

Eagle Butte Bulletin

September 2023 🌞

"Roots to know where home is, wings to fly away and exercise what's been taught them."

- Jonas Salk

Hello 🖐️ ! Welcome to another year of the Eagle Butte Bulletin. This month, we're hoping to help you be ready for the start of school and put your mind at ease. This newsletter will be a WONDERFUL resource for you throughout the school year and you can always come back to it - the link stays live all year long!

Don't Miss:

A new Code in PowerSchool "PED" 🗨️

Agenda Info - New Policies & Signing 📝

Counsellor's Corner: Post-Secondary Deadlines Come Quickly 🕒



Get going at EBHS...

Attendance

Parents need to excuse any/all class absences or there will be an automated call home.

**Please use our 24-hour attendance line at
403-528-1996 ext.8**

1 School Fees

School Fees are due September 29th via School Cash Online - if you need to make other arrangements, call the Business Office at 403-528-1996 ext. 2004

2 TAG & Agenda

Students need their Agenda to sign in/out of TAG. Friday, students who are done all assignments, passing and have all absences excused can FLEX for a long lunch.

**NO ABSCENCES WILL BE EXCUSED ON FRIDAY
MORNINGS FOR FLEX**

3 PowerSchool & Parent Portal

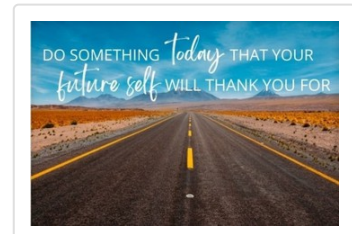
Students and parents can see assignments, grades and absences through the PowerSchool Portal. If you need help connecting to the Parent Portal, call 403-528-1996 ext. 2004

4 Connect on Social

Don't miss out on what's going on - follow us on Facebook, Twitter &/or Instagram

Excellence & Accountability ✨

Perseverance, Enthusiasm, Innovation, Respect, Inclusion, Service... these are just a few of the core values that we know contribute to the positive and engaging learning environment at EBHS.



Success does not happen by accident. As your administrators and teachers, we are committed to help your student(s) realize their full potential and write their own success story while here with us.

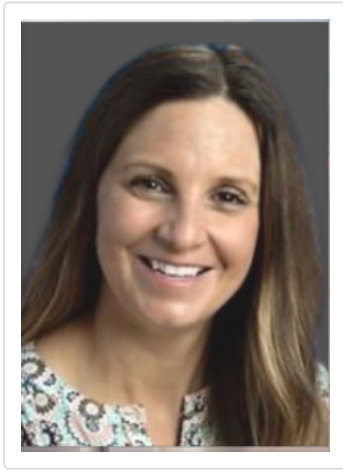
Here's a few things that can help:

- **Attend All Your Classes** - Yes, we know that life happens. You may have to miss a day for a dental appointment or another reason, but believe us when we say that being in the classroom is your best strategy for success. If you're not convinced, here's some more details to chew on: [10 Facts About School Attendance](#)
- **Submit Your Own Work** - If you haven't yet heard how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the face of technology, chances are your student is aware of this powerful new tool. AI has many incredible uses and applications - but using it to do your schoolwork for you is not one of them. You're here to learn to be an *independent thinker*, lend *your voice* to the conversation and show us *your creativity*. If you have any questions about our commitment to Academic Honesty, please see page 25 in the Student Agenda provided to each student.
- **Compete With Yourself** - It's going to help you keep perspective if you realize that you're in a race of your own. Improvements - big and small - all count as progress. In life, you will always encounter someone smarter, stronger, faster than you - celebrate their success with them, and seek your own growth. You'll become a far better learner when you follow this advice. A great way to start is setting your own goals for the year - check out page 39 in your Agenda as a launch pad for starting to think about what you want to achieve.
- **Get Involved** - You've no doubt heard about IQ, but do you know about EQ or your Emotional Quotient? This is the learning that happens to help you have self-awareness and can manage relationships. These skills are learned best not in the classroom but in social settings. Sports, student council, clubs, extracurricular activities - all of these will help you boost your EQ. Employers are being more selective in hiring for EQ than ever before and it will serve you far past your high school years.
- **Stay In The Know** - You'll get the Butte Bulletin once per month - please take a second to make us a safe sender or add us to your "priority" folder. Important dates, school life and community information will all be included as it relates to our students. As always, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your school counsellor, teacher or the school. It is also a great idea to [Follow us on Facebook](#) for any up to the minute info.

Welcome to all of our new students and families this year and a warm welcome back to all of our returning students. We're excited for another incredible chapter in the Eagle Butte story.

- Rocheal Howes, Principal

Meet Your Admin Team



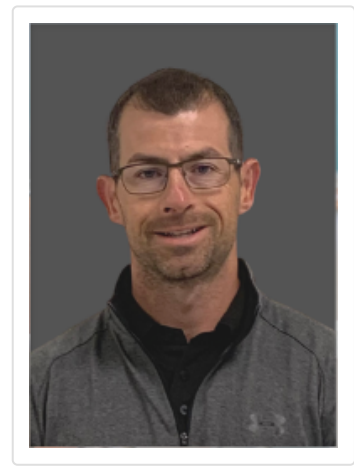
Rocheal Howes

Principal



Greg Elgie

Vice-Principal



Lyall Foran

Vice-Principal

Welcome to our many new staff this year! We're glad to have you on board.

[Click Here for Staff Directory/Contact Information](#)

! NEW ! - "PED" Code for Student Assignments

You and your student(s) may notice a new code in PowerSchool this year - **Past Extended Deadline (PED)**.

Learning has many facets, and we feel that our students are best served when we do our best to emulate the expectations that they will face once they leave our doors and go out into post-secondary studies and the workforce. As the training grounds for life beyond high-school, we realize that time-management and deadlines are expectations they need to be prepared for, and we want to set them up for success in every way.

At the discretion of the teacher, when students show no progress or refuse reasonable measures to help them complete any given assignment - a teacher may use this code to reflect that ***this assignment will not longer be accepted for grading and will receive a mark of "0"***. We understand the seriousness of this code and its implications and we want all parents to be forewarned that this will be issued with great care and consideration, and we ask you to please partner with us when we contact you about any concerns about missing assignments - our focus is the success of your student.

EBHS EAGLE BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL

Are You Signed Up??



Parent PowerSchool

Why?

- Access report cards
- View student attendance
- View assignments and marks

How?

Call

403-528-1996 ext. 2004 or
email: vickielgie@prrd8.ca



SchoolCash

Why?

- *Securely* remit school fees using credit card or bank account
- *New partial payments

How?





myPass

Why?

- View official school and diploma marks
- Request official transcripts

How?



 Lets Stay Connected! 

Go To School Cash Online to Pay Fees

Go To myPass



Let us know if you'll not be in school...

All student absences **are required to** be verified by their parent or guardian by telephone. Any "A" absence codes need to be cleared for students to be able to use the Flex Friday benefit. We will NOT accept same-day phone calls for Flex eligibility. They need to be cleared in advance of Fridays.

This can be done by phoning the **24-hour attendance line at 403-528-1996 ext.8**, on or before the day of the absence. Calls must be received **before 2p.m.** the day of the absence or you will receive an automated phone call informing you of the absence.



Please Pay School Fees

All School Fees are due **September 29th**. We ask that you please make payments online using School Cash Online which accepts credit card, eCheque and funds loaded to myWallet by debit. If you are unable to access this payment option, you will need to call the Eagle Butte Business Office at **403-528-1996 ext. 2004** to make alternate payment arrangements.

Please check option course fees at the front of the student agenda or [click here](#) to see it on our website.



Your Hall Pass & Handbook

The **School Agenda/Handbook** was issued to your child with their textbooks at the start of the school year. Students are expected to carry their agenda with them, as it acts as their 'hall pass' during **TAG** to be able to visit other classrooms.

Answers to many questions about our school are included in those first few pages of this booklet. Of particular interest might be *Honor Roll & Scholarship Information* for students.

!!!ATTN: Please take the time with your student to get familiar with the information and then sign page 40. TAG teachers will check to see that this page has been signed. Thank you!

Replacement agendas are \$7/each.

School Pictures - September 19th

Mark the calendar or set a reminder in your phone - school photos will be **September 19th**.

Retakes are scheduled for **October 26th**.

Top 3 Tips/Tricks:

1. Don't wear white (washes you out) or solid black (might not show well against the background)
2. Keep in mind any writing on clothing may cut off in odd places



3. Relaxed is the best look - take a deep breath and let it out before your picture



Parent Association Needs You

We are so grateful for our Parent Association and all their contributions to our school community. Their support of our students and our school in a variety of ways throughout the school year are a big part of the success of many of our programs.

We would love for ***you*** to get involved! All parents welcome to attend any of these meetings. Meetings are usually the 3rd Monday of each month, held in the **Art Room #109**.

Come on out and see what it's all about!

Counsellor's Corner: Applications to Post-Secondary

We know that many of our grade 12 students are already planning for life after high school. **Please be aware that some post-secondary institutions open applications for program admission on October 1st.** There are some programs that offer admission on a first-applied, first-qualified basis so it is important that you apply early for these programs. Applications for degree programs do not typically use this system but it can be advantageous to apply early. We encourage students to visit the websites of schools they are considering attending to confirm application dates.



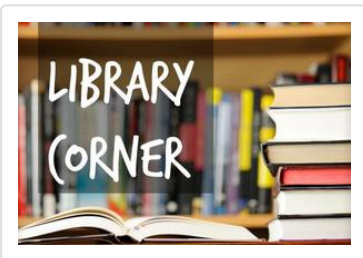
**Please note that students require a My Alberta ID Account to apply to most Alberta institutions online. Only a BASIC account is necessary. They can create an account here: <https://account.alberta.ca/login>

Mr. Wihnan and Mrs. Laturnas will begin meeting individually with all grade 12 students to do credit checks and ensure students are on track to graduate. These meetings will begin in September and continue through October. During these meetings, we will also be discussing post-secondary education and answering student questions.

Please feel free to contact your child's counsellor if you have ***any*** questions about school programming, post-secondary education, career planning, personal issues, etc.

Mrs. Laturnas - 403-528-1996 ext. 2037 For All Students with Last Names A-L

Mr. Wihnan - 403-528-1996 ext. 2018 For All Students with Last Names M-Z



Taking Care of Textbooks

Students are encouraged to look through their textbooks to ensure they are not damaged - students have one week to return damaged textbooks to avoid being charged for repairs. If you choose to leave your textbook in a classroom, you do so **at your own risk**. If a book goes missing, the student who originally signed out the book is responsible to pay for that book.

A reminder that all books must be returned or paid for prior to returning students picking up new textbooks and 2023 Grads picking up their yearbooks.

Who is our Family School Liason Worker (FSLW) at Eagle Butte High School?

My name is **Tanya Ridgedale** and I have been a FSLW for 26 years with Prairie Rose School Division. My education is in Social Work. This is the start of my 5th year with Eagle Butte High School, and I am excited to be at the School **full-time** this year.



My main role is to provide *confidential, individual counselling* to any student and/or their families that need support. If you would like to meet with me, my office is in Room 128. You can make an appointment in the following ways:

1. A referral can come through the Teacher Counselors, Mrs. Laturnas or Mr. Wihnan
2. Contact me directly at the school **403-528-1996 ext. 2039**
3. Reach me on my **cell phone @ 403-502-2126**.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Looking forward to a great school year!

BADLANDS

CREATIONS



~ Coming soon! ~

We have Talons Hype socks on the way, so our students can support EBHS while engaged in their favourite sports! With many options to choose from!



~ Available Now ~

Do you not have a place to keep all your keys together? Well don't you worry! Talon Lanyards will be available in Badlands Cre8tions Shop in room 154!



This month we hosted a Black Friday sale open to all students and staff members. Customers were able to purchase customized Talon wear and much more at a 25% off rate. This was a great way to promote Badlands Cre8tions and what we are capable of doing for the our supporters!



WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

We will have shirts, hats, and hoodies in stock to sell to students, staff, and parents to show our school spirit. You can get the Talons logo on them or perhaps create your own. Stop into room 154 to see what is going on in the Back to Business class, we are always creating new items!

Visit our Website [HERE](#)

CONTACT US: Email - manager@badlandscree8tions.com
Phone - 403-528-1996 ext 2043



Important Dates

School Year Summary 2023/2024

September 4..... Labour Day Holiday
September 5..... First Day of School
September 15..... Last Day for Timetable Changes
September 19..... School Pictures
September 22..... PD Day - No School for Students
October 4 (Tues).....Parent Teacher Interviews 6 - 8:00 p.m.
October 5 (Wed)..... Parent Teacher Interviews 6 - 8:00 p.m.
October 6.....Division PD, No School for Students
October 9..... Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October 12..... Grad Meeting @6:00 p.m. MHC
.....Post-Secondary Info @ MHC
October 26..... School Picture Retakes (a.m.)
October 27.....Awards Ceremony – 2:00 p.m.
November 3..... Midterm Report Cards
November 8..... Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 9..... SI Day – No School for Students
November 10..... Wellness Day – No School
November 11..... Remembrance Day
December 222:00 p.m. dismissal

Dec 23 - Jan 7.....Christmas Holidays - No School

January 22 - 30.....Final Exam Week (tentative to AB Ed.)
January 31.....Semester II Begins
February 2.....Semester I Final Report Cards
February 9.....Last Day for Timetable Changes

February 19 - 25 Spring Break - No School

February 22, 23.....Teacher's Convention

February 29..... Grade 12 Parent/Grad Info Meeting @ EBHS
March 7.....Grade 9/New Student Open House
March 13 (Wed)..... Parent Teacher Interviews 6 - 8:00 p.m.
March 14 (Thurs)..... Parent Teacher Interviews 6 - 8:00 p.m.
March 15..... SI Day - No School for Students

March 29 – April 7 Easter Vacation

April 12..... Midterm Report Cards
April 26..... SI Day - No School for Students
May 10 - 11..... Graduation
May 17 SI Day - No School for Students
May 20..... Victoria Day Holiday
. June 5 Athletic Banquet

June 17 - 26.....Final Exam Week (tentative to (AB Ed.)

June 28 Last Staff Day

🔔 Class Times 🔔

Period 1 - 8:50 - 10:05

Period 2 - 10:10 - 11:25

TAG - 11:30 - 12:05

LUNCH 12:05 - 12:45

Period 4 - 12:45 - 2:00

Period 5 - 2:05 to 3:20

A Message from the Football Coach

First and foremost, welcome back to school for this upcoming 2023/2024 school year! Our football team has been busy over the summer volunteering for a variety of charities. Our team had the opportunity of opening our training camp with a three-day practice getaway to camp McCoy in Elkwater.

We currently have 40+ athletes from both McCoy and Eagle Butte on our active roster. In addition to the excellent athletic numbers, we are thrilled to have seven coaches with over one hundred years of combined coaching experience helping with the program. We are still looking for players and students to support our program. If you have football experience or have never played before we encourage you to come out and give it a try. This includes international students as well.

Come out and support your Colts!!!





Become a Homestay Family

EXPERIENCE THE WORLD FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME


- PRPS is now accepting applications for homestay families to host international students ages 13-18 for the 2023-2024 year.
- Consider opening up your home to welcome an international student that would like to learn about Canada and go to school in Prairie Rose.
- Homestay options include providing a home for one month, two months, five months or a full school year.
- Families are compensated \$900 / month per student.

 **PRAIRIE ROSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
Everyone Learning Together

Contact: Andrea Pillman / 403-502-6244 / andreapillman@prrd8.ca



Bus Drivers Needed




Recruiting Drivers for PRPS Bus Routes

NEW Bus Driver Training Grants
Class 2 and Class 4 Licenses

Free training and reimbursement of additional costs including travel and accommodations.

Class 2 Driver Training: Driver Reimbursement up to \$1,200
Class 4 Driver Training: Driver Reimbursement up to \$600

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Cooperate Learning Together

Contact: Derek Beck / 403-527-5516 / derekbeck@prpd8.ca

Medicine Hat Public Library

Location: Honor Currie Room, Library Grounds, Legion Room, Story Castle, Theatre, Honeycom

Date: September 9th, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Description: Celebrate the opening of our brand new teen space, The Honeycomb House, with us! Grab a free hot dog courtesy of Southlands Co-Op while you check out the space then enjoy one of many free activities happening around the library from Mario Kart races on our big screen, building a castle with our Blue Blocks, and more! And did we mention there will be door prizes to be won??



FREE EVENT - Everyone Welcome!

clothing giveaway



sponsored by:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

when: **Saturday, September 16, 2023**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

where: **#7 SIERRA BLVD. SW**

This is a community event

Clean, gently used clothing, and accessories will be available

Free of Charge

Everyone is welcome to shop, donate, or volunteer.

Please spread the word!

If you are interested in donating clean, gently used items, please drop them off at the church on Friday, September 15, between 5:00 and 8:00 pm. Please sort and label items by gender and size. Volunteers to help set out items would be GREATLY appreciated.

Questions? call 403-504-6331 , 587-914-9636

Looking Ahead...



Have Your Say & Learn Leadership

Student council will be forming soon and we are hoping that **YOU** might want to be part of this amazing group! Plan school activities, spirit days and a lot of the **FUN** here at EBHS.



Just a Heads Up

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **October 4th and 5th from 6pm to 8pm.**

Keep an eye out for more information as those dates approach.



2022/23 School Year Awards

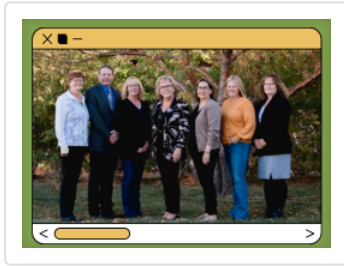
October 27th @ 2pm will be our Awards Ceremony for all of last year's 2022/23 award recipients.

If your child has earned or been selected to win an award you will be notified prior to that date, but we like to keep it a **surprise** for our students, so please help us! Thank you.



Minister Nicolaides' Back to School Letter

The new Minister of Education in Alberta has written a letter to Parents that let's them know the new and on-going initiatives within Alberta that impact students. If you would like to know more about what Alberta Ed is doing for students, please click on the attachment below to read the full letter.



PRPS Board Highlights

- Approved Locally Developed Courses
- Annual OH&S Report
- Annual Inclusive Learning/Student Services Report

The complete June 21, 2023, PRPS Board Meeting Highlights can be found here:

<https://www.myprps.com/news/june-21-2023-board-meeting-highlights-1687537663418>

Announcements & Memos

Please download the SchoolMessenger App on your phone and set your preferences! All school messages are sent as a text, phone call and an email so it is very important to set preferences so you can avoid multiple messages.

Employment Opportunities

Prairie Rose Public Schools has a variety of Employment Opportunities available throughout the school year.

Check back here often for all roles available in the division:
<https://www.myprps.com/employment>



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Attachment - Minister's Back to School Letter (EN).pdf

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