



FALUN SCHOOL

September 2025



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Families of Falun School,

A warm welcome back to school! It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I welcome all of our students and families to the 2025-2026 school year. I hope you and your children had a wonderful and restful summer break.

My name is Angela Handbury, and I am very excited to take on the role of Principal at Falun School. I grew up in the area, attended Falun and PLRS from K-12, and continue to live in the area with my husband and two children. Our kids attend PLRS and keep us busy with running for a variety of sports and activities. I have been teaching/school admin for 20 years, and I welcome the opportunity to serve the students, families, and community of Falun School.

The halls of Falun have been buzzing with energy as our teachers and staff prepare for the year ahead. Earlier this week, we were eager to welcome your children back into their classrooms and begin the incredible journey of learning that awaits them. This year holds so much potential for growth, discovery, and new friendships. We will be diving into fascinating new subjects, exploring our creativity, and working together to build a strong and caring school community.

We are so glad you are a part of the Falun School family, and we look forward to partnering with you throughout the year. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for your child's success, and we encourage you to stay connected and involved. Here's to a fantastic school year filled with joy, discovery, and learning!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to visit in person or call/email me at the school. I look forward to meeting you throughout the school year. All the very best,

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Important September Dates

- 9th - School Bus Safety Presentations for K-5
- 16th - Parent Council Meeting at 6pm
- 24th - Rob Drebert Cross Country Run in Wetaskiwin for the Gr. 3-6 Cross Country Running team
- 25th - Terry Fox Run and Open House
- 29th - Orange Shirt Day
- 30th - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no school)

Milk Program

The Milk Program is ready to start! Students may purchase drink cards (20 drinks per card) at a cost of \$28.00 or they may also purchase milk daily for \$1.40. White or chocolate milk will be served. It is preferable in streamlining the process for students to purchase drink cards. Students get 1 free drink with the purchase of a card. Milk cards can be purchased online, through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Students' milk cards from last year are still valid.

Breakfast Cart

Breakfast Cart is served daily and is a free choice to all students and varies in selection. We are excited to have some new equipment for our breakfast cart this year, including carts, toasters, and dispensers. This great program is helping to start the day off right and fueling kids to learn!! Have questions? Feel free to contact the office!



Helpful Tidbits



PARENT DROP-OFF

For those parents who drop their children off at school, supervision will begin at 8:25. We look forward to seeing you then!



CAN TABS

Save the tabs from your beverage cans and bring them to school to take part in the tabs contest, generously supported by the Lions Club!



HANDS-OFF POLICY

- Student safety and a respectful environment are a priority at Falun School. We are a 'hands-off' school, which means students are expected to play in a manner that doesn't
- include rough play, hitting, or pushing. By encouraging verbal communication and conflict resolution, we aim to teach children the importance of
- personal space and positive social interactions.



AWAY FOR THE DAY

- Electronic devices, such as
- phones or tablets, will be
- 'away for the day' at school. Let's get our learning on!



SAVE THE DATE

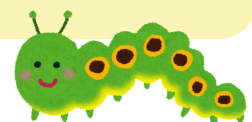
Christmas Concert

We have set our date for the Christmas Concert! It will be on Thursday, December 11th with an afternoon and an evening performance. Stay tuned for more details!



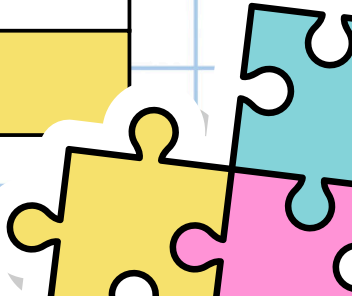

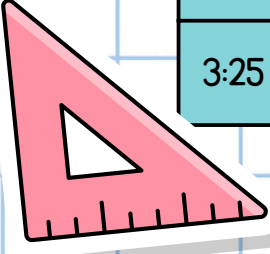
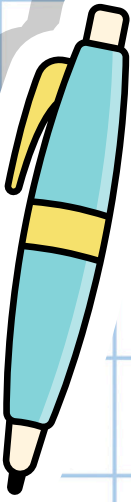
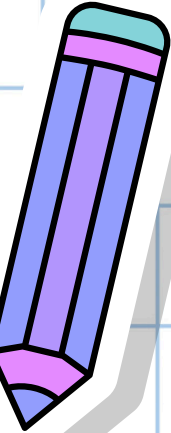
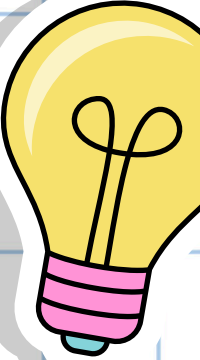
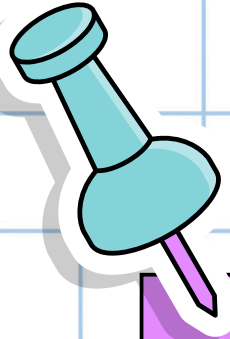
LORD'S PRAYER

If your child would like to take part in the Lord's Prayer in the library before classes start most mornings, please fill in a permission form online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.



BELL

schedule



Time	Period
8:25 - 8:40	Bus Drop-Off & Announcements
8:40 - 9:15	Period 1
9:15 - 9:50	Period 2
9:50 - 10:05	Recess
10:10 - 10:45	Period 3
10:45 - 11:20	Period 4
11:20 - 11:55	Period 5
11:55 - 12:41	Lunch Time & Recess
12:41 - 1:16	Period 6
1:16 - 1:51	Period 7
1:51 - 2:06	Recess
2:10 - 2:45	Period 8
2:45 - 3:20	Period 9
3:25	Bus Pick-Up



SafeArrival Information for Parents

At Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our absence-checking procedure, we also have a more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at go.schoolmessenger.ca).

The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account (will need to be verified via your email). Then select Attendance then Report an Absence.

2. Use the SafeArrival website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

3. Call the toll-free number 1-833-525-9071 to report an absence using the automated phone System.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. In addition, we use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance.

The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Staff will use the SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

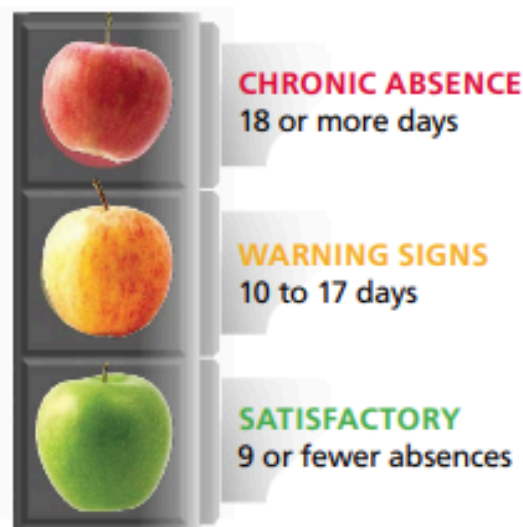
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



RURAL VOICES



CHILDREN'S CHOIR



(FORMERLY KNOWN AS: THE FALUN & AREA CHILDREN'S
CHOIR)

IS ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR OUR
3RD FALL SEASON.
FOR AGES 7-12



EMAIL MS.ROBERTA
SINGINGBERTA@GMAIL.COM
FOR A REGISTRATION FORM.



FEE OF \$175 IS DUE **SEPT 5TH**
(INCLUDES A CHOIR T-SHIRT)

REHEARSALS MONDAYS 4-5:30 P.M

CENTRALLY LOCATED AT
WESTEROSE GOSPEL CHURCH
BY THE VILLAGE OF PIGEON LAKE.





REGISTER NOW on POWERSCHOOL!

Check Out Cheer

September 10

Gr 1-3 (3:45pm-
4:45pm)

Gr 4-6 (4:45pm-
5:45pm)

Grade 4 Placement Day

September 11
3:45pm-5:15pm

Practices begin September 17

Kits: Wednesdays and
some Fridays 3:45pm-
4:45pm

Cats: Wednesdays
4:30pm-6pm

Thursdays 3:45pm-
5:45pm



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1st Day of School	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Rod Drebert Cross Country Run @ Peace Hills Park	25 Open House & Terry Fox Run	26	27
28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No School				