of the keys to your child's success in school. Your commitment to ensuring your child arrives on time each day is important for them to fully engage in the classroom learning experiences. Students who arrive late are kindly asked to report to the office to check-in.

It is essential for families to keep the school informed if a child is late or absent. If there are any changes to personal information, please promptly report them to ensure our records are up to date. Students with appointments requiring them to leave school early should inform the teacher and office staff.



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# Important Dates

## September

- 18 Munch-a-Lunch (for those who ordered)
- 19 Terry Fox School Walk – Tats for Toonies!
- 19 Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 20 Professional Learning (SIP/PL) **(No school for students)**
- 21 Legion Field - Division Family Fun Run
- 21 Grade 7/8 Music Start-Up Event
- 22 Autumn Equinox
- 23 Fire/Evacuation Drill #1 ECS M/W (AM)
- 23-27 Waste Reduction Week
- 24 School Council AGM and First Meeting
- 26 Fire/Evacuation Drill #2 ECS T/Th (PM)  
9:30 Evergreen Theatre Presentation – Snow White and the Seven Regions (gymnasium)
- 27 Recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation **No School**



## October

- 2 First Hold and Secure Drill ECS M/W (PM)
- 3 First Hold and Secure Drill ECS T/Th (AM)
- 4 World Smile Day  
Spirit Day (wear team colours)
- 7 Assembly (TBD)
- 10 World Sight Day
- 14 Thanksgiving **(No school)**  
Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 17 Fire/Evacuation Drill #3 ECS T/Th (PM)
- 21 Lockdown Drill M/W (PM)
- 23 Munch-A-Lunch - Boston Pizza
- 24 Lockdown Drill T/Th (PM)
- 25 Professional Learning (SIP/PL) **(No school for students)**
- 31 Halloween students come dressed in their costumes  
9:30 am Parade of Costumes in the gym



### Terry Fox School Walk/Run

Bring a Loonie or a Toonie for Terry.

If everyone brings one Loonie we will have \$270 to send in to the Terry Fox Foundation. **Go I. V. Macklin!**

### School Council AGM and First Meeting

AGM Tues the 24th

### Davidson's Orchard Orders Due

**What:** Delivery

**When:** September 24 or 25, 2024 - We will email.

**Where:** Front of the School



# FAMILIES ARE OUR PARTNERS

## Join our I. V. Macklin School Council



**Tuesday, September 24 - 6:00 pm at IV Macklin School**

### What is School Council?

#### **School Councils**

Every school hosts a school council, a committee of elected parents/guardians, community representatives, staff, and sometimes students. School councils have an advisory role and help provide the community voice and parent/guardian perspective on important school topics.

#### **Why join the school council?**

Serving on school council can have a direct and positive impact on your child's educational experience. Research shows that student achievement increases when parents/guardians are involved in their child's education.

#### **How do I get involved?**

School council meetings are open to the public, so anyone can attend without being an elected member.

## What is my child learning?

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/>



**Order  
Online**



**Good  
Food**

Our canteen services are provided by **Citrus Catering**.  
You can order online daily **before 8:30 am** by clicking below.

**[Click HERE for Ordering Online](#)**



For those of you who ordered, the first Munch-a-Lunch delivery will be on  
**Wednesday, September 18.**

Want to order Munch-a-Lunch for your child(ren)?  
The next one is on October 23rd (Boston Pizza), orders have to be in by October 16th





# Student Safety Procedures

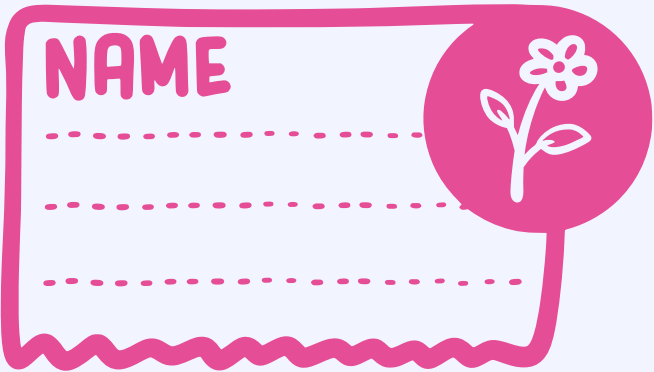
In the weeks ahead, the students and staff will be practicing fire drills, lockdown and emergency procedures to ensure all safety within our school community. Staff will be aware of when these initial drills are taking place, and they will prepare the children before each practice.

Please assure your child these drills are to ensure we are all able to remain safe.



### STUDENT BELONGINGS

Please label all of your child's belongings. This includes clothing, lunch kits, school bags, water bottles, pencil cases, shoes, etc. This will help immensely in trying to reunite lost items with their owners.







### **What is Orange Shirt Day?**

*It is through actions like the sharing of the story of Phyllis Jack Webstad, a 6-year-old girl who was stripped of her new orange shirt when she entered a residential school, that people across our nation will come to know the truth. Only then can we begin the process of reconciliation.*

***We will be honouring Orange Shirt Day on September 27th by welcoming everyone to wear the colour orange on that day.***