



EAGLE EXPRESS
Eastview Middle School
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WELCOME BACK/PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Eastview Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026–27 school year!

A special welcome goes out to all of the new families joining the Eastview community this year. To our returning families, welcome back—we are so glad to have you with us again. I am truly honoured to serve as your principal and to be part of such a wonderful school community.

This year marks my 20th year as an administrator with Red Deer Public Schools, including five years at Lindsay Thurber, ten years at Central Middle School, and five years here at Eastview Middle School. I continue to feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such dedicated staff, students, and families. I am especially excited about the opportunities and experiences we have planned for our students this year.

Our Focus for the Year

As we look ahead, we will continue to focus on three important priorities:

- **Excellence in Teaching:** We will continue to strengthen our teaching practices, with a particular focus on differentiated instruction and using a variety of strategies to meet the diverse learning needs of our students.
- **Literacy and Numeracy:** We will continue our comprehensive **Intervention Program** to identify and address learning gaps in literacy and numeracy, ensuring that students receive the support they need to be successful.
- **Well-Being:** We will work together to create an environment that supports the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of everyone in our community. Through clubs, activities, athletics, and a variety of school programs, we want to encourage our students and staff to make their well-being a priority and develop healthy habits that will serve them well both now and in the future.

At Eastview, we believe that **kids come first**. I believe every student can learn, and it is our responsibility as educators to get to know our students, understand how they learn best, and provide the support and opportunities they need to thrive.

Our goal is to create a school that is positive, safe, welcoming, caring—and yes, fun! We want Eastview to be a place where students feel a sense of belonging, are encouraged to take risks in their learning, build meaningful relationships, and look forward to coming to school each day.

It Takes a Team

Student success is built on strong relationships and partnerships, and that is more important than ever. It truly does take a village to support a child, and at Eastview, we value teamwork and collaboration.

Education is a partnership between students, families, and the school. Team Eastview greatly appreciates the support you provide at home and at school as we work together to help your child reach their goals and discover their strengths.

Communication is an important part of that partnership, so please take advantage of the many ways we keep families informed:

- **Eastview Middle School Website:** Our website is filled with helpful information, news, and updates. We encourage you to check it regularly: [Eastview Middle School Website](#)
- **SchoolMessenger:** We use SchoolMessenger regularly to share important and timely information with families.
- **The Eagle Express:** Please watch for our weekly **Eagle Express** newsletter, which is emailed to all Eastview families each Sunday evening. This is our primary way of sharing important announcements, upcoming events, and other information from the school. We appreciate you taking a few minutes each week to stay in the loop!

We are excited to begin another great year at Eastview Middle School. Our staff is committed to making this a memorable, meaningful, and successful year for every student.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being an important part of **Team Eastview**.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

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Darrin DeMale
Principal
Eastview Middle School

ADMINISTRATION

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

Grade 6 – Ms. Jessica Mask (Vice-Principal)

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

Grade 8 – Mr. Darrin Demale (Principal)

SCHOOL START UP INFORMATION

August 31st is the first day of school for **ALL** students. Staff will be outside to greet students at 8:45am.

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

- Red Deer Transit school route buses are running - students do NOT need a bus pass to ride on the first day of school. Students will receive bus passes on the first day if their family has filled out the bus pass form on PowerSchool
- All students will attend (full day - 8:58am - 3:31pm)
- 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 2026/2 schedule via PowerSchool starting on Tuesday, August 25th.

CELL PHONE POLICY

As we prepare for classes to begin, we want to remind you about the Alberta Government 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 9th** 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.

BUS PASSES

Bus passes will be given out on the first day of school to students whose addresses qualify for transportation and whose families have filled out the Red Deer Transit Pass Application form on PowerSchool. An email was sent out on Friday with information on how to see if your student qualifies for a 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](#).

BREAKFAST PROGRAM-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to help make our Eastview Breakfast Program a success! Responsibilities include: ordering and putting away groceries on a weekly basis as well as preparing, serving, and cleaning up breakfast daily. 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!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Here is the [2026-27 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.

MEET THE TEACHER

We are hosting Meet the Teacher on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:00-7:00 pm. All families are welcome to attend.

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 403-343-2455 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 different classes. 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 8th. This year we will offer snacks and drinks 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 Volleyball tryouts starting shortly. Please stay tuned for updates on tryout dates and times.

ON THE CALENDAR-stay tuned for updates

[Eastview Calendar link](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

MONDAY AUGUST 31	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4
DAY 1 FIRST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS Term 1 Begins Period Order 1234 567	DAY 2	DAY 1 Townhall - 9:00am	DAY 2	DAY 1
MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11
 LABOUR DAY No School	DAY 2 First Day of Breakfast Program! Eddie's Snack Shack opens!	DAY 1 Picture Day! School Council - 7pm - Library	DAY 2	DAY 1
MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18
DAY 2 Scholastic Book Fair Week	DAY 1	DAY 2 Meet the Teacher - 6:00-7:00pm	DAY 1	Staff Learning Day No school for students
MONDAY 21	TUESDAY 22	WEDNESDAY 23	THURSDAY 24	FRIDAY 25
DAY 2	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 1	DAY 2 Terry Fox run and lunch BBQ
MONDAY 28	TUESDAY 29	WEDNESDAY 30	THURSDAY OCTOBER 1	FRIDAY 2
DAY 1	DAY 2 Orange Shirt Day	NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION No School	DAY 1	DAY 2

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