



Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52

2006-2007 School Year

Superintendent's Message

Hello everyone. I trust that the summer holidays are going well for students and parents alike. Welcome back to all returning students and families and a special welcome to all newcomers to the Fort Vermilion School Division.

As the summer draws to a close and we all begin to prepare our minds for the return to school, I would like to communicate a little about the work that will be going on in our division next year and the coming years.

The Board of Trustees has established the following goals and priorities for the 2006-2007 school year:

Divisional Goals:

- High quality learning opportunities for all
- Excellence in learner outcomes
- Highly responsive and responsible jurisdiction

Divisional Priorities:

- Increase the percentage of students reading at or above grade level.
- Increase the percentage of students graduating high school within three years of beginning grade 10.

The two divisional priorities are especially interesting and assist in the focus and decision making of the division. The divisional priorities were created after significant evaluation of student performance data and input from parents, staff, school administration, central office administration and trustees. The two most significant pieces of data which is directing our current and future actions are:

1. The FVSD current rate of completing high school within three years of beginning grade 10 is 54.1%. The current rate for the province is 70.4%. Approximately 16% fewer of our students are graduating high school within three years of beginning their high school program.
2. Students in FVSD are performing 8-10% lower than the province on Provincial Achievement Tests and Diplomas.

One of the keys to student success in both of these areas is student reading ability. Further analysis of student reading using the Canadian Achievement Test version 3, indicates that 47% of our students in grades 2-9 are reading at or above grade level.

As a result of this data we have developed the third cycle of the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement around improving student performance in both areas. School staffs

and students will be assisted by the following school support personnel:

- i. Director of School Completion: The role description of this position will involve school climate, jr./sr. high programming, business/education partnerships, facilitating counseling services to all schools, critical incident response, counseling protocols, career fair/education fair, and an attendance focus.
- ii. Director of Literacy: The role description of this position will involve parent literacy training sessions, pre-kindergarten programs, literacy research, principal literacy professional development, critical incident response, networking with other education providers, analysis of reading programs across the division, and analyzing individual school/classroom reading structures.
- iii. Reading Specialist: The role description of this position will involve working directly with teachers, sharing resources and practices and being the coordinator of the Early Literacy Program.

I look forward to the success that I believe this new focus will have for all students.

Each school has developed an Education Plan for the 2006-2007 school year and the plan is developed in consultation with parents. The plans indicate strategies to impact areas identified for improvement or maintaining these measures. It will be exciting to observe the initiatives that will occur in FVSD schools next year. I encourage all parents to discuss the focus of your son or daughter's school education plans and programs available with members of each school's council, school staff or administration.

Enjoy the rest of the summer break and I will see you in September.

Roger Clarke
Superintendent of Schools



BACK TO SCHOOL

September 5, 2006

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Board meetings dates will be established at the October Board organizational meeting. Meetings commence at 2:00 p.m. at the School Division office in Fort Vermilion. Occasionally these meetings are re-scheduled or held in different locations; when this occurs a notice is published in the local newspapers.

*A by-election will be held on October 4th to fill the vacant Trustee positions. Interested persons can pick up a nomination package from Peter Braun at Central Office in Fort Vermilion. Nomination day is September 6, 2006.

Mission Statement

The Board of Trustees of the Fort Vermilion School Division is committed to *providing the best possible education to all of its students*. 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.

School Calendar

September 5	First full day of classes
September 22	Professional Development Day No Classes
October 9	Thanksgiving Day Schools Closed
November 3 & 17	Family Friday No Classes
December 1 & 22	Family Friday No Classes
December 23 - January 7	Christmas Break
February 1	First Day of Second Semester
February 2	Family Friday No Classes
February 14-16	Teachers' Convention Schools Closed
February 19	Family Day (Provincial)
March 2 & 16	Family Friday No Classes
April 6-15	Easter Break
May 4	Family Friday No Classes
May 21	Victoria Day Schools Closed
June 1	Family Friday No Classes
June 28	Last Day of School for Students
June 30	Professional Development No Classes



This is only a partial calendar. Copies of the complete school calendar are available at the schools or online at www.fvsvd.ab.ca.

Pre-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 30, 2006.



School Administration

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Student Fee Structure

In order to reduce costs to parents/guardians, administration has established a student fee structure for student services. The key points to remember are:

1. The fee schedule for instructional materials and services is as follows:
 - a) Instructional Materials
*ECS: \$10
*Grades 1 to 6: \$15
Grades 7 to 9: \$30
Grades 10 to 12: \$50
 - b) Industrial Education/Home Economics
Grades 7 to 9: \$20
Grades 10 to 12: \$5 per credit to a maximum of \$40 per student per semester
2. Annual fees are due and payable at the time of registration and prior to receipt of services unless arrangements are made with the school principal for alternative terms of payment.



Note: Families with three or more children in Division schools will receive a 25% discount on instructional materials.

*These fees will only be charged in schools that received school council endorsement.

No Smoking Policy



For the sake of health and as a role model, the School Division has a No Smoking policy that is in effect in all schools, offices and buildings operated by the Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52. It is illegal for a person under 18 to smoke in a public place; therefore no person under 18 years of age is permitted to smoke on school property.

Attention High Level Residents:

Urban Bus Registration
August 28, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
Florence MacDougall Community School

Student Transportation



Rural Students: All students living outside the boundaries of the town or hamlet of this School Division will be provided transportation.

Urban Students: Students living within a town or hamlet of the School Division may be provided transportation for a fee of:

\$12 per month for ECS (1/2 time students)

\$20 per month for Grades 1-6;

\$30 per month for Grades 7 to 12.

Family Rate: \$50 per month (maximum fee) for ECS to Grade 6.

Rural Yard Service: Yard service will be provided to the following:

- where one of the children in a family being transported is in grade 3 or less and 0.4 km from the pickup point.
- all physically handicapped students (rural and urban).
- students living greater than 0.8 km from the pickup point.

Transportation Rates are in the process of being reviewed. The fees for urban and rural yard service have not been adjusted since 1997.

It is anticipated that new rates will be implemented as of January 1, 2007. Those who have paid the transportation fee for the entire school year before January 1 will not be affected by the new rates for the 2006-07 school year.

Cold Weather Service: As a general guideline, -40°C constitutes unsafe conditions for the operation of buses. Individual bus drivers have the right to make emergency decisions regarding the suspension of bus operation. Bus drivers of a canceled route will inform all parents on the run. All students on the bus are required to wear adequate clothing to ensure their safety during cold weather.

Any questions, comments or concerns regarding student transportation please call the Bus Garage in La Crete at 928-3860.

Central Office Contact Information

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday (excluding holidays)

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