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The September 2025 Issue

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Welcome to I. V. Macklin! **Administration's Message...**

At I. V. Macklin Public School, we believe our school can significantly impact our students' growth and development. We aim to ensure every student reaches their full potential through quality education and active community involvement. Our students' learning and development are our top priorities! We provide an environment where students can take risks, grow, succeed, and work hard. Developing these skills prepares our students to confidently pursue their future goals.

As the administration of I. V. Macklin, we are honoured to lead a school dedicated to fostering growth, resilience, and a passion for learning. We are a kindergarten to grade eight school which thrives on understanding our students and their unique needs, ensuring their successful learning journey.

Our committed staff is passionate about creating a student-centred learning environment. We value the collaborative efforts of our school community, which works together to focus on what is best for our students. We cherish our partnerships with families, supporting our students and teachers in their pursuit of personal and academic excellence. Our work develops students into responsible and productive citizens through balanced programming, which contributes to their intellectual, social, creative, and physical growth.

We believe in nurturing a positive and inclusive environment where every student, teacher, and parent feels valued and supported. Creating an engaging and welcoming school atmosphere is central to our philosophy. We want every student to feel valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. Our school fosters a positive and inclusive culture where diversity is celebrated, enabling all students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. A collaborative partnership among educators, parents, and the broader community is essential for achieving this goal.

We encourage you to contact the school with any questions or concerns. Open communication is a cornerstone of our school, particularly with our students' diverse support network. We are here to assist you; please do not hesitate to contact us. On behalf of the I. V. Macklin staff and students, we extend our gratitude to our families and the community for their support in making our school a great place.

We look forward to working with you as part of our I. V. Macklin School team!

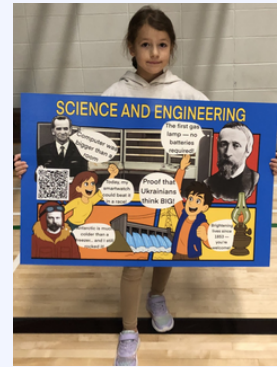
Tracey and Charlene ~ "Together, we can make a difference!"



We have had a fantastic start to the school year at I. V. Macklin. On Friday, September 5, we celebrated the rich cultural heritage of our Ukrainian-Canadian community. We marked this occasion with a delightful pierogi tasting courtesy of Mrs. Metz. During our assembly, Ms. Kristina, dressed in a traditional Ukrainian dress, shared some interesting facts on the posters below with our students.

Fun Fact

Did you know that there are over 343,640 Albertans who proudly identify with their Ukrainian heritage?



Magic Moments: Students Who Demonstrated Respect Which is September's Teaching



Thank you to Paquin who are 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 to Watson's Foto Source & Studio #103, 12125-99th St.



A HUGE SHOUT OUT to our staff for creating beautiful classroom environments for our students, which will support and inspire our students' learning throughout the year. Our staff works hard to create a positive and welcoming environment for your children.

We are excited to begin a new school year filled with growth, discovery, and possibility. We encourage all our students to embrace the opportunities ahead and to uncover the potential they carry within themselves.

It is a true privilege to play a part in their learning journey, and we are deeply grateful to you—our families—for welcoming us back into your children's lives. Thank you for your trust and partnership. It is an honour to walk alongside your children as they learn, grow, and shine.

Digital Device & Social Media Standards: Supporting Student Success Together

We work to maintain a safe, focused, and positive learning environment for all students. As part of this commitment, we would like to share some important information regarding the use of personal mobile devices and social media during the school day.

In September 2024, Alberta's Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaidis, introduced a **Ministerial Order**, which limits the use of personal mobile devices (including cell phones and smartwatches) during instructional time for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Digital devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, iPods, cameras, and/or other electronic devices.

These guidelines are designed to:

- Reduce distractions in the classroom
- Support student mental health and well-being
- Maximize learning time
- Create respectful digital habits



While technology can be a valuable tool for learning, we aim to encourage the responsible and thoughtful use of digital devices. This can support our students' well-being, relationships, and focus in our classrooms.

How You Can Support at Home

We kindly ask families to:

- Talk with your child(ren) about using social media respectfully and responsibly.
- Encourage them to think of the potential consequences before posting or sharing anything online.
- Remind them of the importance of using devices appropriately.

By working together, we can help students navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

School Expectations for Device Use: Grades K-4

Our students in Grades K-4 are asked to leave digital devices in their backpacks while at school. They can access their phones after school.



School Expectations for Device Use: Grades 5-8

Please review the following standards with your child:

When devices may be used:

- Before **8:28 a.m.**
- **After school**
- **Grades 5-8** students may also use devices during **lunch recess** and **lunch eating time**

During the school day:

- Devices may only be used with **teacher permission**
- **Teachers determine how devices are used within their classrooms for curricular purposes**
- **Texting, gaming, or personal use** is not permitted during instructional time
- **To protect privacy**, photos or videos must not be taken at school or during school events
- **Photos and videos** of others must be taken with their permission
- Students are responsible for their own devices and must demonstrate responsible use

Misuse may result in:

- Device being **confiscated** for the class or day while at school
- **Loss of privileges**
- **Restricted internet or social media access** at school

We appreciate your partnership in helping your children, our students, become responsible digital citizens.

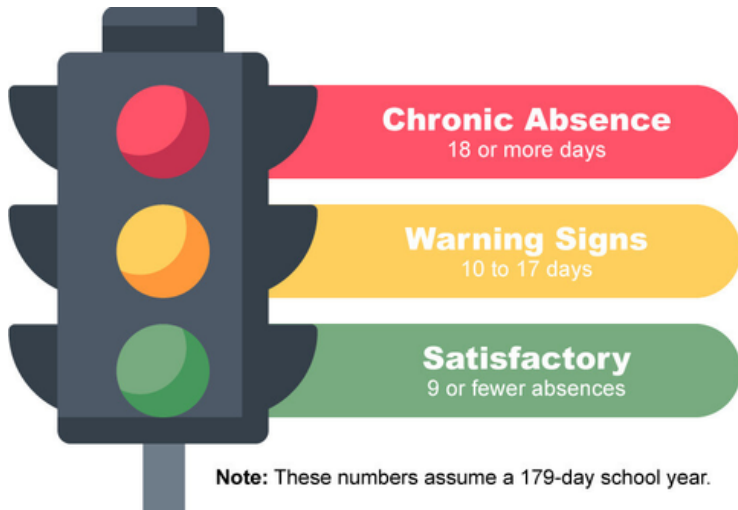


Bell Schedule

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 administrator.

For more on school attendance, visit 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.



! ATTENTION PLEASE !

Going to be away or late?

Let us know...

It's Easy...Click HERE

SCHOOL IS COOL



Important Dates

September

8-9 Picture Days

8 International Literacy Day

12 Terry Fox School Walk – Tats for Toonies!

19 Talk Like a Pirate Day

20 Muskoseepi Park - Division Family Fun Run

22 Fire/Evacuation Drill #1 ECS M/W (AM)

22 Autumn Equinox

25 Fire/Evacuation Drill #2 ECS T/Th (PM)

26 Recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day

29 Professional Learning (SIP/PL) (No school for students)

30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No School



October

1 First Hold and Secure Drill ECS M/W (PM)

2 Second Hold and Secure Drill ECS T/Th (AM)

3 World Smile Day

Spirit Day (wear Spirit Team colours)

6 Fire Prevention Week

APEGGA K-6 Science Night

7 Assembly

8 Fire/Evacuation Drill #3 ECS T/Th (PM)

13 Thanksgiving (no school)

Indigenous Peoples Day

17 Spirit Day Wear your House Team Colours or School Swag

20 Spirit Week – Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

20 Repair Monday

21 Textiles Tuesday

21 Parent-Teacher Interviews

22 Parent-Teacher Interviews

22 E-Waste Wednesday

23 Plastics and Food Waste Thursday

Halloween Dance – School Council

24 Professional Learning (SIP/PL) (No school for students)

27 Lockdown Drill M/W (PM)

30 Lockdown Drill T/Th (PM)

31 Halloween students come dressed in their costumes

9:00 am parade of costumes



Terry Fox School Walk/Run

Bring a Loonie or a Toonie for Terry.

If everyone brings one Loonie we will have \$290 to send in to the Terry Fox Foundation. **Go I. V. Macklin!**



School Council AGM and First Meeting

Annual General Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 17th – All parents welcome!

Davidson's Orchard Orders Due

What: Delivery

When: September 24 or 25, 2025 – We will email.

Where: Front of the School



FAMILIES ARE OUR PARTNERS

Join our I. V. Macklin School Council

Wednesday, September 17 - 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](#)



What is MunchaLunch?

It is a hot lunch ordered from local restaurants from around the city. Our school uses this a fundraiser to support our **Student Activity Fund** which helps to pay for our sports' teams, fieldtrips, and special events around the school.

Want to order MunchaLunch for your child(ren)? Look for emails from the school.

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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 26th by welcoming everyone to wear the colour orange on that day.