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Hays School Newsletter JUNE 2021

## HAYS SCHOOL MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents,

It is June already, hard to believe! My goodness the year is flying by. Just a few notes of things going on. Friday May 28 we are setting up our Community Garden's. Each class has a 4ft X 4ft garden box to put together, shovel the dirt into and then plant the things they want in their garden. We hope to improve our garden every year.

Other activities going on are that we are planning awards day and a BBQ for the last day of school June 18, 2021. Due to current restrictions we are planning a drive in program with pre-packaged meals for each family member.

I am pleased to announce that our teaching staff for next year is much the same. We say good-bye to Mrs. Mack as she has a job in Taber at L.T. Westlake School. We wish her all the best and we know we will miss her greatly. Have a great new adventure Mrs. Mack!

**Hays School 2021-2022**  
Pre-school/Kindergarten/Grade 1: Mr. Doug Kenney  
Grade 2/3: Mrs. Tracey Nadeau  
Grade 4/5/6: Mrs. Melissa Duckett  
Grade 7/8/9: Mr. Poettcher

**Staff Support Staff:**  
Mrs. Sharla Lindsay: Secretary  
Mrs. Kala Howg: Librarian  
Mrs. Monique Huvenaars: Snack  
Mrs. Tracy Sidam: Assistant  
New Hire: Assistant  
Mrs. Elizabeth Klassen: German Teacher  
Miss Mary Elias: Pre-School Assistant  
Mrs. Tara Odland: Counsellor (once/week)

There will be a 0.24 person to be hired to teach Thursdays when Mrs. Nadeau has admin time, prep time and LST time. This person will be hired soon and we will let all the parents know who it is. Thank you for supporting our school. We love Hays School and our staff is so happy to be part of the Hays Community.

Hope our seeding and planting of crops will be successful-happy gardening everyone!

Tracey Nadeau  
Principal Hays School

**Just a note: Father's Day AND the first day of summer both land on June 20th this year!**



SUPERHERO/  
VILLIAN DAY  
JUNE 1

ICE CREAM  
SANDWICHES  
JUNE 3

12:30PM  
DISMISSAL  
JUNE 11

WEAR TIE DYE  
JUNE 15

LAST DAY OF  
SCHOOL  
AWARDS/BBQ  
JUNE 18

Hays School  
205 2nd avenue  
Hays, Alberta  
T0K 1B0

**HOT LUNCH/BBQ**

**JUNE 18TH**

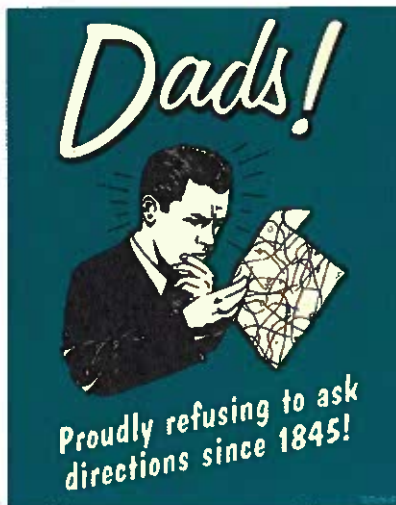
**THANK YOU  
TRACEY NADEAU**

**THANK YOU**

**MONIQUE HUVENAARS FOR  
MAY'S TACO SOUP**

Why do fathers who golf take an extra pair  
of socks?

In case they get a hole in one!



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL JUNE 18TH**

JOIN US FOR OUR SCHOOL AWARDS AND ANNUAL BBQ

WE ARE HAVING A DRIVE IN PROGRAM

EACH FAMILY WILL ATTEND BUT REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES. A SPEAKER SYSTEM WILL BE USED SO YOU CAN HEAR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

AN ORDER FORM WILL GO HOME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ORDER FOOD FROM THE BBQ AND THEN YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WILL DELIVER THE MEAL TO THE VEHICLE AND EAT WITH YOU

9:45AM - ARRIVE AND FIND A PARKING SPOT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SCHOOL

10:00AM - AWARDS

11:00AM - BBQ

12:00PM - STUDENTS GATHER BELONGINGS AND REPORT CARDS

12:30PM - DISMISSAL

**SCHOOL SPIRIT FOR JUNE**

**DRESS LIKE A SUPERHERO/VILLIAN - JUNE 1**

**WEAR TIE DYE - JUNE 15**

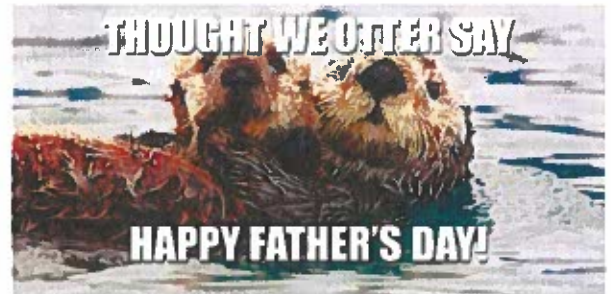


**Report Cards will be given  
out on the last day of  
school - Friday June 18th**

**FIRST DAY BACK TO  
SCHOOL IS TUESDAY  
AUGUST 31, 2021**



We are going to miss you Mrs. Mack! Thank you for all that you have done with your students and for the school while being here at Hays. We wish you all the best at L.T. Westlake in Taber. They are VERY lucky to have you.



Mrs. Kyla Hirsch has gone on maternity leave. Her baby is due in June. We wish her all the best. We can't wait to meet your new bundle of joy!

Mrs. Marilyn Doerksen and Mrs. Lynn Rattai are covering her position for the remainder of this school year. Thank you ladies! A new assistant will be hired for the 2021/2022 school year.

We want to thank all of you parents for your continued support and positive attitude this year. It has been an unusual and difficult year for the students, staff and you. Thank you for working with us to help make your child successful while learning from home. Thank you for support with the restrictions put in place. Fingers crossed restrictions start lifting this summer and we can return to some pre-Covid conditions.



Congratulations to Jacob Siemens on his Club Champion Steer!



# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 School Spirit Superhero/ Villain Day	2	3 Happy Birthday Logan Szigli  Ice Cream Sandwiches	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7 Staff Meeting 3:45pm  PAA Meeting 7pm	8	9	10	11 12:30pm Dismissal  Happy Birthday Sebastian Teichroeb	12
13	14	15 School Spirit Wear Tie Dye	16	17	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AWARDS/BBQ  Happy Birthday Mrs. Lindsay	19 
20 	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Mrs. Duckett	25	26
27	28	29	30		July Bday's  5 <sup>th</sup> – Eva Wolf 9 <sup>th</sup> – Isaak Wiebe 12 <sup>th</sup> – Cristina Giesbrecht 18 <sup>th</sup> – Christina Funk 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Willy Friesen	



## Walk and roll with your kids during COVID-19

Spring is in the air, and kids and adults alike are eager to get outside. There's never been a better time to dust off the bike or lace up the running shoes! This May, get your family moving with **active travel**. It's about using human-powered ways to go from one place to another—walking or running, or using gear like bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, strollers, and wheel chairs.

Active travel with kids can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be! Here are some family-friendly tips to help you walk or wheel with confidence. As you head out, be sure to follow [current public health guidance](#).

### Plan Ahead

Brainstorm with your kids about places you can

walk or wheel instead of drive. For example:

- Bike or scooter to school or childcare, or to a nearby park or playground.
- Walk to get groceries or take-out.
- Drive or take transit part of the way to work, and walk the rest.
- Try out a new bike pathway, hiking trail, or skate park in your local area.
- Think about your route and points of interest along the way, like landmarks, murals and art, parks, benches, and picnic spots.
- [Dress and pack for the weather](#) and activity. Active travel is possible in all seasons—even in Alberta! Consider

# Healthy Children

items such as locks, water and snacks that you may want to bring.

## Travel Safely

- Consider lighting, sidewalks and pathways on your route. Avoid busy high-speed roads and use marked crossings.
- Wear the right gear for your activity such as helmets, pads, and proper footwear. Check to make sure your equipment is in good working order before you head out.
- Put your phone and headphones or ear buds away while travelling so that you can be aware of your surroundings.
- Review the rules of the road and pathways.

## Give it a Try

- Get out and see where you can go within a few kilometers of your house. Start small and work up to bigger trips. [Explore Your 2.4](#) has great ideas to help families get moving using mapping technology.
- If you're planning an active trip to school, do a trial run on a weekend to get to know the route and how long it takes.
- Tap into kids' creativity to turn active travel into a fun adventure or game. Ask for their ideas, like puddle jumping, scavenger hunts or a friendly race. [My Active Family Bucket List](#) may help to inspire them!
- Set goals as a family. Starting with short, simple trips can build your confidence to take longer trips later! You could aim for active travel a few times per week. Or try walking a few kilometers every evening, until you've reached the total distance

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between Banff and Lake Louise (58 km), or between Calgary and Edmonton (300 km).

- Be realistic about what works for your family. Active travel doesn't have to be for every day or for all trips.

## Build Community

- Active travel with friends and family can help us stay connected and can be a safe and healthy way to physically distance. Be sure that all active travelers follow [current public health guidance](#)!
- Help spruce up your local area for active travel. Clean up garbage and graffiti, or add flowers, plants, and outdoor art. Ask about getting bike, skateboard and scooter racks installed at community locations.
- Get involved with active travel planning at your school, workplace, or community.

Active travel as a family is a great way to keep active, reduce the stress of commuting, and experience the benefits of being outside. With a little planning, your family can walk or wheel into an active spring!

Visit [My Health Alberta](#) for more tips:

- [Bike and small wheeled recreation safety for youth](#)
- [In-line skating, skateboarding, and scooter riding](#)



## Walk. Roll. Repeat. Active travel for teens during COVID-19

After a winter like no other, it may feel like your teen is finally coming out of hibernation. Longer, brighter days are here, and there's never been a better time to help them explore **active travel**. It's about using human-powered ways to go from one place to another – walking or running, or using gear like bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, and wheel chairs.

Active travel can help teens build skills they can use for life, like planning and time management. It can also help them gain independence, and find joy in physical activity.

Here's what teens can do to walk or wheel this summer, and what you can do to help. As you head out, be sure to follow [current public health](#)

[guidance](#) in your local area.

### Make a plan

Let your teen brainstorm some ideas for active travel. For example, they could:

- Bike or scooter to a nearby park or field.
- Walk to get groceries or take-out for the family.
- Drive or take transit part of the way to school, and walk the rest.
- Try out a new bike pathway, hiking trail, or skate park in your local area.

Help them think through the route they'll use, and the time it will take to get there.

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Your teen may need your advice to avoid busy, high-speed roads, and find safer routes (like those with marked crossings, pathways, sidewalks, and good lighting). Help them get familiar with points along the way, like parks and picnic areas, murals and art, and other landmarks.

## Travel smart

Put your teen in charge when it comes to getting their active travel gear together, and have them make sure everything is in good working order. Give them a chance to show what they know, and how they're capable of making safe choices. Here are some important things to talk through:

- Rules of the road and pathways, and expected behaviour.
- How to limit distractions, like by putting phones, headphones or earbuds away, and keeping eyes up.
- [Public health measures in place](#), like maintaining physical distance.
- The gear they'll need to keep them safe, like a [bike helmet that fits](#), [clothes that suit the weather](#), and appropriate footwear. It's also a good idea to bring water and a lock for their wheels.

## Give it a go

Try active travel as a family. Explore different ways of moving, and check out different routes – it can be as simple as getting off the bus a stop or two early, and walking the rest of the way. Active travel is a great way to bring your family together, and can be a safe and healthy way to physically distance. (Be sure that all active travelers follow [current](#)

[public health guidance](#)).

Give your teen a chance to try active travel on their own. They can start small and work up to bigger trips. [Explore Your 2.4](#) has great tips to get teens moving with mapping technology.

Set realistic goals for active travel. It may not work for every day or every trip, but it can be doable a few times a week! Your teen might enjoy the challenge of trying to reach a certain distance over time, like adding up short nightly walks until they've reached the distance between Banff and Lake Louise (58km) or Calgary and Edmonton (300 km).

## Step it up

Young people have a lot to say about the things that matter to them. Listen to your teen's ideas about how to make active travel more appealing in your community. Help them connect with others who share their passion. For example, they could:

- Join community clean ups or take part in outdoor art projects.
- Advocate for bike, scooter, and skateboard storage racks in public places.
- Support active travel planning at school.

For safety tips to explore with your teen, check out [My Health Alberta](#):

- [Bike and small wheeled recreation safety for youth](#)
- [In-line skating, skateboarding, and scooter riding](#)