

The Paw Print



R.I. Baker Middle School May 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Happy Spring! It is so awesome to see some nice weather! As we look ahead to the final few months we have a lot to look forward to. All of our year end trips and events are going to be running as usual this year. But before the fun begins we need to remember we have to give our learning a final push to ensure we end on a strong note.

This is a great time to check your child's progress in their classes and if you have any questions you can email your child's teacher directly. You can do this though the parent portal that can be accessed through our website.

Also we have our final parent council meeting in person on May 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the staff room. There will be pizza and refreshments provided for the last meeting of the year. Parent council is a great way to stay informed and have a hand in your child's education.

Enjoy the spring-like conditions and let's finish the 2021/2022 school year strong!

Mr. Prebs



IMPORTANT DATES:

May 4 - KC Pub Lunch

May 4 - Star Wars Day

May 4 - Hats on for Mental Health day

May 5 - RIBMS Track Meet @ U of L

May 6 - Gr 5 & 6 Dance "Beach Theme"

May 11 - Subway Lunch

May 18 - A1 Pizza

May 20 - NO SCHOOL PD Day

May 23 - NO SCHOOL Victoria Day

May 25 - Wiebe's Sausage Lunch

May 27 - Gr 7 & 8 Dance "Bright/Glow in the Dark Theme"

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Mr. Prebushewski will be making visits to Jennie Emery Elementary and Sunnyside School to "Meet and Greet" Grade 4 students that may be coming to R.I. Baker next year. This will be an excellent opportunity to address any questions or concerns the students may have had regarding "Middle School" and all that entails.



On June 13, 2022 from 6:30-7:30pm there will be a New Student Orientation held at R.I. Baker Middle School, all are welcome to attend!

***STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING R.I. BAKER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

Parents, as we plan for classes next year and look into staffing for the fall, could you please let us know ASAP if your child or children, grades 5-8, will not be attending RIBMS in the fall. Thank you!



KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE BBQ

JUNE 9, 2022

5:00-6:00 PM School Tours

5:00 PM Info Session for Incoming Grade 9 Students & Parents

5:30 PM Info Session for Incoming Grade 10 Students & Parents

6:00 PM BBQ for all current and incoming students & their families!

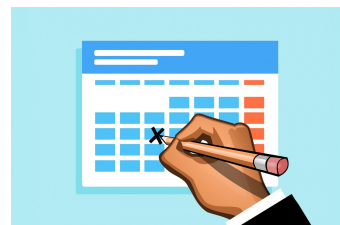
Please RSVP by calling the school (403-345-3383) or emailing jo-anna.meurs@pallisersd.ab.ca



PARENT COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting is on May 10 at 6:30pm in person at RIBMS.

Thank you to all of those that have contributed their time and effort to the School Council this year! We encourage all parents who are interested in hearing about upcoming events at RI Baker and would like to provide input into their child's education to attend.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Thank you parents for attending our Spring Concert at the beginning of April, and congratulations to all the bands who received an "Excellent" rating at the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival.

May is a pretty busy month for the bands as all three groups are heading out on their respective band trips. Yay! We are so pumped that this is happening again.

Grade 6 Band Trip: May 12-13, 2022 to Southern Alberta Bible Camp (SABC)

Grade 7 Band Trip: May 16-17, 2022 to Southern Alberta Bible Camp (SABC)

Grade 8 Band Trip: May 9-11, 2022 to Banff, Alberta



The Coaldale Spartans football program will be holding their annual spring camp on Friday May 28th from 1pm to 4pm and Saturday May 29th from 10 am to 3 pm. **It is free to participate.** Any students interested in coming out to try a new sport or experienced players wanting to get back into it before the upcoming season are encouraged to come out.

The camp will consist of drills and skills specific to different positions in football and potentially some flag games on the Saturday.

Players are encouraged to bring cleats, a mouth guard and their own water. We will be designing the camp with COVID-19 protocols in place. We were able to have a successful season last fall and there were no cases of COVID transmission linked back to any football practices or games for the entire season in fall of 2020.

Players can check the Coaldale Spartans Community Facebook page for more details in the coming weeks. Thank you and we hope to see as many of you out as possible! The Coaldale Spartans Football Program.

ATHLETICS

BADMINTON

Thank you to everyone that participated on our Badminton team this season. We saw a lot of growth in every player. We are hopeful that you will be able to apply those skills next year. Congratulations to the Bantam Team (Grade 7s) who took home a banner at COLJHAA!



Special thanks goes to Miss Dejager, Miss Joevanazzo, Mrs. Goertzen and Mr. Bergmann for volunteering their time to coach.

RI BAKER TRACK & FIELD MEET

As part of the physical education curriculum, we are excited to say that the annual R.I. Baker Track and Field Meet will occur again this year. We will be back again at the UofL. Each event will be taught in PE then students will have the opportunity to choose three or four events they would like to compete in.



The date of the meet is May 5.

Due to the unpredictable weather of Southern Alberta please make sure your child has adequate clothing for the day. Sunscreen, hats and water are a must even if the morning starts out cool. All students will be participating so please make sure they have proper clothing and footwear.

Big thanks to all those parents who volunteered for the track meet!! Greatly appreciated!!

TRACK & FIELD 2022 **Back to Normal!!**



Parents,

We are excited to be able to run a full track meet again this year for all our students, grades 5-8 at the University of Lethbridge. We will be at the UofL on Thursday, May 5. We will travel by bus there and back during normal school hours. We are scheduled to leave the school as quickly as we are organized that day, and leave the university by 3pm to be back in time for the buses.

We would love to see you out there cheering on your kiddos and enjoying the day with us.

DRESS & WHAT TO BRING

Students should wear comfortable clothes that allow for physical activity (eg. Shorts, sweats, etc.). If you have Baker gear, wear it! It will be cool first thing in the morning, so bring a sweater/coat! All clothing must meet the RI Baker dress code. All events must be done wearing shoes.

Every year, a large number of students get a sunburn during Track & Field Day. Pack some sunscreen and a hat. You also should pack a water bottle so that you can keep yourself hydrated, and some healthy snacks. Pack enough food to last the day. There may be a concession, but you might not have a lot of time to go to it. Students may want to have some money for the concession. No electronics are allowed!

LUNCH!

There will be no scheduled time for lunch. Students will eat lunch in between their events. It is important that they stay hydrated and eat enough...it will be important for your performance. It is crucial that we clean up after ourselves.... or we will not be allowed back. No food or drinks other than water will be allowed inside the fences (where the track and field events take place). Please eat in the bleachers or at the tables in the common area.

You need to bring your own lunch, none will be provided.

SCHEDULE

Students will know their schedule in advance of the track meet. However, the schedule is tentative. The track schedule could run ahead or behind. Students will need to listen to announcements and pay attention to what's going on. All races will take place in order of grade (gr. 5 girls & boys, pee-wee girls & boys, etc.). Track events take precedence over field events. If students are in a track event at the same time as a field event, wait until the second call announcement has been made, then check out of your field event and go and run your race. Students will need to return to their field event as quickly as possible.

Student participation in track and field day is a part of your PE mark. Students who do not show up for their events will lose marks.

Age Categories

Students will be competing against other students based on age categories. They are as follows:

Grade 5 - only grade 5s

PeeWee - grade 6 and those grade 7s who age down

Bantam - grade 7 and grade 8s who age down

Midget - grade 8

*Aging down is based on birthdays, Mr. Bergmann and Mrs. Goertzen check every birthday to ensure students are in the correct category. We do have a few students who age up a category as well

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Bergmann or Mrs. Goertzen.

News from the Learning Commons

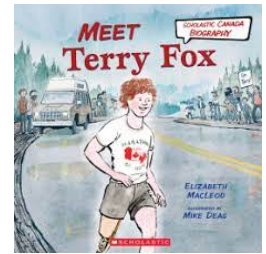
There have been many new titles added to the Learning Commons over the last couple of months. Some include “Meet Terry Fox,” a non-fiction book that gives readers an in-depth look into the life of Terry Fox and the impact he made on Canadians. There are several other titles in the Scholastic Canada Biography series that I am sure students will enjoy reading.

The library has been buzzing lately with students working on a puzzle, playing games, and coming in to get a few extra minutes of free reading time. This is exactly what I love to see students using the library for.

Parents/Guardians if you could keep an eye out for library books that may be lying around your house, that would be appreciated. We seem to have quite a few “I can’t find it” books missing.

Mrs. Pilling

Learning Commons Facilitator



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Yearbooks

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TEACHER REQUESTS

Late each spring, the JEES and RI Baker school administrators meet with the grade level teachers and our learning support teachers to place students in classrooms for the following year. Much deliberation goes into these assignments. Some of the things we consider include:

- Student needs - Learning assistant assignments
- Academic balance
- Behavior needs
- Class size
- Student relationships.

We create classes within each grade that are as similar as possible to each other. Many parent requests for a specific teacher, or to be with friends, make it very difficult to accomplish this. For this reason, parent requests for specific teachers, or to be with friends, will not be accepted.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jason Prebushewski at 403-345-3340.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

**SUPPORT
LOCAL
BUSINESS**

May will be our last month of Hot Lunch for this school year.

Our “support local” approach has been well received by students and staff alike! Coaldale’s restaurants have done a fantastic job at providing a safe and convenient meal option for our RIBMS families - **THANK YOU!**

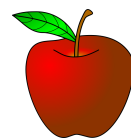
We sure will miss Wally’s Pizza, but wish them all the best in their retirement!

*Thank you also, to Mrs. Suzana Neufeld for volunteering
and helping make this program successful!*

Breakfast & Snack Program

PC Children’s Charity generously helps to provide healthy snacks for our hungry “Bears” (AKA our students!) A variety of muffins, yogurt drinks and fresh fruit are provided daily and have been well received so far. This program will continue to be offered through the end of June.

Thank you **PC Children’s Charity** for feeding our hungry minds!



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GRADE 5 POD

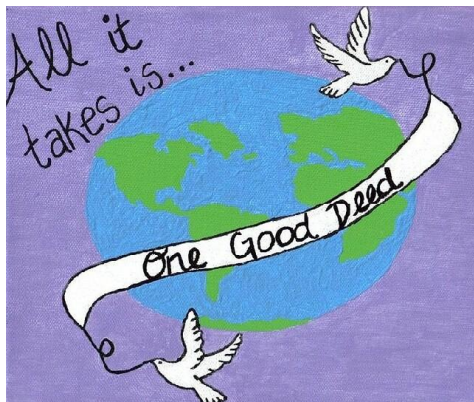
We would like to wish all mothers out there a very happy “Mother’s Day.”

Language Arts: Forming great paragraphs has been the focus of our writing units using mentor texts from the *Who Would Win?* series. We continued this by writing persuasive paragraphs about specific creatures and whether they should be perceived as a ‘friend’ or a ‘foe’. Next up, is Book Clubs where students will read a novel within a small group.

Social Studies: In May, we will travel to the Cordillera and Interior Plains regions to compare and contrast the landforms, First Nations, resources and climate of these two final regions on our exploration of Canada’s geographical regions. We will look into the formation of Canada as a nation, and explore some of the major events and people who helped shape Canada into the strong vibrant country it is today.

Science: We are just completing our Weather unit in Science, and writing the unit test during the last week of April. The students learned about weather instruments, the different types of clouds, forecasting weather, and what causes weather. May we begin the last of the units, Classroom Chemistry.

Math: We completed the pattern unit and have moved on to fractions. The students will learn how to order fractions, write equivalent fractions, and changing fractions to decimals.



GRADE 6 POD

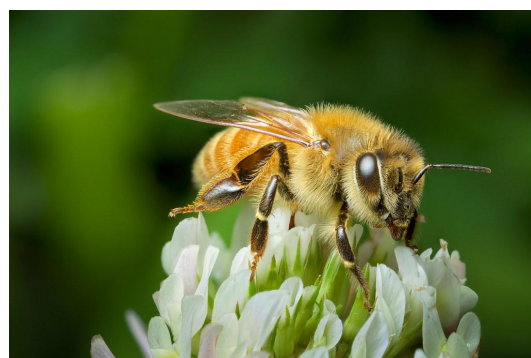
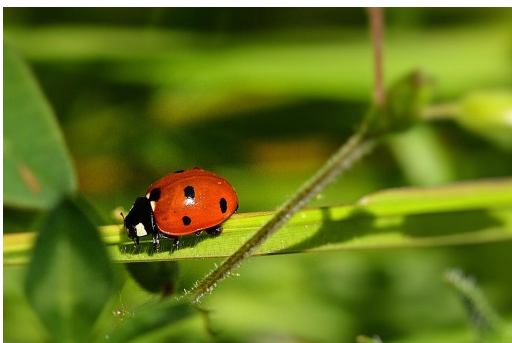
Language Arts: We will be beginning our news article writing this month. Students will have the opportunity to hone their functional writing skills as they practice and apply their knowledge of how to synthesize information to create effective, cohesive articles. As we progress through this unit, we will be reviewing some of the elements of writing, with attention to paragraph structure, grammar and punctuation, and proper formatting. We will also be doing a full practice PAT.

The written portion of the PAT: PART A, will take place on MAY 18, 2022, starting in the morning. A reminder that if there are unforeseen circumstances or a planned absence (ie. vacation) that will have your child away on the 18th, please contact Mrs. Netzel asap. On the day of the PAT, please try to ensure students have had a good night's sleep and have something healthy to eat that morning before arriving at the school. Parent information will be emailed home shortly.

Social: Students have learned a lot about democracy thus far, from its early roots in Ancient Athens to its modern day application at the local and provincial levels. This month we will be finishing our unit on Ancient Athens, the birthplace of democracy, before turning our attention to the beginnings of democracy in Eastern Canada. This last major unit in Social Studies will focus on the Iroquois Confederacy, examining the role and application of decision making by consensus.

Science: Students are working on their flight projects this month. Each week they will be working on a different task. They have finished their parachute task where they had to design, build, and test their parachutes. Be sure to ask them about the different tasks they're working on! Students are putting a lot of hard work into applying their learning in a hands-on way!

Math: Students have begun their measurement unit after the break, where we will continue to explore angles / angle relationships, perimeter, the area of rectangles and squares, as well as the volume of rectangular prisms. **Students will again need a protractor** for this unit. Some students have lost or broken their protractors and / or calculators. Please ask your child if these need to be replaced, as these will be important tools for the rest of the school year. Please, also check if your child needs more pencils as many students are borrowing daily and there aren't always enough to lend out.



GRADE 7 POD

Language Arts: We are wrapping up our research projects this month. Students are picking a person, place or event of their choice that is significant to them and they want to teach others about. They will create an informational text, with images, that will teach and inform their target audience about their chosen topic. We will be moving on to our poetry unit next.

Social: Students will be learning about what factors led to B.C., P.E.I., Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland joining Confederation and what the consequences were. We will also touch on how immigration has helped to shape Canada.

Science: Students will be beginning our fifth and final unit by the end of this month, which is Structures and Forces. Students will investigate the properties of materials being used to build structures, and test these materials under different loads and forces. They will examine the different ways that structural components are configured and investigate strength and stability. Students will also learn how science and technology link together in developing safe and efficient designs that meet human needs.

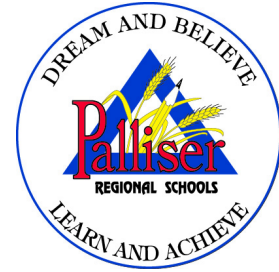
Math: In May, students will be finishing our unit on Circles and Area. We will then move on to the Data Analysis unit, where students will explore the concepts of mean, median, mode and range, and use these concepts to analyze sets of data. They will see the effect that outliers have on a set of data. Students will also construct and analyze circle graphs. Please make sure your child has their scientific calculator here at school!

GRADE 8 POD

Science: In May students will start our Fresh and Salt Water Systems Unit. Earth is sometimes described as the water planet. Over two-thirds of Earth's surface is covered by oceans and freshwater features. By exploring examples of aquatic systems, students come to appreciate the dynamic nature of these systems and learn about the interaction of landforms, sediments, water and climate. Students also investigate factors that affect the distribution of health of living things in aquatic environments and the supply and quality of water for human use

Math: In the month of May, we will complete Chapter 6: Prisms & Cylinders. Then, we will tackle Chapter 7: Data Analysis & Probability. This chapter has the students critiquing ways in which data is presented through various graphs. Secondly, it has them solving problems involving the probability (experimental & theoretical) of independent events.

Humanities (LA/Social) - Mr. Smith and Mr. Willems have created a brand new, life-sized board game to help students learn about the wonderful culture of Japan. This game is entitled 'Rising Sun, Bending Reed' and it will take the students through the history of Japan in 4 phases over 8 weeks. Currently, we are in phase 1 which focuses on Feudal Japan. This unit is Project Based Learning, which means that the students know what the projects (*tasuku*) are and they use their research skills to complete them to the best of their ability. Students are encouraged to work on this game at any point; they have the ability to earn extra money (rice) as the skills we are looking to develop are dedication, hard work and going above and beyond. Japanese culture puts a large emphasis on honour and that is something we want to emulate.



Palliser Town Bus passes available July 1, 2022

Almost all students residing in Coaldale are deemed ineligible for transportation by Alberta Learning (i.e. they live within a 2.4 km radius from their designated school), and there is no provincial funding available. As a result, the bussing must be provided on a "fee for service" basis. The cost to parents has been set at \$260.00 for the 2022-2023 school year. Students that live 2.4 km or more from the school they are attending and have been regular bus students in the past, do not need to call or purchase passes.

To determine if your child is eligible for funded busing, parents are to contact Palliser at (403)-380-2612. If your child is not eligible for funded transportation contact the Town of Coaldale at (403) 345-1300 to register for the In-Town Busing Service. An application form must be filled out with information for each student with the \$260.00 payment before a bus pass will be issued. Once payment has been made, your child's information will be forwarded to Palliser School Division and you will be contacted by Palliser with bus route information.

The In-Town Busing service is limited to 125 students, and service will be granted on a first come first served basis. Registrations will open on July 01, 2022 and be taken until all of the passes are sold for the 2022-23 school year.

KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL
&
LAND-O-LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

GOLF TOURNAMENT

2022

Athletics Programming Fundraiser

SHOTGUN START At 1pm

Friday, June 10th, 2022

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER ENTRY FEE \$150

REGISTRATION : Contact Land-O-Lakes Pro Shop @ (403) 345-2582 or email landolakesproshop@gmail.com.
Registration includes green fee, cart, and steak dinner.

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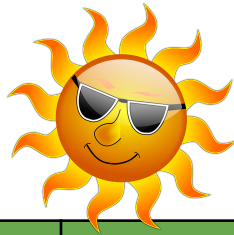
School Tools

May 2022



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30	31 Zones Track Meet			

June 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Tourist Day 	2	3
6 Gr. 7 Frank Slide Fieldtrip	7	8	9 RIBMS Athletic Awards KAHS Open House & BBQ	10 NO SCHOOL PD Day
13 New Student Orientation 6:30-7:30pm	14	15 Band Concert 7pm	16 ELA PAT Part B	17
20 Math PAT	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22 Science PAT	23 Social Studies PAT	24
27 Gr 8: Calaway Park Gr 5-7: Raymond Pool Fieldtrip	28 Last Day of School	29 <hr/> 30		