

The Paw Print

R.I. Baker Middle School April 2023 Newsletter



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that spring is already here. I have had some parents reach out and ask advice about student cell phone usage and how they can better support the school or their child using them. It is hard when so much is online these days. What are they viewing? When are they viewing it? How can I best monitor activity? How much is too much?

I came across this article last year and I thought it may be a good time to send it out. It had some interesting points and possible solutions to many of the questions us parents are asking.

I hope you find it useful.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/entertainment-technology/digital-life/responsible-phone-use>

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 5: Edo Lunch

April 6: Green Shirt Day

April 6: Crazy Hair Day

April 7-14: NO SCHOOL
Easter Break

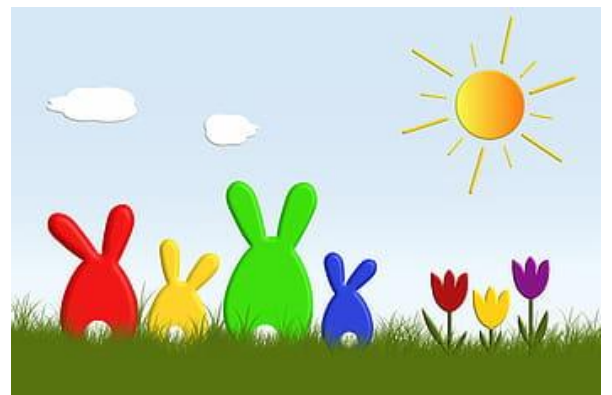
April 18: Spring Pictures

April 19: Coaldale Motor
Inn Lunch

April 26: Land O Lakes
Lunch

Happy Easter,

Mr. Jason Prebushewski

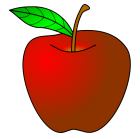


Breakfast & Snack Program

A grant from the **Coaldale Community Wellness Association** generously helps to provide healthy snacks for our hungry “Bears” (AKA our students!) A variety of muffins, yogurt drinks and fresh fruit are available daily at the office. Thank you to the **Coaldale Community Wellness Association** for feeding our hungry minds!



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Community Wellness
ASSOCIATION



R.I.Baker's 1st Annual Art Gala

will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Coaldale Public Library at 7pm.

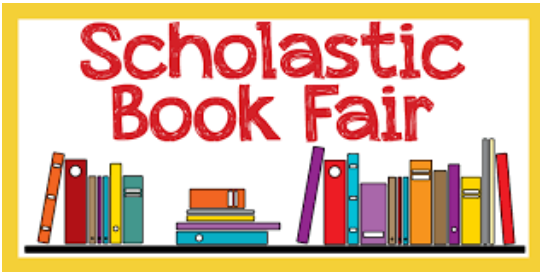


Coaldale
— PUBLIC —
LIBRARY

Please continue to check the R.I.Baker website for more detailed information, or email julie.macklin@pallisersd.ab.ca if you have any questions.

All students are welcome to submit art work and need to listen to announcements for information meetings in April.

News from the Learning Commons




Thank you to all of those who purchased from the Book Fair in March. It was very successful, and I was able to add 51 new titles to our library, as well as earn some cash to put towards new learning resources in the future. I know there are lots of new titles that students can't wait to get their hands on. Your continued support of the Scholastic Book Fair is greatly appreciated and benefits staff and students in our building.

SPRING INTO ACTION!

Yearbooks

ON SALE NOW!
ORDER YOURS
BEFORE COPIES
RUN OUT!!



PRICE: \$35.00
DEADLINE:
May 17, 2023

Thursday, April 6 - RIBMS will wear "Green"

April 7 is Green Shirt day, in honour of the Logan Boulet Effect, in support of organ donor awareness and registration across Canada. Due to April 7 also being Good Friday and school being closed for the Easter/Spring break, we will honor this day on Thursday, April 6.



LOST and FOUND -

We have a variety of items in our lost and found, please remind your children to check the main entrance benches, the table in the main foyer, or ask at the office if they are missing an item.

Thank you

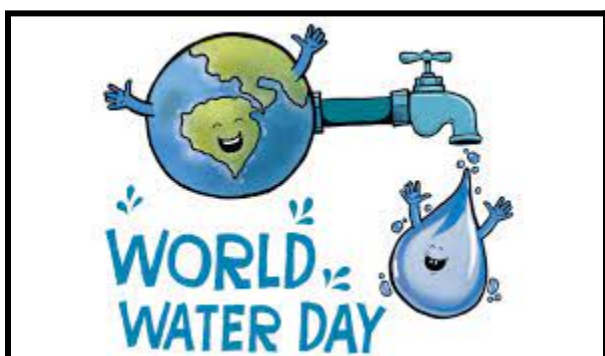


Easter Event

Location: Civic Square Atrium

Date: April 8, 2023 1:00pm to 4:00 pm

Easter activities including photos with the Easter Bunny, crafts and games! More details to come!



Thank you to those staff and students who donated for the World Water Day fundraiser. Together, with a donation from the school, we were able to collect \$100, which will be donated to UNICEF.

April 6 - Crazy Hair Day!!!

Practice your backcombing and stock up on hair products - Thursday April 6 is Crazy Hair Day. So get creative and help earn your Bear Group some points!

There will be an assembly this day where a few lucky teachers will get their hair styled as well!



GRADE 5 POD NEWS

There are a number of students who need to replenish their pencil supply for the remainder of the year. Please check with your child to see if they are one of these students.

As the weather is constantly changing, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the outside recesses.

We hope that you all have a very Hoppy Easter.

Language Arts: We are currently diving into nonfiction texts, learning to identify and understand the function of various text features to gain a greater comprehension from the text. The mentor texts we are currently using are from the *Who Would Win?* series by Jerry Pallotta.

Math: 5 - We are finishing up Patterns and Relationships and then will move on to Data and Relationships where students will collect data and create graphs.

Science: 5 - We have started our unit on Weather and will continue to explore how weather is created, measured and affects our lives this month.

Social 5: April will have us moving west to the Cordillera region and then finally to our own region, the Interior Plains, on our exploration of the geographical regions of Canada.



**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!

GRADE 6 POD NEWS

Language Arts: This month, we will continue to focus on our writing, with both short stories and then start on news articles. We will continue to work on effective conventional skills, such as punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure, as well as incorporating creative choices into our writing. It's going to be a writing-focused month! We will also continue with our class read aloud, *Refugee*.



Math: Continuing with Unit #5: Angles and Polygons, from March we learned about what traits polygons have such as angles, sides, and vertices, and how to determine the measurement of angles using a protractor. This unit also reviewed some concepts learned in grade 5 dealing with perimeter, area, and volume. We will continue using these concepts as we move into Unit #6: Geometry, which will focus on different types of triangles as well as determining unknown angles by knowing that the sum of all angles for triangles and quadrilaterals are 180 and 360 degrees respectively.

Science: We started our Flight Unit in March with a focus on parts of an aircraft and the movements they're responsible for. As we move into April we will begin to look more closely at other types of gliders and floaters, and will also have a parachute design contest where students can once again apply their knowledge of flight to try to build the most effective parachute design to complete a series of tasks.

Social: In Social, we have begun our unit about Ancient Athens. We have been looking at the birthplace of democracy, discussing how much democracy has changed -- or not changed -- in the last 2500 years. Following Greece, we will be studying consensus and the Iroquois Confederacy.



Taming Worry Dragons

No Charge

A 8 week group for children, ages 8-10 yrs of age, who are affected by worry and anxiety.

Therapy Group for Anxious Children and their Parents

Using child friendly language and fun activities, participants learn to recognize how anxiety affects their body, thoughts and behaviours.

Registration Required!

TUESDAYS
April 18th - June 6th
3:45 - 4:45 pm
Coaldale FCSS
2107 13th St.

To register or for more information contact:
Leanne
587-370-8514 (Call or Text)
leanne.coquet@fcss.ca

Registration deadline is April 6th, limited to 10 participants.



FCSS
Family & Community Support Services
www.fcsc.ca

GRADE 7 POD NEWS

Language Arts: We are currently working our way through our fourth unit: Poetry. Students will be exploring the different forms of poetry, what makes up a poem and discovering where poetry started and how it has developed over time. Students will finish this unit off with their own unique creation of slam poetry.

Math: We are currently working on our Patterns and Relations unit. In this unit students create expressions (numbers and letters) from written problems. In our next unit, Variables and Equations, students will be learning to solve the expressions that they have created.

Science: We are currently working our way through our fourth unit: Heat and Temperature. We started it right at the end of March. Students are learning about heat as well as investigating sources and uses of heat energy. Students will also explore the particle model of matter and use it to help explain their observations and understandings about the relationship between heat and temperature.

Social: We are continuing to learn about Confederation with Chapters 8 and 9. We will be focusing on important moments and people that created the country of Canada, and focusing on how they have shaped us, and still affect us today. Materials will be posted on Google Classroom as we reach them.



Coaldale Public Library

Babysitter Basics

Apr 15, 2023 | 9:00 am-4:00 pm



CHILDREN

St. John Ambulance: Babysitting Basics

This course is for youth aged 11 to 15 years old. It teaches the new babysitter the necessary skills to provide care to children in a variety of situations. The course emphasizes **safety rules, responding to emergencies, and developing leadership skills.**

please bring a bagged lunch, paper & pen

Saturday April 15th, 9am - 4pm at the Coaldale Public Library

Please contact the Coaldale Public Library to register by April 12th

Cost: \$60 Space is Limited

403-345-1340

help@coaldalelibrary.ca

2014—18 Street, Coaldale

GRADE 8 POD NEWS

Language Arts: Students are working to complete their essays in our “Take a Stand: Critical Writing” unit. They have learned the format of essays, how to find good sources, and how to include solid evidence to back up their arguments. We are currently working on bringing everything together and producing a professional final essay. Following this unit, we will be beginning our giant Project-Based Learning Humanities unit.

Math: In April, we will be well on our way in Chapter 6: Surface Area & Volume. In Grade 8, there is a focus on 3D objects. These 3D objects include: rectangular prisms, triangular prisms & cylinders. We begin by understanding the nets of these 3D objects. Next, students will learn to develop and apply formulas for determining the surface area and volume of these 3D objects. Finally, students will solve problems regarding surface area and volume of 3D objects. As this is a rather extensive chapter, it will take us into May to finish.

Science: In April students will continue with their Mechanical Systems unit. Machines are used for many purposes in our daily lives when we need to transfer energy into motion or move materials in a controlled way. In learning about mechanical devices, students investigate how components are linked so that energy is transferred efficiently and desired functions are performed. A comparison of past and present technologies helps students recognize that different approaches have been used over time to meet common needs. Evaluations of efficiency, effectiveness and impacts on daily life, the community and the environment are important considerations in this unit.

Social: By April we will be wrapping up our second major unit, the Aztecs. The students loved this unit and were actively engaged in discussion and debate in terms of the concepts we learned. Students were given the opportunity to choose projects they were interested in to showcase their knowledge and understanding of the Aztec curriculum. Mid way through April we will begin our third and final unit, Japan.

Summer Camp Enthusiasts! Check this link out for more information on SABC!

<https://sabc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/SABC-Brochure-2023-final-dec-20.pdf>



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball team who won the consolation finals at Zones, and to the Senior Girls who finished 4th! Great work Bears!

Badminton Intramurals have started and will continue to run throughout the badminton season during lunch recess. Make sure to bring your gym clothes to participate! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend and drop in for some badminton games! You can earn 5 bear points for every game you win!

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



Important Dates for Badminton Teams: Check the calendar on the website for a full list of practices and events.

Grade 6: Tuesday, March 28th - Tournament @ Wilson
Tuesday, April 18th - City Championship @ U of L

Grade 7: Tuesday, March 22 - Tournament at Wilson
Tuesday, April 18th - COLJHAA Championships @ Coaldale Christian
Wednesday, April 19th - City Championship @ U of L

Grade 8: Wednesday, March 23 - Tournament @ Wilson
Tuesday, April 18th - COLJHAA Championships @ Baker
Thursday, April 20th - City Championship @ U of L



Grade 7s and 8s who qualify: Saturday, April 29th - Zones in various schools in Lethbridge





Track and Field

Our track and field meet is scheduled for May 4th at the University of Lethbridge. We have already started making arrangements for this event. However, we need your help!! We are looking for approximately 10-20 parent volunteers to help things run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering for the day please email Mrs. Goertzen (carrie.goertzen@pallisersd.ab.ca) or Mrs. Kabi (adrienne.kabi@pallisersd.ab.ca)

You may be helping run an event or with supervising our students. We start at about 9:00am and it runs until roughly 3:00pm. Your help would be greatly appreciated, we can't make this happen without you.



Bear Points Update!

 Kodiak	 Polar	 Spirit	 Grizzly
3906	5282	5292	4269

Club Volleyball Opportunities with Lethbridge Volleyball Club!

See <https://lethbridgevolleyballclub.com/camps-and-events/> for more information.



U13 SUPERSTARS DOUBLES LEAGUE

FRIDAYS FROM 6:30 - 8PM

8 SESSIONS

STARTS MARCH 17TH

COST \$240

LOCATION: 4309 8 AVE NORTH @ 'THE BLOCK'

SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER! YOU GET 30 MIN OF INSTRUCTION THEN 60 MIN OF FUN DOUBLES GAME PLAY! LOTS OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT!

CUBS TO KODIAKS SPRING CAMP

APRIL 10 - 14TH

AGES: U9 AND U12

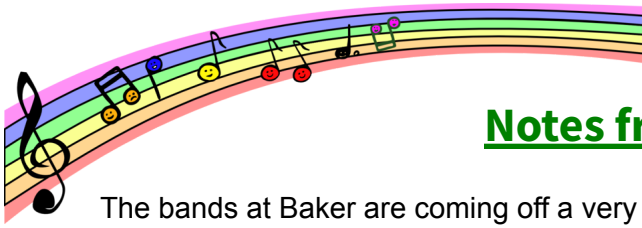
U9 CAMP 10AM TO NOON COST \$180

U12 CAMP 1PM TO 4PM COST \$230

HELD AT LVC'S PRACTICE FACILITY 'THE BLOCK' LOCATED AT

4309 - 8 AVE N.

LEARN THE BASICS OF THE GREAT GAME OF VOLLEYBALL WHILE HAVING FUN WITH SOME OF THE BEST COACHES IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA!



Notes from the Band Room

The bands at Baker are coming off a very successful month of March. Each of the groups did well at their respective festival performances. The Grade 7/8 Band received an “**Excellent +**” rating from the Alberta International Band Festival up in Edmonton, and the Grade 6 Band received a **91%** which earned them a “**Superior**” rating at our local Lethbridge festival.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out to support that band program at our Annual Dessert Concert & Silent Auction that was held on March 31st. The night was a huge success.

The Grade 7/8 Band also had the opportunity to share their talents with the students at Jennie Emery Elementary School on Wednesday, March 29th. The group received rave reviews from staff and students from their former elementary school.

The bands will now be turning their focus to prepping for our final concert on June 14th. We hope to see you there.

Mr. Conrad



Palliser Town Bus passes available July 4, 2023



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 2023-2024 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 130 students, and service will be granted on a first come first served basis. Registrations will open on July 4, 2023 and be taken until all of the passes are sold for the 2023-24 school year.

Coaldale Public Library

Lego Club

Jan 10, 2023 to Jun 20, 2023 | Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 4:30pm



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LEGO CLUB

Come and create! What Lego creation will you build today?

Children Ages 5-12 are invited to join us to build, create, and play with Legos followed by a tasty snack.

Every Tuesday
3:30-4:30pm



Weekly drop in Lego Program

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to join us to build, create, and explore engineering while playing with Legos. This is a free drop in program.

Looking for some
after school
activities?

Check these
programs out!

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STEM Station

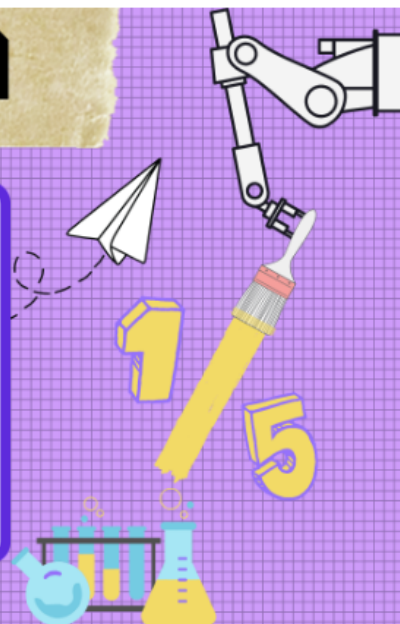
Jan 12, 2023 to Jun 22, 2023 | Thursdays 3:45-4:45 pm



STEM STATION

Students in grades 4-7 are invited to join us at the library as we explore STEM in all of its various forms, followed by a snack!

Thursdays
3:45-4:45 pm



Weekly experiments and activities focused around STEM

Learn about all the different aspects of STEM with weekly experiments and activities for kids in grade 4-7.

Coaldale Public Library

The Adventure Zone

Jan 20, 2023 to Jun 30, 2023 | The first and third Friday of each month, 2:00 - 4:00pm



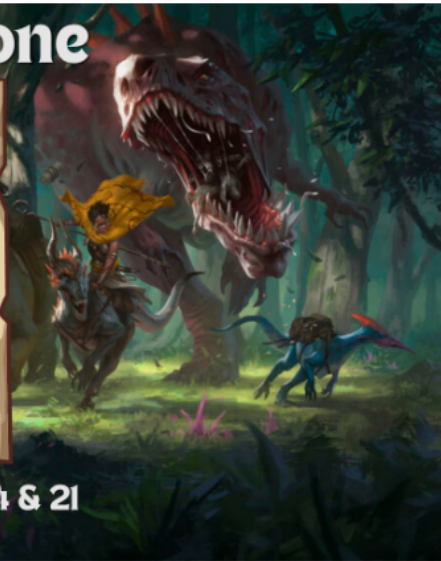
The Adventure Zone

We are starting a new adventure for all fans of fantasy. Fight monsters, find treasure and get lost on our Dungeons and Dragons adventure.

New Players welcome. character creation on March 10th

Ages 13+

**Friday March 10 & 24 and April 14 & 21
2:00-4:00 pm**



Explore table top RPG's every other friday

Get lost in a world of adventure as we explore distant fantastical lands playing Dungeons and Dragons, new players are always welcome for our bi-weekly adventures.

Coaldale Public Library

Zesty Crew

Feb 24, 2023 to Jun 30, 2023 | Last Friday of the Month 2:00-3:30 pm



Zesty Crew

Join us at the library on the last Friday of the month as we game, craft, and socialize!

**OPEN TO ALL
TEENS!**

**March 31 & April 28
2:00-3:30PM**

Monthly teen hang outs!

Join us at the library on the last Friday of the month as we game, craft, and socialize!

April 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 Edo Lunch 	6 Green Shirt Day  Crazy Hair Day	7 Good Friday NO SCHOOL
10 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL	11 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL	12 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL	13 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL	14 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL
17	18 Spring Pictures 	19 KC Pub Lunch 	20	21
24	25	26 Land O Lakes Lunch 	27	28

May 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Art Gala - 7pm 	3 A1 Pizza Lunch 	4	5
8	9	10 Edo Lunch 	11	12
15	16	17 Via Cibo Lunch 	18	19 NO SCHOOL PD Day
22 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day	23	24 Taco in a Bag 	25	26
29	30	31 Subway Lunch 		

May Hot Lunch - DUE April 27, 2023 - 2022/2023

Student Name (R.I. Baker Middle School)

Hot Lunch is DUE April 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!

A1 Pizza - May 1
EDO - May 10
Via Cibo - May 17
Subway - May 24
Taco in a Bag - May 31

A1 Pizza - May 3

8" Personal Pizza

- Cheese Pizza [add \$8.00]
- Pepperoni Pizza [add \$8.00]
- Hawaiian Pizza [add \$8.00]
- 2- Cheese Pizza [add \$15.75]
- 2 - Pepperoni Pizza [add \$15.75]
- 2- Hawaiian Pizza [add \$15.75]

Via Cibo - May 17

All choices include Italian Doughnut

- Alfredo Pasta & 2 Meatballs [add \$7.75]
- Alfredo Pasta & Chicken [add \$7.75]
- Butter Pasta & 2 Meatballs [add \$7.75]
- Butter Pasta & Chicken [add \$7.75]
- Cesar Salad [add \$7.50]
- Cesar Salad with Chicken [add \$10.50]

EDO - May 10

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]

Subway - May 24- U of L LSAA Track Day

6" Sub, Juice Box & Cookie

- Pizza Sub [add \$6.00]
- Ham & Cheese Sub [add \$6.00]
- Turkey Sub [add \$6.00]
- Cold Cuts Sub [add \$6.00]

Taco in a Bag - May 31

- Taco in a Bag [add \$5.50]
- 2 - Taco in a Bag [add \$11.00]



Coaldale Clothing Fest

Clear Out Your Closet!

Coaldale Mennonite Church
is holding a Spring Clothing Fest ...

When? April 15, 2023 (10:00am - 1pm)

Where? Coaldale Mennonite Church Gym
(2316 – 17 Street)



Why? To help *support our community*

How? From the *generous donations and support of our community*

The clothing fest is a recycling program, which benefits many families in our community.

Pick out clothes at NO CHARGE.

Donations of clean clothing/shoes (of all sizes), toys & books in good condition
are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the Coaldale Mennonite Church
weekdays from 9am-12pm, starting March 27th – April 11th.

Remaining items will be donated to local charities.

For more information or special arrangements or if you would like to help,
contact Jodi Reed @ (403) 345-5956

Twelfth Annual **FAMILY FUN RUN COALDALE 2023**
Presented by Coaldale Christian School

5K RUN WALK

APRIL 22 2023

Youth	Adults	T-Shirts
\$10	\$20	\$12

Register @ racepro.ca/coaldale

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