

Round Hill School News

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

Welcome Back! On behalf of the Round Hill School staff, I would like to offer a warm welcome to everyone new and returning to Round Hill School! At Round Hill School, we firmly believe in the BRSD motto, *Every Student, Every Day, A Success*, and we work hard to ensure students are taught to behave in a manner that is *respectful*, put in their best *effort*, have a positive *attitude*, and demonstrate their *leadership* abilities. The acronym for our behaviour matrix is **R.E.A.L.** Check out our website if you would like to view a copy of our Behavioural Matrix. We take pride in our community connections and partnerships that enhance the educational programming for our students, especially in our Agricultural Program. Our staff is committed to meeting the needs of all students and a student-centered philosophy is the overall priority. Students First!

Here are the upcoming activities in September:

Pancake Breakfast for ALL (Thursday, September 5th)!

The staff of Round Hill School invites you to our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast! This event will take place from 8:00 until 9:30 am the morning of Thursday, September 5th. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy pancakes and sausages and conversation! We ask that you bring your own plates and cutlery for this event, staff will supply the rest!

Cell Phones

The news story coming into September was cell phones, and what each School Board across Canada was going to put in place. At Round Hill School, our procedure is simple. Cell phones can be a distraction in class so to eliminate that distraction we are asking that students in grades K-6 keep their cell phones at home. If students feel that they need to bring them to school, we ask that they leave them turned off in their lockers from 8:45-3:30. This really isn't a change from last year. Students in grades 7-9 are asked to leave their cell phones in my office when they come to school. They can then come get them at lunch and then leave them in my office until 3:30, when they can come pick them up before they go home. The BRSD Administrative Procedure (AP 135) is linked [here](#).

Fall Harvest

The garden harvest will take place soon! When we have a firm date and time, we will let everyone know. Right now, the Round Hill Renaissance Agricultural Foundation is having a General Meeting on September 12th and we hope to have a harvest date soon after!

Bus Passes

Battle River School Division (BRSD) is providing bus passes to all students who live in the country and take a route bus to school. *“BusPlanner Web is a program that will mitigate the back and forth between transportation, bus drivers and administration.”*

BRSD will provide each student with a bus pass and a holder, which can be attached to their backpack. Students will be asked to scan their pass when they get on the bus and then again when they exit the bus. Realizing that this is the first time rural students will have bus passes, it may take a few weeks to iron out the kinks!

Monthly Hall Meals

The Elks Club of Round Hill is again pleased to sponsor the monthly hall meals which the junior high students prepare. These meals will take place on the third Tuesday from October to May. Everyone is welcome to come and eat with our students! The meals start around 11:50 and end around 1:00. We will let everyone know if one of the dates needs to be switched. The tentative dates for our meals this year are: October 22, November 19, December 10, January 21, February 18, March 18, April 22 and May 20.

Junior High Volleyball (Noon, Thursday, September 5th)

Junior High volleyball will get underway on Thursday at **noon recess**. This will be the first practice of the volleyball season!! This practice will include both boys and girls from Grades 6-9. The intent is to have both a Girls' and Boys' Team. Forms are being sent home today for parents. These forms outline the process parents and guardians should follow if they would like to drive students to extra-curricular activities. More information regarding volleyball will be sent out as we receive more information.

Real-Time Reporting

BRSD and Round Hill School are excited to announce a significant change in how we will be reporting academic progress. Traditionally, report cards served as a snapshot of your child's performance at specific points in the school year. However, with our transition to PowerSchool four years ago, we are now able to offer a more dynamic and informative way to keep you updated on your child's academic journey. Teachers will be reporting on your child's progress throughout the year on various assignments. Please contact Mrs. McManus if you have not yet signed up for PowerSchool. Traditional BRSD schools like Round Hill will no longer be sending home report cards. A letter which explains Real-Time Reporting will be sent home via School Messenger.

Enrolment Verification

On August 7th you should have received an email from BRSD linking you to a form to re-enroll your child(ren) into the 2024/25 school year. The email contains a link that takes you directly to the School Engage login. All registration forms should be completed before the end of September. If you require assistance contact Mrs. McManus at the school.

Our Gym Floor Sparkles!

Our gym floor looks really nice and we would like to keep it this way. The students did a really good job keeping the gym floor clean last year and we would like to continue this trend! We are requiring ALL students to have two pairs of footwear - an outdoor pair and a pair of runners for the gym and inside our building. The indoor runners MUST have non-marking soles.

Terry Fox Run (Thursday, September 12)

The Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, September 12. We will walk with the students from the school to the church and back again. Parents and community members are welcome to join! We will start this walk right after the afternoon recess - approximately 2:10.

Communication

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions, concerns or information that teachers need to know to support your child. Communication coming from the school to home will come from a variety of places. The school will use School Messenger, phone calls, texts and emails and school newsletters. Some teachers use other web-based communication programs such as Seesaw and Remind. If you are not receiving emails or text messages, please contact the school to ensure we have your correct email address and phone number. Always remember to call the school if you have any questions at all!

Communication at the End of the Day

One of the most important things is that you contact the school **PRIOR to 3:00** if you have a message for your children regarding end of the day activities. It is not uncommon for 10-15 parents to call the school at the end of the day to have Mrs. McManus relay a message to their children. Mrs. McManus is extremely busy between 3:00-3:30 and it would be really helpful **if your call came before 3:00**.

Safety at the End of the Day

Student safety is a priority and we ask you to follow the direction of staff members at the end of the day when you are picking up students. If you are coming to pick up your child, please park along the west side of the school in the grass so the gravel part of the parking lot is in front of you. In this way, no one has to back out and all the students can see you. If you do land up parking on the east side, please park along the parking barrier. If you need to be at an appointment and are rushing out after school, it might be best to show up early (3:15) and pick up your child. Just call Mrs. McManus and let her know and she will make sure your child is ready to go!

Hopefully, this has provided you with lots of information on this first day of school. If you have any questions, comments or want more information, please contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Brian Horbay
Principal

Cross Country/Run Club

Run club will begin Monday September 9 right after school and run each Monday weather permitting, until October 7th. All students from K-9 are welcome to join the Run Club. There is no fee for this Run Club.

All students attending must be walking, jogging or running for the duration of the club which ends at 4:15.

There are 5 cross country meets this year:

Cross Country Race Dates are as follows: For all students Grade 1 - Grade 9. The cost for this event is \$20.00 per race for events that require buses and \$10.00 for the Hardisty & Brownfield races.

Hardisty September 12 no school transportation (please contact me for race registration information)

Bashaw September 19 School Transportation provided

Camrose September 26 School Transportation provided

Brownfield October 3 no school transportation (please contact me for race registration information)

New Norway October 10 School Transportation provided.

Consent forms can be filled out online in your child's student account to allow them to participate in these events. Notifications will be sent to you via School Messenger when the forms become available.

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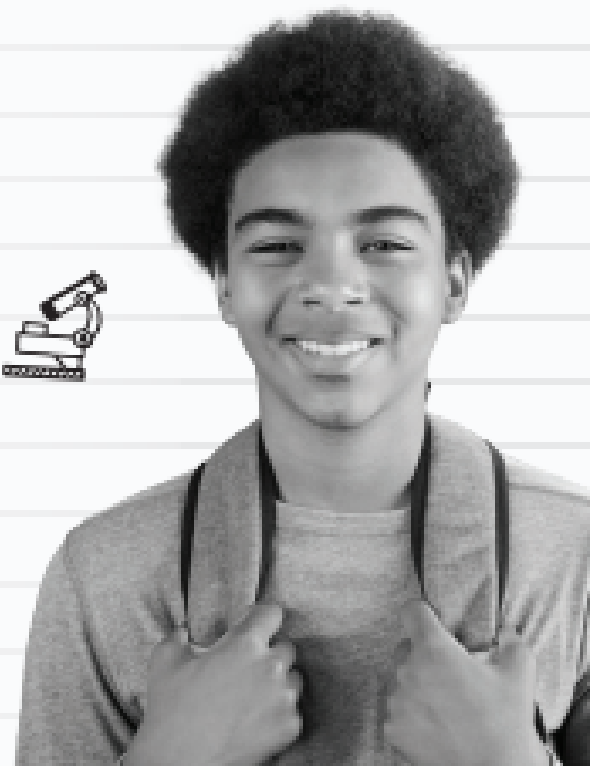


Coming to school every day leads
to success now and in the future.

2 absences a month
= too many



Missing even two days of school a
month puts a child on their way to
chronic absenteeism – so send your
child to school every day so they
get the full benefits of learning.



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September 4, 2024

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Effective September 2024, printed report cards will no longer be sent home as a progress report. Instead, we are embracing digital reporting through the PowerSchool platform. Here's why we believe this change is beneficial for both you and your child:

- 1. Real-Time Information:** With PowerSchool, you can access your child's academic progress in real-time. This means you can stay up-to-date on their learning journey whenever you want, rather than waiting for periodic report cards.
- 2. Unlimited Access to Assessment Results:** You are no longer limited to seeing your child's progress three times a year. With digital reporting, you can check assessment results at any time, enabling you to have a deeper understanding of their academic performance.
- 3. Active Partner in Learning:** This transition empowers you to become an active partner in your child's education, rather than merely an observer. You can now be more involved and engaged in their learning process.
- 4. Timely Support:** If your child is facing challenges or has missing assignments, you can address these issues promptly, preventing them from becoming larger problems. Digital reporting allows for timely intervention.
- 5. Access to Teacher Feedback:** You'll have easy access to teacher feedback on assignments, which can help you better support your child's learning by understanding their strengths and areas for improvement.
- 6. Engagement in the Learning Process:** We view education as a partnership between parents and educators. Digital reporting fosters greater collaboration and engagement in the learning process.
- 7. Close Communication with Teachers:** The PowerSchool platform also facilitates closer communication with your child's teachers, allowing for quick and efficient exchanges of information.



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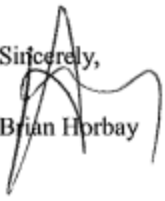


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We understand that not everyone may have access to technology. If you find yourself in this situation, please reach out to Mrs. Pat McManus, our school Administrative Assistant. She will work with you to establish alternative arrangements to ensure you can still receive timely updates on your child's progress if you wish. If you have not signed up for the PowerSchool 'portal' to access your child's information, again, please contact Pat McManus at 780 672 6654 and she will support you through the process.

BRSD believes that this transition to digital reporting is a positive step forward in enhancing communication, engagement, and support for your child's education. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we embark on this exciting journey together. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Horbay or any of your child's teachers at the school.

Sincerely,


Brian Horbay