



## Welcome Back Gators

School start is at 8:25 a.m.

Please ensure your child is on

time as a late start can cause

your child to miss important

information. If you know your

child will be absent, please call

780-460-3728 or email us at

switzerb@spschools.org.

Welcome to the 2017 - 2018 school year! The entire Akins Staff extends a warm welcome to our new and returning families! Teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms and creating curriculums for new and exciting learning experiences this year.

Just a quick reminder about traffic safety, please help us keep every child safe while riding or walking to school. Please be mindful of traffic laws, speed limits, children crossing the street, and our neighbors' driveways during pick up and drop off peak times. Please remember that the staff parking lot and bus bays are not to be used as a drop off/pick up area.

To stay informed throughout the year, please navigate to our [Webpage](#) and like our [Facebook page](#). You can also follow us on [Instagram](#) to stay active in school events.

Our first Principal's Coffee will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:35-9:20 am in the staff room. This is just an opportunity to stop by and say hello, check in, and share your thoughts. I look forward to seeing you there! If you cannot make it, please know that my door is always open, and you are more than welcome to schedule an appointment with the office staff to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Graham Jackson,  
Principal





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## Volunteer Opportunities

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Want to get involved with the school, but don't know how? The school cafeteria needs 15 student volunteers to help out in the concession. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Ms. Switzer in the office.

Be a reading buddy!

We need teens between 14 and 17 to volunteer for the Reading Buddies program at the St. Albert Public Library.

Be a reading buddy to a younger child who needs a little extra help and encouragement in their reading. Every Tuesday, 4:00 to 5:00 from September 19 – October 24.

For more information contact us at 780-459-1532 [jsapl@sapl.ca](mailto:jsapl@sapl.ca) or stop by the Children's Desk.

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## Up Coming Events

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### Food Truck Festival

Lorne Akins Junior High School is holding its third annual Food Truck Festival from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Confirmed to be rolling into the school parking lot are: The Purple Perogy, Jack's Mobile Burger Truck, Beavertails, and Street Eats Food Truck.

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### Volleyball

Volleyball Senior and Junior tryouts are underway. The team's rosters will be posted by the end of next week. Want to show your Gator spirit? Come Cheer on the Senior Gator teams at the University of Alberta, Saville Community Sports Centre this weekend this Sunday.

### C.H.O.M.P Council

The Lorne Akins C.H.O.M.P Student Council would like to welcome all new students to the Gator Family. The council hosted their first meeting September 9, but will be meeting again October 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## Sports Shorts

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### Terry Fox Run

For over 30 years Canada has worked to achieve Terry's vision – a world without cancer. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, we will honour his vision by have our annual Terry Fox Run. Every student can help work towards his dream by bringing in a toonie for Terry to their T.A.

### Cross Country

Our first inter-school sport event of the year is our Cross Country Running. The 72 participants will be determined by the results of those who participated and completed the Terry Fox Run.

### Intramurals

Stay active while the summer weather lasts. Every lunch hour, join in on the fun with intramurals located at the soccer fields or active living in Room 111. You can also sign out a ball from the active living room and have your own fun in the sun! All you need to do is go to Room 111, leave your student handbook where the ball of your choice is, and return the ball when you are done and collect your handbook.



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The event is part of Dyer's Grade 9 Foods' Food Truck module that sees students designing a food truck, developing and costing its menu, and building a business plan for taking the truck from concept to street corner. The Food Trucks are a learning opportunity before turning to the real business of preparing and selling food. "The food truck owners are an amazing resource for our students," says Dyer, who encourages her budding food-entrepreneurs to ask as many questions as possible throughout the morning. "We can talk in class all we want about how to design a kitchen or price a menu, but nothing compares to talking with the people whose living is based on these decisions. This is real-world learning for my students."

This is the third year that Lorne Akins has hosted this event, and is excited to be building on the success of its inaugural festival in 2015. "Last year was a remarkable success," Dyer smiles. "The students learned so much during their morning with the food trucks, and the Akins community had a great lunch. Most importantly, this event addresses directly the growing emphasis on applied, or real-world learning in the curriculum. And students react very positively to this opportunity," she continues. "Last year the final projects were exceptional, ranging from fully detailed models to 3D digital renderings of trucks that looked ready to hit the street."

Sales open at 11:00am, and Lorne Akins welcomes guests from the community to stop by the school to enjoy one of the last truck events of the season.

For more information please contact:  
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Lorne Akins Junior High School  
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## Welcome Back from the Ladies in the Office

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We would like to remind everyone that if a student is leaving the school for any reason or if you will be late for school your parent or guardian must call, email, or send a note into the office. No student is permitted to leave the school if we do not receive parent or guardian consent. In addition, any student that arrives to school late without a parent or guardian informing the office will result in an unexcused late.



Please remember that if you are entering the school late or leaving for any reason you must come down to the office and sign in or out. This is extremely important as we need to account for every person in the school should there be an emergency.

Just a reminder: we love to see all of your wonderful creations so if you are proud of something you have created be sure to drop past the office and let us see!

We wish you all a wonderful School Year.

Mrs. Campagna  
Mrs. Hanson  
Ms. Switzer

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Come Meet the Teacher Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.

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