

# Copperhaven School

## Newsletter



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### Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Copperhaven School! Our school newsletter is sent out via School Messenger at the beginning of each month with a smaller newsletter issued mid month, called the "Communique". These newsletters are posted to the [Copperhaven School Website](#). You can also follow us on our FaceBook page: [Copperhaven School](#) and on Instagram [@copperhaven\\_school](#) to stay up to date!

Our Meet the Staff was a huge success. We saw a massive turnout and were so happy to welcome families back into the school. Thank you so much for coming.

**Linda Simmonds**

### Dates to Remember

- Sept. 6 Labour Day, No School
- Sept. 13 Individual Pictures - KB/KD + Grades 1-4
- Sept. 14 Individual Pictures - KA/KC + Grades 5-9
- Sept. 16 Annual Terry Fox School Run Day
- Sept. 21 School Council Annual General Meeting and Elections
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, No school

### News from the Office

- School Fees have been updated in PowerSchool 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 780 students in attendance, last minute calls with message delivery requests cannot be guaranteed.

### 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. We encourage parents to read the Code of Conduct to be aware of the contents and support your child/ren in being positive members of our school community: [Copperhaven Student Code of Conduct](#)

## 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 a morning bell at 8:55 a.m. so there is plenty 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 Centre 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.

## Volunteering at Copperhaven School

We look forward to welcoming volunteers into the school to help enhance school programming. Once teachers and support staff get the first week of school underway there may be opportunities for volunteer assistance in the classroom or school. Calls for classroom volunteers will go out from teachers. Additional calls for volunteers may come from the librarian or other areas of the school on an as needed basis.

All volunteers, in accordance with PSD Administrative Procedure 316 shall be approved by the Principal. The volunteer approval process by the Principal shall include:

- Ensuring that volunteers complete a volunteer registration form
- Ensuring that a current Criminal Record Check is on file at the school for volunteers, at the determination of the Principal

## Volleyball Tryouts

Extracurricular team sports are here! Volleyball tryouts have begun for senior and junior A volleyball teams for students in grades 7-9.

- Grade 7-9 Girls Volleyball tryouts Tues./Thurs. Sept 6/8 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Grade 7-9 Boys Volleyball tryouts Wed./Fri. Sept 7/9 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Tryouts are closed events so spectators are not permitted to attend. As soon as games start, we invite you to come and cheer on our teams! Information on fees, games, tournaments and uniform deposits will be distributed to players once teams are established.

## Severe Allergies

Copperhaven is a "Nut Aware" school. This means we ask families to choose nut free alternatives whenever possible to help all of our students be safe. Our school has a number of students with nut allergies that can result in a severe allergic reaction should they be exposed to nut products. We thank you in advance for your attention to student safety.

## Music Notes

We are looking forward to providing our students with some wonderful music opportunities this year. Please note the following:

- Grade 4-6 students will start playing the recorder after Thanksgiving. If students do not already have a soprano recorder, one can be purchased from the school for \$10.00—optional fee attached to Power School accounts
- Copperhaven Chorus for students in grade 7-9 will begin on Tuesday September 13 at lunch recess with a first performance already planned for Remembrance Day.
- Ukulele Club, for students in grades 6-9 interested in playing the ukulele are invited to drop in for some strumming fun on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 starting September 27
- Beginning Band is for students in grades 6-9 interested in learning how to play a wind instrument in a group setting. Beginning Band will start Wednesday October 5 from 4:00-5:00 and has a fee of \$25
- Concert Band is for students who already know how to play a band instrument and want to learn more. Concert Band will start Thursday September 8 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and has a fee of \$25

More detailed information for those interested is available from Mr. Loge. If parents have any questions please call the school, (780) 571-8488 or email: [mark.loge@psd.ca](mailto:mark.loge@psd.ca)

## Directed Learning Room–DLR

Copperhaven School runs a Directed Learning Room as a strategy for helping our grade 7, 8 and 9 students achieve their academic potential. The Directed Learning Room (DLR) is a space assigned to students by Copperhaven teachers—a quiet place to do school homework in order to prevent students from falling behind. Occurring days 1 through 4 during the 11:50-12:20 break the DLR room is an assigned work block, supervised by teachers where students are expected to work independently on their assigned work.

Parents/guardians of students who are to be assigned to DLR will be aware in advance of any challenges with work completion. If a grade 9 student is assigned to the Directed Learning Room to complete missing assignments, off-site lunch privileges will be temporarily suspended.

## Covid Update

Copperhaven School and Parkland School Division are excited that the World is Opening Back Up. 2022-2023 should finally start to feel like what a school year is supposed to feel like. While the pandemic is officially over, our new reality is that COVID-19 is here to stay.

With that being said, there are many measures that were previously implemented that just make sense to continue. Above all, we encourage anyone who is feeling ill to stay home from school. If you are exhibiting any of the key symptoms known for [COVID-19](#), we encourage you to access one of the many test kits that are also available at the school. Meanwhile, PSD will continue the following:

- Hand sanitizer will still be available at all schools,
- Students will continue to be reminded of the importance of thorough hand-washing hygiene,
- Eating areas will be wiped before and after lunch breaks,

- The frequency at which air filters are changed in PSD has also been increased and air handling/ventilation equipment in all schools has been adjusted to maximize the number of air exchanges within the schools. All schools will operate filtration systems that meet or exceed the Minimum Efficiency Reporting Values (MERV) 13 air filtration rate,
- Assigned entrances and exits will continue to be used to efficiently reduce crowding during high traffic times of the day.

We look forward to a healthy and happy school year.

### **Copperhaven Hot Lunch**

Copperhaven's hot lunch program is a fundraising venture through The Boundary Ridge Association, which is Copperhaven's parent fundraising group. Bite To Eat is excited to begin another year of hot lunch service to Copperhaven students on Fridays. The site is now open and accepting orders until September 9th with delivery starting on September 16th. Visit [bitetoeat.ca](http://bitetoeat.ca) to place your order today.

### **Cross Country Running**

Copperhaven School will be participating in Cross Country again this year. The dates and location of this season's races can be found below. All races will start at 4:15 p.m. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the races. Each race includes a registration fee of \$5.00. There will be a meeting next week for all K-9 students interested in participating. More details and information will be sent home then.

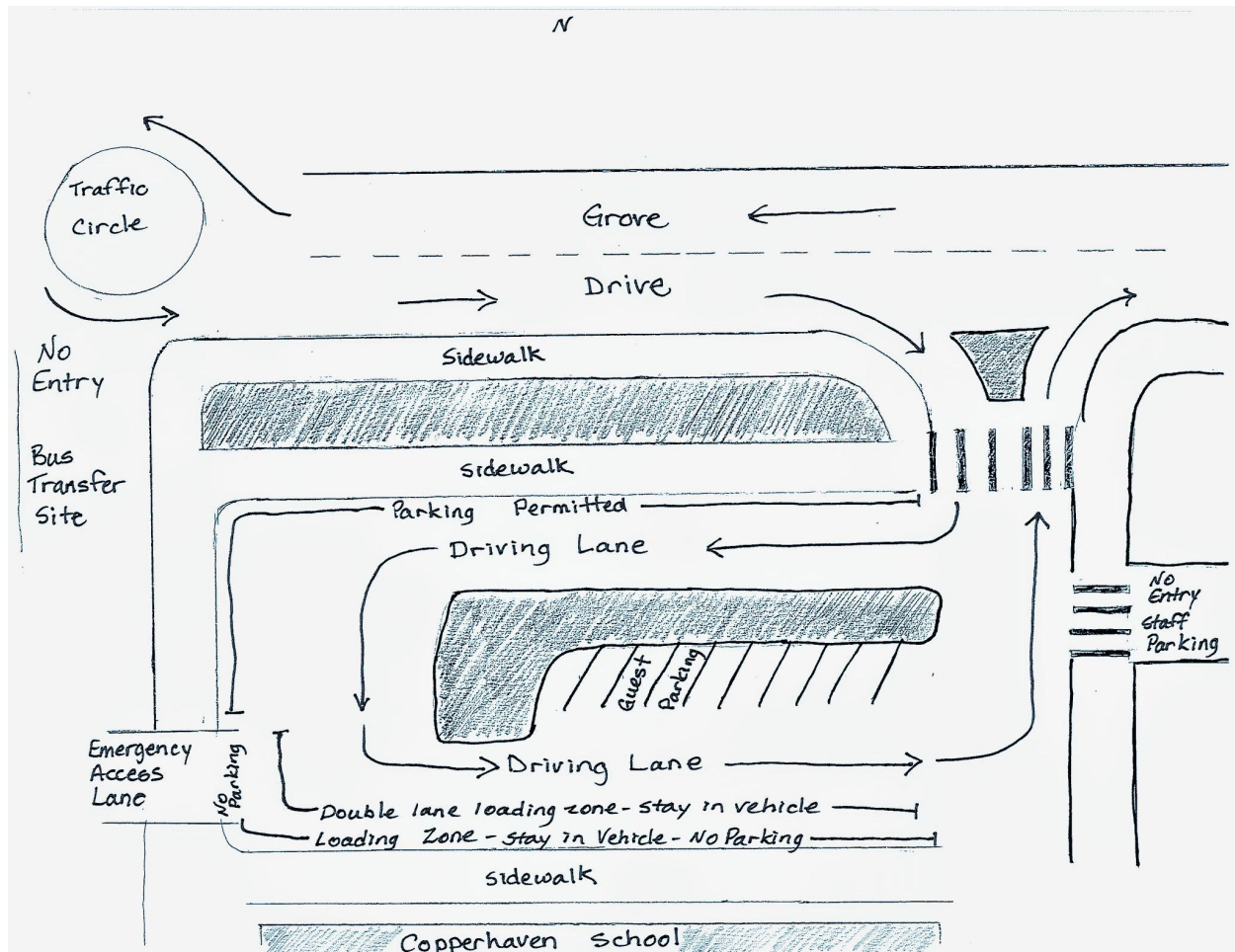
- Race #1: Duffield (at Grouse Nest Golf Course) – September 15
- Race #2: Woodhaven (at Brookwood School) – September 22
- Race #3: Entwistle – September 29
- Race #4: Meridian Heights – October 6
- Race #5: Blueberry – October 13
- Race #6: High Park – October 20

### **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 bring patience and be a positive role model for your children.
2. Consider drop off and pick up at the back of the school, accessed by entering via the Copperhaven neighborhood sign.
3. If possible, use active transportation to arrive at the school--walk, run, bike, scooter.
4. 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.

5. Below is 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.



### 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 2022/23 school year will be Wednesday, September 21st 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the School Library. The meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting** with elections for the school council executive. Positions to be filled 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](mailto:copperhaven.scchair@psd70.ab.ca).