

GENERAL STEWART NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Highlights

September 23
School Council Back
to School Picnic
12:00pm

September 26
PICTURE DAY

September 29
ORANGE SHIRT
DAY

September 30
National Day for
Truth and
Reconciliation (no
school)

School Council

Our first meeting is

September 13th at
7:00 pm in the School
Gym



Bell Times

Kindergarten

Monday - Thursday
8:35 a.m. - 11:41 a.m.
Friday (see webpage
for Friday schedule)
8:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grade 1 - 5

Monday - Thursday
8:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
12:40 p.m. - 3:22 p.m.
Friday
8:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Principal's Message

Hello General Stewart Family!! We are so happy to be back and we can't wait to have students back with us! We hope that you had a fantastic summer with lots of fun and memories. This will be a very exciting year and we have plans for many exciting activities, both new and familiar. The last couple of years have been challenging for a number of reasons but we look forward to re-connecting with our Community. There have been many lessons learned over the past two years and some of the adjustments that were made have proven to be beneficial.

One of these adjustments was the closing of school doors. This is known as having a secure facility. It does not mean that parents/guardians/grandparent, etc. are not able to come into the school. What it does mean is that people will need to call or use the doorbell to connect with the office in order to be provided entry into the school. This prevents unauthorized individuals from entering the school and all elementary schools in Lethbridge School division are continuing this practice. We want you to know that we truly value our families and will continue to endeavour to make the school a warm, welcoming place for everyone in our community.

Please remember that we also have a staggered entry for all students in Kindergarten to grade 5 where students with last names from A – H come on Tuesday, September 6 and students with last names from I – Z come on Wednesday, September 7th. Then all students attend on Thursday, September 8th.

Another change that has been very beneficial for students has been the change in drop off and pick up procedures. We will continue to have parents drop off and pick up students outside of the school. This procedure has benefitted students by encouraging more independence and responsibility for students of all ages. This change has been very positive for students, particularly in Kindergarten where there have been significantly less tears from students at the start of school. This makes sense when you look at how the situation has changed from the student's perspective. Previously, having a parent bring them to the class and then leave them there is very different than bringing students to school and having them leave their parents to go to school. This is also a practice that we will continue.

However, we also recognize the importance of the first day of school and in order to provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to see classrooms and be a part of the school, each class will have an "Open House" for the last 15 minutes of each student's staggered entry day. This means that K parents and guardians will be able to come into the classroom starting at 11:26 am and Grade 1 – 5 parents and guardians will come in at 3:07 pm. We think that this is a great way to start the school year off in order to set students up for success and share memories of this special occasion.


Thank you for your excitement, support, and enthusiasm for this school year. We look forward to working hard, having fun and continuing to make General Stewart the best it can be!

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Chris Harris
Principal
General Stewart School



General Stewart School Calendar

September 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labour Day	6 First Day for Students K-5 Staggered Entry: Last name A-H attend	7 Staggered Entry: Last name I-Z attend	8 All students back	9 No Kindergarten	10
11	12	13 Parent Council Meeting 7pm	14	15	16 Kindergarten	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 No Kindergarten School Council Back to School Picnic 12pm	24
25	26 Picture Day 	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School	

[Click here to visit our webpage Calendar](#)

In Alberta, Curriculum or Programs of Study are determined by Alberta Education. It identifies what students are expected to learn and do in all subjects from Kindergarten to Grade 12. You can find the new [K–6 Curriculum](#) and the current [Gr. 7–12 Programs of Study](#) on the Alberta Education website.

Lethbridge School Division does not decide what is taught in our schools. However, our teachers decide how the curriculum is taught in their classrooms.

New K-6 Curriculum Development & Implementation

Alberta Education released its [new K-6 curriculum](#) in English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical Education and Wellness on April 13, 2022.

English Language Arts and Literature (K–3), Mathematics (K–3), and Physical Education and Wellness (K–6) will be used in classrooms across Alberta beginning in the fall of 2022. Additional curriculum will be implemented and/or piloted in 2022/2023.

Alberta Education has shared new curriculum resources for parents and school boards, as well as an [implementation plan](#), on their new digital resource, [LearnAlberta](#).

Questions?

A Frequently Asked Questions document has been developed to provide more information for Division families.

The FAQs can be found here: [FAQs](#)