

## April 2025

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### Principal's Message

Fax: (403) 347-1276

Hello, Welcome to April 2025. Thank you for attending parent-teacher conferences in March. We were thrilled to see you all here. If you would like to reschedule a missed appointment, please call your child's teacher at 403-343-8780.

Each school year in April, we always take this time to talk about successful routines and ideas as spring approaches. Today, I want to speak about digital citizenship as our young hearts experience life with technology every day. While your child's teacher is responsible for teaching "Digital Citizenship" and building an understanding of the importance of online safety. I often speak with students about their use of technology and the extent of their social media awareness. I genuinely believe we can impact their understanding of digital citizenship and influence their ability to create a positive digital footprint. I think you would agree this is very important for their future. Here are a couple of suggestions that you might consider:

<u>Social Media:</u> Is your child using social media? If your child uses social media on a device, this is a great time to discuss using it. It is important to know what your child is seeing online and who they are interacting with.

<u>Healthy Choices:</u> A healthy choice for Digital Citizenship is learning to balance the time we spend connected on devices with healthy, active living choices. <u>This is a great time to chat with your child about online connections with teachers, friends, and trusted family members.</u> For brain development and health, it is suggested that your child step away from the screen at least two hours before bedtime.

<u>Talk:</u> Please talk to your child about their feelings. It is ok to feel angry, mad, sad, worried, and upset everyone has feelings, which is what it means to be human. We can all feel frustrated at times...and it is truly amazing how much we can learn from frequent conversations about friendships and online games. Parents and trusted adults can be the safest place for our youngest hearts to share; our care, compassion, and conversations will help to build resilience in our children.

<u>Common Sense Media</u> is a website that I highly recommend if you are interested in learning more about the items a parent can learn about in the world of technology. They host a section called "Parents Need to Know," which is filled with great information. If you want further ideas to help you talk with your child about online technology, please check it out! Here is just one of their fantastic articles: <a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/4-conversations-to-have-with-older-kids-and-teens-about-their-screen-time-habits">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/4-conversations-to-have-with-older-kids-and-teens-about-their-screen-time-habits</a>

Yours in Education, Mrs. Tataryn

### Road Safety



A huge THANKS is being sent to all parents who have supported our initiative to make our roads and crossing streets much safer. We have reinforced the rules with our students asking that we use the crosswalks and not cross in the middle of the street or front of the buses. It is making a positive difference and it has minimized our close calls. Student safety is paramount here at Fairview, including crossing the street in the morning and after school. Thanks for obeying the traffic laws, it is appreciated.

### MESSAGE FROM FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON COUNSELOR CAMP MAKAWAY 2025

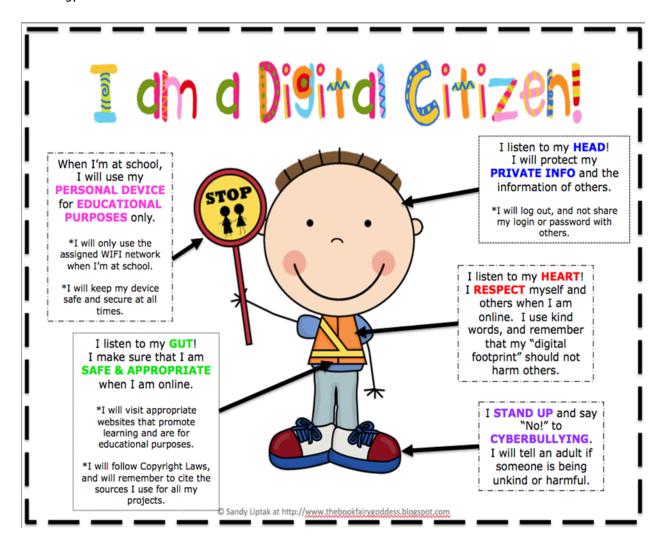
Camper registration is open for Makaway Camp this summer! Camp runs July 27th- August 1st at Sunnyside Christian Retreat Centre for 7-12-year-olds. Please note that those who turn 13 after camp in 2025 will not be accepted.

Again this year, the cost for families who require financial assistance is \$50. This includes the cost of registration, meals, and snacks.

Please see the link below to register....if you need further information or assistance, please contact Ms. Stacie at the school

https://www.makawaycamp.com/

Here is a small digital citizenship anchor chart that helps students remember the important aspects of using technology at Fairview School.



Please check out Fairview's FaceBook page. We do highlight the amazing happenings and learning at our school.

### ATTENDANCE PHONE-IN

If your child will be late or absent, PLEASE CALL 403-343-8780 and leave a message. Thank you.

#### HELMETS FOR WHEELS

With the arrival of Spring, please note: Fairview School enforces the City Bylaw that states any student riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or wearing roller blades <u>MUST</u> wear a helmet. Thank you for keeping our children safe.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

Registration for Kindergarten is available online. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mrs. Richardson in the office at 403-343-8780 or <u>joan.richardson@rdpsd.ab.ca</u>
We will support you on the computer should a device not be available at home.

### Mark Your Calendar

### APRT(

Wednesday, April 2 Wednesday, April 2 Friday, April 4 Thursday, April 10 Friday, April 11 Wednesday, April 16 Friday, April 18 Monday, April 21 - Friday, April 25 Monday, April 28 Recognition Assembly for March @ 9:30 am
Community Open House 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Staff Learning Day - No School
Communi-TEA @ 1:15 pm
Crazy Hair Day
School Council Meeting @ 3:15 pm
Good Friday - No School
Spring Break - No School
Return to School

### MAY

Friday, May 2
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Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9
Wednesday, May 3
Friday, May 15
Thursday, May 15
Friday, May 16
Monday, May 19
Wednesday, May 21

School Spirit Twin Day
Recognition Assembly for April @ 1:30 pm
Mental Health Week
Hats on for Mental Health
Fairview T-Shirt Day
Gr. 5 Grow Kids
Multi-Cultural Potluck Dinner
Staff Learning Day - No School
Victoria Day - No School
School Council Meeting @ 3:15 pm



# 2025 SUMMER SPORTS CAMP AT LINDSAY THURBER COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

## 20th Annual Lindsay Thurber Summer Basketball Camp

### \*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REGISTER FOR THESE CAMPS BY GOING ON THE LINDSAY THURBER WEB SITE

(lindsaythurber.rdpsd.ab.ca)

- Go to STUDENTS
- Click ATHLETICS
- Proceed to SPORTS CAMPS
- RDPSD: register using PowerSchool Parent Login
- Non-RDPSD: Use Guest Login

### **REGISTRATION OPENS THURSDAY MAY 1, 2025**

### **Camp Objectives:**

Develop and improve your basketball skills and techniques. This camp will be run by Lindsay Thurber Basketball coaching staff, players, and other basketball coaches from Central Alberta. All campers will receive a camp t-shirt.

Monday, June 30 - Friday, July 4, 2025

### Grades 1-2

• 9:30 - 11:30 am

Cost: \$60.00

### Grades 3-9

- Grades 3, 4 & 5 9:00 am noon
- Grades 6 & 7 -1:00 4:00 p.m.
- Grades 8 & 9 -1:00 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75.00





#### Requirements for registration

- · Id for parents and campers
- · Proof of family income and expenses
- · campers' AB Health number
- family doctor info (if they have it) (phone number, address)
- prescribed medication details (i.e. name, dosage, what it's for) (over the counter medications do not need to be included)
- · allergy/dietary restriction details.
- emergency contact person and info
- · vaccination status (MMR's, Dtap's, etc.)
- . An idea of what Activites the children would like to do:
- Various sports Canoeing
- · Mini Golf · Pottery
- · Low Ropes Course · Woodwork
- · Climbing Wall · Archery
- BMX Biking Tenting
- Trail Biking Cooking/Baking
- Gardening/Trail Walks Photography
- Tetherball Swimming



# Free urgent dental treatment for children

The Dental Outreach of Red Deer (DOoR) program provides free dental treatment for children with:

- pain
- infection
- visible decay
- broken teeth
- no dental insurance
- lower income
- trouble paying

DOOR serves families with children from 5 to 18 years with lower income who do not have Alberta Child Health Benefit or other health benefits to cover dental treatment.

Call the Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre at 403-356-6302 to see if your family qualifies.