

# September 2017

## Camilla Connection



September 8, 2017

Dear Camilla Families:

Officially I have now been at school every fall for 41 years of my life including grade school, university and teaching, and I can't think of any other place I'd rather be!! Being the proud principal of a fantastic group of students and staff, and a part of the RQB community, is the best. The buzz is in the air with our staff, and we are excited for the new school year!

We would like to welcome some new staff members to the Camilla team!

Welcome to Camilla!

Traci Upshaw - Vice Principal

Jody Conner - Grade 1

Jason Ferster - Grade 3

Welcome to all the new families that have joined our Camilla community this fall. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school and we will certainly answer what we can. Welcome back to all the returning students as well.

We have had an excellent start up and are off and running. Thank you to all who participated in our first food truck night in conjunction with our "Meet the Staff" event. It was a huge success and we are hoping to do it again. If you were unable to make it to the event, please make contact with your child's teacher to say hello. We count on our parent relationships with the school to make the year successful for every student!



*From Mrs. Morgan's Desk*

Please take the time to fill in the short survey that the Camilla School Support Association is asking. It is attached to the newsletter. You can have it returned either via email or print it off and return it to the office at school.

We will be selling Camilla Wear and will be having a hot lunch program once again. Please watch for the information to follow in the coming weeks.

School fees are uploaded to PowerSchool, if you are curious as to how much they are. Field trip fees will be collected on an as needed basis.

If you still need a PowerSchool account, please contact Mrs. Leary in the office.

Camilla school has joined together with DSF Canada in a fundraising campaign. The DSF fundraiser will generate funds for our school while at the same time provide a selection of great products for family and friends. The products range from household items, to gourmet kitchen products, to chocolates. The products can be sold through the catalogues provided or through online sales. There are incentives for the students to participate as well!! The packages will be distributed mid-September! The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards offsetting field trip transportation costs, classroom purchases, library enhancement, and other school purchases. Your participation (although not mandatory) in this campaign is greatly appreciated!!! Last years' funds were spent towards new chairs in the library commons, offsetting field trip costs, and classroom equipment/resource purchases.

**Communication with staff:** As always, we welcome communications between teachers and parents. If you need to email, or call a staff member in regards to your child, please know that they will return your communication within 48 hours or two business days, more than likely between 8:30am-4:00pm. If there is a situation that is very serious and needs an immediate response, then please call the school directly so that we can resolve any concerns.

**EARLY STUDENT DROP OFF – doors at Camilla school will open at 8:25 am. Supervision is not provided any earlier. If you are driving your child to school, please know that they will be asked to wait outside or in the boot room until 8:30 am. If you are dropping off your child early, please ensure that they are dressed for the weather should they have to wait outside for any reason.**

Have a great weekend!

Kari Morgan

Principal

# Things that you need to know

## September days off

15th PD Day/Staff Meeting

## Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Please watch for upcoming events and fundraiser information.

Tentative Kindergarten LAC meeting Nov 2 @3:30pm upstairs in the staffroom

## Website

Keep up to date with all of Camilla School's events and information, as well as community events, by visiting our website daily.

[www.camillaschool.ca](http://www.camillaschool.ca)

If you have an event coming up, please send us the info and we will post it on our website

## Facebook

Please check out Camilla School's Facebook page, follow us for important updates, activities and little notes from the school.

## Attendance:

We now use an automated system with our attendance here at Camilla. We ask that you talk to your children so they understand the importance of being in their classrooms for attendance or that they check in at the office if they were late getting to class.

Please continue to use the following email address to report your child's absence

[camabsences@sturgeon.ab.ca](mailto:camabsences@sturgeon.ab.ca)

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT  
YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE**

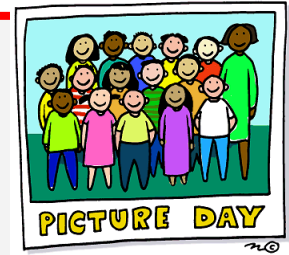
**Email: [camabsences@sturgeon.ab.ca](mailto:camabsences@sturgeon.ab.ca)**

**or call**

**780-939-2074**



## Picture Day at Camilla School



Begins at 8:40 a.m. each day in the library

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – All Headstart, K1 and Grades 1-5

Thursday, September 14, 2017 – K2 and all Grade 6-9

### SAC Info

Join us for our next SAC meeting on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30pm in the library. We are still looking for a grade a 7-9 Rep.

If you'd like to help out with Grab & Go Breakfast or the Costume Sale please contact Sharon at [sanhieren@hotmail.com](mailto:sanhieren@hotmail.com)

### SAC Council for 2017/2018 School Year

Chair - Andria Byfield

Vice Chair - Sharon Boddez

Treasurer - Tina Pawelka

Secretary - Veronica Schoenberger

Head Start - TBA

Kindergarten - Veronica Schoenberger

Grade 1-3 - Tina Pawelka

Grade 4-6 - Tera Klak

Grade 7-9 - Vacant

Calahoo Rep - Stacey Mizera

RQB Rep - Darla Soetaert



# Halloween Costume Sale

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

5:30-7:30pm





Camilla School Gym

Cash Only

Help SAC kick off the Halloween season with Camilla's second annual used Costume Sale. This is a great opportunity to find an inexpensive costume for your child. There will be crafts, face painting and activities for the kids. All proceeds raised will be used to support school initiatives.

To make this a *spOOktaCular* event we are counting on your involvement. This is your chance to clear out your Halloween clutter. We will be accepting clean, gently used costumes from September 18<sup>th</sup> till October 6<sup>th</sup>. If your costume has props/accessories, please put them in a labelled bag and attach to the costume. There will be a donation box set up at the school office.

## School Health Nursing Immunization Program

	2015/2016	2016/2017 Change/Addition	2017/2018 Change/Addition
<p><b>What's happening in the Immunization program</b></p> 	<p><b>Grade 1:</b> Review each student's immunization record and offer eligible vaccines</p> <p><b>Grade 5:</b> Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus vaccines</p> <p><b>Grade 9:</b> Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Meningococcal, Human Papilloma Virus vaccines</p>	<p><b>Grades 1 &amp; 5:</b> Review each student's immunization record and offer eligible vaccines</p> <p><u>PLUS</u> <b>Grade 5:</b> Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus vaccines</p> <p><b>Grade 9:</b> Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Meningococcal, Human Papilloma Virus vaccines</p>	<p><b>Grades 1,5 &amp; 9:</b> Review each student's immunization record and offer eligible vaccines</p> <p><u>PLUS</u> <b>Grade 5:</b> Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus vaccines</p> <p><b>Grade 9:</b> Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Meningococcal, Human Papilloma Virus vaccines</p>
<p><b>What's happening in the classroom</b></p> 	<p><b>Grades 5 &amp; 9:</b></p> <p>Distribution and collection of consent forms</p> <p>Antigen education</p>	<p><b>Grade 4:</b></p> <p>Distribution of letters to parents and collection of immunization records</p>	<p><b>Grades 4 &amp; 8:</b></p> <p>Distribution of letters to parents and collection of immunization records</p>
<p><b>Why it's important</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immunization has often been cited as one of the greatest medical success stories in human history</li> <li>• Immunization is not required by law in Canada. However, under Alberta's Public Health Act unimmunized persons can be ordered by the Medical Officer of Health to stay home for specified periods of time after being exposed to a vaccine-preventable illness such as Red Measles</li> <li>• Better immunization rates mean healthier students and communities. Healthy kids learn better!</li> </ul>		
<p><b>How we can work together</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a successful partnership with your School Nurse to ensure that immunization of children occurs in a safe &amp; supportive environment</li> <li>• Normalize the immunization process and teach students strategies to cope with anxiety</li> <li>• Use positive language about immunization.</li> <li>• Protect health information</li> <li>• Provide nurse contact information and notify parents when immunizations will occur.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Where can I find more information</b></p>	<p><a href="https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/Questions-about-school-immunization.aspx">https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/Questions-about-school-immunization.aspx</a>  <a href="http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/csh.aspx">http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/csh.aspx</a>  <a href="http://immunizealberta.ca/">http://immunizealberta.ca/</a></p>		

## CSSA Fundraising Survey

The Camilla School Support Association (CSSA) is the schools fundraising committee and is looking for parent's opinion on how the school raises funds and where the funds are spent. Fundraising is an important part of our school. It helps to raise funds for items not covered, for example; playground for the new school, sound system for the gym and alternative equipment and furniture for the classrooms. Please take a moment to fill out this survey. All parents and community members are welcome to attend and participate in the monthly meetings! (We are currently looking to fill the position of a Grant Chair on our committee, please contact Amy Brochu if you are interested: [amybrochu09@gmail.com](mailto:amybrochu09@gmail.com) or 780.289.2261)

### Frequency of fundraisers throughout the 2017/2018 school year:

- 1-2 times per year
- 2-3 times per year
- 4-6 times per year

### Types of fundraisers you would like to see:

- Raffle
- Bingo
- Product Fundraising (examples- cookie dough, wrapping paper etc.)
- Events (Night out or Family activities)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments and suggestions are appreciated!**