

Copperhaven School Newsletter



Message from Administration

September 2025



Welcome everyone to the 2025-26 school year! We are excited to welcome back over 720 students to Copperhaven. We have many new staff and students in our building this year, and we encourage you to join us at our Meet the Staff night held September 4th at 5pm-6:30pm.

Our focus this school year is to continue to build excellence in academics and enhance the community of Copperhaven. Our detailed school plan can be found in the [2025-28 Development Plan](#) posted on our website.

In support of building community, monthly assemblies will be held to recognize students who exemplify the qualities of the Copperhaven Cobras. We look forward to acknowledging the positive characteristics we see in our students.

Qualities of COBRAS		
C	Cooperation	Working well with others and contributing to group success
O	Organization	Keeping materials, space, and time well managed
B	Bravery	Trying new things, standing up for what's right, and facing challenges with confidence.
R	Resilience	Bouncing back from setbacks and staying strong
A	Acceptance	Valuing differences and being inclusive
S	Social Responsibility	Acting in ways that benefit the community and others

September brings many opportunities for students to explore their passions through extra curricular activities including Choir, Band, Cross Country Running, and Volleyball. Students should watch our daily announcement slideshow for practice and tryout times. We are also excited to offer our Fine Arts programming and Career and Technology Foundation (CTF) courses to our Jr High students.

I would like to invite you to become involved in your child(ren)'s schooling by attending our first School Council Meeting of the year which will be held September 16th at 6:30pm in the library.

We appreciate your feedback. Please call, make an appointment to meet, or send us an email - we would love to hear from you.

Michelle Visscher - Principal Copperhaven School



***Copperhaven Administration
Team 2025-26 (Left to Right)***

***Mrs. Erin Chessor - Assistant Principal and
Inclusive Education Lead 5-9***

Mrs. Michelle Visscher - Principal

***Mrs. Donna Miners - Assistant Principal
and Inclusive Education Lead K-4***

Upcoming Dates

Stay informed of key dates by subscribing to the [school calendar](#).


Sept 4	Meet the Staff - 5-6:30pm
Sept 11	Cross Country Race # 1
Sept 15 & 16	Picture Day
Sept 16	School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library
Sept 18	Cross Country Race # 2
Sept 25	Cross Country Race # 3
Sept 26	PSD Orange Shirt Day
Sept 29	PD Day - No School for Students
Sept 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - No School for Students and Staff

Staff List 2025-26

Elementary		Junior High	
Mrs. Candice Masse	Kindergarten KA/KB	Ms. Sam Clarke-Davies	Grade 7C
Mrs. Brooke Kemp	Kindergarten KC	Mrs. Natalie Boldt	Grade 7B
Mrs. Jennifer Couch	Grade 1C	Mr. Jonathan MacGillivray	Grade 7M
Mrs. Krystal Theriault	Grade 1T	Ms. Jeannie McCorriston	Grade 8MK
Ms. Shannon Mercer	Grade 1M	Mme Jessie Krefting	Grade 8MK
Mrs. Crystal Adams	Grade 2A	Mr. Andy Goodspeed	Grade 8G
Ms. Sydney Melnyk	Grade 2M	Mrs. Shannon Lillywhite	Grade 8L
Mrs. Jasslyn Smok	Grade 2S	Mrs. Rebecca Rolfe	Grade 9R
Mrs. Crystal Doll	Grade 3D	Mr. Cody Schiltroth	Grade 9S
Ms. Kirby Jensen	Grade 3J	Specialists	
Mrs. Jill Worthington	Grade 3W	Mr. Steve McKenna	PE Director
Mrs. Kelly Gradidge	Grade 4G	Mr. Mark Loge	Music
Ms. Jordan Kause	Grade 4K	Mme Jessie Krefting	FSL 5-9
Mrs. Jennifer Vierboom	Grade 4/5V	Ms. Angela Maidens	Counselor
Mrs. Brogan Groves	Grade 5G	Mrs. Krista Sykes	Library Technician
Mr. Colin Jones	Grade 5J	Office Staff	
Miss Mya Baumle	Grade 5B	Mrs. Michelle Visscher	Principal
Mrs. Erin Awe	Grade 6A	Mrs. Donna Miners	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Lindsay Heemeryck	Grade 6H	Mrs. Erin Chessor	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Kathy Kennedy	Grade 6K	Mrs. Carolyn Velichko	Head Secretary
		Mrs. Stacey Sockman	Secretary

Custodial Staff			
Ms. Diane Martin	Head Custodian	Mr. Jason Baird	Custodian
Ms. Gloria Shessel	Custodian	Ms. Wilma Cabangon	Custodian

Mrs. Aiers	EA Support	Mrs. Stewart	EA Support
Mrs. Armstrong	EA Support	Mrs. Szoo	EA Support
Mrs. Cunningham	EA Support	Mrs. Wiens	EA Support
Mrs. Campbell	EA Support	Mrs. Noel	EA Support
Mrs. Chida	EA Support	Mrs. Koza	EA Support
Mrs. Jaeger	EA Support	Mrs. Schell	EA Support
Mrs. Melenna	EA Support		

Bell Schedule 2025-26		
8:45am	Supervision Begins	
8:55	Welcome Bell, Announcements	
9:00 - 9:40 am	Block 1	
9:40 - 10:20 am	Block 2	
10:20 - 10:30 am	Daily Physical Activity/Snack	
10:40 - 11:20 am	Block 3	
11:20 - 12:00 am	Block 4	
11:50am - 12:20 pm	Lunch Recess K-5; Lunch Eating 6-9	
12:20pm - 12:50 pm	Lunch Recess 6-9; Lunch Eating K-5	
12:50 - 1:30 pm	Block 5	
1:30 - 2:10 pm	Block 6	
2:10 - 2:25 pm	Recess	
2:25 - 3:05 pm	Block 7	
3:05 - 3:45 pm	Block 8	
3:45 pm	Dismissal Bell	
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Supervision	

Daily Schedule 2025-26

Copperhaven operates on a four day cycle with a Friday rotation.

Monday	Day 1
Tuesday	Day 2
Wednesday	Day 3
Thursday	Day 4
Friday	As per rotation (see school calendar)

Reporting an Absence

PSD Schools now use a [digital tool](#) to report student absences. Please do not phone or email the school to report an absence.

[SafeArrival](#) is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence. Absences may also be reported via the toll-free line: (833) 326-7959.

Code of Conduct

We encourage families to visit our website to familiarize themselves with our updated [Code of Conduct](#). This document provides guidance around student expectations along with technology guidelines and discipline policies.

School Fees

[School Fees](#) will be added to your child's Powerschool account in the upcoming weeks. Fees can be paid with a credit card online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/home.html>. In Powerschool, you can also see any fees that are added, such as Play Parkland, Sports teams fees etc, as well as your account balance.

Lunch Deliveries at Copperhaven - Restricted

We understand mornings can be busy, and lunch is an important part of every student's day. However, we are seeing a significant increase in third-party lunch deliveries (e.g. Skip the Dishes, DoorDash) to the school. These deliveries create substantial interruptions to the school day and place an added burden on our already busy office staff, who must stop their work to accept deliveries, locate students, and manage distribution.

To minimize disruptions and promote student responsibility, **we ask that families do not send lunch orders through delivery services to the school.** If a delivery does arrive, students will be required to eat their lunch in the office, and we will not be able to call them out of class early to pick it up.

If a student forgets their lunch, please know that our school has lunch options available to ensure no child goes hungry. We are happy to provide a simple, nutritious meal when needed. As part of encouraging independence and life skills, we also recommend supporting your child in learning how to prepare and pack their own lunches. This is a great step in building daily responsibility and healthy habits.

Here are some helpful links:

- [Unlock Food](#) - Packing Healthy School Lunches and Snacks FAQ
- [Canada Food Guide](#) – Healthy Lunchbox Ideas
- [Food for Good](#) - Checklist for Healthy Lunches



Stronger Together Newsletter

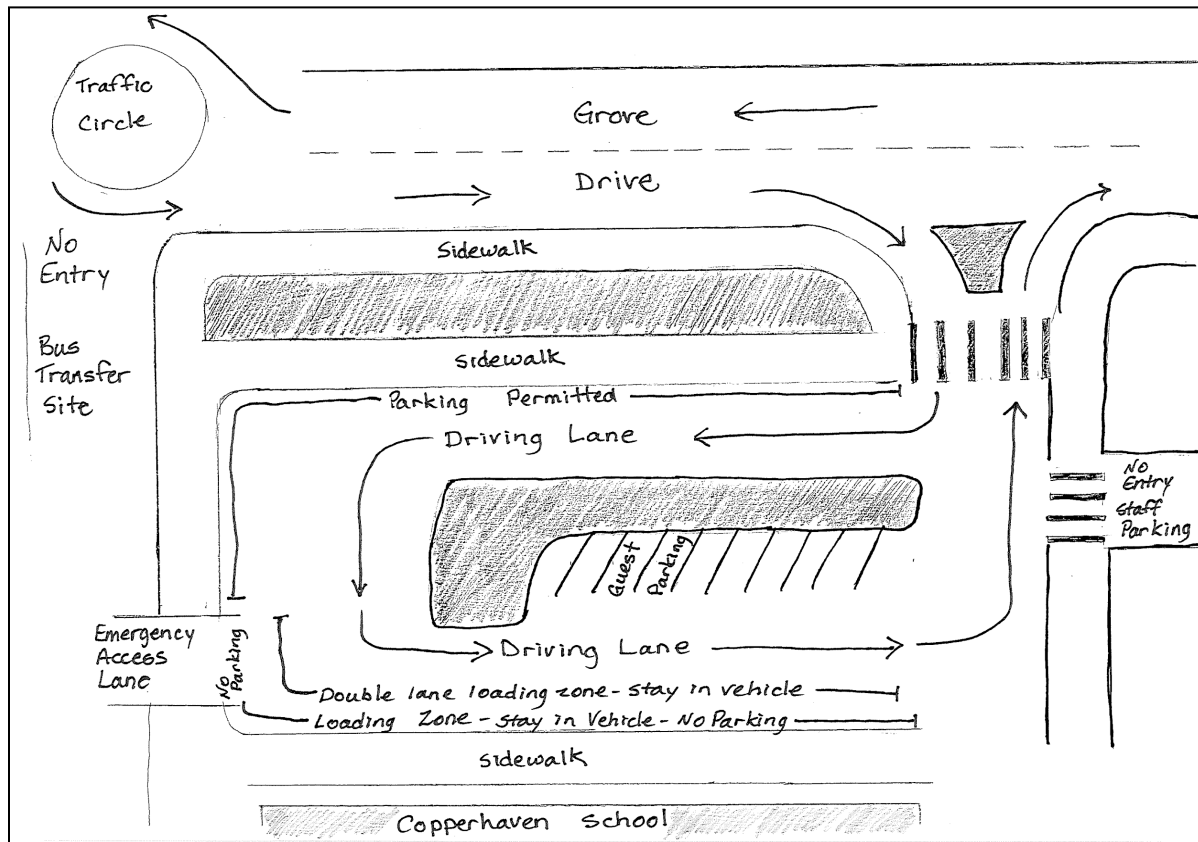
Each month, Parkland School Division's Student Services team compiles a newsletter for parents and guardians of students. Inside you will find information, opportunities and strategies to help you and your family connect with us on your child's educational journey. For the latest addition click [here](#).



Parking Lot

Thank you for your patience at drop-off and pick up times. We ask that you are mindful of the traffic flow and drop off lanes as outlined in the map below. Please note that the front of the school provides one loading zone lane and one drop off lane. Drivers MUST remain in vehicles in the drop off lane and loading zone. We recognize everyone's time is valuable, and our guidelines and supervisors are present to ensure student safety is first priority.

Please note that there is no parking at any time on Grove Drive and No Parent Parking/Drop Off in the Staff Parking Lot.



Bite to Eat (Hot Lunch Program)

Bite To Eat is excited to be back supporting Copperhaven's hot lunch program on Tuesdays and Fridays this year. With students having new teachers and grades, everyone will need to register for a new account with the access code BITE before ordering. We've had some construction delays in our new kitchen so until this is complete, we will be offering hot lunch every Friday and every other Tuesday. Hot lunch dates are clearly marked on the hot lunch website.

The September deadline is Friday, September 12th. Please visit biteto eat.ca under the Hot Lunch tab to place your orders. Hot lunch service will begin Tuesday, September 16th



School Council Update

Council hopes everyone has had a great summer filled with lots of adventures and memories! We're looking forward to the new school year and welcoming parents and guardians to join us at meetings this year. Our first meeting of the school year will be September 16, 2025 in the library at 6:30pm. This meeting will also be our Annual General Meeting - where we elect parents into the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- TBRA Liaison
- Secretary
- Communications Director

You don't have to take a position to participate in council meetings though! We would love to see parents at our meetings to provide input, hear updates from our trustees and admin team. We also have great opportunities to join some of our other committees: Special Events, Playground and Staff Appreciation.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, come chat with us at the Open House or reach out on social media or email! We would love to talk to you about the benefits and perks of being active with Copperhaven's School Council.

Sincerely,
Sheila, Amy, Pam and Kim

The Boundary Ridge Association (Fundraising) Update

Back to School, Back to Fundraising with The Boundary Ridge Association

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for an exciting school year ahead. As we return to school, our fundraising association is gearing up for another year of supporting our school.

Who is The Boundary Ridge Association (TBRA)

TBRA is Copperhaven's parent volunteer fundraising association. Our role is to raise funds that go directly toward enriching our children's school experience in a variety of ways.

Meet the Team

Our current executive positions include:

- Chair/President
- Vice-Chair/Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Our supporting positions include:

- Communications
- Apparel Coordinator
- Grant Coordinator
- Raffle Coordinator

- Event Coordinator
- Bottle Coordinator

We're always happy to welcome new faces to join us—whether in official roles or simply lending a hand when you can!

Hot Lunch Updates

Hot lunches are back! To start the year off they'll be offered on Fridays and every other Tuesday, please log in to <https://bitetoeat.ca/> to see available hot lunch dates. Ordering will open soon! Hot lunches are not only a student favorite but also one of our key fundraisers, so thank you for supporting this program.

Volunteers Needed – Casino Fundraiser

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up! We've been assigned casino dates on November 11, 2025 and November 12, 2025 at Century Casino in St. Albert.

We urgently need volunteers to fill shifts. No prior experience is required, and training is provided on-site. This fundraiser provides the bulk of our yearly budget, so if you can spare a shift, it makes a huge impact!

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please join us for our AGM on September 16, 2025 @ 8pm in the school library

This is a great opportunity to:

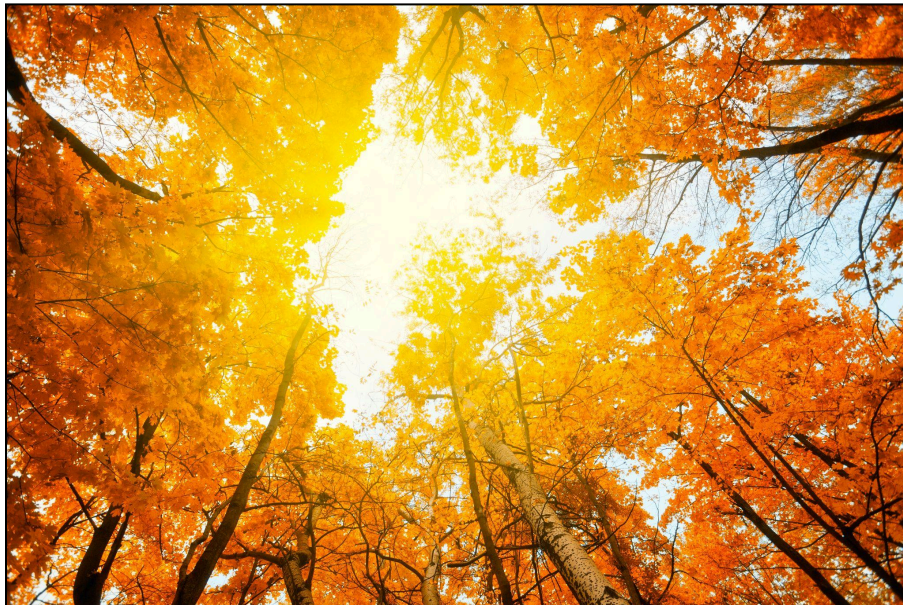
- Hear about what we accomplished last year
- Learn about upcoming plans
- Elect our new executive team
- Share your ideas and feedback

Everyone is welcome—your voice matters, and your involvement makes a difference.

How You Can Help

- Attend meetings and share your ideas
- Volunteer at events or fundraisers
- Spread the word about fundraisers

Together, we can make this year another great one for our students!



“The future belongs
to those who believe
in the beauty of
their dreams.” –
Eleanor Roosevelt