



Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52

2008-2009 School Year

Superintendent's Message

Happy summer holidays everyone! I trust that students, parents and staff are thoroughly enjoying summer vacations, warm weather and a time to change the hectic pace of school and work. If you are like me at all, summer is fantastic but I do start to miss regular routines and I begin to feel a need to regain some focus. It is my hope that you have been able to create lasting memories, reconnect with family and friends, and recharge your batteries.

As we move into the 2008-2009 school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all staff and students. I look forward to the amazing things that we can accomplish in the lives of students over the coming year. The start of a new year brings with it a sense of renewal and rejuvenation. Parents, students and staff are provided with an excellent opportunity to welcome new students and staff into our area. As newcomers to the Fort Vermilion School Division, I would like to wish you a positive and successful start to your time here in the northern region, and specifically the Fort Vermilion School Division.

For the past two years FVSD has focused on the following two priority areas:

- 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.

I am pleased to announce that the results are improving in both priority areas. 8.7% more students are graduating high school and 3.7% more students from grades 2-9 are reading at grade level. What this means is that approximately 120 more students are reading at grade level and 65 more students are graduating who would otherwise not have finished high school.

Congratulations to students, parents and the staff of the Fort Vermilion School Division who have made this happen!!!!

Our work is not done in these two areas and I encourage all parents and students to talk with staff

and administration about the outstanding initiatives occurring in your school.

The mission of our school division is “**Building Success, One Student at a Time**”. Along with many of the outstanding activities implemented in schools over the past two years will be the commencement of two significant strategies in all Fort Vermilion School Division Schools.

- Student Recognition Model:** This model will focus on recognizing students in the areas that they are experiencing success. Important to this model is the ability of the student to monitor their own success. In the majority of circumstances students know how successful they are in academics, sports, extra-curricular activities, hobbies, areas of ambition, and in the social arena. It will be incredible to see what heights students can reach when they can set targets and monitor their progress towards their goals.
- Success Teams:** In many cases the staff in schools are able to identify the students they feel who will have difficulty in being successful in school because of reasons such as poor attendance, behavioral issues, nutrition, social pressures, lack of family support, and learning issues. Each school will endeavor to identify students who may have one or more challenges to success and then build a Success Plan for each student. Every student's plan would be different and the strategies used within the plan would involve different staff and agencies.

I encourage parents to speak to school administration and the Director of High School Completion, Mr. Perry Moulton about the establishment of both of these strategies in each school.

Another area of excitement is a project entitled Engaging Smart Students in Smart Classrooms (Technology Mediated Learning). Grade 7-12 classroom in participating schools will be equipped with

interactive Smart Board and webcam technology and the purposes of the technology are as follows:

- Enhance student engagement in whole class activities as well as small group and independent activities.
- Students and teachers will be able to conference with one another to enhance learning experiences.
- To reduce the geographical gap northern students experience so as to have the opportunity to interact with locations such as the Glenbow Museum, the Royal Alberta Museum, and the Canadian Space Agency.

The 2008-2009 school year promises to be highly successful for the students in our region and I look forward to working with the parents and community in these endeavors. As always, I would encourage everyone to communicate with your local schools and with the central office team should you need assistance in any way.

Roger Clarke
Superintendent of Schools

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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. The board will publish a schedule of its regular meetings.

Mission Statement

The Board of Trustees of the Fort Vermilion School Division is committed to “*Building Success, One Student at a Time*”.

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 2	First full day of classes
September 19	Professional Development Day No Classes
October 10	Professional Development Day No Classes
October 13	Thanksgiving Day Schools Closed
November 10	Day in lieu of PT interviews No Classes
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 20 – January 4	Christmas Break
January 28	Professional Development Day No Classes
January 29	1 st Day of Semester 2
February 9	Day in lieu of PT interviews No Classes
February 10	Schools Closed

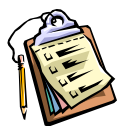
February 11-13	Teachers' Convention Schools Closed
February 16	Family Day (Provincial)
March 20	Professional Development Day No Classes
April 10-19	Easter Break
May 15	Professional Development Day No Classes
May 18	Victoria Day
June 26	Last Day for Students



This is only a partial calendar. Copies of the complete school calendar are available at the schools or online at www.fvsd.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 28, 2008.



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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:

- The fee schedule for instructional materials and services is as follows:
 - Instructional Materials**
*ECS: \$10
*Grades 1 to 6: \$15
Grades 7 to 9: \$30
Grades 10 to 12: \$50
 - 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
- 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: Notice of Urban Bus Registration

You may register your child(ren) for the High Level Town Bus for the 2008-09 school year as follows:

Where: High Level Bus Garage, 10808- 93rd Street (located across from Fairview College/NAIT Campus)

When: Wednesday August 27th from 9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:00pm – 5:00pm and 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Fees: ECS – Grade 6 \$250.00/year per student
Grades 7-12 \$350.00/year per student
* Family rates and winter rates available

Conditions: Payment can be made with cash, cheque, post-dated cheque, debit card, MasterCard, or VISA.

Payment is due in full at time of registration.

For more information, please call 926-3966.

Student Transportation

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



Yard Service Fees:

\$15 per month for ECS (1/2 time students)
\$30 per month for ECS (full time students)
\$30 per month for one child
\$50 per month for two children

Family Rate: \$65 per month. Family rate only applies to students in grades ECS - Grade 6.

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

- Families where at least one of the children being transported is in Grade 3 or less AND the driveway length is 0.4 km or more.
- Families with physically handicapped students.

- Families with a driveway length in excess of 0.8 km.

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

\$15 per month for ECS (1/2 time students)

\$25 per month for ECS (full time students)

\$25 per month for Grades 1-6

\$35 per month for Grades 7 to 12

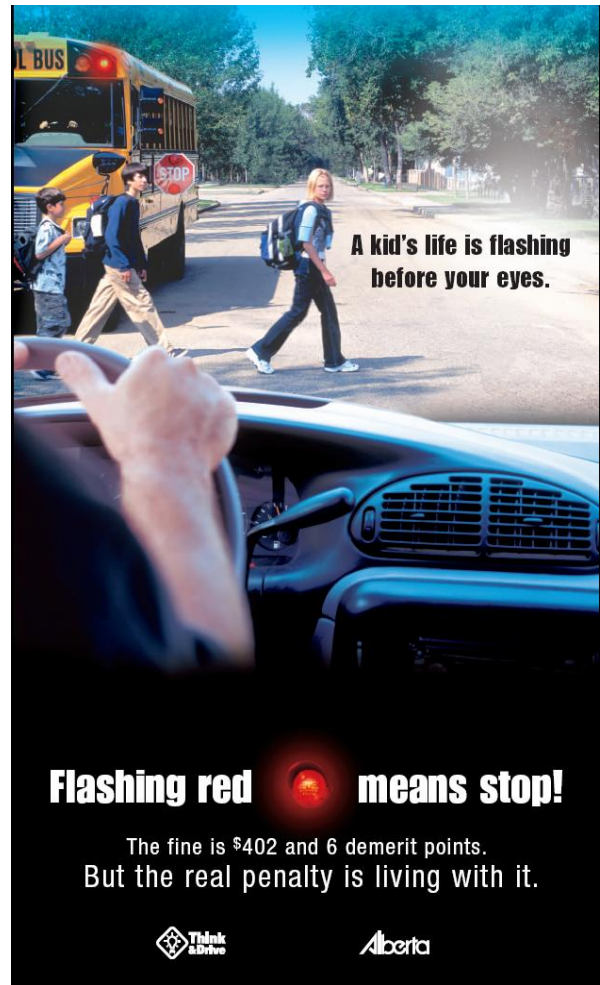
Family Rate: \$55 per month (maximum fee) Family rate only applies to students in grades ECS – Grade 6.

Transportation Rates will be reviewed and new rates may be implemented as of January 1, 2009.


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 2008-09 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 780-928-3860.



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