



Medicine Hat School District No. 76

601 – 1st Avenue S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4Y7 Fax: (403) 529-5339 Phone: (403) 528-6701

September, 2010

Dear Parents:

Re: Fair Notice

The safety of our children is a top priority for all of us. We, as a school system, have been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners – the City of Medicine Hat Police Service, Southeast Alberta Child & Family Services and Palliser Health Region Mental Health Consultants. The District has developed a plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

This letter is to inform you that we, as a school system, now have a policy that requires principals (as part of a trained team of professionals) to complete a “threat assessment” in all cases of students making significant threats to harm themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high risk students so that their behavior does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please confirm the information with your principal and be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please contact the school administrators and be assured that the principal is acting in the best interest of your child and all students in the school. Our ultimate goal is safety.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community, will not accept “no response” to a threat in our schools. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a safe and caring learning environment.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and fortunate to have our community partners assisting us with this initiative. If there are any questions please feel free to call your school principal or myself at 528-6701.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grant Henderson
Superintendent of Schools

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September 1, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians;

Students in grades two to eight, in the Medicine Hat School District will write Canadian Achievement Tests (CAT-4). The CAT-4 is a testing system that assesses the essential learning outcomes of the following basic skill areas: reading, language, spelling, and mathematics. From these tests, teachers garner valuable information regarding individual student strengths and challenges.

Students in the district will be writing the CAT-4 tests between September 13 and 17, 2010. It is particularly important that students have regular attendance during this week. If your child must be absent, it may be possible for them to write the test another time. Otherwise, they will be scored on the portion of the test completed.

Individual student and class reports will be provided to the schools to assist teachers with program planning and program provision. At the schools' parent-teacher interviews, a **parent report** will be available for parents to take home so that you have information on the performance of your child.

Further information may be obtained on the parent section of the Canadian Test Centre website - www.canadiantestcentre.com or by contacting your school principal.

Sincerely,

Sherrill Fedor
Associate Superintendent
Student Services

Elm Street School

September 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LUNCH MENU Soup and Sandwich on Mon., Tues. and Thurs.			1	2	3	4
	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> No School Labour Day </div>	7	8 Parent Council—6:30	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 School Pictures AM	17	18
19 <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Spirit Week 20th—24th </div>	20 PJ/Wacky Hair Day	21 Hat Day	22 Green Day/ School Colour Goal setting 12:30—6:30 Welcome Back 6:30—7:30	23 Beach Day	24 Athlete 's Day Terrific Kids— 8:45 Kidsport—1:00	25
26	27	28	29	30 Terry Fox Run—AM	1 Catalogue Fundraiser begins	