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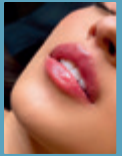
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Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

Around School Buses

- Flashing amber lights mean that a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do so likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

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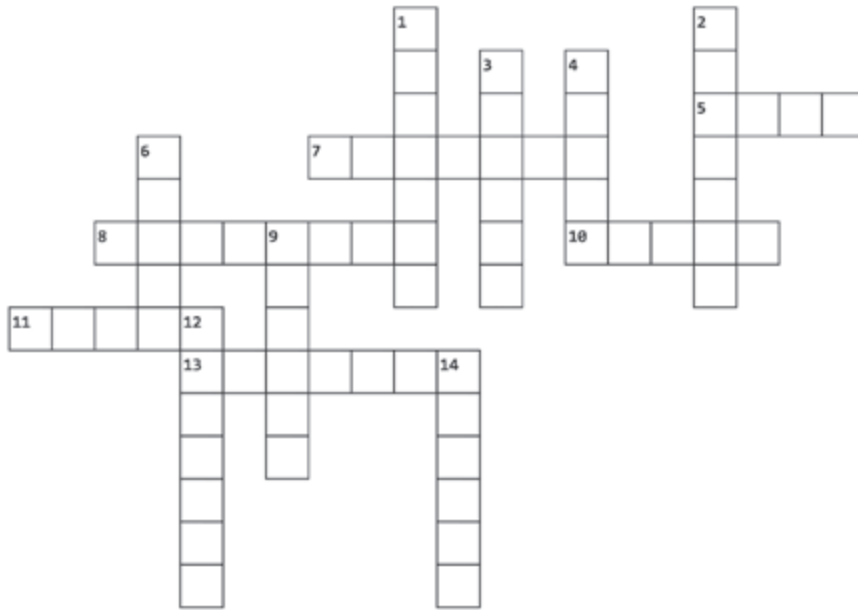
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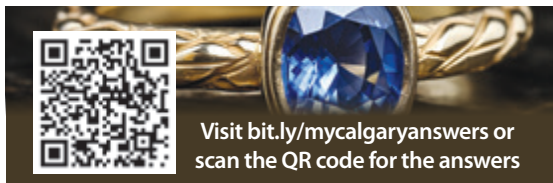


Across

5. The first _____ *Hour* movie, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker, was released on September 18, 1998.
7. World _____ Day is celebrated on September 2 annually and is dedicated to a fruit grown in a woody husk.
8. The birthstone for September, the _____, symbolizes royalty and nobility.
10. World _____ Day, held on September 22 every year, raises awareness for this endangered mammal often poached for its horns.
11. At the 1988 _____ Olympics, Greg Louganis won the 3m springboard in diving after hitting his head on the board the day before.
13. On September 1, 1905, _____ was officially declared a Canadian province.

Down

1. On September 1, 1972, Bobby _____ made history by becoming the first American to win the World Chess Championship held in Reykjavik, Iceland.
2. On September 10, 1991, this Alternative Rock band released their biggest hit "Smells Like Teen Spirit" as the lead single for their album "Nevermind".
3. On September 29, 1962, _____ became the third country (after the Soviet Union and the U.S.) to launch a satellite into space.
4. One of September's birth flowers, the _____ comes from the Greek word for star.
6. Treasured Canadian actor, _____ Reeves turns 60 this year on September 2.
9. September 22 is _____ Day, celebrating the beloved fictional characters Bilbo and Frodo Baggins' birthdays.
12. Canadian pop-punk singer, Avril _____ was born on September 27, 1984, in Belleville, Ontario.
14. *The Blind Assassin* by Canadian author Margaret _____, was published in September 2000 and is set in the fictional Ontario town of Port Ticonderoga.



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I've talked to a lot of parents this year about schools. They've told me that they're concerned about large class sizes, ailing facilities, and overworked teachers. Because of these shortfalls in available space the Calgary Board of Education is now having to consider renting space from recreation centres like the YMCA in Seton. By no means an ideal or long-term solution to this current crisis.


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I fear that cutbacks to funding and failing to build for our population growth will lead to that reputation being lost and Alberta trailing behind other provinces in education rankings.

It's September. Time for new hope and promise, and what I personally consider the real beginning of a new year. I know the people of Calgary-Elbow are struggling under the weight of affordability and health care challenges and want smaller class sizes for their kids. I've got your back. I care about these issues too, and I'm reminding the government of their obligation to you every chance I get.

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