



Smith P.S. 2021-22



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Home of the Stampede

Welcome to Smith School. Whether you are a returning family to Smith, or a new family with us, we welcome you to one of the best schools in Canada! With your help and support, this could be the best school year ever for your child!

We want to thank the Smith P.S. staff for all they have accomplished thus far in preparing for the school year. I also thank the many parents, visitors, and students that have shared so many positive comments.

Our school believes that our students, your children, deserve to have a comfortable, supportive, safe, and nurturing learning environment. To this end, we would like to at this time, highlight some of our school procedures, school rules, and changes for the 2021-22 school year.

Celebrating our students' successes will be one of the most important jobs this year. Spirit days, special events, newsletters, birthday announcements, certificates, school awards, assemblies, etc., are just some of the ways we will try to celebrate with our students. These things are crucial to helping our students feel happy, motivated and secure at Smith P.S.

Some of the more important rules reinforced daily will be:

- No Body Contact
- No Bullying or Cyber Bullying
- No Stealing and Vandalism
- No illegal Substances/Dangerous Items
- A Peanut and Nut Free School.

check out our DSBN and Smith School Code of Student Conduct on our school website

Bus Zone

We have only one bus loading/drop off area, which is at the front of the school. There will be two loading sessions once again this year, to limit the congestion out front of the school at dismissal time. Having our school buses together in one area helps with increased efficiency, communication and safety.

For parents dropping off their child(ren) in the morning or picking up their child(ren) at the end of the day, we ask you to use the south side entrance (soccer field parking lot) and the walkway between portable 4 and 5, when dropping off or picking up your child(ren). This will be a very safe and easily accessible "kiss and drop" area and will keep our bus area free of private vehicles.

Note: Students coming to school outside of regular entry and dismissal time, must still enter the school at the northwest corner of the school and check in at the main office.

Bell Times for September

8:15 a.m.	Supervision Begins on School Grounds
8:35 a.m.	School Day Begins
10:15 a.m.	Fitness/Nutrition Break (40 minutes)
12:15 p.m.	Fitness/Nutrition Break (40 minutes)
2:55 p.m.	Dismissal and Bus Loading



Note: JK/SK students will have their breaks inside and outside on their own, separate from grades 1-8. This gives our youngest students more room to play and enjoy while outside on the school yard.

School Staff 2021-22

Principal	M. Bridges	
Vice-Principal	J. Poirier	
Secretaries	N. Capozzolo M. Clark	
Kindergarten	R. Behnke & A. Tahiri	Room 3
Kindergarten	R. Given & S. Thomson	Room 1B
Kindergarten	M. Lambert & L. Kuehn	Room 1A
Grade 1	D. DeLuca	Room 2
Grade 2	B. Grant	Room 5
Grade 2	M. Raaflaub-Kenworthy	Room 7
Grade 3	N. Piva	Portable 2
Grade 3	K. Scalzi	Portable 3
Grade 4	J. Poirier & S. Giesbrecht	Room 6
Grade 4/5	M. Zulauf	Portable 1
Grade 5/6	L. Flynn	Portable 4
Grade 6	S. Bokhari	Room 4
Grade 7	M. Laskowski & M. Bodman	Room 9
Grade 7/8	J. Nicholls	Room 8
Grade 8	T. Palmer	Room 10
LRT	J. Baseggio	LRT Office
French Teachers	J. Coulter, M. Bodman	
Prep (.5)	J. Hildebrandt	
EA's	G. Redinger, K. Travis, Heather German	
Head Custodian	D. McPherson	
Evening Custodian	N. Freel	
Lunch Supervisor	K. Pakenham-Troth	



Spirit Wear

We will have some new spirit wear for students and our families to order. There will be some general spirit wear options, as well as some other special items. Look for the order form coming home early in the school year.

School Store Options/Pizza Days

As a result of our Covid-19 protocols, our special lunch days and school store will be closed for the time being.

Grade 1-8 Break Times

We will be having all grade 1-8 students on the same break times once again this school year. However, while grade 1-3 are inside eating, grade 4-8 will be playing outside. After 20 minutes, the students switch. This will help with safety, student comfort, more effective supervision, and inclement weather procedures, among many other advantages for the students and staff. Please note that JK and SK students will access the playground at a different time than the rest of the school, so they will have more room to play and better access to the play equipment.



School Parent Council

Our first meeting of the School Parent Council will happen on Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us this year. Look for our meeting agenda that gets posted on the website, approximately one week in advance.

Facility and Resource Upgrades

The following upgrades have been done or will be done soon at Smith P.S. to improve student safety, comfort, and school spirit:

- *additional student laptop computers have been purchased
- *the library has been updated
- *new video projection units in some classrooms
- *new guided reading and take-home books for primary students
- *more math manipulative items
- *more physical education items to use and play with for our students
- *enhanced HEPA ventilation units in classrooms



School Newsletters—Every Two Months and Overall Communication of School Events

Our school newsletters will be coming home every **other** month. Please look for our newsletters at the start of October, December, February, April and June. We will also be posting lots of school information on our school website, including our weekly memo of student events and future dates, order forms, newsletters, Parent Council agendas and more. In addition, our School Parent Council agendas will include future dates. We will also use our school “telephone call-out” and e-mail system to inform our families and remind them of upcoming events. Please ensure we have your e-mail address on file at the school, so you get these important communications.

Website

Check out our school website at www.dsbn.smith.org

Attendance System and Family E-mails

Should your child be away from school for any reason, please use our easy to follow on-line attendance and safe arrival system. Just call 1-866-606-5567 to use the automated phone system. It is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. You can also download the School Messenger App. More detailed information is posted on our school’s website.

In addition, please ensure the school has your most up-to-date e-mail address so you receive timely information from our school. This information gets sent out by to all families, as long as we have your e-mail address. A reminder to sign up for School Cash On-line. All of our ordering, fields trips, and other forms get posted in this platform. It is easy to use and 100% secure and private.

Future Dates

Cross Country Meet #1	September 23
Cross Country Meet #2	September 30
School Council Meeting	September 28 (6:30 p.m.)
Fall Newsletter Home	October 1
Intermediate Soccer Tournament	October 4/5
Junior Soccer Tournament	October 6/7
Thanksgiving Day Holiday	October 11
Photo Day	October 13

