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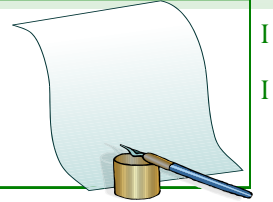


Important Dates:

- *Wednesday, November 1—Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00—9:00*
- *Nov. 1—Wally's Hot Lunch*
- *Friday, November 3 and Saturday November 4—Volleyball Zones @ RIBMS*
- *Wednesday, November 8 Booster Juice Lunch*
- *Thursday, November 9—Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:00*
- *Friday, November 9—Holiday*
- *Monday, November 13—No School-Division PD Day*
- *Wednesday, November 15—Wiebe's Lunch*
- *Thursday, November 16—LSAA Volleyball Championship @ RIBMS*
- *Tuesday, November 21—Parent Council 6:30*
- *Wednesday, November 22—Taco in a Bag Lunch*
- *Monday, November 27—Hot Lunch Orders Due*
- *Wednesday, November 29—Pita Pit Lunch*

Principals Message

From the Desk of Jason Prebushewski...



I recently read an online article that made me reflect on my parenting. I am a father of 2 boys (5 & 10 yrs. old). As an educated parent in a field of learning, I like to think I am on the right track to raising responsible, independent human beings that have the best chance at an education. After reading and reflecting, I realized I have fallen into a well populated rut that many parents in my generation have.

I encourage you to read this article. Do you think the viewpoints are valid? How does this translate into your lives? Can we do anything to improve our children's success in these areas?

I would be happy to hear your opinions. Call or email me with your thoughts!

<http://deeproootsathome.com/kids-bored-entitled/>

Thank you,

Mr. Prebs

YEARBOOK

2016-2017 Yearbooks are on SALE at the Office for \$20.00 as long as supplies LAST!!!

Students can use their Baker Bucks for this purchase!

REMINDERS FOR ALL RIBMS STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- 1) Students remember your AGENDA daily!
- 2) The morning warning bell is at 8:25, Period 1 starts at 8:29, after this you are LATE!
- 3) Parents, if your child is going to be away from school, PLEASE remember to call in to 1-800-260-7166 or enter it in the SAFE

ARRIVAL PROGRAM @ <http://prs26.schoolconnects.com> .

THANK YOU!



OPERATION: SOCK IT TO 'EM

From November 1 to December 15, 2017 the Caretaker and Maintenance staff in Lethbridge and area schools are collecting NEW SOCKS to be donated to local charities within our area for Christmas.

Please join them and make someone's Christmas a little bit warmer! Please encourage your child to bring at least ONE PAIR of new socks to our school office or library. Socks may be for adults or children.

Last year R.I. Baker Middle School collected 447 pairs of socks compared to the 347 pairs that were collected in 2014. It would be great to collect at least 200 pairs this year. Please help us reach this goal.

We appreciate any donations for this local worthy cause.



Thank You

to our Walk-a-thon

Parent

Volunteers

Chelsie Pitcher
Natasha Richards
Tanya Johnson
Shannon Little
Jessica Poettcker
Jeremy Poettcker
Deb Hauver
Jennifer Ross
Jolene Brobbel
Corey Davis

Kara Prebushewski
Megan Witting
Monica Chapman
Amy Rombough
Michael Collins
Tanya Duerksen
Arnold Pauls
Brandy Labelle
Rynel Wickend
Kathy Lorge
Tanya Hoogerdyk
Nicole Bousfield
Amanda Allen
Harold Perry
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Athletics

BASKETBALL

Basketball season is quickly approaching! Our tryout dates are set for the following days:

Monday November 20 :

Girls 3:30-5:00pm

Boys 5:00-6:30

Tuesday November 21:

Boys 3:30-5:00pm

Girls 5:00-6:30

All grade 6-8 students are welcome to try out. We'll be making two teams for both the girls and the boys. Please speak with Miss Vanhell if you would like more information.



GRADE 5 VOLLEYBALL CLUB

We're excited to once again offer a Grade Five Volleyball Club. This club is for both boys and girls and will begin in November. Please watch for more information coming home soon. GO CUBS GO!

INTRAMURALS

We've been watching some awesome dodging and take outs in intramurals the past month as students compete in dodgeball. Dodgeball is quickly wrapping up. Next up in intramurals will be 3 on 3 basketball

VOLLEYBALL

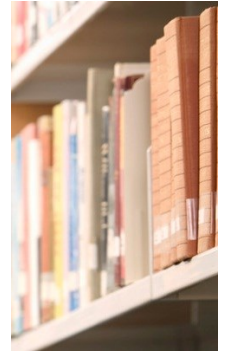
We've had a packed volleyball season! It's hard to believe how quickly it's flown by. All of our players and teams have improved so much over the last two months due to hard work and dedication. The County teams are now finished with their season and the LSAA teams are heading into their last weeks which includes the playoffs. A special thank you to all of our parents who helped out at our tournaments and with laundry this season. A huge thank you goes out to our volunteer coaches. You've made a huge difference!

Thanks for an awesome volleyball season! GO BEARS GO!





November Library News



Thank you to all that participated in our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Your support is greatly appreciated and students are very excited about the new titles that will be available for them to sign out of the library in the very near future. Profits from the sales will be used for the purchase of the new books as well as for future author presentations.

At this time I would also like to say thank you to those that support our monthly Scholastic Book Flyers. The coupons that are received are used to further enhance our library collection and it is another great way to expose our students to a wide variety of reading materials.

The library has been receiving quite a number of book purchase requests and we are happy to try and accommodate these requests. It has been a pleasure to see so many students enjoying the library and the great variety of books that are available to them.

The library will once again be accepting gift filled shoeboxes that will be collected for Operation Gift Child. There will be empty shoeboxes available in the library and you are welcome to return filled boxes to the school library where volunteers will be happy to pick them up and take them for sorting and distribution. The boxes will be collected during the week of November 13-19th, 2017.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX GIFTS

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Campaign



R.I. Baker Middle School will once again be accepting gift filled shoe boxes for the

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Campaign.

Cardboard shoeboxes will be available in the school library however we also encourage sturdy plastic shoebox sized containers as they are very useful to the entire family.

We encourage you to fill a box with a variety of items that will be sent to needy children in countries that have been affected by war, natural disasters and poverty. Once your box is filled you may return it to the school to be picked up by volunteers. Please indicate whether the box is intended for a boy or a girl and the approximate suitable age of the child that will receive the gift.

Suggested items are: Toys (dolls, stuffed animals, marbles, puzzles, jump ropes, miniature cars)

Clothing items(hats, Tshirts, socks)

School Supplies(pencils, pens, crayons, coloring books)

Non-liquid hygiene items(toothbrush, bar soap(sealed in a plastic bag), washcloths, combs, hairclips)

Personal note and photos if desired.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY LIQUIDS, FOOD, CANDY, TOOTHPASTE, BREAKABLE ITEMS, DECKS OF CARDS OR ANY TOYS THAT COULD HARM OR SCARE A CHILD

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Greetings from the RI Baker School Council! A big thank you to all those who came out to our AGM meeting on September 19. It was great to see some new faces. Please join us if you can - our meetings are held at **6:30pm** in the school staff room on the following dates: **Nov 21, Jan 23, March 20, and May 15**. It's a great way to learn about what's happening at the school, ask questions, and be an active voice in your child's education. Additional info is on the Baker website under Navigation - About - School Council. If you have anything to add to the agenda, please forward to me at shannon@kaskocattle.com.

Hope to see you there!

Shannon Kasko

RI Baker School Council Chair

Please remember to sign your child's agenda daily.

Phenomenal Phives News



In Language Arts, we have been continuing to focus on sentence writing and character traits. We are building towards our summative assignment using the mentor text *The Best Part of Me*, and are continuing to analyze our novel

One Amazing Elephant.

In Math 5 A, B, C and E will be working on Multiplication where they will need to recall facts to 81, multiply by powers of 10 and multiply 2 X 2 digit numbers.

Math 5D we are continuing with place value; learning how to estimate and round whole numbers.

In Science 5A, B, and C are just finishing up their Classroom Chemistry Unit. The students will then begin their Electricity Unit.

Science 5D and E we have been learning about the water cycle. We have been learning all about the different aspects of the water cycle and students were excited to "Make it Rain" in the classroom!

Social Studies A, B, D, E we continue to work on mapping skills such as types and parts of maps, latitude and longitude and scale. A summative 'Amusement Park' project and unit test will be upcoming towards the end of the month.

Social 5C - We are just starting chapter 2; the Atlantic Region.

Please remember to sign your child's agenda daily.

In November Grade 5 Girls' Club will begin. Every Monday, from 11:20 - 11:50, grade 5 girls can meet in Ms. Macklin's room (105), for various independent or group activities.

A couple of reminders to parents:

Now that the weather is beginning to change, please make sure that your child is properly dressed for the weather. Unless it is -20 out, the students will be going outside for recess.

We would also like to thank the parents for attending Parent Teacher Interviews, as we all need to work together to ensure that your child is getting the best education possible. Thursday, November 9, we will be taking part in the community Remembrance Day service. A reminder that there is no school for students on Friday, November 10, or Monday, November 13. Have a great long weekend.

Grade 6 Pod

LA

6A—In Language Arts we are beginning to analyze the Circle Story format! By reading mentor texts, we have begun to identify characteristics of this story format, and are working towards writing our own Circle Stories.

6B/C - The reading and writing workshops are up and running and the students in these classes are becoming independent and fluent in the workshop model. In reading, we are working through different foundational reading strategies, such as: self monitoring, making connections, predicting, sequencing and inferring. In writing, the students are working hard on revising and re-angling their chosen personal narrative by experimenting with their story's beginning and ending, adding thoughtful dialogue, slowing down and stretching out their story's problem, and finally, editing sentences for rhythm and meaning.

6D - After learning about the effectiveness of Notice and Note Signposts as both comprehension aides and creativity boosters in our own writing, we have moved on to creating Circle Stories and Text Mapping.

Social

In Social, we have studied the basics of democracy and learned how we can put democracy to action in our own lives. We have studied our different rights and freedoms and discussed the most effective ways to come to a decision. In November, we will be taking an indepth look at the levels of government, specifically focusing on and beginning with the municipal government.

Science

We are coming to the end of our Trees and Forests unit. Students have been working hard on their final projects and will write their unit test in the beginning of November.

Math

Students have now completed their unit on Numeration, and we are starting our Number Relationships unit. Students will learn about factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers, and prime factorization. Students will also get their first exposure to integers and order of operations on whole numbers.

Extra

Halloween - Tuesday, October 31st
Michael Project - November 20-23



Grade 7 Pod

LA

We are continuing to write our personal narratives in Writers Workshop. It is a long process but we should be done in a couple of weeks.

We have started a Global Read Aloud with the novel *A Long Walk to Water*. It will take us until Christmas break. We are doing a lot of digital assignments with this unit. If your child has and is allowed to bring a digital mobile device, we will be using them in class. This is not mandatory it is just for convenience and having access to devices when needed. I have school devices booked for these assignments, so bringing their own device is NOT mandatory.

Math

We are finishing the "Fractions, Decimals, and Percents" Unit and will be moving on to "Fraction Operations". The first progress report will come out upon completion of the Fraction, Decimal, and Percent unit test.

Science

In Science 7 students are going to be completing our first unit this month - Interactions and Ecosystems. We have been learning about the environmental impacts of our daily actions, and how food chains and food webs are affected. Our next unit will be Plants for Food & Fibre, and we're really looking forward to sharing how important plants are in our daily lives!

Social

In the month of November, we will be moving on from exciting European Explorers unit and into Early European Colonies. This unit will comprise of 1 major assignment and 1 unit test at the end of November.

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Grade 8 POD News

Can it really be November already? We had some visitors from Columbia in our grade 8 classes this past month and we were sad to see them leave. It was wonderful how much our students embraced their new international friends.

Math: At the beginning of November, we will complete Chapter 2: Ratios, Rates & Percent. The third chapter will be Integer Operations. We will review the addition and subtraction of integers. Then, we will learn to both multiply and divide integers. Next, we will look to solve multiple operation problems that include all four operations. Lastly, we will solve problems involving integers. Therefore, the month of November will primarily focus on Chapter 3!

Science: We have been working on finishing up our first unit of Mix and Flow of Matter. We have investigated the properties of concentration, density, buoyancy and viscosity over the past month. A highlight being our density tower activity. Students will have their first unit exam early in November.

Language Arts: We have completed our quiz on the elements of a short story and our essay outline for The Princess Bride. Students continue to work on writing and short story analysis. Students will learn different reading strategies and will apply the numerous elements of the short story we have focused on in class to the stories we are studying. Encouraging your child to read at home for 20 minutes/night can enhance their literacy and develop a love for reading. If you have struggling readers, take some time to read with them, have them read aloud to you, ask them questions about what they are reading, or even enjoy a good book together. Reading is worth the investment.

Social Studies: Social Studies is cruising right along through the Renaissance unit and we are about to begin our journey into humanism. In this unit, we study Renaissance Art as well changes in society that were put in place to make their lives easier. There is a massive introduction of technology during this time period and the kids tend to get excited. Stay tuned for more.

Important Events: We hope to see you at Parent-Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, Nov. 1! Our school Remembrance Day Ceremony is Thursday, Nov. 9. Please feel free to join us. Also, a reminder that there is no school Friday, Nov. 10 (Respect for Remembrance Day) or Monday, Nov. 13 (PD DAY).

Notes from the Music Room

Christmas Concert

Tuesday December 12th - RIBMS Gymnasium - 7:00pm

All Baker musical groups will be performing this includes:

- Grade 6 band
- Grade 7 band
- Grade 8 band
- RIBMS Choir
- RIBMS Handbells

Doors open at 6:30 and students who are performing need to be in concert dress and at the school no later than 6:40pm.



Counsellor Corner

Online dangers and how to keep kids safe online

Kid's safety online:

The Internet is a great social networking tool for young people, but abusers know it and use its anonymity to access kids. Predators can adopt a false identity, initiate trusting friendships with children or youth and attempt to meet them in person.

Online child sexual exploitation is a serious problem. Approximately one in five children is sexually solicited online.¹

“Luring” is a term describing a number of dangerous activities an adult may engage in with a child online. It can include convincing a child or youth to reveal personal details about themselves and family members, sending photos, or meeting in person. Sending photos to even a relative over the Internet can be risky because an exploiter can intercept the photos and cut and paste the child’s image into a pornographic photo and then distribute it.

Warning signs your child may be unsafe online;

Your child spends large amounts of time online, especially at night, and doesn't want to tell you who s/he is talking to or what s/he is doing.

You find pornography on your child's computer.

Your child receives phone calls from adults you don't know or is making calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers you don't recognize.

Your child asks for a web camera or moves the web camera to a more private location.

Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you don't know.

Your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen when you come into the room.

Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.

Your child is using an online account belonging to someone else.

How parents can keep kids safe online:

The most important thing you can do to keep kids safe online is talk with your kids—before someone else does. By setting guidelines, explaining the dangers and supervising younger children online, caregivers can dramatically reduce the chances their child will meet an online acquaintance in real life.

10 cyber-safety tips for parents and caregivers

Here are 10 cyber-safety tips you can use to prepare your kids for the online world:

Talk to your kids about online safety issues.

Build guidelines and a family agreement around Internet use just as you would for other activities.

Be proactive in finding out who your kids are talking to online by spending time with them on the Internet.

Keep your computer in a public area of your house.

Never disclose personal details online.

They should never post pictures of themselves online to people they do not know. Webcams and camera phones make it easy to take and transmit images—and too often, young people are lured into sending explicit pictures that are then used to manipulate them. Explain to your child that everything sent out over the Internet could last there forever.

Reinforce that people online may not be who they say they are.

Consider using parental controls like Internet filters or blocking software.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>PT</i> <i>Interviews</i> <i>Wally's Pizza</i>	2	3	4 VOLLEYBALL ZONES @ RIBMS
5	6	7	8 <i>Booster</i> <i>Juice</i> <i>Lunch</i>	9 <i>Remembrance</i> <i>Day Ceremo-</i> <i>ny</i>	10 <i>HOLIDAY</i>	11
12	13 <i>NO</i> <i>SCHOOL</i> <i>PD Day</i>	14	15 <i>Wiebe's</i> <i>Lunch</i>	16 <i>Monthly</i> <i>Assembly</i>	17	18
19	20	21 <i>Parent</i> <i>Council</i> <i>6:30</i>	22 <i>Taco in a</i> <i>Bag</i> <i>Lunch</i>	23	24 Pointsetta Order Due	25
26	27 Hot Lunch Order Due	28	29 <i>Pita Pit</i> <i>Lunch</i>	30		

December 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Term 2 Starts	5	6 A1 Lunch	7	8 Report Cards Boys RIBMS Basketball Jamboree	9
10	11	12 RIBMS Christmas Concert	13 Booster Juice	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Wiebe's Lunch	21 Turkey Dinner	22 NO SCHOOL	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY'S December 22—January 5						
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RIBMS LUNCH PROGRAM 2017-2018

NAME: _____ HOMEROOM: _____

This order is for the month of **December**. Please choose each one that you would like to participate in by **checking the appropriate boxes (or the choice will be made for you)** and totaling the amount. **No substitutions will be allowed.** Orders are **due November 27, 2017** and no late orders will be accepted. If your child is absent the lunch will be left in the fridge until the next day only.

We encourage you to use the SCHOOL CASH ONLINE program to place your order and payments.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 – A1

\$3.00 per slice \$ _____

- _____ Pepperoni
- _____ Hawaiian
- _____ Cheese

Wednesday December 13, 2017 – Booster Juice

SMOOTHIES:

- _____ Mango Mania
- _____ Berry Blossom
- _____ Pineapple Chill & Starberry

\$3.50 each \$ _____

WRAPS:

- _____ Protein chicken - No sauce
- _____ Protein Chicken - BBQ sauce
- _____ Protein Chicken - Salsa)
- _____ Hawaiian Pizza (Pineapple, Ham, Pizza Sauce & Cheese)
- _____ Turkey (Turkey, mayonnaise & cheese)
- _____ Ham (Ham, mayonnaise & cheese)

\$3.50 each \$ _____

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 – Wiebe's Sausage

\$3.50 each \$ _____

- _____ Ham & Cheese Sub
- _____ Turkey Sub
- _____ Cold Cut Sub
- _____ Pizza Sub

TOTAL AMOUNT for **DECEMBER 2017**

\$ _____