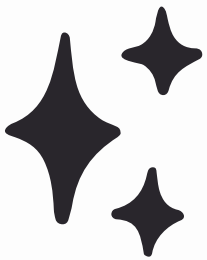


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## Important Dates

November 4th - 8th - Book Fair

November 7th - Picture Retakes

November 7th - Safely on Board  
Presentations

November 8th- Remembrance Day  
Ceremony @ 10:45 am

November 11th - 15th - Fall Break, no  
school

November 22nd - Sharing Circle

November 27th - Smash ball  
Tournament (gr. 5-6)

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held the week of November 4th - 8th. Parents who have not already done so can book online on the Falun School website, or using this [link](#).

## Book Fair

Book Fair will run from November 4th - 8th. The fair is open to students during recess breaks. We will also be hosting a Family Night on November 7th, during parent teacher interviews. Families that visit will be entered into a door prize draw. All purchases will directly benefit Falun School.



## Reminder

Please ensure your children are coming to school prepared for the fluctuating weather.



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## ⇒ Principal's Message

As the new principal stepping into this vibrant school community, I am filled with excitement and gratitude. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our acting administrator - Mr. Currie, whose dedication and leadership have been instrumental during this transitional period. His hard work and commitment to our students and staff have laid a strong foundation, and I look forward to building on that together with the staff, parents, and students here at Falun.

Over the years I have taught grades 2, 3 and 6. I was Vice Principal and Principal in Alder Flats and Winfield Schools for the last 2 years.

I am originally from a small farming community in Ontario but my home has been in Alberta for the last 23 years. My philosophy on education is that learning is a collaborative effort between home and school. Our children's best teachers are family members that work hard to teach their children values and morals that will assist teachers into shaping their future. Each child is different and to be effective we need to engage your students through authentic activities and different learning mediums to find one that works best with your child. I look forward to working with the students here and getting to know you and the community better throughout this new school year.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Jen Dalton



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## ISW (Indigenous Support Worker) Corner

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My Name is Warren Washburn, I'm the ISW of Lakedell, Falun and PLRS schools for WRPS. We are grateful for the opportunity to support our indigenous students in each of the schools. We work on being proud of who we are as indigenous people, and how we can best walk together through the path to education.



We were honored to have an elder of Pigeon lake come and do a pipe ceremony for our schools. A pipe ceremony is a way to add a positive to the beginning of our school year through prayer. The elder requested that we provide print, so our prayers of a safe and caring school. The elder instructed that each school hang these prints on the south wall of the school for safety.

We are in the process of educating the students in Falun and Lakedell on the importance of Pow wow through an indigenous lens. This is a way to stay connected as a community and share our indigenous way of life. Our indigenous students feel proud and connected in the class, and will share that they dance or they have family that dance. We do have a part of our celebration called Intertribal where we all, indigenous and non indigenous can come together and celebrate with dance.

These are some of the vocabulary we are working on:

1. Regalia (The outfit the dancer are wearing is call a Regalia)
2. Pow Wow (A celebration, a time to bring people together)
3. Sacred (Meaning that the Regalia is sacred to the dancers)
4. Intertribal (This is when our indigenous and non indigenous attendees can share in dance)
5. Drums (The instrument used in a pow wow)
6. Tobacco (Protocol)
7. Grand Entry (The beginning of our celebration, all the dancers enter together)
8. Feast (A time we invite our people that have passed, to come eat with us through feast)

These Pow wows that go on in our neighboring communities (Maskwacis). Our children might have the opportunity to attend in the future. They will understand what goes on and they might educate others about pow wow.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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PLRS (780) 352-4916  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 M x M - Chicken Noodle Soup	2
3	4 Book Fair Begins	5	6	7 Picture Retakes Safely on Board Presentations Book Fair Family Night 4:00 pm	8 Book Fair Ends M x M - Hot Dogs Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45 am	9
10	11 November Break - No School	12 November Break - No School	13 November Break - No School	14 November Break - No School	15 November Break - No School	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Monthly Assembly & Camo Day! - Time TBA	29	30