



# VISTA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

## Newsletter #7

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### School Website

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### School Hours

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Teacher Hours Vary

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Or

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### School Division

### Website

[www.phrd.ab.ca](http://www.phrd.ab.ca)



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

March is the month when Vista Virtual School hosts its second session of Student Parent Teacher Interviews in both Calgary and Edmonton.

Interaction and communication with teachers is an important element of student success in a distance education program. A positive relationship and connection with your teachers ensures that students and parents are constantly aware of how the student's academic program is progressing. Student Parent Teacher Interviews are an opportunity for high school students to ensure their second semester is off to a good start while elementary and junior high students can map out the final months of their program. This year we will have a surprise guest at our Calgary Student Parent Teacher Interviews. Be sure to join us if you live in the Calgary area.

Families living outside the Calgary and Edmonton areas, or those who are unable to attend one of the Student Parent Teacher Interviews, are encouraged to make a connection (by Skype or other means) with their teachers so they can ensure the student's progress is on track.

We've noticed an increase in the number of students sharing work, or submitting shared work found online or elsewhere as their own. When you take work from online or other sources, you're not learning the problem-solving skills you'll need to be successful in the future. Likewise, when you share your own work online, you're preventing other students from learning opportunities. Sharing your work, using others' work, and/or plagiarism are serious academic offences, which have serious consequences. Please read our plagiarism policy available on our website: <http://www.vvschool.ca/student-code-conduct>

We are organizing and planning more activities in which we hope you and your family will participate. If you have ideas for activities, please contact Rick Northrop at [vvactivities@phrd.ab.ca](mailto:vvactivities@phrd.ab.ca). Keep in mind that activities should be related to the curriculum. Please see page two of this newsletter for our upcoming activities in March.

As always, we welcome your comments. If you have any questions or concerns, please phone (toll-free 1-855-974-5333) or e-mail.

Sincerely,

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## Book Your Appointments Soon!

Vista Virtual School will host our spring Student Parent Teacher Interviews in March in both Calgary and Edmonton. Please register early so you can ensure you get the time slot(s) you prefer by using our online booking site <https://vista.schoolappointments.com> or call us at 1-855-974-5333 Extension 5302 and we can schedule the interview(s) for you.

## VVS on the Road

Vista Virtual School staff representatives travel each month to Medicine Hat, Red Deer and Lethbridge to provide help to students and families. To find out where we will be and other information contact [vvsupport@phrd.ab.ca](mailto:vvsupport@phrd.ab.ca) or at 1-855-974-5333 Extension 5317.

## VVS Calendar of Important Dates

- March 5 - Professional Development Day for all teaching staff. Teachers will not be available.
- March 7 - Student Parent Teacher Interviews - Calgary at the Hotel Blackfoot. Calgary campus closed beginning at noon.
- March 15 - Student Parent Teacher Interviews - Edmonton at the Fantasyland Hotel at West Edmonton Mall. Calgary campus closed all day.
- March 16 - Calgary campus closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Student Parent Teacher Interviews.
- March 30 - Easter Friday - All campuses closed.



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## Vista Virtual School Calendar - March 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5) Professional Development Day for Teachers	6	7) Student Parent Teacher Interviews – Calgary Calgary Campus Closed at noon	8	9) Medicine Hat Visit
12	13	14	15) Student Parent Teacher Interviews – Edmonton Calgary campus closed all day	16) Calgary campus closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
19	20	21	22) Red Deer Visit	23
26	27	28	29	30) Easter Friday - All Campuses Closed