



The Firewire – Final Edition

June 19, 2020

Not only is this Firewire the final one for this school year, it represents my final newsletter forever – just under 160

Firewires published! Hard to fathom as I sit at my desk and reflect on my last 4 years at

Fultonvale. Every day, week and month was a Blessing for me. I am looking forward to seeing many faces during the week of June 22.

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**

I am pleased that Mr. Jeff Spady will be your principal. I have known Mr. Spady since he was a student teacher and we have kept in contact over the past number of years. Mr. Spady has experience in elementary, junior & senior high schools. He is currently a Director at Central. His bio is below.

Jeff Spady began his career with Elk Island Public Schools in 2001 as a grade 6 teacher at Win Ferguson Elementary. He then spent 4 years teaching grade 5 at Lakeland Ridge School. His first Assistant Principal position was at James Mowat School where he spent two years. That was followed by Assistant Principal positions at Lamont Junior/Senior High School for 2 years and at Salisbury Composite High School for 3 years. His first Principal position was at Fort Saskatchewan High School from 2015 - 2018. His most recent position was within the Supports for Students department at Elk Island Public Schools where he served as the Director of Secondary Education.

He is unbelievably excited to become the next Principal of Fultonvale School! Jeff loves working with students of all ages and believes that every student can experience success, that kindness and caring are critical to a culture of a school, and that community plays a vital role in education. He is looking forward to fulfilling the Fultonvale motto: Feel the H.E.A.T. (Heart, Excellence, Attitude, Teamwork).

Jeff lives in Sherwood Park and is happily married to Tamara, has two kids named Sam and Cicely, and a dog named Poppy.

He cannot wait to meet all of you and hopes that everyone has a wonderful summer.

Schedule for returning school owned material

The return of school owned material is linked to families receiving their credit/refund, so we are asking parents to ensure all school materials are returned next week. Library books can be dropped off as soon as possible in the box by the main doors. There are marked boxes where you can simply drop off materials without entering the main building.

Chromebooks will have to come into the office to be check in and assessed for any damage. We have to turn them on, check the screens, etc.

Schedule:

June 22 – Div. III (junior high)

- ✚ grade 7 students 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- ✚ grade 8 students 10:30-12:30 p.m.
- ✚ grade 9 students 1:00- 3:00 p.m.

* Honours, Athletic certificates handed out.

* Gr. 9 certificates handed out at this time.

June 23 – Div. II (grs. 4-6):

- ✚ grade 4 students 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- ✚ grade 5 students 10:30-12:00 p.m.
- ✚ grade 6 students 1:00-3:00 p.m.

*Receive their gr. 6 certificate at this time.

June 24 – Div. I (K-3)

- ✚ grade 1 & Kindergarten students 8:00-10:00 a.m. *Kindergarten students receive their certificate at this time.
- ✚ grade 2 students 10:30-12:00 p.m.
- ✚ grade 3 students 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Families with children in multiple grades can return all items at any one of their designated times.

Should your family be “on holidays” or away during this week, please drop off materials any time prior to June 22nd. Thank you for your collective efforts in returning school items in a timely and COVID friendly manner.

Grade 9 Farewell

I wish to thank those parents who joined Mr. Wever and me to put plans in place that will follow COVID-19 guidelines. The “Farewell” will coincide with the above Grade time. Photos of each grade 9 student will be posted in the main, front windows so parents and students can view and take their own photo in front of these. These will be up by the end of the day, Friday, June 19th. This way families can take photos over the weekend while maintaining social distancing. There will be no speeches delivered, but staff will be present to sat farewell.

2019-2020 Valedictorian

This year I am pleased to announce our 2019-2020 Valedictorians. Yes, we have two outstanding students who earned this title. Highest academic average achieved, and impeccable character demonstrated throughout the year. CONGRATULATIONS TO AMY COOPER & KATE CROMB!

Plaques and certificates will be available to Amy & Kate at the Grade 9 farewell. Well done la

Yearbook**

Our yearbook is still being developed and will be available for purchase till **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**. Junior high athletes who normally would be recognized by their coaches for individual achievement at our traditional athletic banquet will be recognized in the yearbook.

All Junior High Honours students and our 2 Valedictorians will be recognized in the yearbook.

MHCB News – Asma

Family and Community Services (FCS) is now offering virtual counselling in its efforts to help residents feel safe, supported, and connected. At this time, residents are invited to phone FCS to access supports, including phone or virtual counselling. We are all impacted by COVID-19. Many of us are experiencing the impacts of financial stress, job loss, domestic violence, restrictions on seeing loved ones and friends or major changes to daily routines. People may feel uncertain, anxious, isolated, irritable, lonely or even have a sense of grief and loss. *Counselling is available seven days a week at 780-464-4044.*

The call line hours on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. No appointment is needed. Call and you will be connected to the next available counsellor.

A Fondest Farewell

Strange words to write, and certainly a strange time to be writing them - leaving without a handshake or high five. I have decided to focus on the last 30 years, not the last three months. It is hard to believe teaching will soon become something I 'was' rather than 'am'. Teaching is such a human endeavor and one of the things I know about myself is how much I like to be around other people. It has been my very great good fortune to have had the opportunity to build relationships and create connections with students, parents, and colleagues over the years. Fultonvale School and the extended community is a very special place. I am so grateful to be part of it and so very grateful to have had the opportunity to connect and work with you. I wish everyone happiness and success.

My four years at Fultonvale have been fabulous. I have enjoyed cheering at sporting events, listening to Christmas concerts, watching art creations evolve out of blank paper, visiting classrooms, judging crepes, cupcakes and anything else from Foods classes, coaching basketball, and just simply interacting with students in their daily life at Fultonvale. The many rewards I have received from students and staff are too numerous to count. My interactions with you as parents/guardians have been positive, often fun in nature, meaningful, and very productive. Continue to feel the **H.E.A.T.**

Thank you for the warm memories and allowing me to be part of the Fultonvale community. I feel truly blessed and will take many memories with me as I shift into my next chapter.

~ Brad