



# SPARLING SCHOOL



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Good Morning Sparling Families,

It's great to connect with you again. Our hope is that you had a safe and relaxing holiday season.

As you know, today we welcome back our students after the extension of the winter break. We can reassure you that our priority is to have a safe environment in which students can learn. Sparling School has received a thorough cleaning over the break and our air filtration system meets the provincial criteria. All safety measures remain in place for our school. Our Pre K - Grade 5 students will remain in cohorts, hand sanitizing and distancing measures continue. The expectations for mask wearing remains the same with Grade 4-6 being mandatory and it is strongly recommended for our K to Grade 3 students. We also continue to ask visitors who enter our building to provide proof of vaccinations or a photo of a negative rapid test.

All families are asked to use the Daily Self-Assessment Checklist for their child and anyone who isn't feeling well should stay home. If your child is staying home, please let the school know. You can find the most recent Daily Checklist [here](#).

As you may have heard, the Alberta Government will be supplying students with medical grade masks and rapid test kits. The masks are packaged in a 2-week supply for each person and the rapid tests are in packages of 5. If a person was testing twice per week that would last them 2.5 weeks. No tests will be done at school. Families can make their own decision about whether to test regularly or use the tests if someone becomes symptomatic. **If you as a family do not want the test kits to be sent home with your child, please advise the school as soon as possible so they are not sent home.** At this time, we are unsure as to when our supplies will arrive at Sparling.

We have been made aware that Alberta Health Services will not be providing contact notifications to schools, therefore we will not be sharing news of individual COVID cases. A reminder that it is possible a class or grade could be shifted to remote learning for a 10-day period of time if there is a significant level of illness.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our Sparling Families for their continued support during this time. If you have any questions, concerns, or need any support as we move forward in the school year please reach out to us here.

Take Care,

Andrea Gutmann & Jonathan Skinner