



**Welcome back to the start of another school year!**

**We are off to a very busy and exciting start to the 2024/2025 School Year and look forward to sharing our events with the school community! We are still running as two separate entities for this school year but look forward to moving to the new school over the Christmas break. This transition marks a new chapter for our community, and we are looking forward to the many NEW adventures that come our way!**

**The staff have been working hard and are excited to welcome kids back to school. We have a few classroom changes and many new faces throughout the school. We would like to welcome all the NEW staff members and look forward to working with you all!**

**M.R.E.S. Staff 2023/2024-**

**Principal** – Mrs. Rachelle Miller

**Vice-Principal** – Mrs. Kimberly Wright

**Secretary** – Mrs. Sheina Russell (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

**Secretary** – Mrs. Karmen Douglas

**Custodians** – Mr. Ivan Morales & Mr. Ronan Morales

**Ms. Erynn Gordon – Early Learning & Kindergarten**

**Kindergarten Homeroom** - (all Kindergarten classes/Gr. 1 Phys.Ed. & Wellness)

**Mrs. Jessica Thielen -**

**Gr. 1 Homeroom** - (Gr. 1 Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social, Phys.Ed. & Wellness, Music & Art)

**Mrs. Sharalyn Patching –**

**Gr. 2 Homeroom** - (Gr. 2 Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social & Art/Gr. 2/3 Phys.Ed. & Wellness)

**Mrs. Lara Johannsen -**

**Gr. 3/4 Homeroom** – (Gr. 3/4 Lang. Arts, Science & Social/Gr. 2/3 & 4/5 Phys.Ed. & Wellness)

**Ms. Kayla McPhillips -**

**Gr. 5 Homeroom** – (Gr. 3 Math & Drama/Gr. 4 Math/ Gr. 5 Math & Science/Gr. 6 Math & Science)

**Mr. Tyson Niwa –**

**Gr. 6 Homeroom** - (Gr. 5 Lang. Arts & Social, Gr. 6/7 Lang. Arts/Gr. 6 Social/Gr. 4/5 CTF – Information Technology/Gr. 6/7 CTF – Creative Writing)

**Mrs. Kimberly Wright – Vice-Principal/LST** – (Music 2, 3, 4/5 & Art 3 & 4/5/Gr. 6/7 Art & Music/ Gr. 8 Art & Music)

**Mrs. Rachelle Miller – Principal** - (Gr. 10/20/30 Phys.Ed. & Shop/Foods)

**Ms. Emily Kenney** – (Gr. 7 Math, Social & CTF/Gr. 7/8 Drama/Gr. 8 Lang. Arts/Gr. 8/9 CTF/CTS 30)

**Mrs. Karen Garber** – (Gr. 7 Science/Gr. 8 Math, Science & Social/Gr. 9 Science/Biology 30)

**Mr. Cory Grinton** – (Gr. 9 Lang. Arts/Lang. Arts & CTS 10/20/Lang. Arts 30/CTS 20/30)

**Mrs. Lisa Fedunec** – (Gr. 9 Math & CTF/Calm 10/Science 10/14/Chem 20/CTS 30 – Calculus 30)

**Support Staff** –

Mrs. Tracy Bakke (EA)                      Mrs. Amanda Hood (EA/SLA)

Ms. Nyowa Leffler (EA)                      Mrs. Lucinda MacLean (EA)

Ms. Linda Murraray (EA)                      Mrs. Cheryl Stewart (EA)

Ms. Smantha Trimble (EA Earling Learning)

Mrs. Jodi Wills (EA/Librarian)

**Career Practitioner – Sharla Kane**

**Family School Liaison Counselor – Kimberley Shakespeare (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)**

**Mental Health Capacity Building Wellness Coach – Kaitlyn Wendt (Monday, Tuesday & alternating Fridays)**

**FNMI (First Nation, Metis and Inuit) Liaison Worker – Lisa Sowinski**

**Horizon Early Learning Program** - Our Early Learning program will run two full days on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 A.M. – 3:25 P.M.** The Early Learning students will be divided into two groups with one group attending on Mondays and the other group on Wednesdays. We are very excited to have **Ms. Erynn Gordon** take over the instructor position with the assistance of Ms. Samantha Trimble. The Early Learning team is looking forward to a great year!

**BELL TIMES:**

**Monday – Thursday**

**Preparation Bell – 8:25 A.M.**

**Classes Begin – 8:30 A.M.**

**Lunch Begins – 12:08 P.M.**

**Classes Begin – 12:38 P.M.**

**Dismissal – 3:25 P.M.**

**Friday**

**Preparation Bell – 8:25 A.M.**

**Classes Begin – 8:30 A.M.**

**Dismissal – 12:05 P.M.**

**School Break Times:**

**Elementary – (Kindergarten – Grade 6)**

**Monday–Thursday there will be two recesses (10:00 – 10:12) and (2:00 – 2:12). On Friday, there will be one 11-minute break during the morning (10:12 – 10:23).**

**Middle & High School (Grade 7 – 12)**

**Monday – Thursday**

**10:00 – 10:05**

**2:00 – 2:05**

**Friday**

**9:20 – 9:22**

**11:13 – 11:15**

**REMINDERS:**

Outdoor supervision will begin at **8:15 A.M.** Students will enter the school at **8:25 A.M.** through their designated doors on the east side of the school (Early Learning, Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2) and northeast (Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6). All Grade 7 – 12 students will enter through the front doors.

We request that if your child will not be attending school, that you please notify the school each time they will be away. We in turn will attempt to phone you if we find your child absent and have not heard from you. It is much easier, however, for you to make one phone call or message (to both Karmen & Sheina) than for us to make many!

A monthly calendar and newsletter will be posted on **School Dojo** at the beginning of each month. Updates and additional information notices will be posted periodically to account for any changes that you need to be informed of.

Our school is really trying to advocate students choosing healthy lifestyles again this year. Students are encouraged to keep fit by exercising and eating and drinking healthy as well. **\*We are requesting that each student please bring a water bottle to fill at the fountain and keep on their desk!**

We encourage students to bring a “**snack**” for recess breaks. On **Fridays**, we encourage all students to please pack a **light lunch** or bring a **snack** as they seem to be quite hungry by recess and bus students do not arrive home until well after the lunch hour!

We will continue with **elementary assemblies** this year and they will take place at **2:46 P.M. on the Thursday of the first full week of each month** (birthdays, announcements, Spotlight Students, Reading Awards, Wildcat Willy, etc.). Please make note that our first **school wide** assembly will still take place on **Wednesday, August 28** at **10:15 A.M.** The first elementary assembly will be on **Thursday, September 12** at **2:46 P.M.** and parents are welcome to attend.

**School Web Page** – Our School web page is continually updated with lots of pertinent information. Please log in at [www.horizon.ab.ca](http://www.horizon.ab.ca) and select “Schools” at the top of the page. Scroll down until you find Erle Rivers High School and double click - voila, there we are – have a look around and become comfortable with the tabs (there is lots of information – please take a look)!

**School Bus Zone**—**WARNING**—Buses with RED lights flashing require the motorist to STOP! This means that when the buses are parked in front of the school (loading and unloading) with their lights flashing you **cannot** go by them!!

Please inform your bus driver if your child/children will not be going home on the bus. In addition, if a bus student will be bringing a friend home on the bus, a note from the parent must be given to the bus driver in advance.

### **SCHOOL FEES:**

\*Please note – there will be **NO** school fees collected this year. Early Learning will continue with a **program fee!** \*Please note - a schedule will be sent home with students for athletics.

**Student Files – update** – We are continually updating our student files. **If** you have any change of information for your child, (e.g., phone numbers, (including cellular) **medical alert information**, emergency contact changes, etc.) please include this information on the **Student Registration update form that was sent home with your child and return it to the school by Friday, September 13 (even if you do not have any changes there are yearly updates on the back of the form that need your consent)!**  
\*Please note – the Student Registration update form has a section for bus billet information. **Please fill out this area if your student rides the bus!** Thank you.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Thursday, September 5** – 5:15 P.M. – School Advisory Council Meeting – everyone welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Wednesday, September 11**

- **Welcome Back BBQ** — The “Welcome Back BBQ” will take place from 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend!

**Thursday, September 19 – 2:00 P.M.**

- **44th annual Terry Fox run/walk.** Our staff and students will participate in the Terry Fox run/walk. **\*Everyone is welcome to attend!**

We will have a **“Toonies for Terry”** donation container at the office and encourage everyone to donate for the cause!

**Friday, September 27**

- Our staff and students will recognize the **“National Day for Truth and Reconciliation”** that takes place on September 29. We encourage staff and students to wear an **“orange shirt”** on **September 27** as we promote awareness and education of the history and legacy of Residential Schools.

**Thursday, October 17**

- **8:15 A.M. – School Picture Day!**