



WEEKLY DRAGON TALES

August 28, 2025

Living the Langdon LAIR life

Hello Langdon school families,

Some of you probably feel like you blinked, and summer was over while others may be ready to get back into the usual routines. I have learned, more than one thing can be true! I hope you all had some fun and relaxing times these past couple of months. We are looking forward to opening our doors to students on Tuesday! A special welcome to all our new students and kindergarten students joining us this year.

We want to welcome three new staff members this year. Ms. Paige Grabmuller in kindergarten, Mr. Kevin Hammer grade 7 and Ms. Kirsten Johnston (covering Misha Behnia) in grade 6.

Please visit our website for any information about the school such as bell times start-up information, our school handbook etc. : <https://langdon.rockyview.ab.ca/>

You will find Safe Arrival and School Cash Online instructions attached to this newsletter. Safe Arrival must be used for absences, late arrivals and early pick-ups. Please ensure your child arrives on time each day. If your child is late, they **must check in at the office** to avoid being marked unexcused and to prevent unnecessary notifications to parents. If you are picking your child up early, Safe Arrival does not give us an alert. We call the student out of class when you arrive. Same goes if that early pick-up is canceled. We need you to call and let us know so we can inform your child.

Our student numbers have surpassed what was anticipated in the Spring. Currently, some of the class sizes are quite high. We will always do our very best to ensure your child gets the support they need in and out of the classroom. If we are fortunate to be able to hire another teacher, this means classes will change. We know this can be difficult especially once students are settled in their homerooms with their peers and teachers. There are factors we take into consideration when this happens. These include what supports we have in the classroom and classroom dynamics. Our team examines academic needs, behaviour/social/emotional needs and what peers work well together (or don't!). We will try to avoid moving a child who experienced a move once or multiple times in past years, but this depends on the classroom configurations. We will keep you posted with any information as we receive it.

Teachers will spend a lot of time next week building relationships with their students and establishing a sense of community in their classrooms. Staggered entry gives students an opportunity to ease into the school year by reducing some anxiety and getting to know their teacher. L.A.I.R. values (Leadership ,

Coming up:

Sept 3 and 4: First days of school!

Sept. 12 – Welcome Back breakfast/school tour/parent orientation
7:30-10am

Sept. 15 – School Picture Day

Sept. 17-19 – Grade 6 Camp Evergreen (outdoor school)

Accountability, Integrity and Respect) guide everything we do at Langdon School. Next week, students will learn or re-learn expectations for their classroom, hallway, entrances, playground, gym, and bathrooms. If you are new to our school, 1 student from each class are recognized as “Dragons of the Month” for going above and beyond with LAIR. These names are then showcased on the Principal’s Wall of Flame and there is a prize as well! We also award Dragons of the Year in June.

There will be a lot of communication over the next few weeks. Please take a few minutes to stay informed by reading this weekly newsletter, checking our website and any emails that come from the Langdon School email address. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office.

We encourage you to look at our School Handbook. This will familiarize you with many procedures and school expectations. I will highlight that just like last year, cell phones are not permitted for grades K-6. This includes all breaks. If you choose to send your child with a device, it must stay in their backpack. Grade 7 and 8 can use their device during breaks. They are not permitted during learning blocks. Ear pods are also not permitted. Grade 7 and 8 students can go off campus at lunch with Parental Consent.

Your child’s teacher will be sending a welcome email shortly if they haven’t already. PowerSchool should also have your child’s classes listed by tomorrow if not later today.

We are excited to see your children and have another fantastic year with all members of our school community.

Have a great long weekend!

Shannon Storey

Frequently Asked Questions

SafeArrival for Families FAQ

What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

SchoolMessenger app (free)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).
3. Tap **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, and then select **Report an Absence**.

Web and Mobile Web: go.schoolmessenger.com

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Go to the website.
3. Click **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, then select **Report an Absence**.

Interactive Toll-free Phone

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence.

Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence.

Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using your communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, SMS text messages, or phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

If an absence is not explained within approximately 20 minutes of the time that the school starts the notification process, school staff will follow up to make sure that your child is safe. If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.

If you don't want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance.

If you do receive notifications of your child's absence, be sure to provide the reason as quickly as possible, using one of the methods listed above or during the phone call notification itself.

Why do I need a SchoolMessenger app account?

A SchoolMessenger app account is not required to use the toll-free phone line to report absences. However, we strongly recommend that you provide your email address to the school and set up your SchoolMessenger app account. This allows you to review and update absences, review your contact information and communication preferences and more.

Please see related SchoolMessenger app documentation for setting up your account, resetting your password, reviewing contact information, and specifying communication preferences. Once you have set up your account, choose ATTENDANCE from the menu.

If you cannot set up your account, you do not see the ATTENDANCE option, or you do not see your child(ren) listed in your account, please contact the school directly to check that your correct email address is associated with your child(ren).

How do I use the toll-free phone line?

When you call the toll-free phone line, follow the instructions for reporting an absence.

If the phone number you are calling from matches a phone number on file with the school for your student(s), you will hear your student'(s) name(s). If the system doesn't recognize your caller ID, you will be asked to enter the student's home phone number.

If you have difficulty using the toll-free phone line, please consider using the SchoolMessenger mobile app or website. Otherwise, contact the school directly.



Parent Registration Instructions for School Cash Online

To enhance student safety and school efficiencies, Rocky View Schools (RVS) would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques received by our schools. Please join other RVS' parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than five minutes to register. Please follow the instructions below to begin receiving email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

If you are new to School Cash Online:


Step 1: Register

Note: If you require assistance registering, select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand corner of the screen

- If you have not registered before, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps. For Security Reasons your password requires **eight characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?
School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)



[Register](#) [Sign In](#)

Step 2: Confirmation E-mail

A registration confirmation e-mail will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the e-mail to confirm your e-mail address and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your e-mail address and password just created with your account to sign in.

SchoolCashOnline.com
Hello Parent,
Please click the link below to confirm your email address.
<http://cedarrapids.schoolcashionline.com/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/1e754b3-7202-4ea9-b27e-7dced1db411>
Copy the link and paste it into your web browser, if the link doesn't work,
Contact support at 1.866.961.1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.
Thank you,
Your School Cash Online Support Team

Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your child(ren) to your account.

- Select the **School Board Name.**
- Select the **School Name.**
- Enter **Your Child's Student Number** and **Last Name.**
Note: the Student Number is located in the Grades and Attendance page in the **PowerSchool Parent Portal** and on the Fee Statement sent by the school. Please do not use the Alberta Student Number (ASN).
- Select **Continue.**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check the **Agree** box and select **Continue.**
- Your child has been added to your account.

Find Student

Student Information

School Board Name: Rocky View Schools
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐ ?

School Name: ?

Student Information

Student Number: ?

Last Name:

[Continue](#)

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children or your child attends more than one school in RVS, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. Five children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

If you have registered for School Cash Online in a previous year:

School Cash Online records are constantly updated so if a student moves to a different school within the same district, the student's information will be automatically updated. To confirm that all of your children are attached to your account, log in to SchoolCash Online <https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com>. Select the **"My Account"** tab and **"My Students."** If a child is not displayed you can use **"Add another student"** to attach them to your account.