

Copperhaven School

Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Copperhaven School! We have many new members of our school community this year and our enrollment is currently sitting at close to 750 students. We are excited to be offering Play Parkland, clubs and extracurricular activities again this year with reduced covid restrictions. Traffic has again this year presented its usual challenge. Please read on for some additional information, tips, instructions and a map of suggested traffic flow. Follow us on our FaceBook page: [Copperhaven School](#) and on Instagram [@copperhaven_school](#)

Linda Simmonds



Dates to Remember

- Sept. 6 Labour Day, No School
- Sept. 10 Hot Lunch Orders Due
- Sept. 13 Individual Pictures - KA/KC + Grades 1-4
- Sept. 14 Individual Pictures - KB/KD + Grades 5-9
- Sept. 15 School Council Annual General Meeting and Elections
- Sept. 17 AHS Covid Immunization Clinic Grades 7-9
- Sept. 30 Picture Retake Day

News from the Office

- School Fees have been updated in PowerSchool, with the exception of CTF, and are due September 30th.
- When sending an email regarding a student absence please include both the office and homeroom teachers so that attendance can be marked correctly.
- Students requiring medication during school hours need to provide updated Administering Medication paperwork. Please contact the office for information.
- Please make pick up and drop off arrangements for your child in advance. With 750 students in attendance, last minute calls with message delivery requests cannot be guaranteed.
- Be sure to review the Guidance for School Re-Entry for this school year with the most recent covid guidance [Covid-19 Info](#)

Student Code of Conduct

As required, students reviewed the Parkland School Division and Copperhaven School Code of Conduct on their first day of school with their homeroom teacher. For parent information, the Code of Conduct can be found on the Copperhaven School website, under 'For Students'.

Morning Arrival

Supervision begins daily at 8:45. There is no adult supervision of students or access to the school prior to that time. Please make a plan with your child/ren to arrive no earlier than 8:45. School starts with attendance and the anthem at 9:00 a.m. so there is lots of time for students to come in and get settled.

Play Parkland

Students in grades 3-6 will be participating in Play Parkland this year. Play Parkland takes place at the Tri-Leisure Center with students participating in a variety of activities to foster physical literacy--skating, swimming, gymnastics and land activities--over the course of six sessions. The program fee is \$57.50 per student in grades 3-6, added to PowerSchool accounts which helps cover the cost of bussing, program personnel and space. Teachers will be providing schedules and additional information nearer to the session dates.

Grade 7-9 Alberta Health Services Covid Immunization Clinic

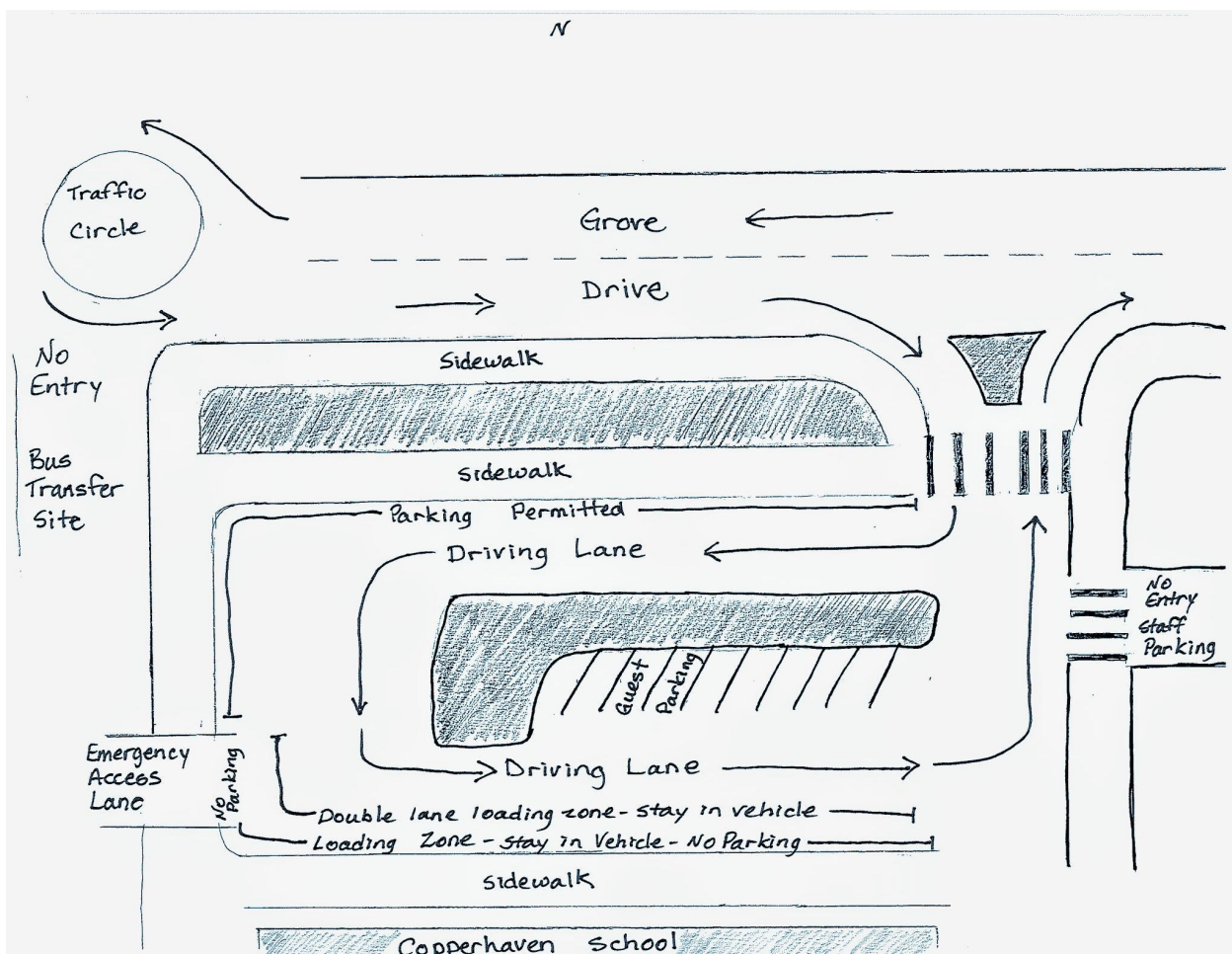
On August 13, 2021, the Government of Alberta announced a COVID-19 school immunization program to further increase accessibility to COVID-19 vaccines. Our school has been selected for one of these AHS vaccination clinics for eligible students in grades 7-9 on the afternoon of Sept. 17. Information was emailed to parents/guardians on August 31 in the event that you want your grade 7, 8 or 9 child(ren) to receive this **COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY** service. Consent forms must be completed and returned to the school. Forms were sent as an attachment with the August 31 email or a paper copy can be picked up at the school office.

Traffic, Parking and Tips

Parking, traffic flow and accessibility to Copperhaven School is a challenge. The school was built by Alberta Infrastructure and once completed became the property of Parkland School Division. As such, please understand that the staff of Copperhaven School is not responsible for the shape, size or access to the school and pick up zone. We also cannot fix it and feel really bad when you direct your frustration at us. We respectfully ask that you attend to the following:

1. Please do not swear or verbally harass the staff of Copperhaven School. We are in the difficult position of doing our best to make a tough set up work as best we can.
2. Please bring patience and be a positive role model for your children.
3. Consider drop off and pick up at the back of the school, accessed by entering via the Copperhaven neighborhood sign.
4. If possible, use active transportation to arrive at the school--walk, run, bike, scooter.

5. Establish a waiting spot for your child/ren, let them know they need to wait until you arrive at the meeting spot and then can safely move to your vehicle. Most times parking spots along the permitted parking areas will have opened up by that time. Kindergarten teachers wait with all of their students until they see parents arrive. Staff are happy to help parents connect with their children.
6. At the end of the newsletter you will find a map of traffic flow in our parking lot. There is signage that indicates No Parking which means drivers must stay in the vehicle. As in any situation, leaving the driver's seat when double parked or in the driving lane is not permitted.
7. For parents wanting to advocate for improvement
 - call law enforcement to report vehicles not abiding by the traffic laws and ask for their assistance on site, and/or
 - speak to the City of Spruce Grove about improvements to make the road situation better suited to the high traffic flow of two large schools (Copperhaven and St. Peter Apostle).



Volleyball Tryouts

Extracurricular team sports are here! Volleyball tryouts have begun for senior volleyball teams for Grade 8 and 9 students. Grade 7 and 8 tryouts will follow for junior volleyball teams. Announcements are made at school well in advance of the day with tryouts running after school from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. Tryouts are closed events so no spectators are in the building. League games begin the 3rd week of school with information to be shared regarding guidelines around spectators. Fees will be announced and collected prior to uniform distribution. Information about tournaments and games will be coming to players from coaches once teams have been created. We are looking forward to games being played in our gym very soon!

Cross Country Running

Copperhaven School is participating in Cross Country this year! There will be a total of 6 races.

Entwistle School-Sept 9

Meridian Heights School-Sept 16

Blueberry School-Sept 23

Tomahawk School-Sept 30

Woodhaven School-Oct 7

Living Waters Christian School-Oct 14

An information meeting was held at the school on Thursday. If your child would like to participate, permission forms are available at the office. All permission forms and fees must be returned to the office no later than Tuesday, September 7, 2021. All races start at 4:15pm. Parents are responsible for getting their child/ren to and from the races and each race includes a registration fee of \$5.00. Feel free to come out, and cheer on Copperhaven's runners!

Update from your Parent Council

Welcome to the new school year and an opportunity to provide input into Copperhaven School. If you haven't had a chance to like and follow our School Council [Facebook Group](#) and [Facebook Page](#) please follow the links and join the conversations.

A reminder that our first meeting of the 2021/22 school year will be Wednesday, September 15th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Virtual or in-person to be determined and will be announced closer to the meeting date. The meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting** where we will be voting for your school council executives. Elected positions are:

Chair – works with the principal to create agendas, supports council activities, is the spokesperson for council and chairs the meetings.

Vice Chair – works with the Chair, supports council activities, and steps in to replace the chair in their absence.

Secretary – takes meeting minutes and keeps accurate records of council activities and direction, sends minutes to the school secretary for posting on school website and distribution to council members.

Communications – organizes and posts information to the council Facebook Group and Page.

Liaison to the Boundary Ridge Association (TBRA) – works between Council and TBRA to share information with regards to fundraising information and volunteering needs.

If you are interested in any of these positions, or have any questions, please reach out to copperhaven.scchair@psd70.ab.ca.

Your School Council Sean, Amy, Kim, Erin, and Shayna

The Boundary Ridge Association (TBRA)

The Boundary Ridge Association was incorporated in September 2017 and is the official fundraising society for Copperhaven school.

PARENTS WE NEED YOU! This year things will be shaken up with TBRA executives as some have held the same positions for the maximum 4 year term and are either not able to fill a different position, are moving on from TBRA to volunteer in other capacities at Copperhaven, or have moved away. If there is no one willing to take on these positions then the future of TBRA is in jeopardy which affects the entire school community of Copperhaven. Fundraising is an important part of every school.

Our AGM will be in October where elections will be held to fill the executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Please join us at our next meeting on Monday, September 13th at 6:30pm to hear about the fundraisers we have in the works for the coming year. We would love to meet you and answer any questions you have about what is involved with holding an executive position with TBRA. The meeting will be held virtually so please email us at: theboundaryridge@gmail.com for the link.

Hot Lunch:

Our Hot Lunch program will be returning to Copperhaven on Friday, September 17th. Orders are due no later than September 10th. Even if you ordered last year, you will need to register again. The access code is "BITE" (case sensitive). Hot Lunch is offered on all operational Friday's.

https://copperhaven.hotlunches.net/admin/?PayerID=Q66RKQDBRUCQN&fbclid=IwAR06awihPU0kkL6VaZFyZugc7GJ2-wAhJJOWNb2OFzVEF_khBDU3Pfag38

Cobs

We have an ongoing fundraiser through the Spruce Grove Cobs bakery. Please mention "Copperhaven School" before you pay and a portion of proceeds will automatically go back to our school.

MUSIC NOTES

Welcome to another school year. It is always exciting to meet students and begin making music again. Here is some information about the wide variety of music opportunities for students to explore here at Copperhaven School.

CLASSROOM MUSIC

Music has returned to the music room! Grades 2-6 students will be singing, moving and playing instruments once again, with appropriate risk mitigation strategies in place. There is even a class set of new ukuleles to try out! Grade 4-6 students will also be playing recorder after Thanksgiving. If you don't already have a recorder you can purchase a soprano recorder from the school for \$10.00, you can find this optional fee in powerschool.

Mrs. Awe is teaching music in the grade 1 classrooms.

CHOIRS

Junior (gr 2&3) and Senior (gr 4-6) choirs will hopefully begin lunchtime rehearsals in January.

Copperhaven Chorus (gr 7-9) have already started practicing at lunch recess, but it's not too late to join. We may even get to perform for Remembrance Day.

BANDS

The Copperhaven Band program is growing!

The band program has moved to an after-school activity and will now involve two groups: Beginning Band for students, grades 6 & up, to learn how to play a wind instrument in a group setting. Concert Band for students who know how to play an instrument and want to learn more. Both groups will meet for 60-minute sessions once a week.

Beginning Band will start Wednesday October 6 from 4:00-5:00.

More detailed information for those interested is available from Mr. Loge

Concert Band will start Thursday September 16 from 4:00-5:00

I hope to pick up where we left off in June and get a chance to perform for our Remembrance Day ceremony. If you play a band instrument it's not too late to join - come and talk to Mr. Loge about the possibilities.

I am excited about this school year and the opportunity to work with students who have proven themselves dedicated and enthusiastic towards music. With your support and interest, we will be able to achieve great things this year. If you have any questions please call the school, (780) 571-8488 or email mark.loge@psd.ca