



## Entwistle School Week at a Glance

February 1, 2024

*Each person who delivers kindness stays with us forever.  
Robin Sharma, Canadian Writer*

### A Few Thoughts for February

February is such an interesting month in schools, as we are right in the middle of our hard work for this year, while looking ahead to registrations and planning for the next year. We focus on kindness throughout the year but we make sure that we highlight the power of kindness throughout this month, finishing with Pink Shirt day on the 28th. This year we get a bonus day, February 29, and I encourage students and their families to try something new that day, or do something a little out of the ordinary—this day only comes around every four years! I am very grateful for the kindness of our volunteers who make sure that we have hot lunch, daily breakfasts, nutritious food for our students, and who help our school and classrooms in so many different ways. You make a difference—thank you!!

### School Council/FOELS

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 12 from 3:50-4:50. We will meet in-person and have an online link as well: <https://meet.google.com/ngz-pofm-iku>. Thank you to our executive and parent attendees for all of their work organizing volunteers and sponsoring multiple opportunities for enrichment for Entwistle students.

### Share-a-Thought Survey

Your opinion matters! This survey is a chance for you to provide feedback for our school or for Parkland School Division, as well as indicate interest in taking part in stakeholder engagement events held throughout the year. You can find the link on our website, or click here: <https://forms.gle/eSnbkMqZ8NEc98ke6>

### Alberta Education Surveys Grades 4-9

Alberta Education Surveys are being sent to parents of students in grades 4-9. Please read the letter below for additional information. I really appreciate feedback from our parent community and encourage you to take part in this survey—the information is important for our planning and helps us gain a broader understanding of what we are doing well and what we need to work on. Thank you for your help with this!

# Alberta Education Assurance Survey

## Information for parents and guardians

### About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.



### Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.

Details about the assurance measures and how to obtain results are available online at [www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey](http://www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey)

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school principal.



### How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It is **not** used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.



### How will students take the survey?

- Students complete the survey at school.
- Before the survey begins, your child's teacher or school staff will explain to the students that the survey is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers. They will also explain that there are no repercussions for opting out of participating and that they may skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Responses are submitted anonymously. Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, grade, school and school authority only.

<b>Term 1 Report Cards</b>	<p>Our first report card for the year has been completed and is available for viewing in the Parent Portal of Powerschool. If you are using a mobile device you must first switch to Desktop Mode in your search engine in order to access all the features in your parent portal. If you have any questions or need help seeing report cards, please contact the office.</p>
<b>Registration</b>	<p>Registration for the 2024/2025 School Year opens on Monday, February 12: <a href="https://www.psd.ca/schools/registration">https://www.psd.ca/schools/registration</a></p>
<b>High School Information</b>	<p>With registration opening up this month it is time to start planning for the transition from Grade 9 to Grade 10! There are two upcoming sessions at Memorial Composite High School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First Time Parent Info Night (parents/guardians only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- February 5, 6-7pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Grade 9 Open House (students and parents/guardians) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- February 13, 5:30-8pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Staff from MCHS will be coming to Entwistle to meet with our grade 9s in the coming weeks, and to talk about course selection. Stay tuned for more information, and contact us if you have any questions.</p>




**MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**OPEN HOUSE EVENTS**  
IN ADVANCE OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

### First-Time Parent Info. Night

THIS EVENT IS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS ONLY

Monday, February 5, 2024 from 6–7 p.m.  
50 Westerra Centre, Stony Plain

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This event will take place in the large gym and is designed for parents/guardians seeing their first child move into high school. The evening will give parents the opportunity to become familiar with the school and to meet members of the administration as well as counsellors. We'll provide an overview of the registration and course selection process for parents.

### Grade 9 Open House

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 5:30–8 p.m.  
50 Westerra Centre, Stony Plain

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After a brief presentation in the large gym, students and parents/guardians are invited to tour the school, visiting core and options classrooms. All labs and options will be in full operation, giving attendees a chance to preview the unique aspects of each available course. Bring your questions and enthusiasm, and we'll help to explain and ease the transition into high school.

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<b>Kindergarten Open House</b>	<p>Our Kindergarten Open House is on Thursday, February 15, from 4-5pm. If you are interested in learning more about Kindergarten, this is the place to be!</p>
<b>Little Caesars Pizza</b>	<p>We are holding our Little Caesars Fundraiser in support of our June Carnival. All students who take part will be entered into a draw for a variety of amazing prizes, and the student who sells the most will get to be Principal for an hour! Letters and order forms have been sent home, please contact Mrs. Nash for any additional information.</p> <p>We are fortunate to have been gifted with sets of tickets to Oil Kings games, which will be included in the draw. Thank you very much to Danielle Mattoon for her kind and generous donation!</p>
<b>Career Pathways Update</b>	<p>This year we have been spending time on Fridays looking at a variety of information related to career planning, including interest inventories, researching various careers, practicing job-readiness skills (6-9), and learning about the career pathways of some of our community helpers. We have been fortunate to learn from the Yellowhead Fire Department, Evansburg RCMP, a local 911 Dispatch Operator, and two Parkland County Peace Officers. Students in Grades 4-9 are working on a deeper investigation into these careers and creating informational posters, and our grades 1-3 students are continuing to learn about community-based careers. We have some exciting updates for our March/April Career Pathways work–stay tuned!</p>
<b>Stronger Together Newsletter</b>	<p>Click on the link below to access PSD’s Stronger Together Newsletter:  <a href="https://www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/stronger-together-newsletter">https://www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/stronger-together-newsletter</a></p>
<b>Key Dates for February (more may be added throughout the month, please check Dojo for up-to-date information)</b>	<p><b>February 1-</b> Mac &amp; Cheese Hot Lunch sponsored by The Lighthouse  <b>February 2-</b> Kindergarten Friday  <b>February 5-</b> Memorial Composite High School First Time Parent Info Night @ MCHS 6-7pm  <b>February 7-</b> Global School Play Day  <b>February 7-</b> Winter Walk Day  <b>February 8/9 -</b> Teachers’ Convention - No School for Students  <b>February 12-</b> Registration for the 2024/2025 School Year Begins  <b>February 12-</b> School Council/FOELS Meeting 3:50-4:50pm  <b>February 13-</b> Community Breakfast</p>

	<p><b>February 13-</b> Grade 9 Open House @MCHS 5:30-8pm</p> <p><b>February 14-</b> Valentine's Day, Junior High Students at Tomahawk for Valentine's Dance in the pm, Dance Party for Grades 1-6 at Entwistle in the pm, Classroom activities throughout the day</p> <p><b>February 15-</b> Spaghetti Hot Lunch, sponsored by drax</p> <p><b>February 15-</b> Kindergarten Open House 4-5pm</p> <p><b>February 16-</b> Little Caesars Pizza Orders Due</p> <p><b>February 16-</b> Professional Development Day - No School for Students</p> <p><b>February 19-</b> Family Day - No School</p> <p><b>February 22-</b> Smoothie Day</p> <p><b>February 22-</b> Chicken Fingers Hot Lunch sponsored by drax</p> <p><b>February 23-</b> 100 Days of School! Dress Like You are 100 Years Old</p> <p><b>February 27-</b> Dental Hygienist Grades K-3</p> <p><b>February 27-</b> Exceptional Eagles Assembly 2:30-3:00</p> <p><b>February 28-</b> Pink Shirt Day</p> <p><b>February 29-</b> Leap Day! Chow Mein and Spring Rolls Hot Lunch sponsored by an anonymous donor</p> <p><b>March 1-</b> MSD Day- No School</p>
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