

The Paw Print



R.I. Baker Middle School March 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

I have had the pleasure to serve as an administrator at RIBMS for the last 10 years. During all of those years I was fortunate enough to have Sandra Holland on staff. Mrs. Holland has had a long standing career serving the Coaldale community with the last of her employed years being at R.I. Baker. She is very skilled at teaching math and has a long history of her students receiving excellent results. I don't know if anyone has seen as many "lightbulbs go off" as she has in her 34 year career. She leaves some big shoes to fill, and I am sure I can speak for many of us when I say "thank you".



Enjoy every minute of your well earned retirement. You have earned it.

Mr. Prebs



Important Dates

- Mar 1** - A1 Lunch
- Mar 8** - Via Cibo Lunch
- Mar 15** - Edo Lunch
- Mar 15 & 16** - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 17** - St Patrick's Day
- Mar 17** - PD Day
- NO SCHOOL**
- Mar 22**-Taco in a Bag Lunch
- Mar 24** - PD Day
- NO SCHOOL**
- Mar 29** - Coaldale Bakery Lunch

THE HOBBIT

BY PATRICIA GRAY.
BASED ON THE CLASSIC BY J.R.R. TOLKIEN



MARCH 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th
@R.I. Baker
DOORS OPEN @6:30pm
SHOW STARTS @7:00pm
Call 403-345-3340 FOR tickets



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March 15 & 16, 2023 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

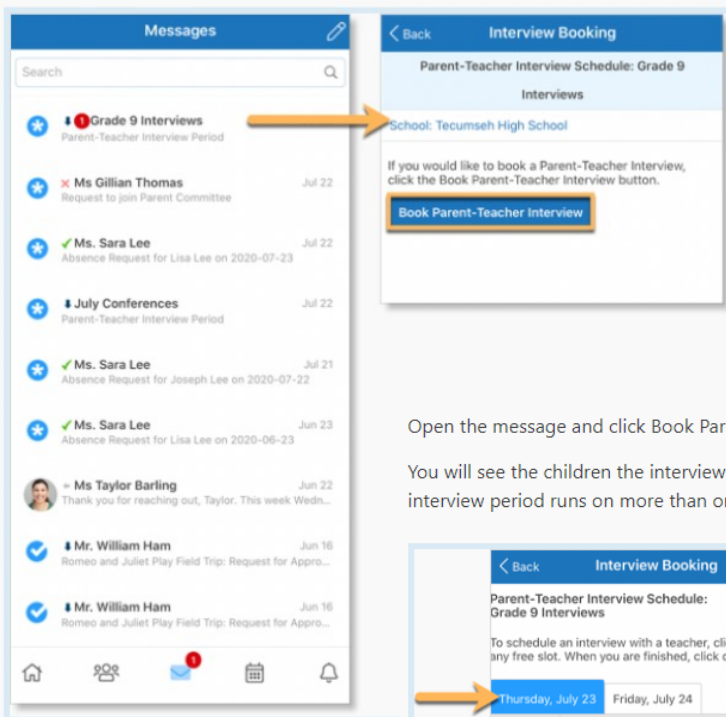
****NEW: Book your times with your EDSBY account!****

Parents need to have an Edsby Account set up in order to access the opportunity to book Parent Teacher Interviews

Please contact the Office if you need help getting this account set up.

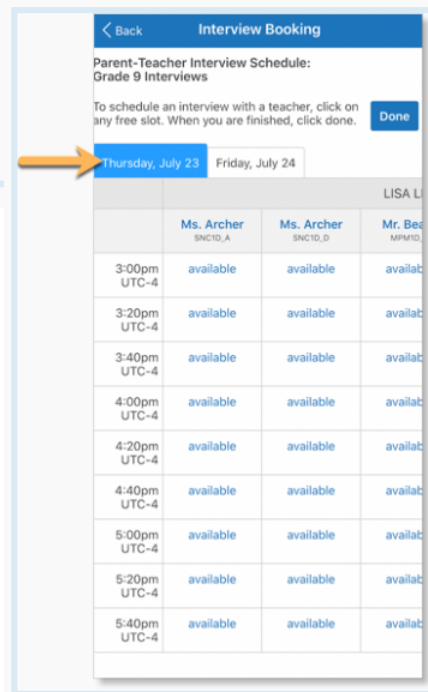
When it's time for parents to schedule an interview with their children's teachers, a message will be sent to their Edsby mailbox.

Click the envelope in the Navigation Bar to access your mailbox.

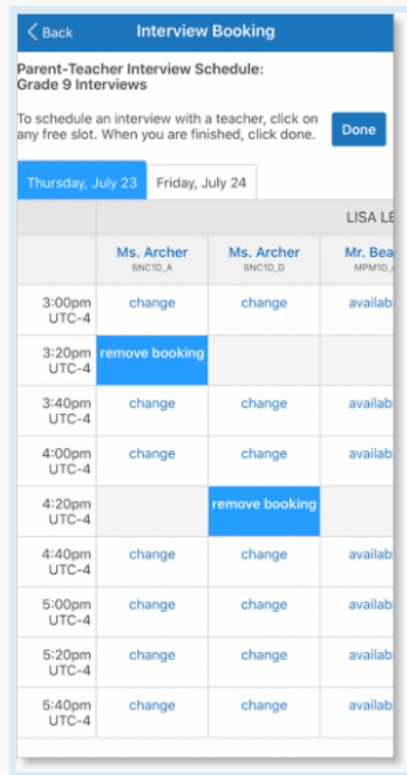


Open the message and click Book Parent-Teacher Interview.

You will see the children the interviews apply to and the available time slots for each of your children's teachers. If the interview period runs on more than one day, use the tabs to select between interview days.

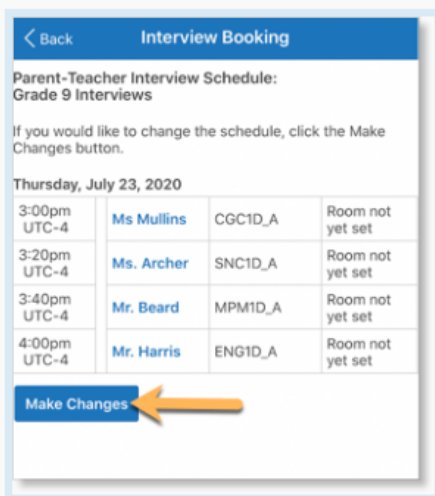


Edsby enables parents to choose exact time slots they want and enables parents to know in real time if the slots are available. Slots that are already booked and unavailable will be blank. Slots available will be labeled accordingly. Click on available slots to book them.



You can also remove your booking or change it to another available time.

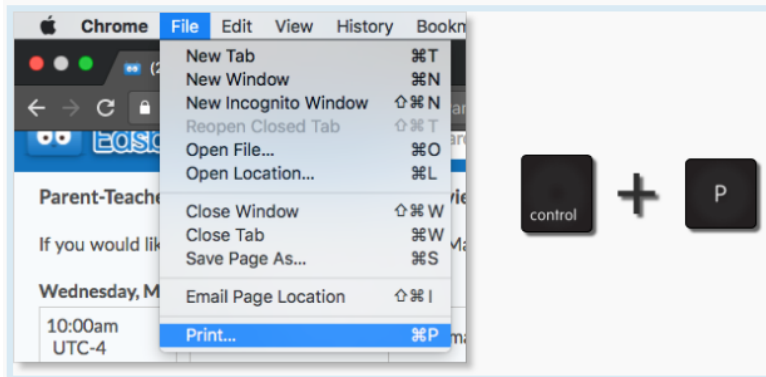
When you are finished booking, click Done. You will have a summary of your interview schedule in your mailbox.



If the interview period has not yet been closed for editing by an administrator, parents can make changes to their interview schedule by clicking Make Changes.

Printing the Schedule

Parents can print their interview schedules by clicking File and then Print or by typing Ctrl+P on their keyboard.



Hot Lunch, School Fees & Extra Curricular Fees

SchoolCashOnline
KEVGROUP

School Fees are now past due, please access your School Cash Online account to see what your students' fees are for the year.

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.

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

<https://palliserregional.schoolcashonline.com>



March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day. Show your support by wearing funky, silly socks.



News from the Learning Commons

The RI Baker Learning Commons is SO excited to welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair. The dates of the fair will be **March 13th - 20th**, and will be open in the evening of the **15th & 16th from 4-7 PM** during Parent Teacher Interviews. If you prefer to purchase from the comfort of your home, you can easily do so using this link.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5194112>

Your books will be delivered to the school after the fair closes and Mrs. Pilling will get the book/s to your child. Your continued support of our school book fair is greatly appreciated.



\$100

Can provide 274 children with safe water for drinking, bathing and household use.

World Water Day is March 22nd. Did you know that 1 in 10 people do **NOT** have access to clean drinking water? This year in grade 6 the students were read "Thirst" by Varsha Bajaj. This novel focuses on the water crisis in India. Many students were shocked to learn of the hardships that many children their age face everyday and the lack of access to clean drinking water. We had many thought provoking conversations regarding this crisis.

RI Baker would like to raise money to be donated to UNICEF to help with the World Water crisis. We have a goal to raise \$411, that is \$1 for every student and staff member at RI Baker. With that \$411, we can help 1141 children have safe water. Wouldn't that be GREAT! This fundraiser will run from March 20th - 23rd. More information will be given to students as the date approaches.



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2022-2023 Year books are now available to purchase. The cost is \$35.00 and the deadline is May 12, 2023. Go to your School Cash account to purchase one today!

Bears Athletics



Our Senior Basketball teams are competing in Zones on March 3-4!
Good luck Bears!

Congratulations to our Junior Girls who won the Consolation Final at their COLJHAA playoffs, and the Junor Boys who won 3rd at their COLJHAA playoffs! The improvement of all teams this year has been incredible!

We are very thankful for all of our community coaches who put in a lot of time this season to make sure our teams had a great season!

Badminton Intramurals will be starting early March! Bring your gym clothes to compete against other bear groups to earn points for your Bear Den!

Mondays - Grade 5s
Tuesdays - Grade 6s
Wednesdays - Grade 7s
Thursdays - Grade 8s



COALDALE CHAOS CLUB BASKETBALL
Tryouts @ RIB

U11 GIRLS & U11 BOYS
MARCH 7TH & 14TH
5:30 - 7:00 PM

U13 GIRLS
MARCH 6TH & 13TH
4:30 - 5:45 PM

U13 BOYS
MARCH 6TH & 13TH
5:45 - 7:00 PM

Tryouts @ KA

U15/U17 GIRLS
MARCH 21ST 7:15 - 9:15
MARCH 24TH 12:30 - 2:15 PM

U15 BOYS
MARCH 20TH & MARCH 22ND
7:15 - 9:00 PM

U17 BOYS
MARCH 23RD 7:15 - 9:00PM
MARCH 24TH 2:15 - 4:00 PM

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 will be starting our weather unit! 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. This will also be preparation for our Part A: PAT in mid-May.



Math: March will see us beginning Unit #4: Patterns and Expressions. Students will also be doing daily work with operations of whole numbers. I encourage all students to practice their basic multiplication, division, addition and subtraction facts at home on a daily basis to improve their speed and mastery of those skills. We will be moving through this next unit at a steady pace so it is vital that students are checking Google Classroom if they are absent, or seeing their teacher for help at recess or after school if they need extra instruction to understand a concept.

Science: In March we will be starting our fourth Unit, Flight. This unit shares many common ideas and principles with Air & Aerodynamics (Unit #3 wrapped up in February). We will continue looking at the properties of air, as well as the four forces of flight, and specific names of parts of airplanes and what their functions are, and a comparison between human made flying devices to flying animals and insects. 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.

Social: We just wrapped up our unit on “How Provincial Government Works.” Mr. Conrad is welcoming a student teacher from the University of Lethbridge into the classroom. In collaboration with Mr. Conrad, Ms. Johannesson will be teaching the next unit on Ancient Greece. We are very excited to see what Ms. Johannesson can bring to grade 6’s in social studies.



GRADE 7 POD NEWS

Language Arts: In March, students will be finishing up our exploration of the novel *The Giver* with a “mock” trial of one of the characters. From there we will be completing a crossover project with Science where they will be creating their own “Planet Earth” style video with voice overlay! Once that is completed we will be moving into our poetry unit.

Math: In March, the Grade 7’s will be working on 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. Welcome to Ms. Gallimore, who will be taking over from Mrs. Holland for the remainder of the school year.

Science: This month we will work to finish up our third unit of study: Planet Earth. The unit test will be towards the end of the month. We’re really excited to end the month, likely after the unit test, 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 in which we learned about how Canada was formed as a country. After that we will begin Chapter 8 which will lead us into Canada after Confederation with a focus on the Métis community.



GRADE 8 POD NEWS

Math: March has us tackling 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. We studied cinematography, the effects of angles and lighting, and picked out the countless examples of literary devices present throughout the movie. Next up, we will be looking at the structure and techniques of argumentative essays as we approach them from unique perspectives.

Science: Welcome back! Students are going to finish their Mix & Flow of matter unit then 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!

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.



March 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 A1 Pizza Lunch 	2	3
6	7	8 Via Cibo Lunch 	9	10
13 Grade 7/8 Band Trip March 13-16	14	15 Parent Teacher Interviews Edo Lunch 	16 Parent Teacher Interviews	17 St Patrick's Day NO SCHOOL Division PD Day 
20	21 World Down Syndrome Day Funky Sock Day! 	22 Taco in a Bag Lunch 	23	24 NO SCHOOL Site Based PD
27	28	29 Coaldale Bakery Lunch 	30	31 Coaldale Musical Arts Society Dessert Concert

April 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday NO SCHOOL
10 NO SCHOOL Easter/Spring Break	11 NO SCHOOL Easter/Spring Break	12 NO SCHOOL Easter/Spring Break	13 NO SCHOOL Easter/Spring Break	14 NO SCHOOL Easter/Spring Break
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

APRIL HOT LUNCH - DEADLINE March 27, 2022 - 2022/2023

Student Name (R.I. Baker Middle School)

Hot Lunch is DUE March 27 @ 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!

EDO - April 5

Coaldale Motor Inn - April 19

Land O Lakes - April 26

EDO -April 5

Kids Meals Include Juice Box. ALL Teriyaki on the Side

- Beef with Rice & Veggie [add \$8.75]
- Beef with Yakisoba Noodles & Veggies [add \$8.75]
- Chicken with Rice & Veggies [add \$8.75]
- Chicken with Yakisoba Noodles & Veggies [add \$8.75]
- Lg. Beef with Rice & Veggies [add \$12.25]
- Lg. Beef with Yakisoba Noodles & Veggies [add \$12.25]
- Lg. Chicken with Rice & Vegetables [add \$12.25]
- Lg. Chicken with Yakisoba Noodles & Veggies [add \$12.25]

Coaldale Motor Inn April 19

- Cheeseburger Meal [add \$8.50]
- Perogies & Sausage [add \$8.50]

Land O Lakes - April 26

1/2 Lando Wrap includes: 2 crispy chicken fingers tossed lightly in sweet chili sauce, lettuce, cheddar cheese & bacon.

- 1/2 Land O Wrap with Mac & Cheese Bites [add \$12.50]
- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce with 1/2 Garlic Toast Slice [add \$12.50]
- Small Cheese Pizza [add \$12.50]
- Small Pepperoni Pizza [add \$12.50]
- Small Hawaiian Pizza [add \$12.50]

The Coaldale Figure Skating Club Presents

“Tropical Paradise”

Saturday March 11, 2023

1:00 PM at the Coaldale Arena

Special Guest Skaters: Lethbridge Synchro Team

Ticket or Entrance Fee \$5.00

Child (5 yrs and under) FREE

Program and Door Prize \$3.00

Flowers to purchase for the Skaters \$2.00



Tickets will be available at the door.



Do you have some extra time in your day? Want to make a difference? Consider volunteering.

R.I Baker is looking for volunteers to help out in some of our classrooms during the school day. Any availability will help.

Please contact Jason Prebushewski or Brett Clifton for more information.
1-403-345-3340 or email at jason.prebushewski@pallisersd.ab.ca

Thank you!