



EAGLE EXPRESS
Eastview Middle School
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Principal and Grade 8 Administrator: Darrin DeMale

WELCOME BACK and PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2025-26 school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining Eastview this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well! I am honored to be your principal. I have been an administrator for 18 years in Red Deer Public - five at Lindsay Thurber, ten at Central Middle School, and three at Eastview Middle. I am thrilled with the opportunities that we have planned for the students this coming year.

Our three main school goals this year include:

- An ongoing commitment to Excellence in Teaching with an emphasis on differentiated instruction with numerous teaching strategies.
- A continued focus on our comprehensive **Intervention Program** to address the learning gaps in Literacy and Numeracy of our students as needed.
- Creating an environment that promotes physical, mental, and emotional well-being for all members of our community. Through a variety of programs, clubs, and activities, we will encourage our students and staff to prioritize their well-being and cultivate a healthy lifestyle that will benefit them both now and in the future.

We are committed at Eastview Middle to working together to provide our students with a rich learning environment. My vision, as the principal, is to put kids first! My belief is that all students can learn. As educators, we need to discover how each child learns in order to differentiate our instruction to support diverse learning styles. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. My hope is that all children will enjoy school, and nurture a learning environment that is positive, safe, warm, caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community and this is **MOST** important now more than ever. It truly does take a village and at Eastview we value teamwork and collaboration! Education is a joint venture and Team Eastview greatly appreciates the support you provide for your children at home and at school to help them meet their learning goals.

Please make sure to take advantage of all of the avenues of communication that we offer.

- To start, the Eastview Middle School website is full of great information and we urge you to check the website often for news and updates.
<https://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/eastview>
- We utilize School Messenger on a regular basis to send important and timely information to parents.
- Please be sure to read our weekly newsletter, the "**Eagle Express**." All Eastview families will receive a Sunday email with the newsletter attached. This is our primary mode of communicating important announcements and event information to parents, and we appreciate you taking the time to "stay in the loop".

We are excited for the start of this year, and are dedicated to providing your child(ren) a memorable learning experience.

Sincerely,

Mr. DeMale

Principal

SCHOOL START UP INFORMATION

September 2nd is the first day of school for **ALL** students. **Grade 6 students ONLY** can enter the building at 8:30am to meet with our Grade 6 Vice Principal. Doors open for Grade 7 and 8 students at 8:55am.

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

- All students will attend (full day - 8:58am - 3:31pm)
- Red Deer Transit school route buses are running
- Class lists will be posted inside the front entrance and in the gym
- Students will go to the gymnasium to meet their teachers who will be standing by their class pylon
- Mr. DeMale will provide students a quick welcome before teachers escort their students to their homeroom classrooms for the day
- There will be an outside activity/snack time from 10:30 am - 10:45 am. Please send a snack with your student
- Lunch time will be from 12:13 PM - 1:03 PM - 20 minutes of eating time and a 30 minute activity time. Please send a nutritious lunch.
- Dismissal will be at 3:31 pm
- Bus passes will be distributed to students (if applicable and if the Transit Application has been filled out)
- Administrators will be available to walk students to the school bus stop on the first few days
- Students will be able to access their 2025/2026 schedule via PowerSchool starting on Monday, August 25th.

ADMINISTRATION

Each grade has a Grade Level Administrator. Please contact them if you require assistance.

Grade 6 – Mrs Christine F. Labrie (Vice-Principal)

Grade 7 – Mr. Mitch Irvine (Vice-Principal)

Grade 8 – Mr. Darrin Demale (Principal)

CELL PHONE POLICY

As we prepare for classes to begin, we want to remind you about the [Alberta Government's Ministerial Order](#) regarding [restrictions](#) on personal mobile devices and social media use in our schools. This order applies, not only to cell phones, but other devices including, but not limited to personal gaming devices, smart watches, and bluetooth capable headphones/earbuds.

- At Eastview, students can only use their personal devices from 8:30 - 8:58 am before school begins, and from 12:13 - 1:03 pm at lunch/activity time.
- At all other times, student devices are not permitted in classrooms or instructional areas and must be securely locked in school provided lockers.
- Students requiring access to a cell phone, smart watch or other device for medical needs or as part of their ISP will be provided an exemption through the school administration.

LIFETOUGH PHOTOS

Lifetouch photographers will be here Wednesday, **September 10th** for Picture Day! We are looking for a few parent volunteers for that day. If you are interested, please email rhonda.lyons@rdpsd.ab.ca or call the office at 403-343-2455.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to help make our Eastview Breakfast Program a success! Responsibilities include preparing, serving, and cleaning up breakfast for our students. The hours are **8:00-9:15 am** on school days, and the schedule is flexible - whether you can help **once a week, once a month**, or anything in between, we'd love to have you on board. Breakfast Program starts September 8th. Please call the office at 403-343-2455 or email rhonda.lyons@rdpsd.ab.ca if you can help out. We truly appreciate our Eagle Families and thank you in advance for making this program possible!

MEET THE TEACHER

We are hosting Meet the Teacher on Wednesday, September 10th from 6:00-7:00 pm, followed by our first School Council meeting of the year, beginning at 7:00 pm.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

[Here](#) is the 2025-26 school supply list. You can also find it on our Eastview Middle School website under the **Parents** heading - **School Resources** tab.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please review the Eastview Middle School [Student Handbook](#) for information your student needs for the coming school year. We will be reviewing it in class, but this is also a helpful resource for parents.

BUS PASSES

Bus passes will be given out to students who qualify on the first day of school. This is only if families have filled out the Transit Pass Application form on PowerSchool. An email was sent out last week with information on how to see if your student qualifies for a school issued transit pass and how to apply. Students will be able to ride the bus on the first few days of school without a pass. Please contact tina.johnson@rdpsd.ab.ca with any questions.

RED DEER TRANSIT



Take a look at the Red Deer Transit website so your student knows where and what time to catch their bus. [Click here](#) for their mobile-friendly website or access the regular transit website [here](#).

PARENT DROP OFF and PICK UP

Before and after school are very busy times at Eastview. We encourage parents/guardians to avoid using our front driveway as a drop-off and pick-up location. The driveway is used by school buses, and is also a fire lane so therefore should not be blocked. **If you are using the lane for a quick drop off, please remain in your vehicle, stay on the right hand side of the road, drop off your student quickly, and then exit the lane.** We recommend and appreciate parents using 38a Avenue, allowing your student to walk across the field to the school.

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

If your student will be away from school, please notify the school office directly. You can:

- Call the school at 4045-45343-2455 and follow the prompts to leave a message on our Eastview Attendance Line
- Email us at: evattendance@rdpsd.ab.ca

While you may choose to inform your child's homeroom teacher, please note that attendance is often taken in a different class. To ensure accurate records, it's best to use our dedicated attendance line or email. These services are available 24 hours a day, and you're welcome to report absences in advance. If we do not receive prior notification, you will receive an automated phone call in the morning and again after lunch. Thank you for helping us keep our attendance records accurate.

EDDIE'S SNACK SHACK

Eddie's Snack Shack will open for business on September 9th. This year, Taco in a Bag and Grilled Cheese sandwiches will no longer be served weekly. Instead, there will be a special food item featured once per month in addition to the snacks and drinks offered on a daily basis.

MUSTARD SEED LUNCH PROGRAM

The Mustard Seed will again be providing lunches for students **in need** this year. If you require a lunch for your student, please call Mrs Lyons in the office at 403-343-2455 or email rhonda.lyons@rdpsd.ab.ca. Due to increased demand, the Mustard Seed will only provide a limited number of lunches and only students whose families have called or emailed will be provided with a lunch.

ATHLETICS

Our Athletics program kicks off with the Dawe Run on September 16th and Volleyball season starting shortly. Senior Boys start volleyball tryouts on September 3, from 3:30-5pm, Senior Girls have their first volleyball tryout on September 4, from 3:30-5pm,

ON THE CALENDAR-stay tuned for updates

[Eastview Calendar link](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5
 LABOUR DAY NO SCHOOL	DAY 1 FIRST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS	DAY 2 Sr Boys Volleyball Tryouts - 3:30-5pm	DAY 1 Townhall - 9:00am Sr Girls Volleyball Tryouts - 3:30-5pm	DAY 2 Sr Boys Volleyball Tryouts - 7-8:30am
MONDAY 8	TUESDAY 9	WEDNESDAY 10	THURSDAY 11	FRIDAY 12
DAY 1 Breakfast Program starts!	DAY 2 Eddie's Snack Shack opens! Jazz Band starts 12:13-1:00pm Rock Band starts 3:30-4:45	DAY 1 Picture Day! Instrument Rental Information Night - 5:30-6:00 pm Meet the Teacher - 6-7pm School Council - 7pm	DAY 2 Jazz Band 12:13-1:00pm	DAY 1
MONDAY 15	TUESDAY 16	WEDNESDAY 17	THURSDAY 18	FRIDAY 19
DAY 2	DAY 1 Jazz Band 12:13-1:00pm Rock Band	DAY 2	DAY 1 Jazz Band 12:13-1:00pm	Staff Learning Day No school for students

	3:30-4:45			
MONDAY 22	TUESDAY 23	WEDNESDAY 24	THURSDAY 25	FRIDAY 26
DAY 2	DAY 1 Jazz Band 12:13-1:00pm Rock Band 3:30-4:45	DAY 2	DAY 1 Jazz Band 12:13-1:00pm	DAY 2 Terry Fox run and lunch BBQ
MONDAY 29	TUESDAY 30	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY 3
DAY 1 Orange Shirt Day	NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION No School	DAY 1	DAY 2 Jazz Band 12:13-1:00pm	DAY 1

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