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This GoFundMe, created in partnership with her family, is being established to help ease the inconceivable financial hardship they are facing.

The initial \$100,000 fundraising target will help cover immediate expenses, including lodging in Edmonton for Victoria's mother, Colleen (Cousens) Fortuna, and 16-year-old sister, Ariana, both from Calgary. This will also allow Colleen to take necessary time away from work during this period of immense hardship and profound change to focus on Victoria's medical journey and to help her daughters through the unimaginable grief of the sudden, tragic loss of their father.

In the days, months, and years ahead, Victoria will require additional surgeries, extensive rehabilitation, specialized leg prosthetics, intensive mental health support, and enduring general medical care. The financial impact will be significant and ongoing, with future fundraising goals evolving as a result of these needs.

The family is deeply grateful for the kindness, prayers, and support they have already received. Your generosity, through a donation or by sharing this GoFundMe, will allow them to focus on supporting their beloved Victoria through her long recovery journey. It takes a village and every donation counts.

Thank you for standing with them during this unimaginably difficult time.

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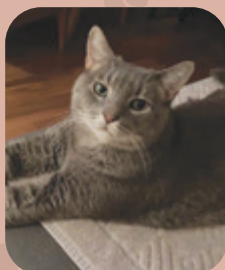
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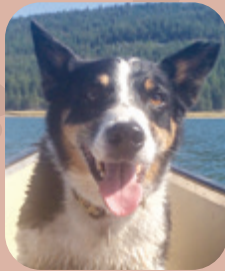
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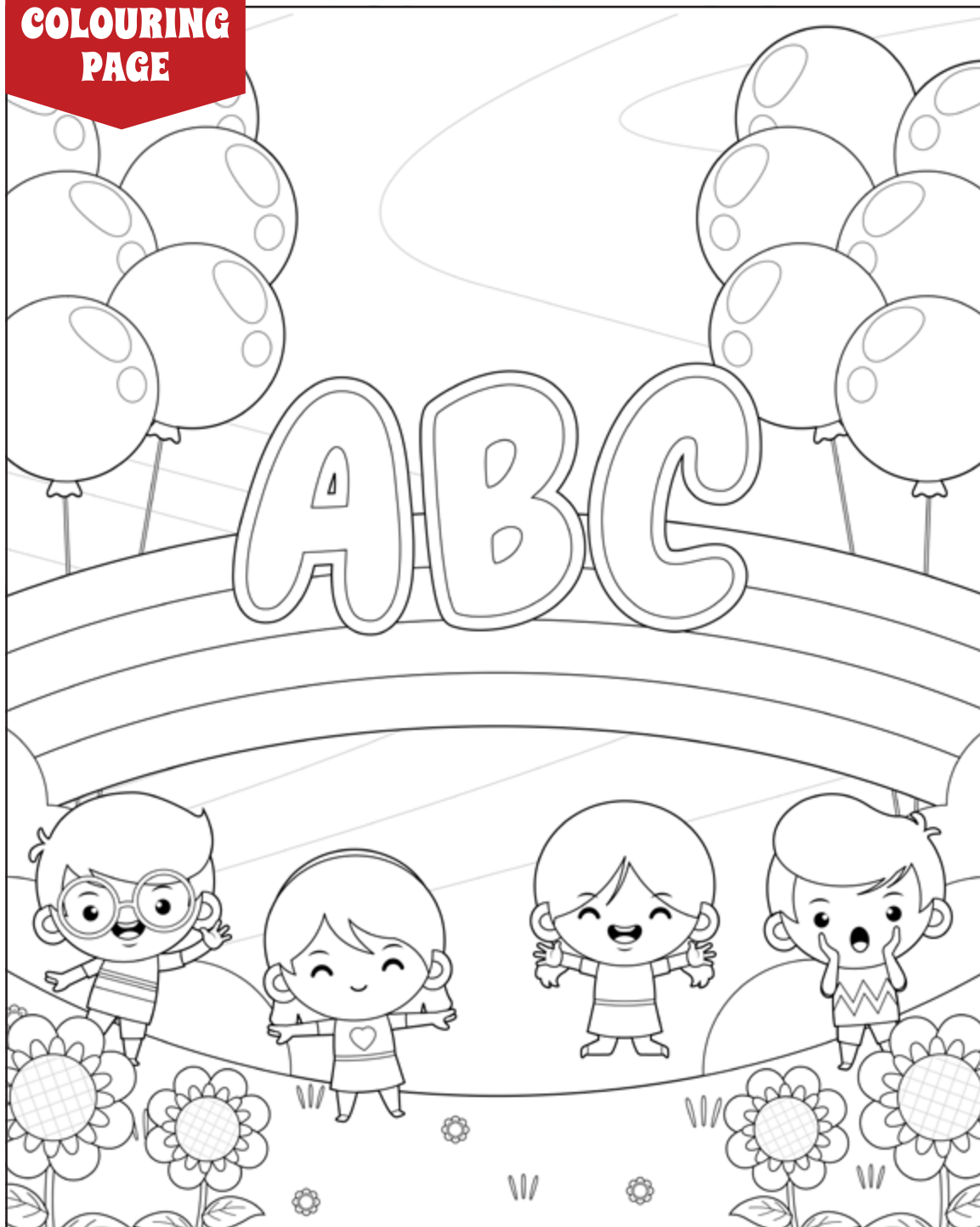


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Back to School Safety

by Alberta Health Services



Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some basic 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

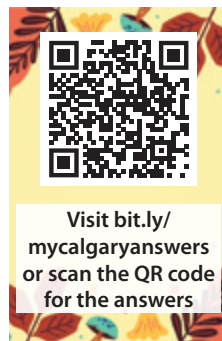
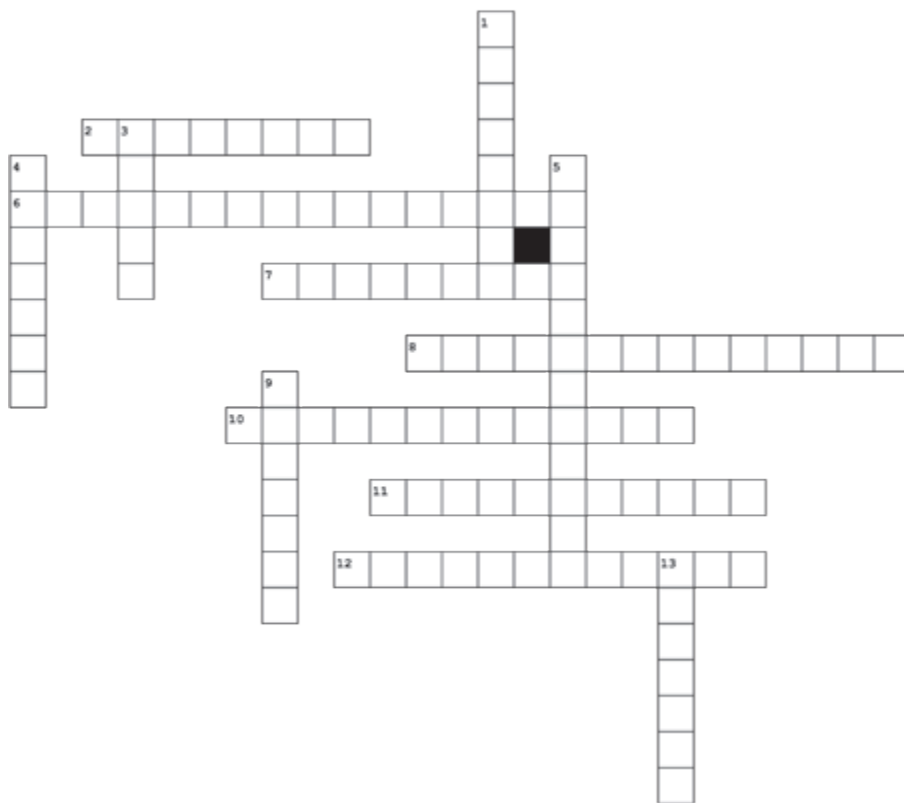
- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop—motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights—unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.

- 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.

September Crossword



Across

2. Used for carrying textbooks and other school supplies, this item is a back-to-school essential.
6. This American band is known for their classic songs, "Let's Groove" and "September."
7. These bears are the smallest variety found in Canada.
8. First airing in 2013, this fun kid's cartoon follows a young boy with his gem companions across the galaxy.
10. Make a stop here in September and you will find a variety of apples, pears, and figs for sale.
11. *The Long Walk*, a film starring Copper Hoffman, is an adaptation of the novel by this famous author.
12. *The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess*. The album released September 22, 2023 was written by this up-and-coming pop singer.

Down

1. This vibrant blue stone representing loyalty and the divine is also the birthstone for September.
3. This bright purple flower is considered September's primary birth flower.
4. Born September 4, 1981, in Houston Texas; this famous singer got her start in the girl group Destiny's Child.
5. This English author wrote *Animal Farm* and *1984*. These novels are typically assigned reading in schools even 80 years after their release.
9. In the world of theatre, speaking the name of this Shakespearean play is considered bad luck. Instead, they refer to it as, "The Scottish Play."
13. This mythical beast is sometimes called, "Canadian Nessie."

September's Reflection

by Michelle Macdonald, Letter Writing and Mail Club Enthusiast.

Write about a relatively new social trend that you appreciate.

Dear reader,

Social trends are ever-changing, and many are for the better. One shift in particular is near and dear to my heart: the increasing value our society places on pets.

From the moment I could speak, I began asking for a pet dog. Every single Christmas I placed "dog" at the top of my wish list. The significant pressure I put on both Santa and my parents was to no avail; my parents were not "dog people".

Over three decades later, that yearning for a four-legged, furry friend had never faded. In early 2020, my family began fostering dogs from a local shelter as a "test run" to see if we could handle the responsibility. We quickly realized we could. Each time a foster dog went to their forever home, I grieved their absence. The extra work felt worth it. We were ready.

When the world slowed down in the spring of 2020, a combination of isolation and extra time made the decision to officially adopt our own dog quite easy. We weren't alone; statistics showed that an unprecedented number of Canadians brought a pet into their homes during that time. It drastically accelerated a shift towards celebrating the creatures that provide us with companionship and unconditional love.

Today, society is becoming a friendlier place for pet owners. I've noticed the City of Calgary has become exceptionally welcoming to dogs. New communities are intentionally designed with dog parks, and many outdoor patios welcome our furry friends. We even have a cat café downtown and puppy yoga throughout the city.

Our pandemic puppy, Luna, is six years old this year. She was the piece our family didn't know we were missing until she arrived and made us feel complete. She was worth the wait.

Happy writing,

Michelle

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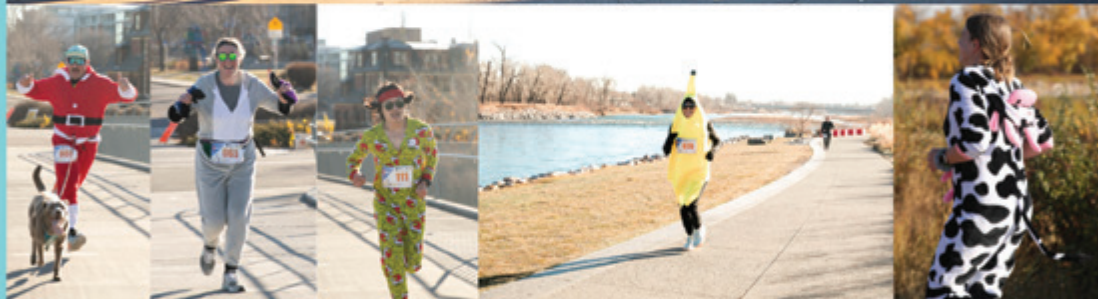
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