



THE PAW PRINT



RI Baker Middle School, Coaldale, Alberta

January 2024 Edition

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

We here at Baker have very high hopes for 2024, and we are very excited to see what it has in store for us. Some use a new year to set goals and make significant changes in one's life.

I am giving all families a challenge to set some new year goals with your child. It is a great way to connect with your child about school, find out where they feel they are succeeding and where they feel they could use some extra attention. Maybe they feel like they could bring up a grade? Some may feel like they could attend more in 2024! Whatever your goals may be...I wish you all the best in achieving them!

Mr Preb.

Thank You Turkey Dinner Volunteers!

Natasha Richards & Jen Van Rijn for coordinating. Perry Potato Farm for donating the potatoes, Nortera Lethbridge for donating the corn and to all the parent and staff volunteers who helped cook and serve! It was GRRR-EAT!!!



6A Welcoming the sunrise and whatever brings them Peace and Contentment on the Winter Solstice, December 21, 2023. Happy New Year!

Important Dates

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

JAN 1-5: NO SCHOOL

JAN 8 - BACK TO SCHOOL

JAN 10 - SUBWAY LUNCH

JAN 17 - A1 LUNCH

JAN 24 - EDO LUNCH

JAN 31 - KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN LUNCH

JAN 31 - SKI TRIP FORMS & FEES DUE DATE

FEB 8 - SKI TRIP



Be sure to Check your Edsby "river of news" for up to date school news and events!



COALDALE REPLACEMENT SCHOOL OFFICAL NAME RELEASED



We are excited to share that the Palliser School Division Board of Trustees has officially chosen '**Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary**' as the name for the new school.

The elements for the name were put forth by the community at large through submissions. A panel of members in the school community in Coaldale helped refine the ideas and the Board of Trustees considered this to be the most fitting choice put forward.

We believe that having a name for the new school will not only provide a sense of identity but also generate excitement and a stronger connection within our community. We look forward to collaborating with everyone further as we prepare to open the doors to the school in the 2024/2025 school year. This new secondary school will play a vital role in shaping the future for generations of students to come.



A huge "Thank You" to Barrel Oil Corp for donating \$500 to RI Baker Middle School.

This will help with our future school projects.



HAVE YOU HEARD THE BUZZ?
THE BAKER BUZZ THAT IS?
CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY STUDENT NEWSCAST ON THE
RI BAKER WEBSITE TO BE IN THE KNOW!

[HTTPS://WWW.RIBMS.CA/ABOUT/BAKER-BUZZ](https://www.ribms.ca/about/baker-buzz)

GRADE 5 POD

LUNCH TIME REMINDERS: Microwaves are available for lunch. Parents/Guardians, if your students' lunch requires a utensil (spoon, fork, etc) they **MUST** bring one from home. Thank you!

5A - MR. KIM

5B - MRS. NAST/MRS CONRAD

5C - MRS. ROSENTERER

5D - MRS. HUSCROFT

Reminders:

As partners in your child's education, it is important that we work together to ensure that the students are attending school on a regular basis, and completing assignments. The grade 5 teachers felt that this was a good time to remind parents of a few items:

- Some students are running out of a few of the basic supplies and need **pencils**, whiteboard markers, glue sticks and/or erasers. Please check with your child to see if they are short of supplies.
- There are a few children who have been wearing their boots all day long. Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes to wear at school during the winter months.

Make sure to look for weekly emails from your child's grade 5 homeroom teacher for specific updates in regards to activities and learning opportunities happening each week. Please let your child's teacher know if you are not receiving these emails.

GRADE 6 POD

LUNCH TIME REMINDERS: Microwaves are available for lunch. Parents/Guardians, if your students' lunch requires a utensil (spoon, fork, etc) they **MUST** bring one from home. Thank you!

MATH - MACKLIN

In January students will start looking at their third unit - Fractions, Decimals & Percent. They will convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, look at ratio, and show understanding of percent (limited to whole numbers). All information is posted in google classroom to stay caught up while students are away, or if they need extra practice.

SOCIAL STUDIES - CONRAD

Students in social studies have completed the chapter on Local Government. After the holidays, we will turn our focus to the Provincial Government. There are a handful of students who have outstanding assignments (vocabulary and/or quiz corrections). The two weeks off would be a perfect time to ensure that everything is handed in for social studies.

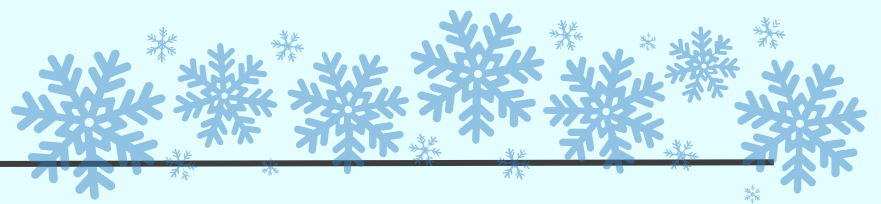
LANGUAGE ARTS - NETZEL

Happy New Year! Students will be continuing to work on our short story unit by reading and focusing on comprehending a few more short stories. Then, students will be working on their paragraph writing skills. I encourage all students to read a few hours/week over the holiday season!

SCIENCE - MACKLIN

We will wrap up our Sky Science unit this month with a Unit Test happening mid January. Students completed 2 booklets about our solar system, moon phases, the seasons, constellations, eclipses, as well as other topics. They also wrote 2 quizzes during this unit and can use these for review as well. Next, we will be starting our Air & Aerodynamics unit! Keep checking Google Classroom as we'll be doing lots of experiments around the properties of air, including creating all types of flying and floating machines. Students may need to bring items from home, but plenty of notice will be given ahead of time.

GRADE 7 POD



MATH-MRS.SMART

As we start 2024, students will be working through our third unit, which consists of the addition and subtraction of integers. In this unit, students will add and subtract integers with the use of manipulatives, diagrams, and symbols (actual numbers). Students should have red and blue markers/pencil crayons for this unit!

SOCIAL STUDIES- MS.SERBU

We will be starting the year fresh by beginning Chapter 6 which focuses on the beginnings of the provinces and territories coming together to form what is now present day Canada as well as the people that made it happen. All material will be made available on Google Classroom as we cover it in class.

LANGUAGE ARTS- MRS. HUFF

Welcome back! Our unit on The Giver will be wrapping up this month. We will complete the unit by honing our opinion writing and argumentative writing skills in our "Mock Trial" where the students will debate the fate of one of the characters from the book. Students will also write a mid-term exam after the completion of this unit covering everything we have learned up to this point. Stay tuned for specific dates to come.

SCIENCE- MRS. SMART

Students will start the month by reviewing for about a week, for their midterm covering the first two units of the year. Then, we will start our third unit - Planet Earth. This scientific study of Earth will be based on direct observation of landforms and materials that make up Earth's surface and on the sample evidence and models we have of Earth's interior. Reminder to use Google Classroom to catch up on any missed classes!

GRADE 8 POD



MATH-MRS. BERRY

During the month of January, we will be working through Chapter 4: Patterns & Relations. It begins with students analyzing linear relations through equations, graphs and tables of values. Next, we will explore solving equations. This is an extension of Math 7. We will utilize algebra-tiles to help us understand all of the steps required to solve different equations. At the conclusion of Chapter 4, we will spend some time preparing for the Midterm. This is a cumulative exam assessing Chapters 1 - 4. The Midterm is scheduled for February!

SOCIAL STUDIES-MR. SMITH

Happy New Year and welcome back. We will be completing our study of the Renaissance unit with some time to study for our mid-term which will include everything we have learned from the beginning of the year until now. In mid-January we will be starting our study of the Aztec Empire in January. The main concept of this unit is to understand what happens if a society chooses to fight back against their conquerors.

LANGUAGE ARTS-MR. WILLEMS

Happy New Year! Throughout the rest of January, we will be engaged in our 'Picture Books: Say Something' unit. Our focus will be on editing and enhancing stories, acquiring new tools to improve our writing from good to great. With the arrival of the new year, it is also an appropriate time for reflection and goal setting. We will continue our ongoing activities, which include journaling, reading, watching, and storytelling. Towards the end of the month, we will embark on our new mini-unit on Word Gathering (Etymology).

SCIENCE-MR. GINTHER

In the New Year students will finish their Freshwater & Salt water Systems unit and start our Mix & Flow of Matter unit. The materials we use- including natural and manufactured ones- often take the form of fluids. Students learn that such diverse substances as air, natural gas, water and oil are fluids. In further investigations, they discover that many common household materials are aqueous solutions or suspensions in which the main component is water. Students learn that the properties of individual fluids are important to their use, including such properties as density, buoyancy, viscosity and the fluid's response to changes in temperature and pressure. The particle model of matter is used to make a conceptual link between the nature of matter and the specific behavior of fluids.



DID YOU SAY SKI TRIP???!!!

THE RI BAKER ANNUAL SKI TRIP TO CASTLE MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT

IS: **FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

Check [School Cash Online](#) for Registration forms & Payment



**A great Christmas gift idea for sure!
Feel free to call the office if you have any questions.**

It is our hope that each child will attend this event and either learn the basics of skiing or practice their ski skills and HAVE FUN!! For students who do not go skiing, it is a regular school day where grade level instruction will be provided. We do need a majority of our students to participate in this event, or it may be cancelled. We strongly encourage and welcome parents to attend the ski day with your child.

****Ski trip fees and forms are due January 31, 2024.****

In accordance with procedures at Castle Mountain, every student must take an ability test and lesson, even if they are a season pass holder. All students must wear a helmet, the cost of which is included if they rent equipment.

In order to plan and order adequate transportation, every student needs to ride the bus to and from the ski hill. All students who are attending the ski trip must attend a ski safety presentation at the school.

As this activity is partially subsidized by the school, please note that school fees and any other outstanding fees are to be paid in full prior to the ski date. Please call the office, 345-3340, if you would like details on outstanding fees or to speak to an administrator regarding payment plans to pay fees.

Parents accompanying our students on the ski trip will be expected to adhere to Palliser Regional School policy in regard to tobacco and alcohol.

Please Note: Students and parents who choose not to participate on the school ski trip but choose to ski that day (at Castle Mountain) will not in any way be affiliated with the school, its insurance, discounted rates or transportation. Also, if a student drives with a parent or another parent they become the responsibility of that parent. If a student who is not on the ski trip is a discipline issue or is injured they are the sole responsibility of the overseeing guardian.

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

Here are a few fun stats to start off the new year.

Since September, 115 new titles have been added to our literature collection. The book that has been checked out the most so far this year is "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets", by J.K. Rowling

5B is the homeroom class that has checked out the most books, with an average of 18 books per student.

Karli (grade 6) is the student so far in the school who has checked out the most books with an impressive 56 books.

We have had 26 student book recommendations so far. These are books students have read and recommend to their peers to read. This has been a fun addition to our learning commons. The students often look at the wall to get ideas of new books to read. Thank you to all those students who have contributed to this.

2024 will be another exciting year here in the Learning Commons. Many more great titles will be added and the love of reading will continue. Thank you for your continued support.



ATHLETICS

Our basketball season has started off great! Our teams have been learning lots while having fun! In December our Junior Girls team took Silver at the Wilson Invitational and our Junior Boys won bronze. We hosted our Boys Basketball Jamboree, where our Senior boys were silver medalists. We are looking forward to hosting the RIBMS Girls Basketball Jamboree, running January 19- 20. Come out and support our teams as we head into a busy month of basketball.



Wow!!!
Check out these run stats!

This is why you should never run from a Bear!

TOP TIMES 12 MINUTE RUN DECEMBER		
	BOYS	GIRLS
GRADE 5	MAX C. BEN W. 40 LAPS	MOLLIE P. 33 LAPS
GRADE 6	EMMETT C. JACKSON B. MARSHALL C. 40 LAPS	JORDYN B. 36 LAPS
GRADE 7	CASEY U., MAX G. 40 LAPS	QUINN S. 36 LAPS
GRADE 8	SAM K. 43 LAPS	HAYLIN F. 38 LAPS

SLC - Student Leadership Committee

Mrs. Huscroft and the SLC have some exciting upcoming activities in the New Year!

- January:** Spirit Day January 17 - Celebrity Day
- February:** Valentines Dance
Grades 5&6 Friday February 2nd 3:00 - 4:30 in the gym
Grades 7&8 Friday February 16th 3:00 - 4:30 in the gym
- June:** Year End Dance (Theme to be confirmed)
Grades 5&6 Friday June 14th 3:00 - 4:30 in the gym
Grades 7&8 Friday June 21st 3:00 - 4:30 in the gym

RI BAKER BEARS

JERSEYS FOR SALE!

**WANT TO OWN A
PIECE OF BAKER
HISTORY?**

\$5

*PER PIECE

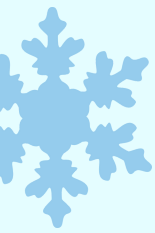
SEE MRS. KABI OR MRS. GOERTZEN IN THE GYM FOR MORE INFORMATION!



Thank you to the PC Children's Charity for their financial support of the RI Baker "Breakfast and Nutrition Program"

Thank you also to Jessica Hoffman, our Palliser School Division "Making Connections Worker", for applying for this generous grant to benefit all of our students!





With a one-time application fee of \$29.99 kids can ski & snowboard for free across Canada!

The SnowPass benefits include:

- Access to multiple ski areas across Canada. Return to your favorite hills and try new ones.
- You can ski not once, but TWICE at every participating ski area
- Fresh air and exercise.
- Fun with Family and Friends.
- Memories that last a lifetime.

USE YOUR SNOWPASS AT CASTLE MOUNTAIN TODAY!

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM RUNS EACH WEDNESDAY



THE RIBMS CANTEEN IS OPEN FOR GR. 7 & 8 MONDAY & WEDNESDAY AND GR. 5 & 6 TUESDAY & THURSDAY FROM 11:40-12 NOON!

JANUARY HOT LUNCH - DEADLINE December 20, 2023 - 2023/2024

Amount Due:

Student Name (R.I. Baker Middle School)

Hot Lunch is DUE December 20 @ 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!

- Subway - January 10
- A1 Pizza - January 17
- EDO JAPAN - January 24
- Kentucky Fried Chicken - January 31

Subway Lunch

All sandwiches are served on white bread with cheese, lettuce & mayo

- Pizza Sub, Juice Box & Cookie [add \$7.00]
- Turkey Sub, Juice Box & Cookie [add \$7.00]
- Ham Sub, Juice Box & Cookie [add \$7.00]
- 2- Pizza Subs, Juice Box & Cookie [add \$12.50]
- 2 - Turkey Subs, Juice Box & Cookie [add \$12.50]
- 2 - Ham Subs, Juice Box & Cookie [add \$12.50]
- 1 - All Meat Sub, Juice Box, Cookie [add \$9.00]

A1 Pizza

8" Pepperoni Pizza

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

EDO JAPAN

Meals Include carrots/cabbage/broccoli. ALL Teriyaki on the Side

- Kids Chicken Meal with Rice [add \$8.50]
- Kids Beef Meal with Rice [add \$8.50]
- Adult Chicken Meal with Rice [add \$12.50]
- Adult Beef Meal with Rice [add \$12.50]
- Kids Chicken Meal with Noodles [add \$8.50]
- Kids Beef Meal with Noodles [add \$8.50]
- Adult Chicken Meal with Noodles [add \$12.50]
- Adult Beef Meal with Noodles [add \$12.50]

Kentucky Fried Chicken

Option #1 - 2 pieces dark meat, individual fries & individual gravy Option #2 & #3 - 2 Chicken Tenders, Individual Popcorn Chicken, Fries and gravy or sweet n sour sauce

- Option #1 - 2 piece Original Recipe Chicken on the bone, fries & gravy [add \$8.50]
- Option #2 - Chicken Tenders and Popcorn Chicken, fries & gravy [add \$8.50]
- Option #3 - Chicken Tenders and Popcorn Chicken, fries & sweet N sour sauce [add \$8.50]



January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5 NO SCHOOL
8 Back to School	9	10 Subway	11	12
15	16	17 A1 Pizza	18	19
22	23	24 EDO JAPAN	25	26
29	30	31 Kentucky Fried Chicken		

SchoolCashOnline
KEVGROUP

SCHOOL FEES & EXTRA CURRICULAR FEES

Fees are now due, so please access your School Cash Online account to see what your students' fees (school, athletic, band) are for the year, purchase hot lunch, complete certain permission forms, etc.

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.

<https://palliserregional.schoolcashonline.com>



Our Lost and Found is located inside our Main Entrance. Please remind your students to look inside the benches there if they are missing something! (Eg/ Hoodies, jackets, lunch kits, water bottles, binders...) Thank you!!

February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7 Wiebe's Hot Lunch	8 Ski Trip 	9
12	13	14 Valentines Day  Tim Horton's Hot Lunch	15	16
19 Family Day NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL
26	27	28 Buster's Hot Lunch	29	



Edsby is RI Baker's program used to report GRADES and ATTENDANCE to parents.

Invitations for Edsby have been emailed. Thank you to all the Parents that have already set up their accounts! If prompted when signing up, the School Code is Pallisersd

Please call our office at 403-345-3340 or email megan.curtis@pallisersd.ab.ca if you are having difficulties setting up your account.

****TIP: : Downloading the Edsby App and allowing notifications from Edsby helps us notify you quickly if your child is absent!**