



WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FALUN SCHOOL

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**PARENT HANDBOOK
2024-2025**

Parents are their child's first and most important teacher.

SCHOOL MOTTO

Reach Higher...Go Farther

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Falun School to collaboratively ensure the growth of our educational community. We nurture a safe and caring learning environment in order to achieve success.

VISION

We envision a school in which members:

- Create a system of timely interventions and extensions based on evidence to ensure academic success
- Maintain effective communication within our educational community
- Collaboratively and intentionally establish school-wide relationships, the pillar of our learning community
- Demonstrate a personal commitment to the growth of productive global citizens

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Parents are asked to contact the school office every morning by 9:15 a.m. to clarify student absences. Please call, or leave a message on the school's answering machine. Parents may also choose to use the Safe Arrive app to report their child's absences.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Students are recognized monthly at Celebration Assemblies and parents are always encouraged to attend. We feel it is important to celebrate the unique characteristics of all our students, so we will provide an opportunity for each student to be recognized at some point during the school year.

BELL SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Buses	8:30-8:35
Transition	8:35-8:41
Period 1	8:41-9:17
Period 2	9:17-9:53
Recess	9:53-10:08
Period 3	10:08-10:44
Period 4	10:44-11:20
Period 5	11:20-11:56
Lunch	11:56-12:11
Recess	12:11-12:41
Period 6	12:41-1:17
Period 7	1:17-1:53
Recess	1:53-2:08
Period 8	2:08-2:44
Period 9	2:44-3:20
Dismissal	3:20-3:25

INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES: 9 periods per day x 36 minutes = 324 minutes per day

BUS NOTES

It is up to the parent to notify the bus driver and the school if there is to be any change in the student's usual transportation.

That is:

- a) If the student will not be going home on the bus**
- b) If the student is going home on a different bus from the one they usually ride**
- c) If the student is to get off at another stop**

Please be aware:

If a student has no note, the bus driver has no notification of change and we have heard nothing at the school:

We will have the student board his/her usual bus and he/she will be let off at his/her usual drop-off point.

BUS RULES

Students riding the bus are completely responsible to the driver. All bus drivers have the same authority during transportation as the teacher has in the classroom. It is expected that students will obey the bus driver promptly and with respect.

Riders are expected to:

1. Sit forward facing on the bus with all body parts inside the bus.
2. Be quiet and respectful of other riders and the driver.
3. Keep their space clean and litter-free.
4. Dress for the weather, in the event the bus should become stranded.
5. Keep pets and other live animals off the bus.

DRESS CODE

STUDENTS

- No profanity or inappropriate messages on clothing
- Skirts and shorts need to extend below fingertips when arms extended at their side
- Bra straps should be covered and not seen
- No cleavage should be shown

It is an expectation that staff discusses dress code with students and addresses dress code violations as they arise.

MEDICATION

According to AP 315, if students require medication to be administered during the day, the medication needs to be stored in a locked cabinet at the office. Parents are required to fill out the appropriate form (315-1) and have it signed by a medical doctor prior to medications being administered at the school. School personnel may not administer Tylenol/aspirin to students unless the proper documentation is completed.

MILK CARDS

Students may purchase milk to consume at lunchtime. Parents will order online and the office will provide a milk card to the teacher with the student's name on it. As a student redeems the card for milk, the card will be marked. Once the card is completely redeemed, students may have one free milk.

OUTDOOR POLICY

Free-choice physical activity is important for student wellbeing. Recesses will be held outdoors unless the temperature including windchill is below -25 according to

www.theweathernetwork.com. Please make sure children are dressed for the weather.

If your child is too sick to go outside for recess, they are also too sick to be at school so please keep them home if they are unwell.

PARENT VOLUNTEERING

We would love to have parents volunteer to come into the school or help supervise field trips. If you would like to volunteer (and you will be working with students without teacher supervision) you will need to complete a vulnerable sector check. You can get all the details from the office.

SMUDGING

Smudging is offered to all students at Falun School. It is culturally relevant and important to our school community. It is run daily from 8:30 to 8:41 in the Smudge Room.