



EMPOWERING LIFELONG LEARNERS AND INSPIRING CREATIVE MINDS

WALTER AND GLADYS HILL

RAVEN RAMBLER SEPTEMBER 2025



Our Grandfather Teaching: Love

Each month we honour one of the 7 Grandfather Teachings. This month we honour the Eagle.

In many Indigenous cultures, the eagle is considered sacred because it flies closest to the Creator.

The Eagle symbolises many important teachings but most importantly, the Eagle represents Love.

As we kick off another school year, we recognize the importance of learning these teachings and using them as a guide in our daily interactions with others.

Thank you to Mr. Carifelle and Ms. Bailey for leading our school this year with our Indigenous learning!

The Leader in Me

Our school is proud to be a Leader in Me school, where we empower students by teaching the 7 Habits. These habits help our students develop leadership skills, responsibility, and a positive mindset. In October, we will begin learning about the first habit, "Be Proactive," which teaches students to take responsibility for their actions, make thoughtful choices, and understand that they are in control of their own success. We look forward to seeing our students grow as confident leaders!



SCHOOL HOURS

Grades 1-6: 8:00am - 2:40pm
Lunch: 11:30am - 12:15pm

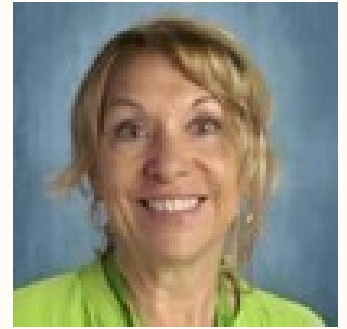
ECDP/KINDERGARTEN:
AM: 8:00am - 10:50am
PM: 11:50am - 2:40pm

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Raven Families,

Welcome back to a fantastic new school year! We're thrilled to see our student population grow to 571, an increase of 40 students from last year. This promises to be an exciting year filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments. To stay informed and connected, don't forget to sign up for our text message service—it's the quickest way to receive important updates. An email with sign-up instructions will be sent soon, so keep an eye out for it. Let's make this year the best one yet!

Sincerely,
Debbie Peddle
Principal

THE RAVEN RECAP

SEPTEMBER 2025



Orange Shirt Day 2025

On September 29th, our school honour Orange Shirt Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the history and impact of residential schools on Indigenous communities in Canada.

By wearing orange, we acknowledge the experiences of Indigenous children who were taken from their families and remind ourselves that "Every Child Matters." This day helps our students learn about the importance of inclusion, empathy, and reconciliation.



Orange Shirt Day



Terry Fox 2025

The student leaders reported on the Terry Fox Event. We did this to respect Terry Fox for doing what he did for cancer research. Our Event helps bring people together and raise awareness, and money, for cancer research. Our whole school participated, with ECDP and Kindergarten doing their own events earlier in the day.

Report done by Peyton, grade 6



AROUND OUR RAVEN NEST



Metis Bev visited our grades 4, 5, and 6 classes this month to teach our students about Metis culture, and jigging. This is a great opportunity for our division 2 students to be physically active, and learn the history of the dance!



Our grade 5s, and grade 5/6 combined class, got to attend the ATC cultural festival this month. Our students participated in a variety of activities such as learning about furs, learning about cooking bannock on a stick, Dene Hand Games, and more! Thank you to the ATC for inviting our students and organizing an amazing day of learning and celebrating Indigenous culture.

Student Lighthouse Begins!

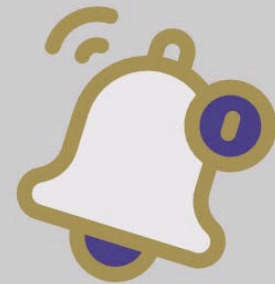


Our student lighthouse team has begun for this school year. Each class has one student representative join the lighthouse team, and they work together to contribute to a positive school culture. Their first few meetings are teambuilding activities, leadership learning, and are starting to plan whole school events, like our Friday Spirit Days!

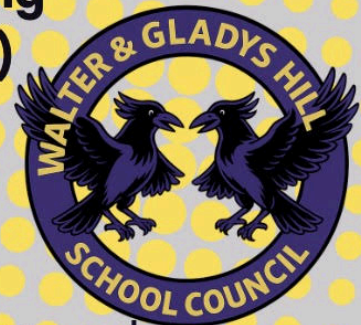
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FROM THE NEST OF YOUR FRIENDS OF RAVENS



**School Council Meeting
followed by
Friends of Ravens Meeting
When: Wednesday October 1st
6:00pm
Where: Walter & Gladys Hill
School in the Learning
Commons (library)**



All are welcomed to attend

**For any parents or guardians who are interested
in volunteering at the school, please email us at
wghoffice@fmps.ab.ca to get the process
started!**



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WGH has so many clubs on the go. Each club represents hardwork and dedication from staff and students. If you have a club idea reach out to Mr. Andrews or Mr. Shewchuk!

CLUB / ACTIVITY / TEAM	DIVISION / GRADES
Volleyball Club	Grades 5/6 @ Lunch Recess
Volleyball Team (Coming soon)	Grades 5/6
Soccer Team	Grades 5/6
Student Lighthouse	Grades 1-6 (<i>One student from each classroom</i>)

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STUDENT LEADER PHOTOS



**Photos by: Payton, Brelyn, Vera,
and Kevin**



EXECUTIVE FUNCTION HIGHLIGHT:

New School Year

Children are continuously learning to keep their personal belongings organized, manage their emotions, stay focused during instruction, manage time effectively and solve problems. Parents and educators need to support them in these areas!

Strategies for executive function development:

- Create morning and evening routines at home
- Teach and model routines to promote independence
- Talk about executive functioning skills
- Provide time to organize belongings at school and home
- Encourage problem solving discussions
- Create a space for homework completion
- Limit screen time and encourage physical activity
- Read daily with your child
- Make time for brain breaks
- Support emotional well-being
- Keep a calendar visible with important dates listed
- Teach your child how to use a planner
- Open and consistent communication between school and home
- Involve your child in the planning process
- Check in with your child
- Set goals and prioritize tasks
- Learn to tell time with an analog clock
- Practice time management
- Discuss coping strategies that work for your child
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OF WOOD BUFFALO



an Indigenous Culture Based mentoring program during which children/youth learn through story-telling, activities, crafts and group discussions. Children of any cultural background or identity are welcome to participate.

10 weeks; starting October 7, 2025

Tuesday's from 6:30PM - 7:30PM

BBBS Office in Thickwood

To sign your young person up:

Call 780-791-2447 or email
ismwb@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



For youth ages 9-12



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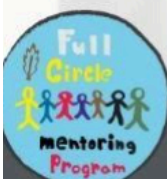
10 weeks; starting October 2, 2025

Thursdays from 6:30PM - 7:30PM

20 Riedel Street (BGC Building)

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CRAFTY KIDS MENTORING PROGRAM



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A group mentoring program for all youth that focuses on feelings & emotions, self-esteem, leadership, healthy relationships, mental health and communication skills through various crafts and discussions

7 weeks; Starting on October 9, 2025

Thursday's from 6:00PM - 7:30PM

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INCLUSION



Burger DAY

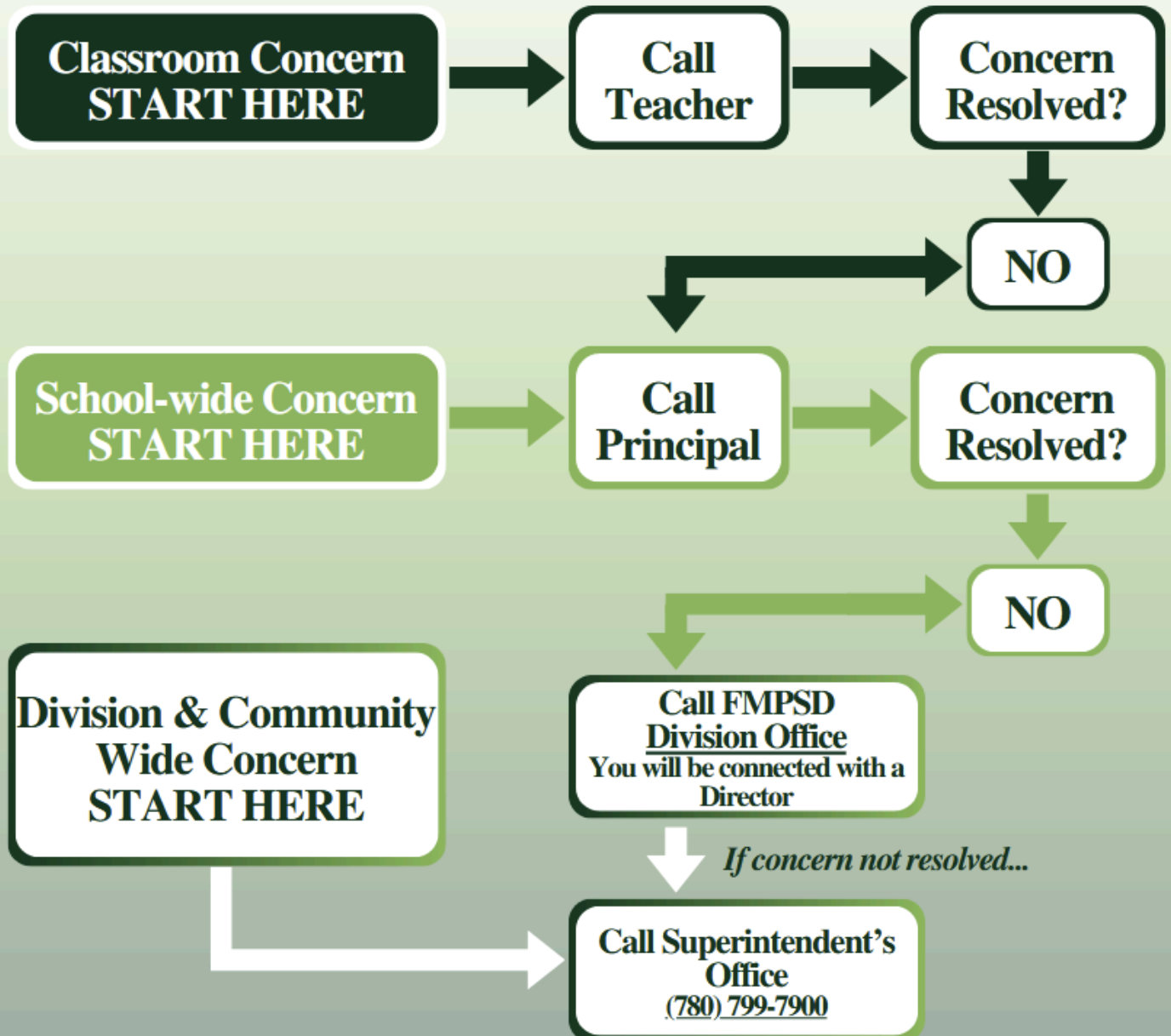
October 3rd, 2025



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OCTOBER DATES



Sept 30

No School

National Day of Truth and
Reconciliation

Oct 10

No School

Staff PLF

Oct 13

No School

Thanksgiving

Oct 22

Picture Day Retakes

AM Only

Oct 31

No School

ATA Institute Day (Staff PD Day)