



JUDGE BRYANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School Absence Line—In the event that your child will be late or away from school, please call and leave a message at **791-8553**. Please leave your child's name, grade, teacher and the reason for the absence. We appreciate your help!

SEPTEMBER GREETINGS

Welcome to a new year at Judge Bryant Elementary School. My name is Seth Neuls and I am very excited to be here once again and look forward to meeting everyone as the year progresses. Please remember, my door is always open! For those families returning to Bryant, we hope that you had a safe and enjoyable summer and are ready to once again become involved in school activities. If you are new to the school, we look forward to meeting you and getting acquainted through the various school gatherings.

You will notice that there are a few new staffing changes that have occurred over the summer. We would like to welcome Ms. Morris, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Wirll, Mr. Racette, Ms. Missal, Ms. Boucher, and Ms. Vindevoghel. We look forward to meeting you all in the fall of 2017.

The school staff has spent significant time preparing for your children's arrival. Mr. Duseran and Mr. Agustin and the custodian staff have put a sparkling shine on the school! During the first five staff days of our school year, the Judge Bryant staff met,

discussed, planned and prepared programs and classrooms for students.



It seems that there are a multitude of signs that it is indeed time for school to begin:

- 1) "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" takes on a whole new meaning in television ads.
- 2) Our daily newspaper is heavier with flyers for school supplies.
- 3) It gets dark by 8 PM and sunrise is after 6 AM.
- 4) The wasps are in abundance each time we try to sit outside.
- 5) Registration for community programs is imminent.
- 6) Some of the leaves are starting to change colors.
- 7) The "Vs" of geese and their

distinctive honks will soon fill the skies.

Welcome Back! We are very happy to be working with your children. Our staff misses the "hum of the school" when the students are not here.

Thanks for everyone who attended our inaugural Bring Your Backpack to school day! It was a great success and was an opportunity to alleviate the first day of school jitters.

On behalf of the Judge Bryant staff, we thank you for all the amazing work you do to support us at the school and for the privilege of working with your children!

Welcome back!
Seth and Sandra

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PLEASE
DO NOT DROP
OFF OR
PICK UP
CHILDREN IN
THE
STAFF
PARKING LOT!

JUDGE BRYANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

We are a "Circle of Courage" school and will continue to focus on inclusion. We teach the values of Independence, Generosity, Belonging, and Mastery. This year we will be incorporating the "Seven Teachings" — love, honesty, humility, wisdom, respect, courage, and truth — to guide our lives. The Seven Teachings reminds us that we are all one, that we are all connected. Each month we will focus on one of these four areas and recognize students for the achievement. Upcoming assembly dates are Friday, September 29th (Belonging) at 9:15 a.m. and Friday, October 27th (Respect) at 1:00 p.m.

We look forward to some continued Literacy and Numeracy based initiatives. To prepare for appropriate goal setting, your child(ren) will be completing a number of short diagnostic assessments in literacy and numeracy. We will use these evaluations to set our goals, design appropriate learning plans and assist students in their learning. This process will take place over the course of first month of school. While these assessments are not usually graded for report cards, it is essential that students try their best on them so we can design our instruction to meet their needs.

Our school community continues to address and expand upon the goals identified last year. We will heavily focus on Literacy and Numeracy goals - reading comprehension, writing, and math.

Our staff will draft the 2017-2018 Strategic Plan. Upon completion, we will present the final document at a School Community Council Meeting in October.

Over the year, we will provide updates on the various initiatives related to our Strategic Plan.

Judge Bryant Elementary School

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BRYANT 2017—2018 SCHOOL STAFF

We have some new faces as well as many returning faces. Please remember that we are pleased to be working with your family and are only a telephone call away. Drop in and chat with your child's teacher.

Classroom Teachers:

Ms. Tricia Nameth—Pre-K
 Ms. Nicole Cunningham—K
 Ms. Joni Mailhot—Grade 1
 Ms. Amy McDonald—Grade 1/2
 Ms. Vanea Cyr—Grade 1/2
 Ms. Katelyn Crawford—Grade 2
 Ms. Colleen Morris—Grade 3
 Ms. Coleen Lynch—Grade 3/4
 Ms. Brooke Alexander—Grade 3/4
 Ms. Dawn Villeneuve—Grade 4
 Ms. Jennifer Desjarlais—Grade 4/5
 Ms. Katherine Davies—Grade 5/6
 Ms. Hope Wirll—Grade 5/6
 Mr. Alex Rasmussen—Grade 6/7
 Mr. Derek Racette—Grade 6/7
 Ms. Roanna Chan—Grade 7/8
 Mr. Travis Goodman—Grade 7/8
 Mr. Jon Schneider—Grade 8

Special Support Teachers:

Ms. Amy Missal—Learning Resource
 Ms. Danielle Driver—Learning Resource
 Ms. Brenda Frederiksen—Teacher Librarian

Shania Kids Can Program

Ms. Tiffany Kearse

Educational Assistants:

Ms. Rhonda Akan
 Ms. Lisa Boucher
 Ms. Joy Koochicum
 Ms. Jacqueline Edel
 Mr. Paul Fyckes
 Ms. Daphne Vindevoghel
 Ms. Kim McMurray
 Ms. Joni Wikman

EAL Teacher:

Mr. Chad Parker

Specialist Teachers:

Ms. Allison Norbeck
 Mr. Darcy Gelowitz
 Mr. Darryn Holbrow

Band Teachers:

Ms. Amanda McArthur

Administrative Staff:

Ms. Monique Schmidt—Administrative Assistant
 Mr. Fernando Duseran—Head Facilities Operator
 Mr. Angelito Agustin—Night Facilities Operator
 Ms. Sandra Powell—Vice-Principal
 Mr. Seth Neuls—Principal

ISS Support Staff:

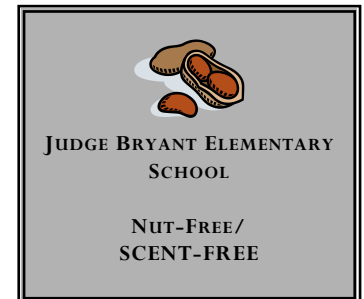
Ms. Rori Lee—Psychologist
 Mr. Jim Appleby—Counselor
 Ms. Barb Wilson—SLP
 Ms. Morgan Reed—Superintendent

Interagency Support Staff:

Mr. Matt Rieger—School Resource Officer



Put faces and names together by checking out our Staff Photos in the front foyer.



START OF THE YEAR AVALANCHE OF INFORMATION



With the start of the school year, families receive a lot of information.

First, thank you for ensuring that your child has all of the necessary **School Supplies**. We are pleased to supply agendas (\$2.00), notebooks, pencils, erasers, and rulers to each

child.

Student Emergency Contact Sheets will be sent home early next week.

Accurate telephone numbers (home, cell, work, and alternate contacts) become particularly important in the case of an emergency. Please return the revised forms to your child's classroom teacher, as soon as possible. As well, if

contact information changes through the school year, be sure to let Ms. Schmidt know.

A **Media Release Form** allows us to use photographs and video of your child in a variety of Judge Bryant Elementary School and Regina School Board publications, including newsletters and the web page.

Student Accident Insurance Forms will be sent home next week. If you wish to partake in this program, this form should be forwarded directly to the company.

We ask that you complete and return these forms with your child by **Tuesday, September 12.**

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

Here are some dates to mark on your calendars.

September

Welcome Back Assembly — Friday, September 8

SCC Meeting — Monday, September 11th (6:30)

Cross Country Run #1 — Wednesday, September 27

Orange Shirt Day — Friday, September 29

Assembly (Belonging) — Friday, September 29 (9:15 a.m.)

Terry Fox Walk Day — Friday, September 29

October

SCC Meeting — Monday, October 2 (6:30 p.m.)

PD Day — Friday, October 6. No school for students!

Thanksgiving Holiday — Monday, October 9. No School for staff or students.

Picture Day 1 — Pre-K to Grade 4—Tuesday, October 10 (All Day)

Picture Day 2 — Grade 4/5 to 8 — Wednesday, October 11 (All Day)

Education Week — October 15-22

Grade 8 MYPAA Begins — Wednesday, October 25th

Assembly (Respect) — Friday, October 27 (1:00 p.m.)

November

Picture Re-take Day — Friday, November 3

Regina Symphony Presentation — Wednesday, October 8

Remembrance Day Assembly — Friday, November 10 @ 1:00 p.m.

Remembrance Day Holiday — Monday, November 13. No School for staff or students.

Goal Setting Conferences — Friday, November 24 (all day). No regular scheduled school.

Assembly (Honesty) — Wednesday, November 29 (9:15 a.m.)

For a detailed calendar, see the calendar on the school's website.



UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School Community Council

There is a place for parent input on the school's goals as well. I would like to strongly encourage all parents to become involved in the School Community Council (SCC). Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, at 6:30 p.m. Elections will occur in October and there is plenty of room for members. If you have any interest please let the school know. Childcare is also provided.

Cross Country Running

Students from Grade 3 to 8 are welcome to be a part of our Cross Country Running team. Ms. Crawford and Mr. Racette will be working with students during the recess break and following the school day. Information and permission notes will be sent home with students who are interested. All practices will take place during the school day. Our first meet will be September 27th at Douglas Park.

Volleyball

Volleyball tryouts will begin shortly. Ms. Villeneuve and Ms. Wirill will be working with the Girls' team and

Mr. Gelowitz will be with the Boys' team. If you are a student from Grades 6-8 please sign up to participate in our volleyball league.

Terry Fox School Walk

It's that time of year when we learn and celebrate the lessons of perseverance and courage that Terry demonstrated during his Marathon of Hope! Our school will be walking on Friday September 29th, at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to donate money to your classroom teacher, all funds raised go to cancer research, please give kindly as you can.

Band

It's not too late to sign up for band! We'd love to have you join us! Our beginner band workshop is on September 12, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Johnson Collegiate. This is for all new members of our band. Band starts on September 13 for the Beginners and the following week for our returning team members! Please contact Ms. McArthur at 306-523-3362

amanda.mcarthur@rbe.sk.ca for more information.

Judge Bryant School Library

Your child's classroom has a scheduled library book exchange day. Each week during this visit, he/she may select books to sign out, but only when other checked-out materials are returned. Each student must keep track of all library materials and we ask that if library books are taken home, please ensure they are returned to the school as soon as possible.

During the course of the school year, a number of library books are not returned to the school. They become significantly overdue and we appreciate your help in locating them.

Your child will receive notices about overdue materials so that missing materials can be found. In the event that you are not able to locate the book(s), we ask that you help us with a portion of the replacement cost. If the book is found and returned at a later time, we will refund the money to you.

Mrs. Frederiksen

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph's Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, B.C., in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on the first day of school, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

This year at Judge Bryant let's all wear our orange on **Friday, September 29th.**

JUDGE BRYANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROCEDURES

School Hours

Morning:

8:53 Classes commence
10:30 Recess (15 minutes)
11:45 Lunch dismissal

Noon Hour:

11:45 – 12:45

Afternoon:

12:45 Classes commence
2:15 Recess (15 minutes)
3:37 Dismissal

Playground supervisors are on site from 8:38 to 8:53 AM and from 12:30 to 12:45 PM. Students will not be dismissed earlier than the above stated times unless parents are notified. For children who arrive earlier than 8:38 or 12:30, they will not be under adult supervision.

School Attendance

Regular attendance is important. When a student must miss school, it is important to notify the Office. Please leave a message at **306-791-8553 (our School Absence Line)**. As well, if students must leave school during school hours, please call the school or send a note. Finally, if someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up your child, please have him or her report to the office prior to picking up the child. In the event that the individual is not listed as an emergency contact, we will give you a call.

To ensure the safe arrival of all students we adhere to the following procedure:

Teachers report student absences at 9:00 and 1:00. If the school has not been notified of an absence, we will attempt to contact parents at the contact numbers you have provided.

If a student becomes ill or injured while at school, we will notify families and will take action in accordance with families' wishes. Please ensure that the school is notified as soon as possible if there is a change in telephone number, address, or other pertinent information.

In addition to attendance being regular, it should also be punctual. If a problem arises with either irregular or tardy attendance, the home will be contacted. Together, we can help to ensure both regular and punctual attendance.

Visitors in the School

For the safety of our students, we ask that all visitors to the school stop at the Office. This allows us to monitor all visitors in the building.

Early Release From School

From time to time, students have appointments that require being picked up part way through the day. Please send a note with your child or call indicating that your child needs to be picked up prior to the time. **We request that parents pick up children from the classroom or from the Office area.** We want to keep them as safe as possible.

Lunchroom Information

Judge Bryant Elementary School will be continuing to provide supervised lunch rooms Monday to Friday. Parents of a Kindergarten to 8 students staying at noon who do not qualify for transportation by the division will be **required to pay a registration fee at the beginning of the school year**. Parents must complete a lunchroom registration form for each child who will be using the lunchroom services of the school.

1. Full-time is defined as 51% or more usage; part-time is defined as 50% or less usage.
2. Fees will be paid one time through the school office. A receipt of payment of noon-hour supervision will be provided to parents. Parents will be encouraged to pay in full at the beginning of the school year. To support families who may have financial need, there is the option of splitting the payments, half in September and half in February.
3. In the event that a student is not transported or does not qualify for transportation by the school division, the fee rate will be as follows:
 - **Full-time — \$100 per year per child**
 - **Part-time — \$50 per year per child**
 - **Maximum paid by one family is \$200**

Please complete the lunch room registration form and return it with your child/children as soon as possible. All lunch students will be placed in supervised lunch rooms.

We are attempting to promote “healthy choices” in food a snacks. Please keep in mind when preparing lunches for children. Also, please **refrain from sending your child with microwavable foods as we do not have microwaves for the lunchrooms**. Thank you for your cooperation in this area.

Please review lunch expectations below with your child, and keep this copy for reference. It is expected that all students adhere to these guidelines to provide a safe lunchroom environment for all students.

Lunchroom Expectations

Students should have the opportunity to eat lunch in a calm atmosphere. Students are expected to:

- Remain seated while eating and cooperate with the assigned seating plan
- Follow the directions of the supervisor
- Use a quiet voice
- Clean up own area
- Use appropriate table manners
- Participate in quiet activities during indoor lunch recess
- Go directly outside when dismissed
- Remain on school property

Any unacceptable behavior during the lunch period will result in a Notice of Concern being sent home with the student. The form is to be signed by the parent and returned to the school. Repeated behavior issues in the lunch room may result in your child being removed from the lunch program. **If your child forgets their lunch a call will be made to you to arrange a lunch for your child.**

No Peanuts and Nut Products Please!

In the interest of the safety of the children, we have the ‘no nut products’ guideline in place (products like peanut butter and Nutella). Please take note of this as you prepare children’s lunches, as well as if you send treats to school for your child’s class.

Student Use of iPods, iPads, Cell Phones, MP3 Players, Game Systems, etc.

We strongly encourage students to leave these expensive items at home. The school is not responsible for the safe keeping of these items. Please refer to the new device policy on the school website.

Student Use of Cell Phones

We realize that parents may wish to have their child carry a cell phone for before and after school contact. However, the school will not allow students to use cell phones during school hours. If your child needs to be contacted during school hours, please do so through our office at 306-791-8553. **Please help us! Do not call or text your child** on his or her cell phone during the instructional day. Please refer to the new device policy found on the school website.

If your child needs to contact you, they may do so at the office with their teacher's permission. If parents wish for their child to carry a cell phone with them, we require the student to have the phone turned off and put away during school hours. If your child uses the cell phone during school hours, staff will **confiscate** and return it at the end of the day after a discussion and plan for appropriate use. As well, the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Bikes, Skateboards, Rollerblades, Scooters at School

We welcome earth friendly modes of transportation. However, we ask that students do not ride on the playground. Students need to lock bikes (assuming all responsibility) . Skateboards, scooters, and rollerblades need to be left in lockers over the course of the day and may not be ridden on school property. As well, we strongly recommend that students wear helmets for their safety.

Picking-Up and Dropping-Off Students

The parents and caregivers of Judge Bryant Elementary School have worked hard to protect the students as they cross Dewdney Avenue in front of the school.

If you are transporting your child, please use the designated area on the street and avoid the crosswalk areas. HOWEVER, we ask that you avoid the areas for loading school busses.

Staff Parking Lot

Parking stalls in the staff parking lot are assigned to staff with many spots being paid spots. We request that families **do not use the parking lot** to pick up or to drop off children. This is not a safe practice for children.

In order for a positive change to occur, it takes **everyone's** cooperation. There is always the mentality that if it is okay for someone else, then it is okay for me. Please help us to care for our students' safety.

School Appropriate Dress

At Judge Bryant Elementary School, when we speak with students, we describe their work at school as their job. With jobs, as we all know, comes work appropriate clothing. Certain workplaces provide uniforms. Others delineate acceptable and unacceptable clothing. At Judge Bryant, we are guided by our Shared Values and Circle of Courage. We expect students to wear clothing appropriate to an educational environment.

At Judge Bryant Elementary School, our expectation is that students will dress in a way appropriate for a learning environment. Students will not wear clothing that promotes drug / alcohol use, violence or racism. Students will wear clothing that adequately covers their body so that all might be comfortable in their presence. Students will not wear headgear except for health or religious reasons as explained to school administrators.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that your child wears school-appropriate clothing.

These are our character development guidelines for students this year at Judge Bryant:



- 1. Greet your teacher, schoolmates and personnel with eye contact and a smile when you arrive, leave or cross paths. A smile goes a long way!**
- 2. Use your magic words and ask questions in turn when asked about your well-being and your activities.**
- 3. Be respectful of things, ideas, opinions and commentaries, in your words and body language.**
- 4. Practice fair play when you win or lose.**
- 5. Excuse yourself or apologize when you hurt someone or when you break something accidentally.**

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day Holiday	5—Day 1 First Day of School	6—Day 2	7—Day 3	8—Day 4	9
10	11—Day 5 First Day of Band SCC Meeting @ 6:30	12—Day 1 School Mindful- ness Presentation	13—Day 2 Beginner Band Starts 5-8 p.m. @ Johnson Collegiate	14—Day 3	15—Day 4	16
17	18—Day 5	19—Day 1	20—Day 2 Full Band Begins for Grade 7&8	21—Day 3	22—Day 4	23
24	25—Day 5	26—Day 1	27—Day 2 Cross Country Run #1	28—Day 3	29—Day 4 Orange Shirt Day Assembly— Belonging 9:15 a.m. Terry Fox Walk 2:30	30