

# NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Administration Team Message

## It's almost Learner Profile time...

In Foothills School Division, report cards are called "Learner Profiles." Learner Profiles are one way we communicate with parents regarding their child's learning. Our teachers know that it is important for parents to understand how their children are doing in school. This means students and parents will be provided ongoing, timely descriptive feedback of student progress and achievement through the Learner Profile. Other ways teachers communicate student achievement include emails, phone calls, and meetings.

"Foothills School Division is committed to ongoing quality assessment, evaluation and reporting practices, which are based on current research for the purpose of improved student learning." As stated in policy 360 - Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting of Student Learning.

The *Learner Profile* reports on your child's progress in two areas:

**Characteristics of Responsible Learners** - contribute to the development of your child as a responsible learner and are an integral part of the learning process. These characteristics are on the Learner Profile with the addition of teacher comments.

**Academic Achievement** - indicates how your child is performing in relation to the course and grade level learner outcomes in the Alberta Program of Studies.

**Characteristics of Responsible Learners** are reported as **rarely**, **sometimes** or **consistently**. The Characteristics of Responsible Learners provides a description of students':

**Confidence** (welcomes new opportunities, perseveres when met with challenge, takes risks etc.)

**Respect** (follows school and classroom rules, treats adults and other students with respect and dignity, etc.)

**Independence** (makes appropriate choices, uses problem solving strategies both academically and personally, takes responsibility for own behavior, etc.)

**Work Habits** (plans and manages learning time/space/materials, complete and turns in assignments, plans and sets goals, etc.)

**Citizenship** (For example: leads and allows others to lead, shares class responsibilities, contributes to the school community in a positive manner, etc.)

These characteristics are a very important piece in learning. Most often when these are achieved consistently, academic achievement improves. At Senator Riley, we believe that when students understand and work on the characteristics of responsible learning they are more engaged in their learning and achieve better academically.

**Academic Achievement** indicates how your child is performing in relation to the course and grade level learner outcomes from the **Alberta Program of Studies**. The *Learner Profile* uses categorical grading which is the practice of using **descriptors** to express the extent to which a student has achieved the outcomes in the Program of Studies. The **categorical descriptors** include:

**Beginning Level of Achievement:** Your child demonstrates limited academic achievement. Your child shows an incomplete understanding of the learning. (Not Yet Meeting Expectations)

**Acceptable Level of Achievement:** Your child demonstrates basic academic achievement. Your child shows an adequate understanding and simplistic application of the learning. (Meeting Expectations)

**Proficient Level of Achievement:** Your child demonstrates strong academic achievement. Your child shows a solid understanding and relevant application of the learning. (Meeting Expectations)

**Mastery Level of Achievement:** Your child demonstrates exemplary academic achievement. Your child shows an in-depth understanding and insightful application of the learning in a variety of situations. (Meeting Expectations)

We are committed to the Foothills School Division mission: “Each learner, entrusted to our care, has unique gifts and abilities. It is our mission to find out what these are...explore them...develop them...celebrate them!” We have a climate of high expectations for success for all students and staff at Senator Riley Middle School. We focus on teaching and learning for deep and enduring understanding and provide optimum learning opportunities. We focus on what matters most and celebrate student accomplishments at every opportunity. **Learning Lists** are one of the many ways we celebrate the effort and achievements of many of our students. We have academic as well as citizenship awards. The criteria for these awards are included in this newsletter.

The first Learner Profile will be going home with your child on **December 2, 2016**. We will continue to communicate throughout the year with students and parents through two more Learner Profiles as well as the many other ways we communicate with our students and families.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the assessment, evaluation and reporting of student learning at Senator Riley Middle School, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Tracey McKinnon

Principal



# NOVEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Day 2	<b>2</b> Day 3	<b>3</b> Day 1  <b>School Fundraiser orders due today.</b>	<b>4</b> Day 2	<b>5</b> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0;"></span>
<b>6</b> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0;"></span>	<b>7</b> Day 3	<b>8</b> Day 1	<b>9</b> Day 2  <b>Remembrance Day ceremony 10:00 am</b>	<b>10</b> <b>In Lieu Day No School</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Remembrance Day No School</b>	<b>12</b> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0;"></span>
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<b>20</b> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0;"></span>	<b>21</b> Day 2	<b>22</b> Day 3	<b>23</b> Day 1	<b>24</b> Day 2  <b>Last day of trimester 1</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Staff Learning Day No School</b>	<b>26</b> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0;"></span>
<b>27</b> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0;"></span>	<b>28</b> Day 3  <b>Trimester 2 begins</b>	<b>29</b> Day 1	<b>30</b> Day 2	<b>1</b> Day 3	<b>2</b> Day 1  <b>Learner Profiles go home</b>	<b>3</b> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0;"></span>

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### Learning List Criteria

#### Academic Awards Criteria:

##### Silver:

In all academic subjects (excluding gym); students must receive a minimum of 80% of outcomes at a level of Proficient, no Beginning.

##### Gold:

In all academic subjects (excluding gym); students must receive a minimum of 60% of outcomes at a level of Mastery, no Beginning.

#### Citizenship Awards Criteria:

- Characteristics of a Responsible Learner outcomes are all at an achievement indicator of Consistent.
- No level 2 office referrals or think tanks

#### Teacher Recognition:

A student may be recognized by any teacher. A teacher may nominate two students from each of their classes per term. A student may receive a Teacher Recognition Award as well as a Gold or Silver Award. A student cannot receive more than 1 Teacher Recognition Award per Trimester (teacher discussions necessary).

A total of 3 Teacher Recognition Awards may be given to a single student in a year.

- Improved performance/marks.
- Improved/outstanding contributions to class (assignments & discussions).
- Outstanding interest or aptitude in/for a certain topic.

#### Student of the Month Criteria:

Students are nominated by staff based on criteria such as:

- Totally Prepared
- On-time
- Excellent citizenship
- Shown exemplary commitment to a COLTS virtue
- Perseverance
- Improved/outstanding contributions to class (assignments & discussions)
- Outstanding interest or aptitude in/for a certain topic

One student per grade per month will be drawn from the nomination box.

**Athlete of the Month Criteria:**

Chosen by the PE teachers each month.

Criteria:

- always changed for class
- participates to the best of their ability
- shows leadership

Congratulations to our students and athletes of the month:

**Students of the month:**

Grade 6: Sydney S.

Grade 7: Schuyler G.

Grade 8: Parker K.

**Athletes of the month:**

These students are always changed and ready to participate to the best of their abilities. They consistently display outstanding effort, cooperation and leadership in physical education.

Grade 6 girl: Avril R.

Grade 6 boy: Tommy J.

Grade 7 girl: Abby H.

Grade 7 boy: Colton M.

Grade 8 girl: Jenny H.

Grade 8 boy: Kayde O.

**Staff of the Month:**

Ms. Paszkowski



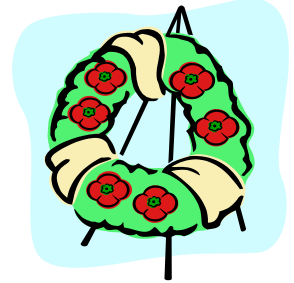
## Hot Lunch Program

Please remember to order your Hot Lunch online at, <https://esrms.hotlunches.net/admin/>. Menus and ordering are available online only. Payments can be made online or payments can be dropped off at the school office in the Hot Lunch bin.

## Remembrance Day Ceremony & Tea

We would like to invite you to attend our Remembrance Day Ceremony and Tea on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> (9:30am -11:00 am). Please come for tea and treats prior to the service. Please check in upon arrival.

Our band students will be providing the service music. We ask that all band members please wear black and white formal attire. Please dress appropriately for such an occasion.



## Month at a Glance

**November 9—Remembrance Day ceremony and Tea**

**November 10—Lieu Day (No School)**

**November 11—Remembrance Day (No School)**

**November 24—Last day of trimester 1**

**November 25—Staff Learning Day (No School)**

**November 28—trimester 2 begins**

### Lost & Found

Don't forget to visit our Lost & Found when you visit the school. Many items have been lost or left behind and we would like them reunited with their owners. When you visit the school please look for anything your student may have lost. Lost and Found will be donated in December if unclaimed.

### School Fees

Please note that unpaid school fees are now overdue. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, money order, VISA, MasterCard, debit, or online.

Payment arrangements can be easily and confidentially arranged. Please contact Mrs. Roe at [RoeJfsd38.ab.ca](mailto:RoeJfsd38.ab.ca) or at 403-652-2346, extension 22144 for more information or to make payment arrangements as soon as possible.

## How to Order School Day Photos from Lifetouch after the deadline date:

If you were unable to submit your fall school day photo order on/before the deadline date and want to order photos please do ONE the following:

Go online to [www.mylifetouch.ca](http://www.mylifetouch.ca) enter in your student's unique portrait ID and access code located on their proof sheet. Once in the website order from the various package and a la carte options.

Lost your Portrait ID and Access Code? Call 1.866.457.8212 and they will find the codes for you or you can order packages over the phone

Call the Lifetouch Customer Service line to order photos via phone – 1.866.457.8212

Mail in your photo order using the envelope provided in the proof photo package with the preprinted Winnipeg address on it



### Please Remember:

Notify the office if you have a change in your address, e-mail or

phone number. It is very important to keep your contact information up to date! Contact the office at 403-652-2346 or e-mail Mrs. Goldthorpe at [goldthorpek@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:goldthorpek@fsd38.ab.ca) with any changes to your information.



Influenza Clinics are being offered in our local area over the next few weeks. Vaccines are free to all Albertans six months of age and older.

Visit, [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca) for more details.



## **Spare Bus Drivers needed across Foothills School Division Routes in all areas of the Division**

**"Our next training session starts in January 2017"**

**Professional experience is not required. Driver training is provided at no cost to the prospective driver. We're looking for dependable, caring people, who like dealing with the public, helping children, and are -- of course -- committed to safety.**

**You will have the chance to make a difference in a child's life, and perhaps your own as well! If you are available for part-time morning and afternoon work, are looking for a secure, part-time job without having to work nights, weekends, holidays or school breaks, and have an appreciation for children of all ages, we welcome your application.**

**For more information go to the careers section on our website.**

Please help us keep our school clean. If your student wears winter or rubber boots to school please ensure that they have another pair of appropriate footwear to wear during the school day. If you can provide your student with a pair of clean running shoes that could be kept at school all year long for indoor wear and Phys. Ed, class it would help keep our floors clean and dry. We do provide shelving at the front doors for students to store winter or rubber boots during the day.





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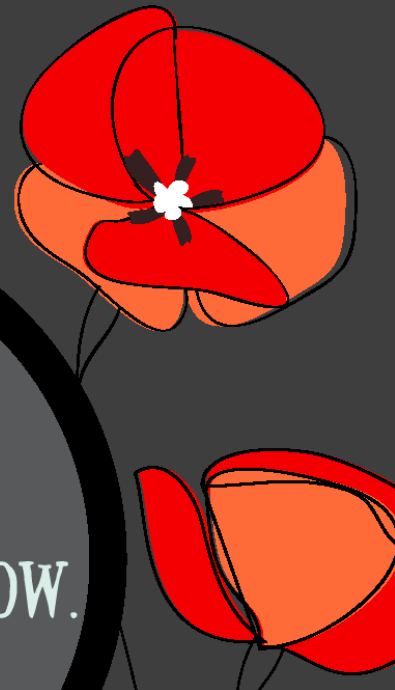
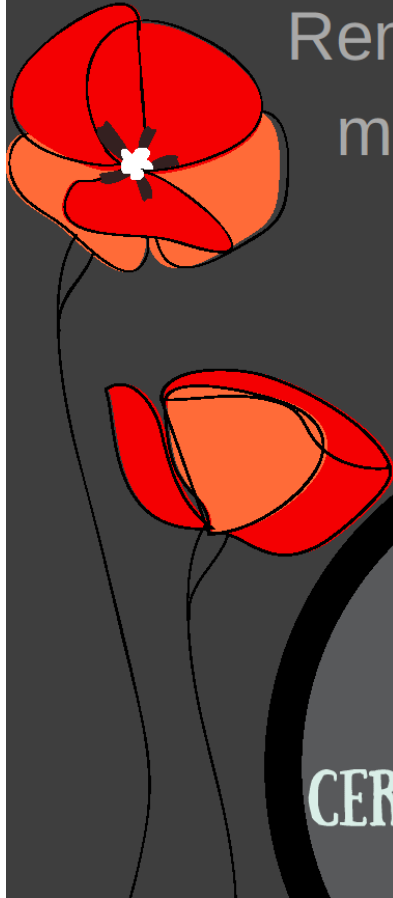
# REMEMBRANCE DAY

AT ÉCOLE SENATOR RILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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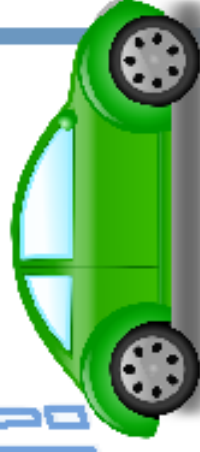
École Senator Riley Middle School  
invites you to attend our  
Remembrance Day ceremony  
Wednesday November 9th, 2016.  
Staff and students would be delighted to  
have you in attendance.

Remembering sacrifices  
made, and committing  
to choosing  
peace.

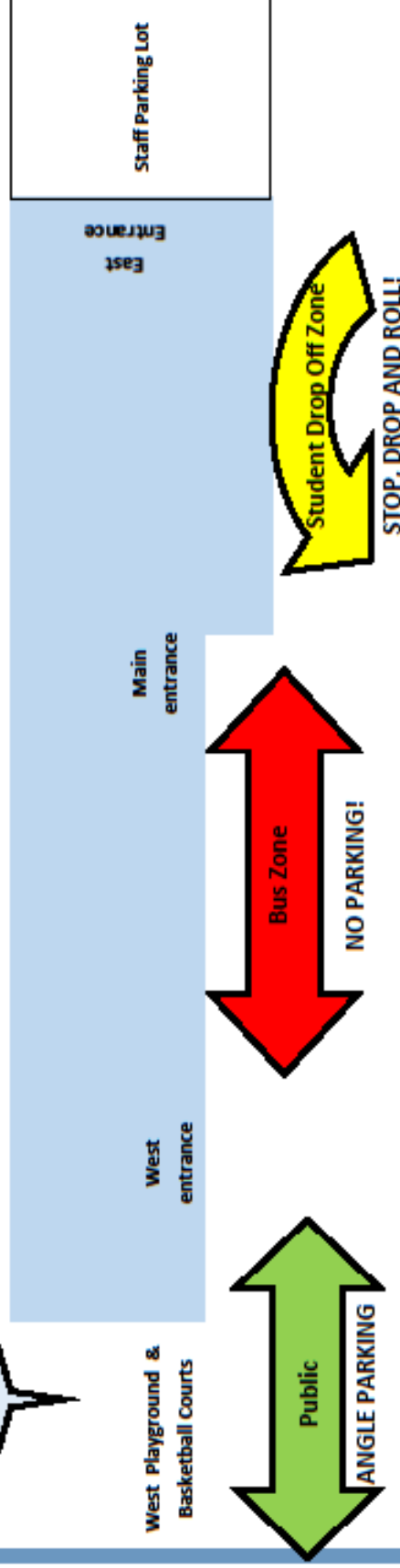
A circular graphic with a black border. Inside the circle, there is a small green leaf-like symbol at the top. Below the symbol, the text "TEA AT 9:30" and "CEREMONY TO FOLLOW." is written in a white, serif font.

TEA AT 9:30  
CEREMONY TO FOLLOW.

# Stop, Drop, and Roll!



## SENATOR RILEY'S NEW PARKING GUIDE!



Construction is coming to an end at our school, and we are so excited to have our new gymnasium and front walkways back! To keep everyone safe and make your student drop off easier, please make a note of our new **"Student Drop Off Zone"** at the front of the school.

Signage will be posted for your reference, but please take a moment to review this map as well.

Thank you for your ongoing support!