

# BANDED PEAK

Parent Blog

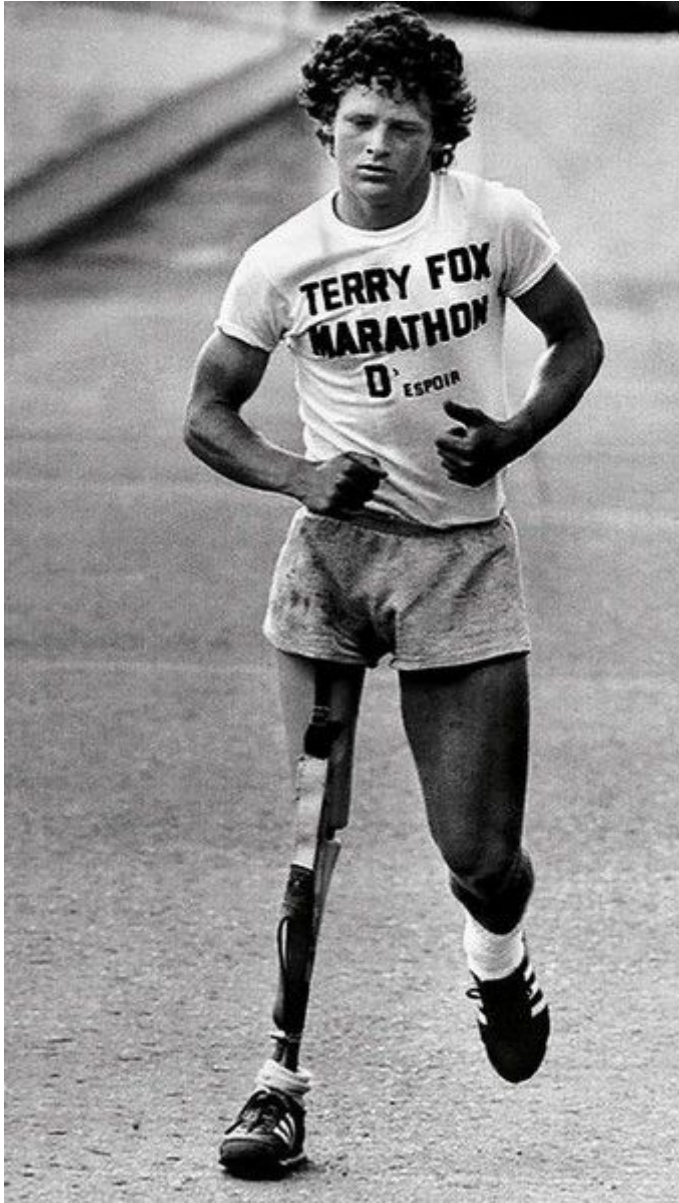
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## Friday, September 18th



*‘This year students must stay in their cohorts throughout the day and during recess. While this has resulted in some unique challenges, it has also allowed us rethink how we use our outdoor spaces to promote play. Unlike previous years*

*students have the opportunity to play in Mouse Heaven where they have begun to use their imagination to build mouse houses, and fairy hotels. They can also play in our back field where many students have been playing soccer and tag, and in the winter slide on our hills and build snow forts. Finally, classes have full access to the playground where they can play with their classmates.”*



**Terry Fox Run/Walk:** Banded Peak students and staff will be participating in the Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk on Thursday, September 24th. Students will be walking the perimeter of the school with their classes for 40 minutes to recognize the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope. In addition, classes will be participating in activities around this year's theme of "What's your 40?" Parents who choose to make a donation, may do so by visiting <https://terryfox.org/> and clicking on the red banner that says DONATE TODAY; look for Banded Peak School. Unfortunately in the current climate we cannot accept cash at the school.



**ORANGE SHIRT DAY:** reminds us that Every Child Matters! Join us **Wednesday September 30** to honour the children that survived Residential schools and remember those that didn't by wearing an orange shirt. On this day Banded Peak School will show support for Reconciliation by reading stories and doing crafts associated with First Nation culture. The Orange Shirt Day website (<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>) is a wonderful resource to increase our understanding of this day, why it was created and ways to show our support. Order deadlines for shirts and other items is September 24 in Alberta.

**Cross Country Run Club:** The Banded Peak Cross Country Team is ready to start. This year's program is open to all grade 5-8 students. The focus of the team will be to better ourselves as distance/trail runners. We will be training for 5 weeks. While the team is all about fun and personal goals – we are looking for students who are serious about running and are coming to each practice, ready to train. Practice Schedule – all sessions from 3:15 – 4:00 on either Monday or Tuesdays. If your child is interested please direct them to talk with either Mr. Pols or Mr. Spelrem. Additional information will be shared with students next week.

**School Council:** School Council meetings provide parents, community members, teachers, and students the opportunity to engage in conversation about the school, provide input into their child's education, and hear about the happenings at Banded Peak. Meetings take place once a month at 6:30 via ZOOM. The schedule is as follows:

- September 23rd

- **ZOOM LINK:** <https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/96665644870>
- **Password:** BPEAK32
- October 21st
- November 25th
- No Meeting in December
- January 20th
- February 24th
- March 24th
- April 21st
- May 19th (Annual General Meeting)

## Banded Peak School Council Meeting AGENDA

**Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Online Meeting**

<https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/96665644870>

Password: BPEAK32

We would like to invite you to join us for our monthly School Council meeting.  
School Council is an important way for you to support your child's education,  
find out more about your child's school, and share your insights on significant issues  
pertaining to the school.

Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
1. Welcome	Trisha Gizen	1 minute
2. Approval of Agenda	Trisha Gizen	1 minute

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3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting	Trisha Gizen	2 minutes
4. RMCA and BCCA Reports	RMCA/ BCCA Representatives	5 minutes
5. Administration's Report	Simon Pols	10 minutes
6. Trustee Report	Judi Hunter	10 minutes
7. Chair's Report	Trisha Gizen	5 minutes
8. Vice Chair's Report	Rebecca Parzen	3 minutes
9. Treasurer's Report	Solita Burke	3 minutes
10. Volunteer Coordinator's Report	Imke Ryder	3 minutes
11. School Community Input (compliments, questions, and concerns)	Floor	5 minutes
12. New or Other Business	Floor	3 minutes
13. Motion to Adjourn	Trisha Gizen	1 minute

*Next meeting date: October 21, 2020*

**Student Pick Up:** Over the course of the day students may be picked up from school for various reasons. If you have to pick up your child from school please notify your child's teacher via email the day before. Upon arrival we ask that you please wait in your car and call the school at 403.949.2292 to let us know that you have arrived. Students will be walked to the door or your car depending upon the child's age. The school will then sign them out on your behalf. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Daily Health Screening Form:** Parents are asked to please refer to the Screening Questionnaire provided by Alberta Health Services each day before their child leaves for school. If a child answers YES to any of the questions they must stay home. Parents of children who arrive at school with any of these symptoms will be contacted and must pick up their child within the hour. Parents are all encouraged to have an emergency plan/back up in the event that they are not available.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# Screening Questionnaire

## COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL**

The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should fill out this checklist prior entering school daily. If an individual answers YES to any of the questions, they must not be allowed to attend school. Children and youth will need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

### Screening Questions

1.	Does the attendee have any new onset (or worsening) of any of the following	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO



	• Cough	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Sore throat	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Chills	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Painful swallowing	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Headache	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
3.	Has the attendee had close contact* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with a symptomatic** close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

\* Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in a occupational setting wearing the recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

\*\* 'Ill/symptomatic' means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above



**Rocky View Schools COVID Q and A:** Rocky View Schools continues to maintain a parent COVID Question and Answer Page School. Updated information on RVS' response to COVID and school/classroom guidelines can be found at [LINK](#)

**Rocky View Schools Scenario 1 Re-Entry Plan:** For updated information on RVS' re-entry plan please visit [LINK](#)

**Rocky View Schools Scenario 2 (Blended Learning) Plan:** Over the past couple of weeks we have had some questions about RVS' Scenario 2 plan. This is the plan that would be implemented in the event that schools are required to move to Scenario 2 at the request of Alberta Health Services [LINK](#)



**School Photos:** School photos will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup> with retakes being taken on November 5<sup>th</sup>. School photos may look a little different this year. All our individual images will be taken without props or the use of a chair/stool and we will have touchless sign in. This will eliminate most surfaces that could be touched and need sanitizing. Photographers will have cleaning supplies on hand should anything be touched inadvertently and of course be wearing masks for the duration of photo day. Below is a link to a short video that shows some of the protocols Lifetouch has implemented for this fall. [LINK](#) Additional information regarding protocols will be shared closer to Picture Day.

**Arrival and Dismissal:** Thank you to everyone who helped keep the school safe this week by wearing a mask on school property as you dropped your children off for their first day of school. A reminder that we have asked that from this point forward that parents stay at their vehicles both for drop off and dismissal. A reminder as well that Banded Peak will have a staggered dismissal this school year to accommodate social distancing.

- 2:55pm (1:55 Friday): 1/2M, 3/4WN, 5/6M, 7/8 Winters
- 3:00pm (2:00 Friday): 1/2MK, 3/4MS, 5/6L, 7/8 Churchill

- 3:05pm (2:05 Friday): 1/2E, 3/4S



**Facebook and Twitter:** Banded Peak School has both Facebook and Twitter accounts.

These accounts will be used to highlight some of the exciting events and activities taking place in our School Community. They will also be used as a medium to connect with our community at large and expand our professional learning network. Please consider following us Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bandedpeakschool> or on Twitter at [@bandedpeakrvs](https://twitter.com/bandedpeakrvs).

**Allergy Aware School:** Banded Peak is an “Allergy Aware” school. When you walk through the school you will see signs throughout our hallways and classrooms.

- Classrooms where students are known to have severe allergies, such as peanuts, nuts, shellfish, eggs and milk, will have signs indicating that there are one or more students with severe food allergies in that classroom. We will emphasize the need for all students to take extra care when washing their hands and desks after eating at snack time and at lunch.
- Signs indicating a “Peanut/Tree Nut Aware” environment are also posted on the entry doors and throughout the school. For our children’s safety, we request that parents avoid sending foods containing peanuts or tree nuts. Being allergy aware means, we take precautions to reduce the chance of exposure for students to allergens while acknowledging that it is impossible to eliminate all risk.

The staff is aware of all students with allergies and has been instructed as to how to handle situations should an allergic reaction occur. Parents in the classroom are also made aware of the allergy and the teachers talk with their students and make necessary accommodations within their room.

Parents of students with allergies, severe allergies or asthma are encouraged to complete the medical information portion on the Student Registration Form. Any medical information we have on file on behalf of a student is sent home yearly for parents to make any necessary changes. For those who require epipens, the epipen must be accessible at all times. In collaboration with parents/guardians, a decision on how this will occur will be made for each individual child.

Any medicine a child needs while at school must be kept at the office. All inhalers for students with asthmatic conditions will be kept in the office unless other arrangements are made with school administration.

If it is necessary for staff to administer medication to a student, a Student Medication Administration Approval needs to be complete and signed by a parent and family physician. For more information regarding administering medication or medical treatment for students please visit [Rocky View Schools Administrative Procedure 316 or AP316 Administering Medication or Medical Treatment to Students](#).

**School Calendar:** For a list of up to date events please visit the Banded Peak School Calendar at <http://bpeak.rockyview.ab.ca/calendar> September 23rd: *Tentative* School Council Meeting 6:30

- September 24th: Terry Fox Run/Walk
- September 30th: Orange Shirt Day
- October 9<sup>th</sup>: PL Day (No School)
- October 12<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day (No School)

