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Engaging Minds and Creating Opportunities

October 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Fall is here! The first month of school has been incredible and there has been lots



happening! Volleyball is in full swing and we have 3 teams between Jr. and Sr. High. A big thank you to our community coaches Drake Centazzo, Janae Clayton, Natalie Canning, Jill Greig! We have students competing at golf tournaments and cross country running as well. Our Terry Fox Run was a success and we are still accepting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation

online until the end of October

A big thank you to the Lloydminster and District Co-op for giving us the opportunity of selling burgers and pop at the North location on Sept 16th. For all the families who came out to show your support THANK YOU! We raised \$1020 for our MJS Breakfast Program. THANK YOU! Also, thank you to Heavy Crude Hauling for supplying the BBQ and Lonny Corbett for manning the grill and everyone who helped out, it is appreciated.

Thank you to the Lloydminster and District Co-op for donating hotdogs and buns for our Terry Fox hot dog sale! THANK YOU!

We are looking forward to many volleyball tournaments, cross country running finals, school council and parent teacher interviews here at MJS in October. Hopefully the job action does not interrupt events too long.

Our MJS staff remains dedicated to engaging students in meaningful learning experiences. For the past two years, we have consistently prioritized high-quality literacy and numeracy instruction across all subject areas. This year, we are focusing on writing as an area we would like to improve and impact our students' learning.

I hope all our families have a fantastic Thanksgiving. It is a time to look back and be thankful for the blessings we have. I feel grateful for our community of Marwayne and our school community at MJS. I hope this year is going to be a great year for everyone in our building!

Thank you,

Sandra Mouland



1. SCHOOL COUNCIL



I would like to encourage our parents/guardians to be part of our school council for MJS.

At the school council meetings we discuss what is happening about events or news in the school and we also get a report from the BTPS school board about policy changes and current changes with AB Ed. Please plan to attend!

Our next meeting is October 9th at 6:30 pm at the Marwayne

Community Hall

Come to the hall on October 9th and meet the trustee candidates Arthur Block and Cameron Stevenson.

There is a BTPS Trustee election on October 20th 2025 at the Marwayne Public Library.

ATA JOB ACTION



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October 1, 2025

Dear Buffalo Trail Public Schools Parents and Guardians,

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) has announced that members have voted against ratifying the tentative agreement with the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA). As a result, families and staff should begin preparing for the possibility of a province-wide strike beginning Monday, October 6.

We know this situation is very difficult and disruptive for families, and we deeply appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this province-wide labour action. Buffalo Trail Public Schools deeply values our dedicated staff and the important contributions they make to student learning and success.

What This Means for BTPS Students, Families, and Staff

At this time, there are no changes to classes or school operations. Students should continue to attend school as usual.

If a strike begins on Monday, October 6, please be aware of the following:

- All classes would be cancelled. Students would not attend school in person or online.
- · There would be no instruction, supervision, or extracurricular activities during the strike.
- Teachers, principals, and assistant principals are members of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) and would participate in the strike.
- Teachers would not be providing instruction, homework packages, or learning materials during the strike.
- · Teachers, principals, and assistant principals would not be replying to emails during this time.
- Families are encouraged to begin making childcare arrangements in preparation for Monday, October 6.
- · There would be no transportation. Please do not send your children to the bus stop.
- Childcare programs that access space in BTPS schools may still operate. Please check directly with your provider.
- Central Office staff will continue to work and provide updates as more information becomes available.

Supports from the Government of Alberta

The Government of Alberta has announced supports for families during a strike. Visit <u>alberta.ca/parent-supports-during-school-closure</u> for details.

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

Staying Informed:

- We will provide regular updates by email and through our division website.
- Please check our <u>Labour Action Updates</u> page frequently for the latest information.

We understand that labour action is concerning and disruptive for families. We value the expertise and dedication of our teachers and all staff members, and we remain hopeful that the ATA and the provincial government will reach a negotiated settlement that supports students, staff, and families.

Thank you for your partnership in education and for the continued commitment of our staff to student engagement, learning, and success. We are grateful for your ongoing support of Buffalo Trail Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Michelle Webb Superintendent

For updates please visit the BTPS website https://www.btps.ca/about/news

2. SCHOOL DOORS

Just a reminder that the doors are not opened till 8:40 each morning. As the weather is getting colder send your child to school at the time the doors are opened so they are not waiting too long in the cold. If your child is late coming to school they will need to come in the front doors of the school. All outside doors are locked when the bus supervisors come in from outside to secure our building.



NEW this year! The front doors are also locked except in the morning from 8:40-9:00 and at the noon break. We have a new door bell that is installed above the existing door bell. This rings only in the office and the door can be unlocked from the office with a push of a button. During school hours please use the top doorbell. For afterhours entrance including the public library please use the bottom doorbell that rings throughout the school.

3. HANDICAPPED PARKING

We do have students who require these parking spots daily so we please ask if you do not have the proper permit to park in the handicapped spot to please park in the south parking lot. Thank you!

4. REPORT CARDS

Marwayne Jubilee is paperless with reporting. Student marks are available all the time through the parent portal and at any point throughout the school year (including traditional reporting dates) parents/guardians can print off paper copies from a desktop computer. The powerschool app for your phone is very easy to use and a convenient way to check marks and comments. If you are not currently signed onto the parent portal please contact Marina Stafford at the school or your students homeroom teacher. 780-847-3930



5. SOCIAL EMOTIONAL COACH

JoAnne Flath is our SEC at MJS. She is a Certified Life Skills Coach and has worked as a counselor in the past. The last couple of years she has been facilitating Life Skills Programs for both organizations and individuals. JoAnne has a passion for helping others, especially in our local area.

6. VIBE

We have a VIBE coach at MJS on Thursdays- Brooklyn Nelson, is our VIBE coach! VIBE is one of the Mental Health Capacity Building Programs in the Province. VIBE offers classroom teachers curricular linked mental wellness programming in the area of social emotional learning. All programming is based on research and best practices. All programming can be shared through VIBE's Google Drive. Our programs are geared to students' grades and ages and most programs have a self-regulation component.

Examples of VIBE's programs include: Slumberkins, Building Mental Wellness (BMW), Seven Habits, Hey Warrior, Respect & Responsibility, Friendship, Worry Woos, Kimochis, Study Skills, Healthy Relationships, and many other programs. All programming can be shared upon request through VIBE's Google Drive. VIBE also maintains and distributes a Human Service Directory for parents twice a year. VIBE provides summer programming as well.

For more information about the programs available in your school talk to your classroom teacher or your VIBE Coach Brooklyn Nelson. She is at the school on Thursdays. If you would like access to a program that your child is receiving, talk to Brooklyn.

7. OUTDOOR CLOTHING Grade K-6

Many students are out at recess in t-shirts and not bringing a coat to school- **Please** send your elementary students with coats as the weather is cooling off and especially since the mornings can be quite cool. Thank you!

8. PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-teacher interviews will be on October 29th. Information on how to book your interviews with teachers will be sent out via email the week before. They are in person interviews.



9. GRAD CLASS FUNDRAISER



The graduation class of 2026 has started their Mundare Meat Fundraiser. If you are interested in ordering some Mundare sausage talk to a graduate and they would be happy to get you an order form. Everything will be here by the end of November!



Attention Marwayne Parents!

Is your child finding school challenging — maybe falling behind in math, struggling with the social curriculum, or just needing to keep skills sharp during the strike? I'd love to help.

My name is Cade Sayers, and I'm a Grade 10 student with a 96%+ average across all subjects, (specialities being math and science). With three younger siblings, I've had plenty of experience helping kids learn with patience and encouragement.

I offer tutoring for students in Grades 2–9, with a focus on building confidence as well as academic success. I'm reliable, flexible with scheduling, and since I have my driver's license, I can come directly to you.

\$ Rate: \$16/hour | ┗ Phone: 306-830-8859 | ™ Email: cadesayers@gmail.com

I'd be excited to support your child's learning journey and help them succeed. Please reach out if you'd like more details or to book a spot.

— Cade Sayers



IMPORTANT OCTOBER CALENDAR DATES:

Every Friday of the school year will be Hat Friday!!!

Every Thursday is Panago Pizza hot lunch!

In the event of Labour Action there will be no school/extracurricular events until Teacher's return to work and we will plan/reschedule then.

Oct 9th - Picture Day (AM)

Oct 10th - Jr./Sr. High Awards Ceremony 1:30 pm in the Gym

Oct 11-13th - Thanksgiving weekend - NO school on Monday (for everyone)

Oct 14th - Community Playground Subway Hot Lunch

Oct 17-18th - Home Volleyball Tournament for MJS Sr. Girls

Oct 27th-Oct 31st - Book Fair- Support our Marwayne Library

Oct 29th - Parent Teacher Interviews 4-9pm

Oct 31st - Happy Halloween - Costume Parade in the Gym at 1 pm - all welcome

Nov 8th-16th- No School for Students (11-15th)





AROUND MJS!

Teeth fall out at recess too!

















*please wear socks or indoor shoes

Fridays, 9:30 to 11 AM

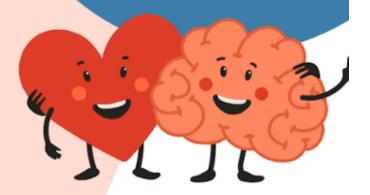


October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th

Join fun co-regulation
activities that support social
& emotional development.
Requires both parent or
caregiver and child
involvement.

HAPPY HEARTS & KIND MINDS

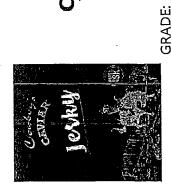
Social Emotional Play for children 0-6 years of age





P: 306-825-5911 or 1-866-651-5911 E: info@midwestfamilyconnections.ca

This will continue to run throughout the ATA Job Action!



COWBOY'S CAVIAR FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Cost - \$15.00 per 170g package beef jerky bites

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Thank you for your Support



*Cheques payable to: Marwayne Community Playground Association E-

E-transfer: Mcpabooks@gmail.com (memo: child name, grade)