

## Banff Trail School Council Welcome Back 2016-2017

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Welcome back to Banff Trail School! And a special welcome to all the new families who are joining our School Community this year. Here is some important information for you about School Council and our activities this year.

### *Welcome Back BBQ - September 16th!*

Banff Trail School Council will be hosting our annual Welcome Back BBQ during lunch time on **Friday, September 16th**. Free lunch will be provided for students, parents and staff. Lunch will include a choice of beef burger, veggie burger, hot dog, or gluten free hot dog (no bun). Juice, chips, and watermelon will also be included.

Our ordering process is different from last year. This year we will only be taking orders online for Special Lunches, for those who require a veggie burger or gluten free hot dog. Orders for these Special Lunches need to be placed here no later than **Tuesday, September 13th at midnight**. Otherwise, there will be beef burgers and hot dogs available for everyone. Please send your child to school with their usual lunch if you think they may not enjoy any of the food offered at the BBQ.

**Volunteers** are also needed to help prepare and serve the lunch. If you are able to help out, please sign up here. As a volunteer, you are welcome to join us for the lunch. If you require a Special Lunch (veggie burger or gluten free hotdog) make sure to place your order here.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie.

### *Staying Connected!*

We will send most of our communications out through the school's email. Because of the Anti-Spam Legislation, you will need to subscribe (as explained below) in order to receive any emails relating to School Council activities, as most of them pertain to fundraising and fun lunches. You are also encouraged to join our School Council email list. This will allow us to canvass for volunteers and communicate important issues that are being discussed by the School Council. Only information pertaining to School Council will be sent using this email. If you would like to be added to our list, please send us an email with "Opt In" in the subject line.

### *CBE Anti-Spam Legislation and Receiving School Council Information*

Due to Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL), you need to subscribe online if you want to continue receiving email or text messages on "commercial" school topics such as picture days, student fees, field trip costs, yearbooks, fun lunches and more. Starting Oct. 1, 2016, if you have not subscribed, you will no longer receive these messages. You will continue to receive messages on non-commercial school topics such as absence and emergency notifications.

To ensure you can receive messages from the Calgary Board of Education and our school, please do the following:

1. To subscribe to receive commercial messages, go to [here](#) to enter your email address and click Subscribe. Use the primary email address on file at the school.
2. To opt-in to receive text messages, text the word YES to the six-digit number 724665.

If your contact information changes, please:

- Tell the school
- Subscribe online again, if your email address changes
- Opt-in for text messages again, if your cell number changes

#### **Please note:**

- Your subscription and opt-in will apply to any Calgary Board of Education school that your children attend; however, if you provided different contact information to different schools, you will need to subscribe and opt-in for every email address and cell number.
- Your subscription and opt-in will continue indefinitely unless you withdraw your consent.
- You can withdraw your consent at any time. To unsubscribe for commercial email and text messages go to [here](#) . To opt-out of receiving any text messages, text STOP to 724665.

### *Upcoming Events*

Back to School time is always hectic, so here is a preview of activities for September, that will come all too quickly! You can also visit the [school website](#) for a school year calendar and comprehensive list of school activities.

September 13th	- School Photos
September 16th	- Welcome Back BBQ: All students & parents are invited to enjoy a BBQ lunch
September 19th	- First School Council Meeting - Come and find out what is new this year
September 22-23	- Meet the Teacher
September 29	- Terry Fox Day
October 7 & 10	- No School!
October 14th	- Fall Family Dance

### *School Council Meetings*

School Council Meetings are held once a month, usually the third Monday, at 6:30pm. They are followed immediately by an EBTPFA meeting. Meeting attendees include any interested parents and guardians, all School Council Executive, Committee Coordinators and Representatives and our School Principal and Learning Leaders. Topics of discussion include upcoming events, School Council Plan initiatives, Administration updates and Budget items. Meeting Agendas and Minutes are distributed by email prior to each meeting. **Our first meeting will be held September 19 at 6:30pm.**

### *School Council Newsletter and Meeting Minutes*

Once a month School Council will send out a monthly newsletter and a draft copy of the last meeting's minutes. Please take a few minutes to read through them, especially in advance of School Council Meetings. In case you missed them in June, please find a copy of the [June 2016 School Council Newsletter](#) and [June's Meeting Minutes](#) on our website.

Our Vice-Chair, Jeff Kelly and his family are moving to BC this week. We wish him and his family every success in their new life in BC. With his departure, the Vice Chair position on School Council is vacant. If this role might be of interest to you, please [contact us](#).

### *2016 - 2017 Fundraising Schedule*

Last year parents donated time and energy to offer multiple fundraising campaigns, as well as working at a Casino, to raise funds for our school. These funds are allocated by School Council and the École Banff Trail Parent Fundraising Association ("EBTPFA") to support our students and teachers in school wide activities. Without these efforts, our school would not have enjoyed access to programs and resources which support initiatives for School Spirit, Technology, Cultural Activities and Curriculum Resources. To find out more about Fundraising at Banff Trail School and to review this and last year's Budget, please visit our [blog](#).

Banff Trail is very proud of its strong community of volunteerism and fundraising. Your [Fundraiser Coordinators](#) are here to schedule fundraising initiatives throughout the year and answer any questions you may have. To see a preview of our Fundraising Schedule [click here](#).

Participation in these fundraising activities is entirely optional. You are welcome to be involved in all or some of these activities, to give a direct cash donation or to donate your time through volunteering, however there is no obligation to participate as there are many different ways of supporting Banff Trail.

### *Fun Lunch at Banff Trail*

Every month parent volunteers organize a Fun Lunch for our students in Grades 1-6. The school Leadership Club decides on a theme for students to dress as to make the day that much more fun. Fun Lunch provides students with a fun lunch time meal option, gives everyone a break from making a packed lunch, and gives parents an opportunity to volunteer in the school. This year parents can sign up for all Fun Lunches in advance by visiting [Healthy Hunger](#) later in September.

### *Getting involved...*

We are all invested in making Banff Trail the most amazing place for our children to learn and grow. There is a lot of work that School Council does behind the scenes that makes Banff Trail the place it is. The EBTPFA works collaboratively with School Council to organize fundraising campaigns, approve funding requests from school administration, fund school programs and manage the budget. Fun lunches, school dances, fundraisers for school resources and classroom technology are all examples of how fundraising enriches our school community. School Council also has a mandate to lay and maintain the foundation for our school community to constantly grow and improve.

More people becoming actively involved on School Council means we can share the work and benefit from more energy and ideas. You do not need any experience. Getting involved now means you benefit from the experience and enthusiasm of current and long time members. This gives School Council the ability to enjoy a seamless transition year to year. Opportunities to contribute, or shadow a currently held position, always exist. [Get in touch with us!](#)

### *Missing something?*

All of the information here is available on our [website!](#)

**2016-2017 École Banff Trail School Council**

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Past Secretary:	<i>Andrea Loewen</i>	
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**2016-2017 École Banff Trail Parent Fundraising Association (EBTPFA):**

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**2016-2017 The Banff Trail School Yard Development Society:**

Treasurer:	<i>Tania Baxter</i>
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