ÉCOLE A.E. BOWERS ELEMENTARY



Preparing to Close Schools Beginning Monday Oct. 6 due to ATA Strike

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), which represents teachers and school administrators across the province, announced the ATA voted 89.5 per cent against the agreement presented in provincial negotiations. This allows a strike to proceed on Oct. 6, 2025. All schools, including online, are preparing to close starting Oct. 6. No teaching or grading of student work will take place during a strike. The school will not be accessible during the strike.

Please ensure your family reads Rocky View Schools emails and check the <u>RVS website</u> for updates.

ADMIN MESSAGE

On Monday September 29th's professional learning day, our teachers were hard at work deepening their practice. They explored the collaborative problem-solving process to better support students, strengthened their understanding of Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports (PBIS), and learned how our literacy coach can partner with classrooms to enrich instruction. Staff also renewed and set goals for our School Education Plan—a key document that aligns our school priorities with both provincial education goals and those of Rocky View Schools.

It's hard to believe a month has already passed since the first day of school! It's been wonderful to see students living our school values: Be Safe, Be Kind, and Be Responsible—the foundation of our PBIS program. Many classes have already created, or are in the process of creating, a classroom matrix to show what these values look like in action.

Many thanks to those who came out and support our school council, please watch for the upcoming events they are planning. Finally, a heartfelt thankyou for your support during start-up. Each morning, watching students arrive —whether by bus, car, or on foot—reminds us of the commitment families make to ensure children are ready to learn. Let's work together to keep every child safe on the way to and from school by observing posted speed limits and respecting no-parking and no-stopping zones.

Together, we're off to a great start to the school year!

October 2025

All scheduled events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

Healthy Hunger dates have been moved to November.

For updated labour information, please go to RVS Home Page.
~Thank you





~ Mme Pothier and Ms. Rott





ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN

Staff and students participated in AE Bowers Annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 25. Students chose to run for family, friends, and some, themselves.

Our fundraising goal for The Terry Fox Foundation this year was \$1 045.00 which we exceeded by \$790.55! A total of \$1 835.55 was raised! Thank you to all who contributed online and through our "Twoonies for Terry" campaign!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Each year on September 30, Canadians recognize Orange Shirt Day, also known as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is meant to honour the children who were taken to residential schools and to remember the lasting impact these schools had on families and communities. At our school, students engaged in learning and reflection around Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 26. Together, we wore orange to show that Every Child Matters and to remind ourselves of the importance of listening, learning, and building a kinder, more respectful future.







September Food Bank Donations

Every year in September, AE
Bowers holds a food drive for
the Airdrie Food Bank. This
year AE Bowers donated 153
lbs of food which translates
to \$556.92! Thank you for you
generosity!



School Council News

Welcome new and returning members to School Council

- Chair Jenn Caspell
- Co-Chair Brad Stefaniuk
- Secretary Areef Kassam
- Volunteer Coordinator Britney Bonan

Our October 9th on-site school council meeting has been postponed. Please watch your inbox for the new date!

Healthy Hunger

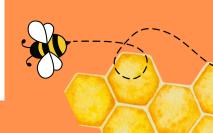
<u>Healthy Hunger</u> fun lunch will run <u>bi weekly</u> from September 24, 2025 through to May27, 2026. Proceeds go to support families who need assistance with field trip and other school related costs.

Please note, Healthy Hunger for October 8 and 22 have been postponed. October 8 Taco Time will now be November 12, and October 22 Edo will now be November 26.

School Handbooks

For information on school communication, setting up your SchoolCash online account (necessary for all field trips), student medications, bell times, real-time reporting, volunteering, how to submit an absence, and much more, be sure to review the handbooks available on our website!

(Kindergarten families, please review both handbooks)



Airdrie Community Links

Parenting Children with ADHD (registration deadline October 16, 2025)

For parents/caregivers of children 5 -12 years (ADULTS ONLY)

Do you have a child diagnosed with ADHD, or are you wondering if your

child might have ADHD? We will discuss information about ADHD such as symptoms and causes,

resources available to support you and your child, the process of getting a diagnosis and explore parenting strategies that can help

set your child up for success. Thursday, October 23, 2025, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/parenting-children-with-adhd

Parenting Children with Anxiety (registration deadline October 23, 2025) For parents/caregivers of children 7 - 14 years (ADULTS ONLY)

Are you the parent/caregiver of a child with an anxiety disorder or who is experiencing stress that

is overwhelming and impacting their day-to-day life? We will discuss information about anxiety such

as symptoms and causes, resources available to support you and your child, and explore coping and

parenting strategies that can help set your child up for success. Thursday, October 30, 2025, 6:00

pm - 7:30 pm

https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/parenting-children-with-anxiety

For additional information, please go to Community Links.



