

Dates to Remember

- September 20: Professional Learning Day (No School) Septe
- September 26: School Council at 7 pm in Room 102
- September 27: ELAA
- September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Dear Lakers and Laker families,

We are thrilled to report that the first few days of school at HJ Cody have been a tremendous success. The halls and classrooms are once again filled with energy and enthusiasm. Our students are already forging positive connections with their peers and teachers while diving into review and exploring new curriculum objectives. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents and guardians who have played a crucial role in helping our Lakers start the year on such a strong note. Your support and involvement are deeply appreciated and make all the difference.

Our students have seamlessly adjusted to keeping their cell phones powered off and out of sight during instructional time. It's inspiring to see our Lakers consistently meet our high expectations. A special thank you goes to our parents for their proactive conversations about phone use at home, which have significantly contributed to this smooth transition. For those interested in understanding more about the impact of cell phones on learning and mental health, I highly recommend reading The Anxious Generation. It provides valuable insights into how technology affects our students' well-being and academic performance.

Parents will soon receive emails from teachers, welcoming you to a collaborative partnership in education and introducing the courses they teach. Each email will include the course outline for your reference. Teachers will also update their Google Classroom stream weekly with the agenda for the week. We encourage you to regularly check this stream to stay informed about upcoming assessments and deadlines. For more information on how to navigate Google Classroom as a parent, please watch this informative video.

If you have not yet completed your child's Demographic Update, please do so at your earliest convenience. It is essential for us to have the most current contact information for each student's guardian. Additionally, the Demographic Update includes a permission slip for in-town walking excursions, such as those for the Terry Fox Run and physical education activities. Please review and submit the permission slip along with your update.

Students who may not have a chromebook or laptop that they can bring to school can rent one from the school for \$50, with a <u>rental agreement</u> available in the office. We are committed to ensuring that all students have access to the tools they need for success in their courses.

Our teams and clubs are gearing up for an exciting season! For the latest updates on our clubs and teams, please visit our Facebook page or check the Daily Bulletin in Powerschool. We strongly encourage all students to get involved and become an active part of our Laker Nation.

Our first School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 7 pm in Room 102. I encourage you to attend and learn more about our school community.

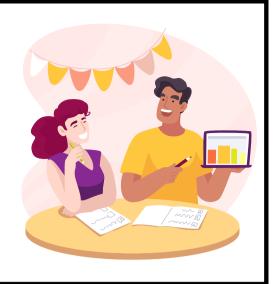
Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Alex Lambert, Principal.

Peer Tutoring

If students have achieved 80% or higher in one of their core courses and are interested in peer tutoring, please see Ms. Sudlow for information. Peer tutoring services will be available early September for those interested.







The Phys Ed Department Needs Your Help!

We are currently accepting donations of gently used athletic shoes (sizes 9 and up). Donations can be dropped off at the P.E. office, conveniently located next to the gym. Your contributions will go a long way in supporting our students!