

The Paw Print

- IMPORTANT DATES:**
- March 2 - Color Day (Wear the same color head to toe)
 - March 2 - Wally's Lunch
 - March 9 - Taco in a Bag
 - March 16 - Coaldale Bakery Lunch
 - March 18 - NO SCHOOL
PD Day
 - March 23 - KC Pub Lunch
 - March 25 - NO SCHOOL
PD Day
 - March 30 - A1 Pizza Lunch

R.I. Baker Middle School March 2022 Newsletter



Principal's Message

We have seen many ups and downs with COVID 19. Our students and staff have been asked to keep everyone safe by following provincial guidelines and restrictions. As of March 1st all school related restrictions have been lifted. This means that masking is optional for staff and students, and any cohorting or other measures can be lifted. As a school we are excited to get back into some of the activities we have been missing such as various clubs, mixed grade activities and outings.

We understand that comfort levels vary. We also are very aware that we will have families and staff that would like to continue to adhere to some of the precautionary measures (such as masking, distancing...). We will respect everyone's choice and continue to supply staff and families with masks and rapid testing kits when requested.

On another note: I hope everyone can sign up for our online Parent Teacher conferences on the 16th & 17th (see our website). This is always a great opportunity to be able to ask important questions regarding your child's learning here at Baker. Also, you can tune into our online Parent council meeting on March 8th at 6:30. You can find the links that day on our website.

Well...this is the time of year where mother nature teases us with some spring-like weather, but don't pack the winter gear quite yet :)

Happy St. Patty's Day!

Mr. Prebs



COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits Available

We have recently received more inventory of Rapid Test Kits. Please contact the office if you'd like to pick one up or have it sent home with your student.



Daily School Reminders



PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal

Please create an account so you can access your child's report card and attendance, anytime you want, from your device!

To successfully access the Parent Portal you will need to follow these steps:

1. Open an internet browser (Google) on your computer (this first step must be done on a computer, not a phone/handheld device)
2. Type **<https://ps.pallisersd.ab.ca/public>** into the address bar
3. If you haven't already done so, you will need to **Create an Account**. Fill in ALL the blanks under the **Parent Account Details** section. **Please choose/create your own unique Username and Password**. Please remember this information and keep it safe – this is what you will use to log in with at any later date.

****Please call the Office if you have not received your ACCESS ID and ACCESS PASSWORD**

****NEED TO ADD ANOTHER STUDENT?****

If you already have a PowerSchool account for an older student, please follow these simple steps

- “Adding” another student to your existing account works easiest and best from a person computer and not a hand held device.
- Click on “Account Preferences” in the lower left hand corner of the screen
- Click on the “Students” tab under the Account Preferences title
- The “Add Student” box will open up. You can now enter the student's name, Access ID & Access Password, and your relationship to the student. Click “OK”
- Your student should now appear in your account, and you can toggle between students, clicking on their names along the top menu bar.

Hot Lunch, School Fees & Extra Curricular Fees

SchoolCashOnline
KEVGROUP

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact our office. There are payment options that can be discussed, but only if we are made aware of the situation.

Yearbooks, Hot Lunch orders, Athletic Fees and Band Fees are all available through School Cash and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://palliserregional.schoolcashionline.com>

March 16 & 17, 2022 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

ONLINE REGISTRATION

As they were in the fall, this term's parent/teacher interviews will be online and by appointment only.

RIBMS is continuing to use the online appointment booking system for Parent Teacher Interviews, the system will be live MARCH 2, 2022. Please click on the link below and follow these simple instructions to book your PTI time slot:

<http://ribms.parentteacherconferences.net>

Click on the "Register" tab (top right corner)

Enter your Name, Phone Number, email address

Create a User ID and Password

Click "Register Now"

Click "Add a Student"

Enter Student's name

Click "Insert"

Click on your Students Name when it appears.

Follow the instructions given on screen. ****Please be sure to select the correct Date and Grade level****

Click "View Calendar"

Click on the Time Slot you would like for your interview

Click "Book Appointment"

Repeat the above steps for the number of students you have at RI Baker.

Once you have all appointments booked, Click on "Print Appointments" and you will have a hard copy of your child's appointment times.

Click "Log Out" (top right hand corner)

Once you have your appointments booked, the platform we will be using to chat with Parents is Google Meet. The invites, links and instructions for accessing these online appointments will be posted on our website closer to the interview dates. Please stay tuned for these important further instructions!

Gr. 5 & 7 teachers will be doing "Group" interviews. So when you select your 10 minute time slot you will be chatting with all of your students CORE teachers.



GRADE 5 POD NEWS

Parents, please check with your child in regards to classroom supplies. Many students are without the basics such as pencils and erasers. Spring is just around the corner, so remember to dress for the weather.



Language Arts: We have been working diligently on writing our Stuck Stories! In March, we will begin our examination of nonfiction text features, and texts like *Who Would Win* and *Friend or Foe*. Students will continue to read their own novels as well!

Math: We have just finished our division unit and are moving onto Patterns in Mathematics where we will be looking at using algebraic expressions and solving unknown variables to determine and represent patterns.

Science: We are continuing our electricity unit and will be starting weather. Students learn about weather phenomena and the methods used for weather study. They learn to measure temperatures, wind speed and direction, the amounts of rain and snow, and the amount of cloud cover. In studying causes and patterns of air movements, students learn about the effects of uneven heating and cooling and discover the same patterns of air movement in indoor environments as are found outdoors. They also learn about human actions that can affect weather and climate and study the design and testing of clothing used as protection against the weather.

Social Studies: We are currently studying the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Lowlands region, understanding how the physical features of this region shape the people living in the smallest, yet most-populated region of Canada.

GRADE 6 POD NEWS

Language Arts: This month we will be working on our narrative story writing skills. We will work to develop our understanding of story writing further, and then students will have the opportunity to put their learning into practice. Students will write, edit, and revise their work to strengthen these narrative writing skills.

Math: March will see us beginning Unit #4: Patterns and Expressions. Students will also be doing daily work on multiplying whole numbers. I encourage all students to practice their basic multiplication facts at home on a daily basis to improve their speed and mastery of those basic facts.

Science: In March we will be exploring our unit on Air, Aerodynamics and Flight. We will look at the properties of air, as well as the concepts of drag and velocity. There will be many demonstrations, experiments and hands-on projects in this unit, making it one of the favorite Science units for most Grade 6 students. This unit will continue on in April as well, when we will be focusing on airplanes and the flight of birds and insects.

Social: We've finally finished our examination of municipal government, and will be expanding our study to provincial government.

GRADE 7 POD NEWS

Language Arts: This month we are finishing our dystopian book clubs. We are also doing a bit of script writing in a joint project with Mrs. Rice for science class. Later this month we will read the novel *A Long Walk to Water* and study non-fiction texts that relate to this true life story. Students will work on research skills and writing informational texts.

Math: As March begins, the Grade 7's will be completing our unit on Patterns and Relations, and then moving into our fifth unit on Variables and Equations. We will use the skills we learned in evaluating expressions to help us as we begin to explore modelling and solving linear equations.

Science: This month we will continue to work our way through the third unit of study: Planet Earth. This unit will take us most of March to work through. The unit test will be towards the end of the month. We're really excited to start the month with a cross over project with LA where students are going to be creating their own "Planet Earth" style video with voice overlay!

Social: We will be finishing up with Chapter 7 which will wrap up the first half of our curriculum. After that we will begin Chapter 8 which will lead us into Canada after Confederation.

GRADE 8 POD NEWS

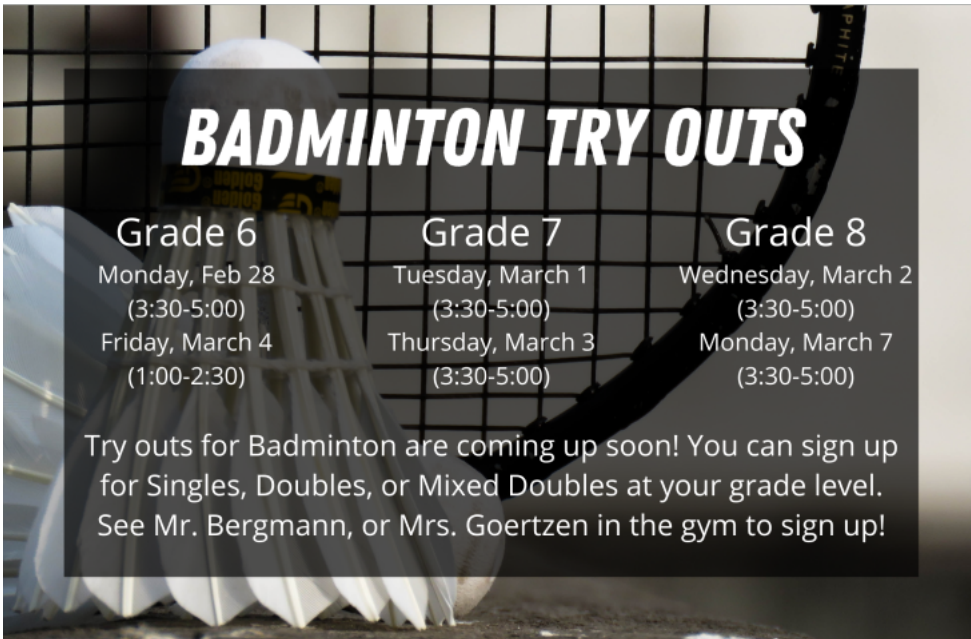
Math: We will kick off March by completing the Midterm - a cumulative exam covering Chapters 1 - 4. Then, we will tackle Chapter 5: Pythagorean Theorem. This is quite a hands-on chapter and one that most students genuinely enjoy. We begin by revisiting the square of a number and identifying perfect squares. Then, students are introduced to the inverse operation: square roots. We also explore the approximate square root of numbers that are not perfect squares. Next, we investigate the Pythagorean Theorem. Students will both develop and apply this to solve problems involving right triangles. Following the completion of Chapter 5 will be Chapter 6: Measuring Prisms & Cylinders.

Language Arts: We have just wrapped up our film study of *Spider-man: Into the Spider-verse*, a movie about perseverance and finding the hero within. Mr. Finnie has re-joined us and is leading the class in a unit on forming argumentative essays. We will be looking at the structure and techniques of argumentative essays and will be approaching them from unique perspectives.

Science: Welcome back! We are going to have a lot of fun exploring our mechanical systems unit in March. Students will gain an understanding of simple machines and the principle behind hydraulic systems. There are quite a few hands-on projects coming up in this unit so it should be a nice way to wrap up the colder months before we can go outside for our freshwater unit which is coming up next!

Social: We are concluding our study of the Aztec unit this month and the students will get to practice looking at multiple perspectives and how both people in an argument can feel they are right. The curriculum will study what took place when the Spanish and the Aztecs met for the first time. We will also be ending the unit with a simulation where the students will get to see what life was like for the Aztecs and how their decisions helped lead to their downfall.

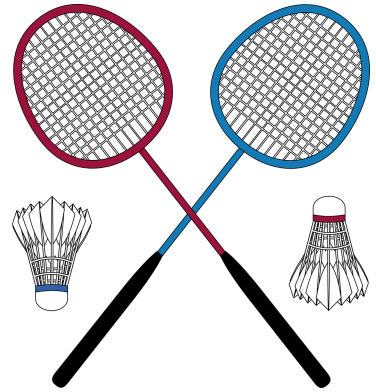
Bears Athletics

A poster for badminton tryouts. The background shows a badminton racket and a shuttlecock. The text is overlaid on a dark grey rectangle.

BADMINTON TRY OUTS

| Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday, Feb 28 (3:30-5:00) | Tuesday, March 1 (3:30-5:00) | Wednesday, March 2 (3:30-5:00) |
| Friday, March 4 (1:00-2:30) | Thursday, March 3 (3:30-5:00) | Monday, March 7 (3:30-5:00) |

Try outs for Badminton are coming up soon! You can sign up for Singles, Doubles, or Mixed Doubles at your grade level. See Mr. Bergmann, or Mrs. Goertzen in the gym to sign up!

A poster for badminton intramurals. The background is a colorful badminton court. The text is overlaid on a pink and blue gradient.

BADMINTON INTRAMURALS

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| Monday - Grade 5 |
| Tuesday - Grade 6 |
| Wednesday - Grade 7 |
| Thursday - Grade 8 |

During lunch recesses throughout badminton season, drop by the gym with your change of clothes to play some badminton! No need to be on a team!





What's the Scoop on New Drink Products?

New drinks are showing up every day in stores. Many people have questions about vitamin enhanced water, sports drinks and energy drinks. These drinks may look like they are good choices, because of the way they are advertised. However, these drinks are often high in sugar, and some of the ingredients may not be meant for children and youth.

Vitamin Enhanced Water

Vitamin water often has many vitamins and minerals added that people can easily get by eating healthy food. It often also has added sugar, artificial sweeteners and herbs. These drinks are not recommended for children and youth.

Energy Drinks

Energy drinks can be high in sugar and caffeine. The amount of caffeine in energy drinks is often higher than the daily limit for children and youth. For example, some energy drinks can have as much as 180 mg of caffeine per can, which is twice the daily limit for children 10-12 years old.

Energy drinks are **not recommended for children and youth**.

Sports Drinks

Sports drinks are made to replace water and minerals lost in sweat. These drinks may be helpful for athletes during intense activities that last more than 1 hour. These drinks are high in sugar and should not be used outside of activity. Water is the best choice for activities less than one hour.

When choosing drinks for your kids, stick with healthy drinks like **water, milk and 100% fruit juice**.



For more information on healthy drinks, please visit:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/nutrition/if-nfs-healthy-drinks-kids.pdf>

For more information on Healthy Eating, visit:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/Page2914.aspx>

March 2022



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---------|---|---|---|
| Chess Club - Mondays 3:45-4:30 Art Club - Weds 3:45-4:30 Reading/Writing Club - T & TH lunch recesses Baker Book Club - Fridays at recess | 1 | 2 Color Day - Dress in the same color from Head to Toe! Wally's Lunch  | 3 | 4 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Taco in a Bag Lunch  | 10 | 11 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Coaldale Bakery Lunch  Parent Teacher Interviews | 17 St Patrick's Day  Parent Teacher Interviews | 18 NO SCHOOL Division PD Day |
| 21 | 22 | 23 KC Pub Lunch  | 24 | 25 NO SCHOOL RIBMS PD Day |
| 28 | 29 | 30 A1 Pizza Lunch  | 31 | |

April 2022



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Chess Club - Mondays 3:45-4:30 Art Club - Weds 3:45-4:30 Reading/Writing Club - T & TH lunch recesses Baker Book Club - Fridays at recess | | | | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Wally's Lunch  | 7 Spring Pictures  | 8 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Subway Lunch  | 14 | 15 Good Friday NO SCHOOL |
| 18 Easter Break NO SCHOOL | 19 Easter Break NO SCHOOL | 20 Easter Break NO SCHOOL | 21 Easter Break NO SCHOOL | 22 Easter Break NO SCHOOL |
| 25 | 26 | 27 KC Pub Lunch  | 28 | 29 |



Office phone: 403-345-6009
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Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com
Website: communityclasses.ca
Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (located in the library)

Emergency First Aid CPR A & AED

In this one day course, students will learn to recognize and provide interventions for life threatening emergencies until medical aid arrives. Topics include: CPR and choking for adults, shock and unconsciousness, severe bleeding, head and spinal injuries, major medical conditions, and AED training and certification. Instructed by St. Johns Ambulance.

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022
Time: 9:00 – 5:30 pm
Where: Coaldale Public Library
Fee: \$125
Register by: March 7



Join an English class!

Shaughnessy
Picture Butte
Coaldale

Some classes offer childcare while you attend class.

Call/text/WhatsApp 📞 : 403-915-3145
for more information.

Safe Food Handling Certificate

Instructed by Alberta Health Services. This fast paced, one day course prepares participants for the exam and certification required by Section 31 of Alberta's Food Regulation. Participants will learn about food safety topics including microbes, foodborne illness, food preparation and storage, and cleaning and sanitizing. Participants complete a 50 question multiple choice exam at the end of the course, and if successful, will receive a certificate and be added to the provincial registry. This course provides the same certificate as the 2 Day Food Safety Alberta Certification course. A good understanding of written and spoken English is recommended.

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Where: Coaldale Public Library, 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale
Fee: \$100
Register by: April 12



APRIL HOT LUNCH - Due March 30, 2022 - 2021/2022

Student Name (R.I. Baker Middle School)

Hot Lunch is DUE March 30, 2022 @ 12:00 noon. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED
If your child is absent the lunch will be left in the fridge until the next day!

Wally's Lunch -April 6

SUBWAY - April 13

KC PUB - April 27

April 6 - Wally's Pizza

- Lasagna & Garlic Toast [add \$8.00]
- Chicken Fingers & Fries [add \$8.00]
- 2 - Lasagna & Garlic Toast [add \$15.75]
- 2 - Chicken Fingers & Fries [add \$15.75]

April 13 - Subway

Sub, Apple Juice & Cookie

- Ham & Cheese Sub [add \$5.75]
- Turkey Sub [add \$5.75]
- Cold Cut Sub [add \$5.75]
- Pizza Sub [add \$5.75]

April 27 - KC Pub

8" Personal Pizza

- Cheese Pizza [add \$7.75]
- Pepperoni Pizza [add \$7.75]
- Hawaiian Pizza [add \$7.75]
- 2- Cheese Pizza [add \$15.50]
- 2 - Pepperoni Pizzas [add \$15.50]
- 2 - Hawaiian Pizzas [add \$15.50]