



# IRIC

IRON RIDGE INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS

# EAGLE NEWS

June 2021

June 2 and 3 - BBBS Walk for Kids Day

June 4 - Staff Collaboration Day

June 10 - Zoom Mtg for New to Grade 4 Parents - 6:30

Meeting ID: 977 6924 1237

Passcode: vxFNC6

June 23 - Grade 6 Farewell

June 24 - Year End Assembly

June 24 - Field Day

June 25 - Student's Last Day

June 28 - Staff's Last Day

## MASK HYGIENE

Please remind your child to bring home their mask(s) each day to be washed.



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We wish our IRIC Families Health and Safety as you enjoy your summer.



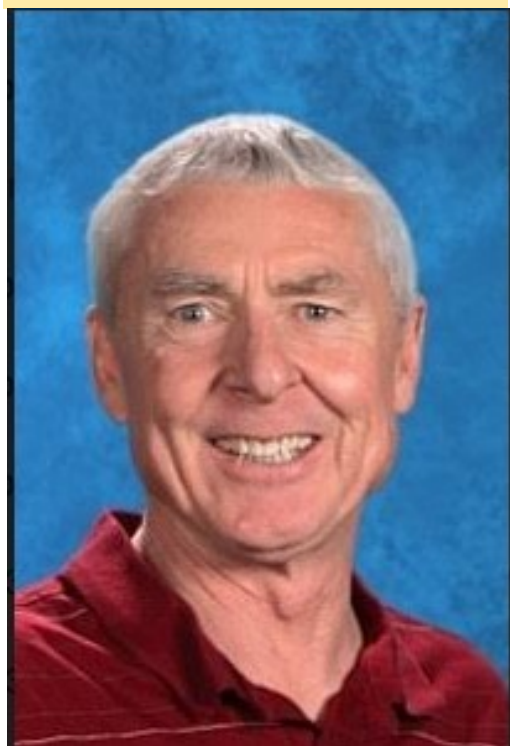
## Did You Know?

School Fees can be paid online anytime by accessing your parent portal. If you are having any difficulties, please call reception. 403-885-6100 at IRIC.

## PARKING REMINDER

Parent Parking is located on the South side of the school. Please use this parking lot when dropping off or picking up your child. Please do not park in the North Parking lot as that is designated for Staff Only.

# Happy Retirement Mr. Carter



Mr. Bill Carter is retiring from an incredible teaching career at the end of the year. Mr. Carter has been teaching for 41 years, and 38 of those years have been with Wolf Creek Public Schools. The relationships he has built with students, families and colleagues over the years are a large reason why we will miss Mr. Carter so much. We wish you all the best, Mr. C. Enjoy your much deserved retirement and thank you for the many contributions to education and our *students!*

## IRIC STAFF 2021-22

### 2021-22 IRIC STAFF

#### Teaching Staff

Mrs. Denny

Mrs. Elliott

Ms. Ennis

Mr. Hambley

Ms. Kovitch

Mrs. O'Neill

Mrs. Nymark

Mrs. Lastiwka

Mrs. Pedersen

Mrs. Schroeder

Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Tennant

Mrs. Walton

Ms. Woitas

#### Office Administrator

Mrs. Lesyk

#### SSW

Ms. Nottveit

#### Educational Assistants

Mrs. Benjamin

Mrs. Drobot

Mrs. Hill

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Millar

Ms. Pearson

#### Librarian

Mrs. Karras

#### Custodians

Mrs. Terpstra

Mr. Bricker



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are starting our greatly anticipated **GAGA PIT** build!!!  
And we need **YOUR** help!

**WHEN?** June 3 (time tbd)

**WHAT?** Volunteers to dig the support holes, mix and pour cement!

**WHERE?** IRIC



P.I.R.I.S will also provide lunch/snacks for our volunteers!!!

**WHEN?** June 5, 6 (time tbd)

**WHAT?** Volunteers to measure, cut wood, build the structure!

**WHERE?** IRIC



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

Seeking donations of auger & cement mixer, sod cutter rentals and cement, if possible!

Seeking donations of a table saw and portable work bench rental for the weekend!

**WILHAUK Beef Jerky**  
will be **SENT HOME** with your student on **June 18!**

(If your order is too large for a backpack, parents will be notified to come pick up)

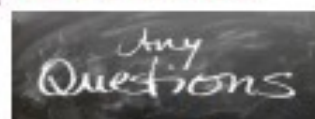


To all of you who volunteered for bingos, made donations & showed support, we would like to extend a warm **THANK YOU!**

Join our Facebook page to keep up to date on events and volunteer opportunities!



Parents of Iron Ridge  
Intermediate Society (P.I.R.I.S)



Email

pirisirec@gmail.com



Thank you from Your P.I.R.I.S Board of Directors



## COVID-19: STAY AT HOME GUIDE WHEN DO I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?



### BEFORE LEAVING HOME: COMPLETE A DAILY SELF-HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Daily self-screening form available on your school website.

## My child is sick. How long do they need to stay home?

### CORE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Fever (38 °C or higher)
- Cough (continuous, more than usual)
- Shortness of breath/ difficulty breathing (continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

### THIS IS MY CHILD. NOW WHAT?

If your child has one or more of the Four Core COVID-19 Symptoms, they must do one of the following before they will be allowed to return to school.

1. Stay home and isolate for a minimum of 10 days from when symptoms began.

Isolation requirements are set by the Alberta Government. More information on isolation requirements are available at: [www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx)

2. A student can return before 10 days ONLY if they receive a negative COVID-19 test result, AND symptoms are gone, AND they are not a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

**Please Note:** Siblings of a child with symptoms can still attend school, unless they too have symptoms, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

### How do I book a test?

Parents can fill out the **COVID-19 AHS Online Self-Assessment Tool** at: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx> or call Health Link 811.

### What if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

**AHS will contact you with your child's test results.**

If positive for COVID-19, your child will have to isolate for a minimum of 10 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer.

Close contacts of confirmed cases (siblings, parents/guardians) are legally required to isolate for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.

AHS will work with the school and Division on contact tracing. Continued learning will be supported for students in self-isolation.

### OTHER COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- chills (without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather),
- sore throat/painful swallowing,
- runny nose/congestion,
- feeling unwell/fatigued,
- lack of energy,
- nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea,
- unexplained loss of appetite,
- muscle or joint aches,
- headache,
- conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)

### THIS IS MY CHILD. NOW WHAT?

If your child has **ONE** of the above other symptoms, they can return to school if they are feeling better, as long as it has been at least 24 hours.

Testing is not needed if they only have one of the above other symptoms, and it improves after 24 hours.

If they are not getting better, if they get worse or develop another symptom, keep your child home until symptom(s) go away.

If a child has **TWO** or **MORE** of the above other symptoms, they can return to school once symptoms go away, as long as it has been 24 hours since symptoms started.

A COVID-19 test is recommended for two or more other symptoms but not required.

### What if my child has traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?

When entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada, individuals are legally required to quarantine for 14 days unless enrolled in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project. More info at: [www.alberta.ca/international-border-pilot-project.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/international-border-pilot-project.aspx)

### What if they had close contact with a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure.

More information at: [www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/covid-19](http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/covid-19)

For more information on the Government of Alberta COVID-19 measures: [www.alberta.ca/covid19](http://www.alberta.ca/covid19)

## **TOWN (URBAN) BUS STUDENTS**

**Students living in Blackfalds**

**MUST re-register for busing each spring for the fall!**



User Pay fees are applied to students who live less than 2.4 km from school.

User Pay students are accepted on a first come first served basis  
and only if there is space available on a bus.

User Pay students will be put on a waiting list if their registrations are  
received late and/or the bus in that area is full.

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.

*\*Cross Boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application as well as the  
cross boundary application (cross boundary fees will apply).*

Fees are currently under review and will be release by the School Board in late spring 2021.  
(Distances are calculated using a routing software and Alberta Education criteria.)

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL  
OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 15, 2021**

*For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services*

E-mail - [transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca)

Phone - 403-785-0726 (Direct) or 403-341-4153 (Red Deer) or 403-782-8726 (Lacombe) ext. 1332

<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>

## **COUNTRY (RURAL) BUS STUDENTS**

**Blackfalds students who live in the country and are new to  
busing (i.e. kindergarten students or students changing schools)**

**OR have moved to a new rural location are required to  
register for transportation.**



To register your full legal land description AND complete  
blue sign (911 address) are required on the application.

*\*Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us  
with your legal land description.*

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## Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus

**Our Mission:**  
**Empowering all Learners to be Extraordinary**

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April 28, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

RE: Technology Device Information

I am writing this letter to provide you with information regarding technology devices as we move ahead with planning for the 2021-22 school year at Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus. Our school is proud of the many ways that our staff and students utilize technology in order to enhance teaching and learning in our school. Everyday our school utilizes technology to:

- allow students to show their learning in a wide variety of ways;
- connect students with each other within their classroom, within the division, within the province and around the world;
- connect students and teachers with experts in various fields such as authors, writers and scientists;
- support students with a wide variety of learning styles and needs;
- and more!

We are proud to have been promoting this kind of learning environment for our students for many years. To continue to provide a learning environment that is 21st Century **we are recommending that all students come to school with a device to support their learning.** This device can be a personal laptop or a Chromebook. To support this learning environment there are a few options:

**Option 1:** Your child can bring his/her own device to school that you have purchased or have previously purchased.

**Option 2:** Your child can participate in the Wolf Creek Parent Purchase Program and order a new device for their use. Details on the parent purchase program are attached.

**Option 3:** You can contact the school for more information about how we can help support you.

It is our goal to have all grade four, five and six students using their devices within the first few weeks of school so we would like your child to have a device ready to go for the start of the new school year.

**Our Vision:** At Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus we develop compassionate leaders who realize their potential and enrich the world.

It has been our experience that Chromebooks, when taken care of, are lasting for approximately 5 years. Students will be able to use their devices at the Jr. High when they go there as well, so taking good care of it is very important. Students with their own devices have been able to transition between online and in person learning while we have guided them through the pandemic. Having their own device has been integral to our students' success over the past year.

Attached is some information on the Wolf Creek Parent Purchase plan and some frequently asked questions. Please feel free to contact the principal, Della Lastiwka, if you need more information. Thank you for your support, we hope you see this is a worthy investment into your child's education and understand that it is our goal to provide your child with a top notch educational experience that utilizes the technologies available in today's world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Lastiwka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Della Lastiwka  
Principal (IRIC)



## ***Chromebook Parent Purchase Program Information - Parents***

Wolf Creek Public Schools is proud of the many ways that our staff and students utilize technology in order to **enhance teaching and learning in our schools**. We have a long history and a proven track record of working with our school communities in order to be able to positively leverage the potential of digital technology tools to support learning. Everyday our schools utilize technology to:

- allow students to show their learning in a wide variety of ways,
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- support students with a wide variety of learning styles and needs,
- and more!

### **Bring Your Own Device Program**

Wolf Creek Public Schools believes that students should be able to bring their own device to school with them to support their learning. We are proud to have been promoting this kind of learning support for our students since 2009. Students across our division benefit from ready access to school owned technology, but we have found over years of observation and working with our students that students feel most comfortable with, and often are able to best support their learning with, a device that they personally own.

Our parents have been very supportive of this evolution of a bring your own device approach in Wolf Creek. In many schools as parents seek to provide support for their children as they learn in today's classrooms, our teachers and administrators have been fielding parent questions around "what kind of a device should I purchase for my child"?

### **History and Background**

Back in 2011, Wolf Creek School division piloted the first use of Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education in our schools. This pilot quickly grew as we received feedback from students, teachers, administrators, and parents around the potential for this kind of device to purposefully support student learning. In 2012, we introduced the Parent Purchase Program to our Wolf Creek Schools and this initiative has been taken advantage of by over 1000 Wolf Creek families since that time.



Through a partnership with a well known manufacturer of Chromebooks, Wolf Creek Public Schools has been able to develop an online process whereby we can pass along special pricing to our families on Chromebooks. While it may be true that our families will be able to occasionally find lower pricing on similar devices at a sale at a nearby retailer, by purchasing through our online process parents can be assured that the devices they purchase will work within Wolf Creek's network environment and be set up and delivered to their student's school by our vendor partner.

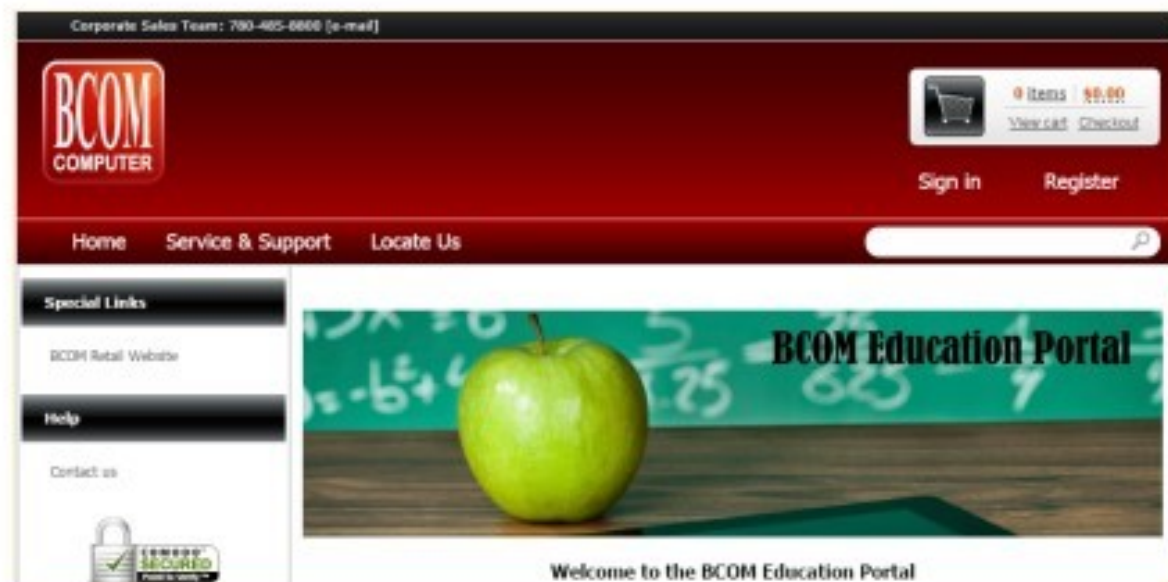
### Online Purchase Process

**Wolf Creek Public Schools** is excited to be working with **BCom Computer**, as the reseller of Chromebooks, to continue offering the Chromebook Parent Purchase Program for our Wolf Creek families through an online Parent Purchase Program website.

In partnership with Wolf Creek, BCom Computer has built a Wolf Creek Public Schools online store specifically for our families which provides the ability to purchase a selection of Chromebooks, accessories and warranty options which have been chosen because they fit in well with our Wolf Creek context.

Families wishing to purchase a Chromebook through this program will need to visit [www.b-com.ca/wolfcreek/home.php](http://www.b-com.ca/wolfcreek/home.php) in order to create a parent shopping and payment profile.

A link to access the Parent Purchase Program website can be found on **your local school's website** under the **Quick Links** section.



*Please ask your child's teacher or principal for a document with step by step instructions for how to use the Parent Purchase Program website.*

Updated, April 2021

*See the next page for some Frequently Asked Questions and further details.*

[Wolf Creek Public Schools Chromebook Parent Purchase Program](#)

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are the Payment Options?**

Our reseller, BCom Computer, has made two different options for payment available to our families wishing to purchase through the Parent Purchase Portal.

1. A family can choose to use their credit card to pay for the total cost of their order all at once or;
2. A family might choose to pay the total cost of their order over 4 monthly payments.

This flexibility will hopefully allow as many Wolf Creek families as possible to access the Chromebook Parent Purchase Plan.

Costs for the devices will vary slightly during the year as it is tied to Canadian and US exchange rates. Prices will always be in Canadian funds. Detailed costs are available on the website.

### **What is the Warranty and the options for Warranty Upgrades?**

The Chromebooks that can be purchased through the Parent Purchase Program **come with a standard manufacturer's warranty**. **Currently**, this warranty covers manufacturer's defects in the device for a period of one year. This standard warranty **does not include accidental or intentional damage** to any component of the Chromebook such as the screen, keyboard, case, touchpad, etc.

#### **Optional Upgrades**

BCom offers the following warranty upgrades as a part of the Wolf Creek Public Schools Parent Purchase Program:

1. An extension of the manufacturer's warranty from 1 year to 3 years. This extension does not cover accidental or intentional damage to the device,
2. An extension of the manufacturer's warranty to 3 years with accidental damage coverage. This coverage allows for the one time replacement of a device that has been accidentally damaged beyond repair.

These options are available through the Parent Purchase Program website at the time of purchase at various prices.

**IMPORTANT:** Once a device has been delivered to a student as a part of the Parent Purchase Program, it will be the responsibility of the student's family to work with BCom Computer to resolve any warranty claims, disputes, or concerns around payments. If needed, you can find contact information for BCom Computer by visiting their website at: [www.b-com.ca](http://www.b-com.ca)



### **After purchase, how do I get my Chromebook?**

Chromebooks purchased through the Wolf Creek Public Schools online purchase process can be shipped from our reseller directly to your home or mailing address of choice within Alberta. You

can also choose to directly pick up the Chromebook from our reseller's location at: BCom Computer Centre Inc. 15051 118 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5V 1H9.

### **Do I HAVE to Purchase a Chromebook through the Parent Purchase Website?**

**Absolutely not!**

Wolf Creek Public Schools is a bring your own device environment and welcomes any device that a student may have that is able to support their learning appropriately by leveraging web based tools such as Google Apps for Education.

Our students' families have long asked us for our recommendations around devices that are relatively low cost but high impact in terms of supporting learning. This is how the Parent Purchase Program was born!

Our classroom teachers utilize Google Apps for Education in Wolf Creek and the Chromebook is a natural platform to be able to take advantage of the power of these collaborative tools. We have completed test and research with various Chromebook devices over the years and have selected devices that have good battery life, are generally robust enough to stand up to day to day classroom use, and have proven themselves as reliable over our considerable time using them in Wolf Creek.

We certainly welcome and support our families' choices to purchase a device to enhance their child's learning through our Parent Purchase Program or through any retailer of their choice. The Parent Purchase Program was designed as a service to our families so that there was one less decision for parents to make around "what device should we buy" and/or "where should we buy or device from"?

### **Additional Questions?**

If you have any questions around how Chromebooks or other digital tools are being utilized in your child's school to support and enhance learning, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or the administrators at the school.