



# Stavely School

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Dear Stavely Families,

It is that time of year that The Alberta Government Assurance Survey will be emailed to you. Grades 4 - 6 parents will receive a Random Access Code (RAC) which you will use to access the survey. **We urge you to please take time to complete this survey as the data gathered from it is vital to our continuous growth plan. Your feedback is so important to us. We also invite you to contact us with your ideas at any time.**

**Deadline to complete survey: March 25, 2022**

If you would like to complete the survey on a paper copy, please contact:

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Phone: (780) 643-9193 (in Edmonton) or 310-0000 (Toll-free within Alberta)  
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Here is a recap of our year to date:

## Academics:

- By integrating growth mindset and deep learning modalities in our teaching, students are not only learning how to solve mathematical (and other) problems using their facts (which we practice daily), they are also learning why to use their chosen strategy. We use growth mindset in all of our teaching from health and ELA to math and science. Students are able to transfer their knowledge from year-to-year to further and improve their academic successes.
- We're taking our academic accountability and leadership roles even deeper with the implementation of Leader in Me. Students are creating academic WILDLY IMPORTANT GOALS (WIGS) and tracking their progress towards their goal daily and weekly.
- Our foundational beliefs are aligned with Alberta Education's and LRSD's guiding principles to achieve students' educational goals of achieving 21st century competencies.
- Stavely Staff continue to create assessment-rich learning, enhanced through digital technology, ultimately engaging our students and nurturing self-regulated learners. Our results are continuing to improve each year.
- Stavely School continues to facilitate a smooth transition from preschool to Kindergarten and Grade 6 - 7 with program meetings between all stakeholders (parents, students, teachers, counsellors etc.), GRIT for Grade 6 with Mrs. Schlaht and transition meeting information evening for grade 6 parents.
- We align our academics with **career exploration** and planning for the future to ensure that our students have a strong idea of where their interests lie. This allows

them to make informed program decisions prior to entering their senior high years. We also try to bring in guest speakers and athletes (virtually) to inspire our students.

- This year, we were able to offer drama and music (integrated in the timetable as well as increased time in November/December for our Christmas concert), German (grade ¾), Career Studies, Health, and a number of other options. The school also purchased ukuleles and will be learning how to play them throughout the rest of this year and our upcoming years.
- **COMPUTERS/TECHNOLOGY** are used every day and in most of our courses at Stavely School. We use many different programs to supplement and amplify our programming as well as students are learning typing skills.

### Here is a reminder of the highlights from the year:

- **Option Courses at Stavely School** - we offer many different 'option'-type courses at Stavely School through our Passion Projects. Students indicate their area of interest and we do our best to facilitate an expert to further their learning. **In the past year, students have explored gardening, leatherwork, chemistry (slime making), knitting, coding, sports option and diamond art.**
- **Second Languages** - This year, Mrs. Schlaht is offering German to our students. In the past, we have taught French and ASL (American Sign Language).
- **Health Education** is offered to all classes throughout the year. Guest speakers are brought in from Alberta Health Services to educate students in sexual health.
- **Career Counseling** takes many forms at Stavely School. Further to that, they will be tying in career exploration in their core classes having the opportunity to further explore possibilities in their future.
- **Parental Involvement** - you are more involved than ever in your child's education with Parent Advisory Council, hot lunch preparation, Family Literacy Day, Halloween, Terry Fox Run, Christmas Concert, student-led conferences, transition meetings and Edsby digital reporting. Thank you for taking such an interest in Stavely School and your child's education. We could not do what we do without parent and community support!
- **Community Involvement** - Our student leadership teams collected food and toiletries for the food bank and continually brainstorm ideas to give-back to our community.

**Safe and Caring School** - We work hard to ensure that Stavely School is a safe place for all of our students. Our student leadership group and staff along with PAC work together to welcome new students to our school and ensure that everyone feels welcome and safe. Mrs. Schlaht provides additional support to our students through girls' and boys' lunch and learn.

### Extra-Curricular Highlights

#### Fine Arts

- **Drama:** Opportunities for drama are offered every day through our ELA centers. We also offer drama through our Christmas Concert.
- **Music** -Mrs. Schlaht offers phenomenal music programming to all of our students. She produces amazing Christmas Concerts. We are so thankful to have her in our classes.
- **Additional Fine Arts Programming** is offered through our Passion Projects as listed above.

## **Athletics**

- Students at Stavely School have the opportunity to join the volleyball, basketball and track teams (in non-COVID years). We had volleyball and basketball intramurals. We will be heading to Claresholm Aquatic Centre for swimming lessons in the spring as well. We also enjoyed our time skating. We are also hoping to be able to have a competitive track team again this year!
- As always, we congratulate and support our gymnastics, rodeo competitors, swim club, hockey athletes, jujitsu, figure skating, curling, archery etc. (we have so many athletic programs in this area). Please make sure to phone in or email us their results whenever they compete. We love celebrating all of our students' successes.
- **Field Trips** - we are in the midst of planning our field trips this year. They will be a blend of community-based (COVID safe) field trips and virtual trips.

## **Student Leadership**

- Students on the **Student Leadership Team** worked hard to build our school culture this year. They created many spirit days, which upon conversation with the student body, are their favourite days of the year.
- The **Garden Club** (with teacher coordinator Ms. Vander Linden) have worked all year to plan, plant and transplant their seeds.
- The **School Culture Club** works during recesses to provide a culture for our students that is unrivalled. They are currently working on a 'Feelings Tree Board' (completely their idea) to provide strategies for students who may need a lift if they're sad, bored, frustrated, angry as well as what they can do if they're happy and how to spread the joy!

Any student that would like to access support from Ms. Brenda Schlaht is welcome to her office and time. Mrs. Schlaht has also coordinated both boys and girls lunches in her years at Stavely School.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete the 2022 Assurance Survey. We value your input!!**

Sincerely,

Leanne Watson, Principal