

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Subject: Introduction of New Elementary Pilot Report Card and Curriculum Changes**

We are excited to share some important updates regarding our division's curriculum and reporting practices. As part of our commitment to enhancing student learning and growth, we are introducing a new pilot report card for elementary students that will be aligned with the updated Alberta curriculum starting this fall. If you are receiving this letter, it means that your child's teacher will be implementing the pilot report card this school year.

**What's New:**

1. **Updated Curriculum:** Alberta curriculum has been changed to align with the latest educational standards and to support the development of strong literacy, numeracy and subject area skills and processes. This includes clearer expectations for student learning and progress at each grade level. The curriculum also emphasizes the importance of social-emotional learning, encouraging students to develop not only academically but also personally and socially.
2. **Outcomes-Based Pilot Report Card:** The new report card will be outcomes-based, meaning it will assess and report on your child's achievements in relation to specific learning outcomes defined by the new curriculum. This approach is designed to provide a clearer and more detailed picture of your child's progress and areas for growth.

**What to Expect:**

- **Outcome-Specific Feedback:** The outcomes-based report card will provide grades for each specific learning outcome. This format is designed to give you a clear understanding of how your child is performing in relation to each outcome, highlighting their strengths and areas needing improvement.
- **Three Report Cards Per Year:** To keep you informed about your child's progress, the report card will be issued three times per school year. These updates will help you track your child's development and stay engaged in their learning journey.
- **Support and Resources:** Our teachers are prepared to support your child through this transition and are available to answer any questions you may have about the new curriculum and report card format.

**Next Steps:**

We will be hosting a meeting on **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** to explain the report card format and answer any questions you might have. Please fill out the form in the following link to confirm your attendance at the meeting. An email will be sent to you shortly afterwards with details about the meeting location. <https://forms.office.com/r/jtiXMvW2Hd>

Additionally, as this is a pilot program, we will be seeking your feedback to refine and improve the report card. We will provide opportunities for you to share your thoughts and experiences, and we value your input in helping us make this transition as effective as possible.

If you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or administrator, or you can contact Erin Hurkett at division office at 403-380-5300.

Thank you for your attention to this important update and for your ongoing support of our school community.

Warm regards,

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