

CYCLONE SCOPE



A newsletter for families and friends of
École Intermédiaire Central Middle School
September, 2017

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Central Middle School
5121 48 Avenue
Red Deer, AB
T4N 6X3

ATTENDANCE
Phone 403-342-2450
or Email on
<http://central.rdpsd.ab.ca/Attendance.php>
Please be sure to inform
the school if your child
is going to be absent or
late.

**Office hours are from
7:45am to 3:30pm**

See your child's Student
Handbook for the school
year calendar and other
important information.

The newsletter is published
the last Wednesday of the
month.

Also, check the School's
Website for the
newsletter, eLink,
calendar, homework and
more:
<http://central.rdpsd.ab.ca>

A Note from the Principal!

I welcome you to Central Middle School (CMS) and to another successful school year. We are committed to our students and parents for academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, and social equity. Our guiding vision is the values of Honesty, Integrity, and Responsibility in all that we say, write, and do every day. Along with your partnership, we will further advance our school of excellence for the development of all CMS students. I have three core beliefs about middle grades education:

- Student Development and Achievement is our primary purpose and we must be accountable for all students' learning and growth at high levels
- Parent Engagement supports that facilitates the educational process while setting a personal and character development standard for students
- The Teaching and Learning Environment is the pathway to establish positive school experiences and to motivate students to dream big and work hard

These beliefs guide my educational decisions and help me set a foundation on which to develop school improvement goals. Combined with good communication, I have found these beliefs to be of value in supporting a child-centred learning environment. I welcome all ideas, suggestions, and opportunities to enhance the educational environment and culture in our school.

There are several ways to keep "In the Know." For the latest announcements please make sure you check the school website on a regular basis. Please take time to sign up for our e-newsletter, and importantly, please check your child's grades on Power School on a regular basis. Lastly, please contact me if you have questions. I can be reached by email at darrin.demale@rdpsd.ab.ca or by phone at [403-346-4397](tel:403-346-4397). I believe in an open door policy and I look forward to meeting each of you.

It is a privilege to be your Principal at Central Middle School. I look forward to a great school year. GO CYCLONES!

Yours Sincerely,

Darrin DeMale



CMS would like to welcome our new staff 2017/18 year:

Mme. G. Rouest (Vice Principal), Mr. N. Good, Mrs. P. Vollmin, Mrs. L. Hameister, Miss A. Cardinal-Oullet, Mrs. C. Fraser, Mrs. M. Tadros.

School Council

The first school council meeting is on September 19th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join!



Meet the Teacher will be held on Thursday, September 14th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Have your child escort you to the school and introduce you to their teachers.

FI Parent Meeting will be held during Meet the Teacher time frame.

ESL Family Orientation

Thursday, September 14

5:30 - 6:30 in Room 201

The following topics will be discussed:

- PowerSchool
- School expectations - absences, homework
- Canadian Cultures
- School opportunities (volleyball, basketball....)

If any parent would like to volunteer to come in once a week and read with our ESL students their help would be very appreciated. (Mondays and Fridays are preferred)

note: all volunteers require a criminal record check - forms are available in the office

Senior Volleyball News



Senior Girls Volleyball

Tryouts

Tues. Sept 5	7am - 8am
Thur. Sept 7	7am - 8am
Fri. Sept 8	7am - 8am

Senior Boys Volleyball Tryouts

Tues. Sept 5	3pm - 4pm
Wed. Sept 6	7am - 8am
Thur. Sept 7	3pm - 4pm

Attendance Information

Please call our attendance line which operates 24/7 at (403) 342-2450 or go to the CMS website <http://central.rdpsd.ab.ca/> and click on the Attendance Quicklink or <http://central.rdpsd.ab.ca/Attendance.php> if your child is going to be **absent** due to illness, vacation, medical appointments, etc. or **late** for any reason.

When arriving late, students must go to the office to sign in.

City Transit Busing

August 31st and September 1st are grace days from the City of Red Deer Transit to allow students to ride the bus to school without a bus pass. All eligible students wanting to ride the city transit to school **MUST** have an application filled out and turned into the office to receive a pass. Applications must be submitted no later than September 29th for the year. After that date, all students will have to purchase a pass from the transit station at full price and will not receive a subsidized pass from the school.

Bell Schedule

8:00	Doors open
8:13	First Bell
8:15 - 9:02	Block One
9:04 - 9:51	Block Two
9:56 - 10:42	Lit/Anglais/Pyramid of Support
10:44 - 11:31	Block Four
11:31 - 11:53	Grade 6 Lunch
11:53 - 12:23	Grade 6 Activity Time
11:31 - 12:00	Grade 7/8 Activity Time
12:00 - 12:23	Grade 7/8 Lunch
12:26 - 1:12	Block Five
1:14 - 2:00	Block Six
2:02 - 2:48	Block Seven

SPIRIT SEEKERS

Spirit Seekers is returning on Sept 20 after school (3pm-5pm)! Spirit Seekers is an 8 week program for anyone wanting to engage more in Aboriginal Culture! We will be having drumming circles, POW WOW, medicine wheel teachings, feasts, aboriginal games, having elders come and teach, and so much more!

Crumbs from the Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program is available to any student who feels the need for something to eat when he or she arrives at school in the morning. This means that the students themselves assess whether or not they wish to eat any of the daily offerings. We strive to offer a balance of healthy breakfast items such as: yogurt, cheese, milk, juice, fruit, hot and cold cereals, and bread products. We welcome donations of non-perishables items like 1L fruit juice, Cheez Whiz, jam, instant oatmeal, nut free granola bars. You can drop them off at the office or at the snack shack during breakfast program.

Our program is entirely volunteer-run and funded by donations from parents, our community, and sometimes our students!

The program will start on Monday, September 11th. We have experienced volunteers committed to helping again this year; however, more are required in order to run the program on a daily basis, and to spread the fun around! A commitment of a few hours each month is all that is required. Shifts are from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.



Please contact Shireen Anderson-Kuprowski or Kristine Plastow if you are interested in this rewarding opportunity. Include your complete contact information, and the specific day(s) of the week that work best for you. Thank you.

Kristine Plastow at kristineplastow@gmail.com or (403) 506-6553

Shireen Anderson-Kuprowski shireen-allan@telus.net or (403) 358-9113

School fees 17/18

Red Deer Public Schools will further reduce school fees paid by families for the 2017/18 school year after the Board amending its budget at the end of June.

While the provincial government has provided support totaling \$780,000 to reduce school fees, it did not eliminate all fees. The Board of Trustees agreed to go further in reducing the burden on families by eliminating more fees that will cost the District an additional \$300,000 next year. In doing so, the District amended its 2017/18 budget by incurring a \$300,000 deficit. Prior to the change, Red Deer Public had submitted a balanced budget.

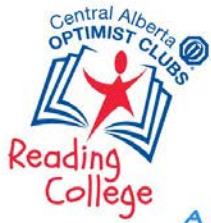
In making the change, Red Deer Public is offsetting the costs of optional fees not covered by the province. The Board wanted reduce barriers to ensure all students have access to option courses.

While the move will ensure families do not pay fees for regular instructional materials and resources, it is important to note that there will still be some fees charged to students as noted in the following table.

GRADES	FEES CHARGED FOR
K to 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field trips • Optional purchases, examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School agendas ○ Yearbooks ○ Music recorders ○ School wear ○ Swim Fees
6 to 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field trips • Locks • Extracurricular activities • Music instrument rentals • Optional purchases, examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School agendas ○ Yearbooks ○ School wear
9 to 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Fee (\$50.00): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student Leadership (\$5) ○ Activity Transportation (\$35) ○ Locks / Locker Rentals (\$5) ○ Student Photo ID (\$5) • Field trips • Extracurricular activities • Music instrument rentals • Optional purchases examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yearbooks ○ School wear • Graduation Fee • Direct costs for enhanced projects in option courses



*Smile Cookies Are Back!!!
September 11 - 17, 2017*



**Proceeds to support the
Reading College Program:
Inspiring Kids to Read!**

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Your Children,
Our Students,
Everyone's Future
Become a School
Board Trustee
Nomination Deadline
September 18



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Period order 1234 567	1 A	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 B Instrument rental @ 7pm	6 A	7 B	8 A	9
10	11 B Breakfast Program begins Snack Shack will open	12 A Smile Cookie Sale	13 B Smile Cookie Sale	14 A ESL family orientation 5:30-6:30 Meet the Teacher & FI Parent Session 6:30 to 8pm	15 No School - K - 12 Staff Learning Day	16
17	18 B	19 A First POST Day Dawe Run School Council mtg @ 7pm	20 B	21 A PHOTO Day	22 B	23
24	25 A	26 B Dawe Run Alternate Date	27 A Newsletter	28 B	29 A Orange Shirt Day	30

October, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 B Period order 4536 712	3 A POST	4 B	5 No School K - 8	No School K - 12 Staff Learning Day	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day No School	10 A	11 B	12 A	13 B	14
15	16 A	17 B POST School Council mtg	18 A	19 B POST	20 A	21
22	23 B	24 A POST	25 B Newsletter	26 A POST	27 B	28
29	30 A	31 B Dressup Day Dance 3 - 4:30pm POST				



Sign up for important updates from Central Middle.

Get information for Central Middle School Students/Parents right on your phone—not on handouts.

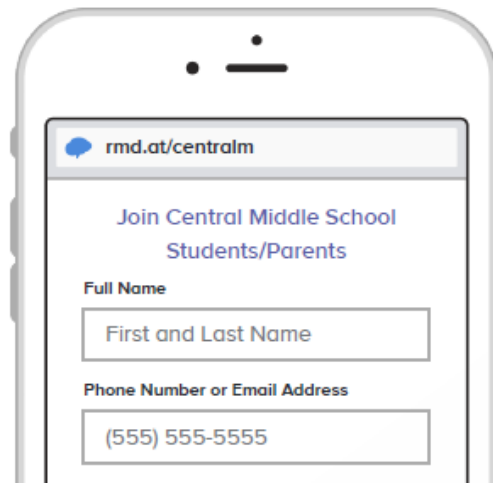
Pick a way to receive messages for Central Middle School Students/Parents:

- A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

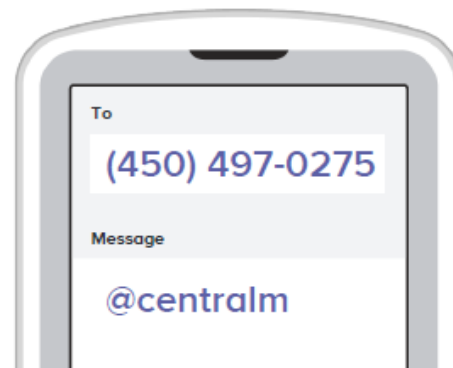
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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



- B If you **don't** have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @centralm to the number (450) 497-0275.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/centralm on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.