



# Dorothy Dalglish School

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## Principal's Message

I want to send a big thank you out to the Staff and Students at DDS. While COVID-19 brings so many restrictions and regulations, staff and students have been incredibly positive and proficient at adapting. Guidelines are fluid and updates are being released regularly. Staff need to adjust quickly and efficiently – they've done it with grace and positivity. Students are so adept at following the strict rules and doing their best to work and learn under very different and challenging circumstances. I know we are all just so happy to continue to be able to attend school in as normal fashion as possible.

**Thank you** to School Council and the Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte for:

1. Five new Chromebooks!
2. Sponsoring the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology virtual event called the **Top 10 Scariest Specimens** on Friday, Oct. 30!
  - a. We saw a crocodile skull the size of a Smart car, the largest dinosaur claw ever found, and a creature with a set of teeth bigger than *T. rex.*; and
3. Due to COVID-19 regulations and guidelines not allowing outside treats, School Council and PSBSPB sponsored \$250.00 in treats that staff purchased for the students to enjoy for Halloween parties.

### THANK YOU SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PSBSPB!

As you may know, report cards will be coming home on Friday, November 13. Due to COVID-19, we will have online Parent-Teacher Interviews after school Thursday, November 19. This is such an important time to celebrate your child's growth, and to set learning goals. Because a child's development is so much more than just academics and grades, our school emphasizes the values of kindness, character building, and helping a child achieve their maximum potential. That being said, an important part of that *is* grades and the accompanying work ethic and perseverance skills that go with it. We don't expect every child to achieve excellence in their academics, but we do have high expectations for continual growth in all areas, including academic, but especially in personal and character growth,

We are all looking forward to seeing you online for Parent-Teacher Interviews, and I know your child is looking forward to the positive feedback. Below are some tips to help get the most out of your time with your child's teacher.

- Ask your child how she feels about school.
- Ask your child if there is anything that he wants you to talk about with his teacher.
- Affirm to your child that you and her teacher are meeting to help her.
- Prepare a list of questions such as:
  - What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
  - Does my child hand homework in on time?
  - Does my child participate in class?
  - Does my child seem happy at school?
  - What can I do at home to help?
- For more tips, try this website:

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/tips-successful-parent-teacher-conferences-your-childs-school>

Remember – your child is great at a lot of things. Perhaps he struggles with reading, but is a fabulous artist. Maybe she doesn't find math easy, but LOVES science. Celebrate and nurture what your child is good at, and support them to improve where the needs are.

Your partner in education,  
Ms. Shari Rogerson  
Principal

