

ALCOMA SCHOOL

WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER

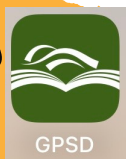
SEPT 2 - FIRST DAY BACK GRADE 1-9
SEPT 9 - FIRST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN
SEPT 11 - HOT BREAKFAST
SEPT 23 - PARENT COUNCIL MEETING @ 1:30PM
SEPT 25 - WELCOME BACK BBQ/TERRY FOX RUN
SEPT 25 - SPIRIT DAY SCHOOL COLOURS ~
WEAR ALCOMA SWAG OR COLOURS
SEPT 30 - NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION
OCT 14 - PICTURE DAY
OCT 20 TO 23 - SWIMMING LESSONS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPT 9 - EIAN
SEPT 10 - SULLIVAN
SEPT 12 - JOSH
SEPT 13 - EASTON
SEPT 19 - CAMERON
SEPT 20 - ARYIAH
SEPT 22 - ADDYSON
SEPT 22 - KYLIE

GRASSLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HAS A NEW APP FOR PARENTS CALLED "GRASSLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL". THIS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH UPDATES DIVISION WIDE OR YOU CAN CHOOSE ALCOMA SCHOOL ON THE TOP LEFT CORNER AND GET PERSONALIZED ALERTS, EVENTS AND NEWS. WE WILL BE TRANSITIONING TO THIS APP INSTEAD OF CLASSDOJO. PLEASE MESSAGE OR CALL THE SCHOOL FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR HELP.

1-403-362-3741



OUR TEACHERS & STAFF

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



KIT IRWIN - PRINCIPAL
GR. 7 TO 9 HOMEROOM
TEACHER

HELLO EVERYONE!

WELCOME BACK TO ALCOMA SCHOOL FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR! WE'RE EXCITED TO BEGIN A BRAND-NEW YEAR FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITIES, GROWTH, AND CONNECTION. WHETHER YOU'RE RETURNING OR JOINING US FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE'RE SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR PROMISES A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERIENCES, FROM ACADEMICS AND CAREER PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS AND ATHLETICS. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS YEAR ONE TO REMEMBER.

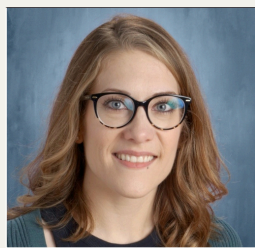
HERE'S TO A SUCCESSFUL AND INSPIRING SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD!

WARM REGARDS, KIT IRWIN

OUR STAFF



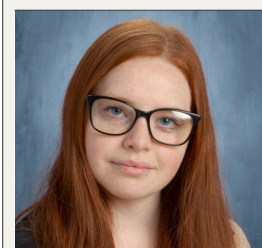
VIENNA DAHL
GR. 4 TO 6 HOMEROOM
TEACHER



JOCELYN ALBERS
GR. K TO 3 HOMEROOM
TEACHER



KARLYNTAKEDA
LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER



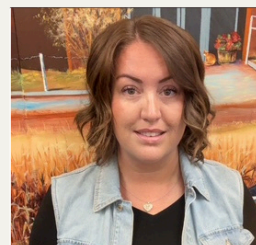
TRUDY MARTENS
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT



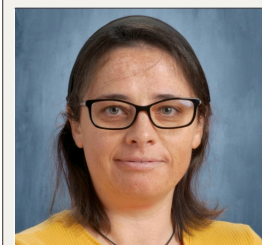
JANET WAGNER
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT



CORRIE DAVIDSON
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT



DANIELLE GRAHAM
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



ANNA MARTENS
CUSTODIAN

REMINDER

- HOME VERIFICATION FORMS WENT HOME. PLEASE GO THROUGH THEM CAREFULLY AND FILL OUT. SIGN AND RETURN ASAP.
- VOLLEYBALL WILL BE STARTING SHORTLY AS WELL AS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING. PLEASE WATCH FOR PERMISSION FORMS TO COME HOME FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE.

JOIN THE ALCOMA PARENT COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23RD @ 1:30PM.
LISTEN IN ON WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE SCHOOL AND BRING YOUR IDEAS!
ALL ARE WELCOME.

Bell Schedule	Time		Length of Block
First Bell	8:20am	8:25am	
Block 1	8:25am	9:10am	45 mins
Block 2	9:10am	9:52am	42 mins
Recess	9:52am	10:07am	15 mins
Block 3	10:07am	10:49am	42 mins
Block 4	10:49am	11:32am	42 mins
Lunch K-6/ Break JH	11:32am	11:52am	20 mins
Lunch JH / Recess K-6	11:52am	12:12am	20 mins
Block 5	12:12pm	1:54pm	42 mins
Block 6	12:54pm	1:36pm	42 mins
Recess	1:36pm	1:51pm	25 mins
Block 7	1:51pm	2:33pm	42 mins
Block 8	2:33pm	3:15pm	42 mins
End of Day Bell	3:15pm		

STUDENTS CAN BRING LUNCH ON FRIDAYS AS LUNCH IS AT 11:32 AM EVERY DAY

SPEC PLAYGROUP

**SPEC WILL BE COMING TO ALCOMA AGAIN EVERY OTHER FRIDAY
FROM 9:30-11:00AM. DATE TBD.**

**THIS IS FOR ANY PRESCHOOL CHILD TO COME AND MEET WITH
OTHER LITTLE CHILDREN TO DO ACTIVITIES AND TO CONNECT WITH
OTHER PARENTS.**




**Did you read the newsletter in detail?! 🤔🤔
Each month we will have a secret password or
puzzle to solve in the newsletter for students to
bring to Mrs.Graham or Mrs.Davidson. If you
find it or can solve the puzzle, let us know and
we will give you a small prize.**

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 25TH FOR OUR WELCOME BACK BBQ AND TERRY FOX RUN!



Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details	
August 2025							4.5	0	25	New Teacher Orientation/Staff Prep
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			26	Welcome Back - am (Admin Council - pm)
					1	2			27	Staff Meetings & Prep
3	4	5	6	7	8	9			28	Staff Prep
10	11	12	13	14	15	16			29	Staff Prep - 1/2 Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
31										
Sept 2025							21	21	1	Stat Holiday
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			2	Classes start for students
	1	2	3	4	5	6				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
28	29	30								
Oct 2025							22	22	13	Stat Holiday
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
			1	2	3	4				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25				
26	27	28	29	30	31					
Nov 2025							18	18	10	Non-Operational day
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			11	Stat Holiday
						1				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29				
30										
Dec 2025							15	15	22-31	Winter Break
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
	1	2	3	4	5	6				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
28	29	30	31							
Jan 2026							20	19	1	Stat Holiday
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			2	Winter Break
					1	2			5	Classes resume for students
4	5	6	7	8	9	10			27	Last day of Semester 1
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			28	Semester 2 Begins
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			30	Division Prof. Learning Day (no school for students)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
Feb 2026							19	15	16	Stat Holiday
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			17	Lieu day for P-T conferences - no school
	1	2	3	4	5	6			18	Lieu day for P-T conferences - no school
8	9	10	11	12	13	14			19-20	ATA Teachers' Convention
15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
March 2026							22	21	20	Division Prof. Learning Day (no school for students)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
29	30	31								
April 2026							16	16	3	Stat Holiday
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			6-10	Spring Break
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25				
26	27	28	29	30						
May 2026							19	19	15	Non-Operational Day
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			18	Stat Holiday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
31										
June 2026							19.5	19	25	Last day for students - dismissed at noon
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			26	Staff Year End Duties - 1/2 day
	1	2	3	4	5	6				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
28	29	30								
Total Year							196	185		



Grasslands
Public Schools

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Number of Days Per Semester		
Sem 1	Operational	Instructional
Aug	4.5	0
Sept	21	21
Oct	22	22
Nov	18	18
Dec	15	15
Jan	17	17
Total	97.5	93

Sem 2	Operational	Instructional
Jan	3	2
Feb	19	15
Mar	22	21
Apr	16	16
May	19	19
June	19.5	19
Total	98.5	92
YEAR	196	185

AB Ed. & Board Required Instructional Hours	
Kindergarten	- 475 hours per year
Grades 1-9	- 960 hours per year in each grade
Grades 10-12	- 1000 hours per year in each grade

Significant Dates:	
Diploma Exams:	
Oct.	27, 28, 29, & 30
Nov.	3, 4, 5, 6, & 7
Jan.	12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, & 27
April	7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17
June	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, & 23

Provincial Achievement Exams:	
May	21 & 22
June	4, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, & 23