

Val Marie School Newsletter

We're Going Back To School



Principal's Message

Welcome Back everyone! The school year has started and we have hit the ground running. Students began their first day of school on Sept. 2nd. We would like to welcome the following Kindergarten students to our school; Kaydence Glas, Sofia Armstrong, and Jacques Engelbrecht. We would also like to welcome Mr. Spencer Davis (Middle Years Homeroom teacher), and Carlena Acker (Bus Driver) to our school team. Kim Duquette will continue to fill the Student Services Role for this school year and Judy Gunter is our temporary Office Manager while January has a bit of rest and recovery time.

September is a busy month with getting back into routine, new opportunities and new challenges. Covid 19 continues to rear its ugly head and while certain restrictions are still in place, I am happy to report that many of the "normal" activities are back. Extra curricular activities are happening once again. Our school has 8 excited cross country runners who will begin practices and competitions shortly. Microwaves are also back! Students can once again enjoy their lunches warmed up. Access to the school by parents and community remains limited, but is not restricted. Please phone to make an appointment. Other activities this month include our upcoming Terry Fox Run (Sept. 28th), Chinook Virtual Career Expo for grade 10-12 students (Sept. 29th) and Truth & Reconciliation Day (Sept. 30th). School Pictures will be Tuesday October 12, right after the Thanksgiving long weekend.

The K-4 class has started their phenology wheels which will help them track a full year of weather. They are learning about classifying living things in their catch and release grasshopper program and are exploring "shelfies", which if you didn't know the term, refers to a bookshelf selfie. They are very excited about their new desk "pets"/ buddies. Please ask them for more details. The Grade 5-9 class have been doing creativity tests in art. They have been researching and discussing their favourite moment in history in social studies as well as sharpening their frisbee skills in P.E. The high school students are just getting started in their DL (distance learning) classes this week. They are learning about chemical reactions in physical science as well as measurement and trigonometry in math. They will be helping to organize some student leadership activities as well as The Terry Fox Run later this month.

If you haven't found the Val Marie School on Facebook yet, please check us out and watch for reminders and updates on our social media page. Here's to some beautiful fall days ahead and hopefully some rain!

~ Mrs. S Legault





Welcome to
Kindergarten!

Sofia Armstrong
Jacques Engelbrecht
Kaydence Glas

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Alec - September 1

Dominic – September 11

Janine - September 14

Twila - September 22

Jacques – September 25

Gracie - September 26

We would like to extend a
Big Mustang Welcome to
Mr. Spencer Davis who is the
Middle Years Homeroom Teacher,
Kim Duquette who is our
Student Counselor
and
Carlena Acker our new
Bus Driver

Get Well
Soon
January,
We Miss
You!!!

Hello!

My name is Mr. Davis and I am incredibly excited to join the staff at Val Marie School! I originally grew up in Shaunavon Sk, and attended the University of Regina where I received my education and Kinesiology degrees. I love playing, watching and coaching many different sports. In my spare time you will often find me with either a guitar or a fishing pole in my hands. I cannot wait to see what this year holds!



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

OPEN TO GRADES 1-12

PRACTICES BEGIN THURSDAYS AT LUNCH

**CONTACT MRS. BEAUCHAMP ABOUT JOINING
THE TEAM**



FYI



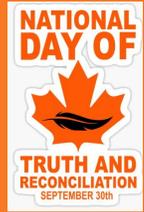
Morning playground supervision

starts@ 8:30 a.m.



**REMINDER FOR STUDENTS
IN GRADE 5 AND UP TO
PLEASE BRING ACTIVEWEAR
(SHORTS/JOGGERS/
SWEATPANTS/TSHIRT,
RUNNERS) FOR PHYSICAL
EDUCATION, AS WELL AS
DEODORANT FOR
AFTERWARDS.**

WEAR ORANGE ON SEPT 30
Truth and Reconciliation Day



Terry Fox Run

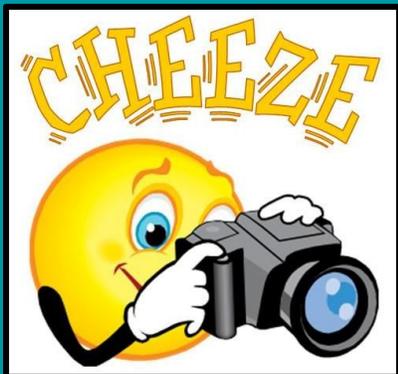
September 28th

**Pledge forms and
details will be sent
out soon**

**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO SEND WARM
CLOTHES AS THE
TEMPERATURES
COOL OFF**



*Mom's Pantry forms will be
sent out in October*



**Picture Day
Tuesday,
October 12th**

Meet the Student Services Counsellor

A little about me:

Hi! My name is Kimberly Duquette. I am the Student Services Counsellor for Val Marie School for the 2021-2022 school year. I have lived in Val Marie for over 20 years and enjoy my time with my husband and three grown children ranching and farming in the area. My interests include playing with my three dogs and three cats, reading and spending time hiking and running trails in the outdoors

What do I do in your school?

As a Registered Social Worker, I have a Bachelor of Social Work degree and my career has been focused in the field of Mental Health. In my role as a Student Services Counsellor for Val Marie, Hodgeville, Vanguard and Frontier Schools, I provide a safe, caring and confidential environment where I connect with students when they are going through tough experiences socially and emotionally at or outside of school. My role allows me to help students in experiencing enjoyment and a sense of belonging and support in our schools.

Students can be referred to see me by a school staff member, a parent, or the student themselves. You can contact me at kduquette05@chinooksd.ca or contact your school directly.