

**Stirling
School**

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Stirling School website is still under construction. Watch for it in the coming weeks at www.stirlingschool.ca

Pancake Breakfast - Sept. 4 (not Sept. 11)

School Begins August 31

School Start:

School children report back to school on **Monday, August 31, 2009** for a half day as follows:

Elementary 8:15-11:49

Junior High 8:15-11:49
(shortened periods)

High School will register at the following times:

Grade 10 8:30-9:30

Grade 11 9:30-10:30

Grade 12 10:30-11:30

Busses will leave at 11:50

School Times:

Monday-Thursday:

8:15-11:49

12:38-3:00

Recess:

9:57-10:07

1:50-2:00

Friday:

8:15-1:10

Recess:

9:57-10:07

Snack Break:

11:50-12:00



Special points of interest:

- Aug. 31 - First Day of School
- Sept. 2 - World Skills Day for grades 9-12 in Calgary
- Sept. 4 - Community Breakfast at the School
- Sept. 7 - Labour Day Holiday
- Sept. 17 - Meet the Teacher Night

New Elementary School Teachers

Mrs. Amanda Sheen will be on maternity leave this coming year. She will be replaced by Ms. Deana Dypolt, BA, BEd in Art, Math and Education major. Ms. Dypolt has a PE background, First Aid and CPR. Her great organizational skills and creativity will benefit all our elementary students in PE and our grade 4 class all afternoon.

Due to the schooling opportunities of Mrs. Hatch's husband, she will be leaving for Portland shortly and will be replaced by Ms. Eryn Clifton. Ms. Clifton majored in Elementary Education and English literature at the U of A. She is very excited to teach both our Kindergarten class in the morning and our grade one students in the afternoon. She has

worked extensively with the Balanced Literacy Program and several math areas using manipulatives, Smart Boards and other technology. Both teachers have a great deal to offer Stirling School students and we are thrilled to have them aboard.

Meet the teacher night is on September 17.

2009-2010 Attendance

All the studies regarding attendance at school indicate that attendance is a major factor in achievement. Students who attend regularly do better than students who do not. Backed by this knowledge and having a desire for our students to do their best, we are embarking on an attendance initiative which we hope will yield two major results:

1. Students will attend consistently
2. Overall achievement of Stirling School students will rise.

What is expected of:

Students

Each student is expected to be in school on time each school

day unless he/she is sick.

Parents

Ensure their child is at school each day. Do all they can to schedule medical, dental and other appointments after school hours. Communicate and cooperate with the school in all attendance issues.

Staff

Keep an accurate record of each student's attendance. Communicate with students, parents and the school administration before attendance becomes a problem and a major issue.

Administration

We will monitor and communicate attendance issues with stu-

dents and parents. We will follow up on all attendance problems. Along with parents, we will abide by our school attendance policy.

Attendance is a major factor in student achievement but it is not the only major factor. Effort also has a direct and powerful effect on achievement.

We are not encouraging students to come to school when they are too sick or when they are infectious. We are attempting to help and encourage our students not to miss school unnecessarily.

For Stirling School's Attendance Policy, please see the Student Handbook in each student's agenda book.

100% Attendance Initiative

There are 186 official instructional school days during the 2009-2010 school year. Any student who is in attendance all of these days and is not late more than five times during the year is eligible for the bicycle draw. They will receive a gift certificate if they don't win the

draw.

(In Junior and Senior High school, a late means late for a class period. If a whole class period is missed, that counts as an absence.)



Washroom Protocol

This year we are designating our washrooms to best accommodate younger and older students.

The north washrooms by the office are designated for grade 7-12 students.

The south washrooms in the

elementary hallway are designated for K-6 and preschool. Kindergarten students will primarily use their own washroom in the kindergarten room and preschool students will primarily use their own washroom which is located just outside the preschool room door.

We thank parents, students and staff for their cooperation in helping to make our school an efficient, convenient and stress-free environment for all our students.

Classifieds

Sweetpeas Childcare Inc.!

Opening September 14, (hopefully!)

Daycare - Preschool - After School

We offer excellent care, exciting programming and opportunities, delicious meals and snacks, all new furnishings, equipment, and supplies, and much more! For info and registration call Dianne Braun at 756-2259.

Staff inquiries call, or send resume to Box 117, Stirling.

Watch for our flyer coming out soon!

Stirling Clothing Exchange

Saturday, September 12

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

@ Stirling Lions Hall

Donations may be dropped off at

330 - 4A Street (front door)

or call Anne at 756-3717

or at

201 - 4 Street (rear door)

or call Tanya at 756-2148

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County of Warner Fall Further Education Classes

Geocaching - Wed., Sept. 30 7-10 pm \$8.00/person

Instructors - Bob and Colleen Ward

Stirling School - Registration deadline - Sept. 21

Belly Dancing - Wednesdays Sept. 30 - Nov. 18 7-8 pm \$62

Instructor - Lacey Young

Stirling Lions Hall - Registration deadline - Sept. 16

Mambo, Cha Cha & Waltz - Fridays Oct. 2 - Nov. 6 7:30-9 pm \$58/pair

Instructor - Maxine Stain

Stirling Lions Hall - Registration deadline - Sept. 17

Brazilian Embroidery - Wednesdays Oct. 7 - Nov. 4 6-8:30 pm \$28

Instructor - Kaye Seely

Stirling School - Registration deadline - Sept. 23

Servicing Your Sewing Machine - Thursdays Oct. 22 & 29 7-9:30 pm \$22

Stirling Lions Hall

Instructor - Colleen Ward - Registration deadline - Oct. 8

Register with: and send cheque to Phyllis Moore, Box 299, Stirling 756-3871.

Hot Lunch Program

Stirling School Hot Lunch Thursdays - Coming in October!

Our popular, quality program continues in October, but not without YOU! We will need volunteers for Thursdays 10:30 to 12:30 in the kitchen, as well as a shopper, and coordinator. Help make this year even better!

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> BACK TO SCHOOL ON AUGUST 31ST 8:15 - 11:49 </div>		1 5:30 TOPS	2 7:00 Village Council Meeting World Skills Day grades 9-12	3 Kindergarten Orientation Preschool Test- ing	4 7:30 Community Breakfast at the School	5
6	7 Labour Day Holiday	8 7:00 Historical Society Meeting 5:30 TOPS Preschool Ori- entation 1st day for ECS	9 First day for Preschool (M/W)	10 First day for Preschool (T/Th)	11	12
13	14	15 5:30 TOPS	16 7:00 Village Council Meeting	17 Meet the Teacher Night	18 12:00 Dismissal	19
20	21	22 5:30 TOPS <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Junior/Senior High Option Days </div>	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Professional Development Days No School for students </div>	25	26
27	28	29 5:30 TOPS	30 7:00 Silver Saddle Meeting			