



# THE PAW PRINT



RI Baker Middle School, Coaldale, Alberta

## February 2024 Edition

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During our last assembly, I spoke with students about getting involved with your school and trying out a new activity or club. Something we pride ourselves on here at Baker is that we offer many opportunities for students to get involved. Getting involved in school activities will also increase a student's sense of belonging. We try to create something for everyone. I thought I would name a few so possibly parents could encourage their children as well.

Athletics - Volleyball, basketball, badminton, track and field, cross country

Arts - Band, drama production,

Clubs - Guitar club, art club, chess club, student leadership council, intramural sports, indigenous garden club, Young Author's club, crib club, Dungeons and Dragons club and crochet club.

If you have an idea for a club that you would like to see at Baker, let us know! Chances are there are other kids out there that would attend. If you have interest in any of the above existing activities or have an idea for a new one, let us know. We would love to help you get more involved in the great things going on at R.I. Baker Middle School.

Mr Preb.

### 2024/2025 Registration

Registration for the 2024/2025 school year at RI Baker is now open!

Please visit the RI Baker Middle School website at:  
[www.ribms.c/2024-2025-registration](http://www.ribms.c/2024-2025-registration)

*Please read the information closely to ensure you are clicking on the correct registration link, as there are specific links based on what grade your child is currently in.*

\*If your child is currently in Grade 6, 7 or 8 (at RI Baker) and planning on attending Coaldale Prairiewinds Secondary (formerly Kate Andrews High School) stayed tuned for communication from that school on how to register.

### Important Dates

Feb 7 - Wiebe's Lunch

Feb 8 - Ski Trip

Feb 9 - NO SCHOOL PD Day

Feb 14 - Tim Horton's Lunch

Feb 14 - Valentines Day

Feb 16 - Winter Active Day

Feb 19-23 Family Day/  
Reading Week NO SCHOOL

Feb 28 - Pink Shirt Day

Feb 28 - Buster's Lunch

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



## RECESS EXPECTATIONS

R.I. Baker Middle School philosophy is that children need fresh air and exercise to enhance gross motor development, social skills and friendships. Exercise is overall good for the brain and body, especially this year! Our expectation is that all children need to be and are expected to be outside. This means that the students of R.I. Baker need to come to school with appropriate clothing for our southern Alberta weather!



# PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

## MARCH 13 & 14 4-7PM



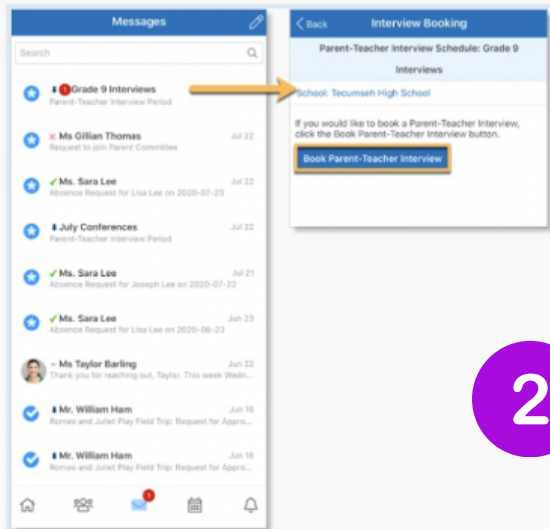
**BOOKING LINK INVITES WILL BE EMAILED MARCH 1**

**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.**

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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.



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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.

	Ms. Archer SNC15.A	Ms. Archer SNC15.B	Mr. Bee SNC15.C
3:00pm UTC-4	available	available	available
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3:40pm UTC-4	available	available	available
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4:40pm UTC-4	available	available	available
5:00pm UTC-4	available	available	available
5:20pm UTC-4	available	available	available
5:40pm UTC-4	available	available	available



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.



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4:20pm UTC-4		remove booking	
4:40pm UTC-4	change	change	availab
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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.

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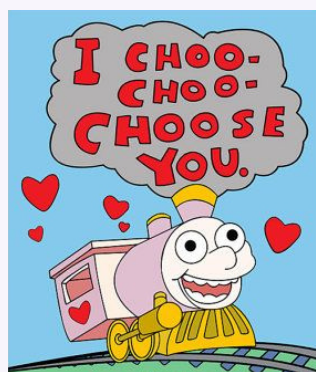
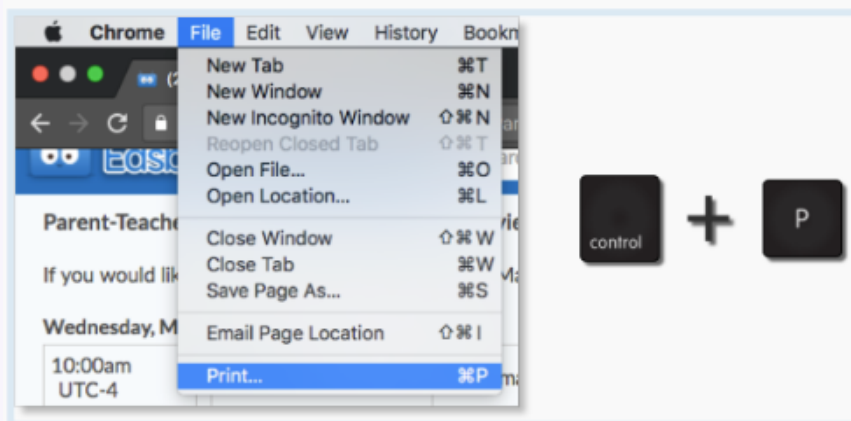
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3:00pm UTC-4			
3:20pm UTC-4	Ms. Archer	SNC1D_A	Room not yet set
3:40pm UTC-4	Mr. Beard	MPM1D_A	Room not yet set
4:00pm UTC-4	Mr. Harris	ENG1D_A	Room not yet set

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.

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# 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. ROSENRETER**

**5D - MRS. HUSCROFT**

## **Reminders:**

The grade 5 pod will be running a second round of SWAP for a portion of our language arts classes starting February 5th and running until the end of March. This is a great opportunity for students to work in different groups on improving literacy skills.

The grade 5 classes are going to be also working closely with each other in social studies over the second half of this school year to collaborate on some influential events in Canadian history. We are excited about the opportunities this collaboration will bring for all of the grade 5 students.

Exploratory classes for grade 5s will be switching on Monday February 5th!

Please check in with your child on their school supplies, many seem to be in need of pencils and more lined paper.



# 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

Welcome, Mr. Burns, our PSIII student from the University of Lethbridge! He will continue working with all three grade 6 classes, after introducing Unit #3; Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Rates & Ratios, in January. Grade 6s will continue to learn about improper fractions, mixed numbers, and ratios. Students will learn about number lines, modeling fractions, and equivalent ratios. Students will need to have their pencils, lined papers, and crayons for this unit, so please be sure to check if your child still has these supplies or if replacements need to be purchased. Please also double check that your child still has a basic calculator, which will be needed later this year.



## LANGUAGE ARTS - NETZEL

Welcome, Miss Johnston, our PSIII student from the University of Lethbridge! She will be working with all three gr. 6 classes in our ELAL classroom and taking over most of the teaching for ELAL until April 19. Mrs. Netzel will still be working with the students for ELAL for a few periods/week. We will be continuing to read our short stories with a focus on some comprehension practice, as well as an oral presentation and into February, writing effective paragraphs. Emphasis will be placed on proper format, detailed examples, writing, and editing skills. Mrs. Netzel will focus on The morphology and etymology of words to further enhance our word work. We will also work toward an exam of our terms, concepts, and reading comprehension skills, most likely toward the end of February. More details will be forthcoming, and there will be advanced notice for the exam. Students can continue to review their "Elements of a Short Story" notes and terms.

## SOCIAL STUDIES - CONRAD

This month, students in social studies are working through the chapter on Provincial Government. Topics include an in-depth look at the services provided by the province; students research one service and give a short Google Slides presentation to the class, thus becoming an "expert" in their service, while hearing about all the other services from their peers. We will also look at the different political parties that typically run in provincial elections, the types of laws made at the provincial level, as well as the roles and responsibilities of different politicians at the provincial level, including MLAs, the Lieutenant Governor, the Premier, and Cabinet Ministers.

## SCIENCE - MACKLIN

We will continue to learn about concepts from our Air & Aerodynamics unit (introduced at the end of January), as we begin the month of February. By the end of the month, we will be moving into our Flight unit, and there is a lot of overlap between these two units. We will be looking at the properties of air and how moving air impacts air pressure and flight, as well as learning about how birds, insects and aircraft can achieve flight. There will be a focus on the four forces of flight, especially the force of LIFT and how this is part of Bernoulli's Principle. These units will allow students to participate in a variety of hands-on activities and experiments. Please continue to check Google Classroom for all materials used in class, as well as slide shows, videos and other resources available for review if your child misses school.

THANK YOU!

**A well-deserved thank you to Mrs. Huscroft for organizing the treat, decoration and card sale for all students in December, allowing R.I.Baker to donate the proceeds of this sale to our local food banks at such a needy time of year.**



# GRADE 7 POD



## MATH-MRS.SMART

Students will continue working through the fourth unit about Patterns and Relations. In this unit, students will explore and extend patterns, identify expressions and equations, describe linear relations, create and graph tables of values for linear relations, and analyze graphs to draw conclusions. Following this unit, there will be a midterm covering the first four units of the year. Stay tuned for a date for this!

## SOCIAL STUDIES- MS.SERBU

Students will be working through Chapter 6 & 7 which takes us through the War of 1812 and the effect it had on Canada as well as the Canadian Confederation. Materials will be posted on Google Classroom as we cover them.

## LANGUAGE ARTS- MRS. HUFF

This month students will complete a mini unit in decoding word problems. The goal of this small unit is to help students determine the important information in any written word problem in order to answer the questions correctly. After that, we will start our unit on Poetry!

## SCIENCE- MRS. SMART

Students began the third unit, Planet Earth, in January and will be continuing this unit in February. In Science, students will be exploring and observing; rocks, minerals, the rock cycle, erosion and weathering, layers of the Earth as well as earthquakes, volcanoes, fossils and fossil fuels.

# GRADE 8 POD



## MATH-MRS. BERRY

Our focus for the month of February will be finishing up Chapter 4: Patterns & Relations. This chapter involves students analyzing linear relations through equations, graphs and tables of values. Next, we explore solving equations. This is an extension of Math 7 and will utilize algebra-tiles to help us understand all of the steps required to solve different equations. Also, within the month of February, the Math Midterm will take place. This will cover Chapters 1 - 4. Once this is completed, we will move into Chapter 5: Pythagorean Theorem.

## SOCIAL STUDIES-MR. SMITH

We have begun our Aztec unit and students are enjoying the content so far. Similar to the Renaissance unit, we start by studying their origin stories as well as how they chose to organize their society. The focus of the unit is to see what happens when two similar worldviews collide (Spanish and Aztecs).



## LANGUAGE ARTS-MR. WILLEMS

We are just wrapping up our Picture Book unit and will begin a Word Collectors mini-unit where we are looking at the etymology of words. We will be taking this time to look at common prefixes, suffixes, and roots of words to better decipher new vocabulary. Following this will be our LA midterm, a culmination of everything we've looked at since September. February will bring a new mini-unit on Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse, where we'll be studying film techniques, character development and plot structure.

## SCIENCE-MR. GINTHER

In science we are continuing with 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.

Students will also be writing their science midterm exam prior to the reading break so watch google classroom for study material and dates.

# Thank you!



to **Ryan Murphy** and **Timber Tech Truss** for donating 4 Castle Mountain Ski Passes to help cover the cost of our Staff Volunteers on our February 8th Ski Trip!



## NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

Don't miss out on getting the **LAST** R.I. Baker Middle School Yearbook.

Order yours through School Cash Online.



DID YOU ORDER YOUR **YEARBOOK?**

COPIES ARE LIMITED and SELL OUT FAST!

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**PRICE: \$35.00**  
**DEADLINE: MAY 31**

# ATHLETICS



Basketball season has been going strong in 2023-24! We've had a lot of skill development and even taken home a few plaques and top finishes! Congratulations to all teams on a very successful year so far, here are some highlights!

**Junior Girls** - 2nd place at the Wilson Tournament

**Junior Boys** - 3rd place at the Wilson Tournament

**Senior Boys** - 2nd place the RIBMS Basketball Jamboree

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers for filling our Coach's Room at the home tournaments!



**Badminton Open Gym**  
**Tuesday, February 6**  
**3:30-5:00**

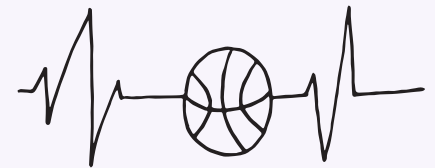
**Badminton Try Outs**

**Monday, February 12th:**  
Grade 6 (Girls & Boys) - 3:30-4:30  
Grade 7 (Girls & Boys) - 4:30-5:30  
Grade 8 (Girls & Boys) - 5:30-6:30

**Tuesday, February 13th:**  
Gr 6 Girls - 3:30-4:30  
Gr 6 Boys - 4:30-5:30  
Gr 7 Girls - 5:30-6:30

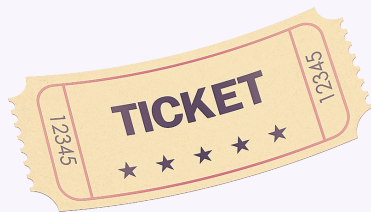
**Thursday, February 14th:**  
Gr 7 Boys - 3:30-4:30  
Gr 8 Girls - 4:30-5:30  
Gr 8 Boys - 5:30-6:30

See Mrs. Goertzen or Mrs. Kabi for more information!

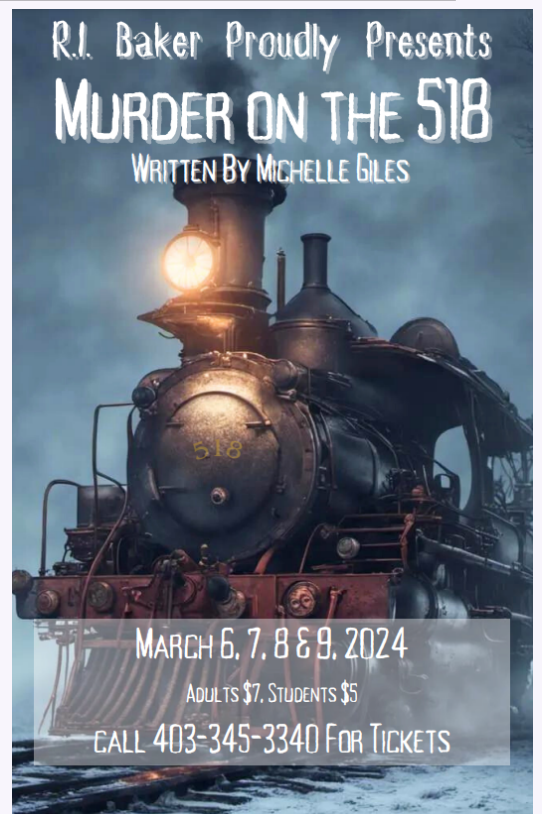


## ALL ABOARD!

STEP RIGHT UP AND BE SURE NOT TO MISS THE DRAMA PRODUCTION  
**"MURDER ON THE 518"**



Stay tuned for more information regarding ticket sales!



R.I. Baker Proudly Presents  
**MURDER ON THE 518**  
WRITTEN BY MICHELLE GILES

MARCH 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2024  
ADULTS \$7, STUDENTS \$5  
CALL 403-345-3340 FOR TICKETS



# February 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6	7 Wiebe's Hot Lunch	8 <b>SKI TRIP</b>	9 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Site Based PD Day
12	13	14 <b>Valentines Day</b>  Tim Horton's Lunch	15	16 <b>Winter Active Day</b>
19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Family Day</b> Reading Week Break	20 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Reading Week Break	21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Reading Week Break	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Reading Week Break	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Reading Week Break
26	27 March Hot Lunch Orders Due!	28 <b>Pink Shirt Day</b> Buster's Hot Lunch	29	

# March 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6 <b>Murder on the 518</b> Doors open at 6:30 Show - 7:30 Subway Lunch	7 <b>Murder on the 518</b> Doors open at 6:30 Show - 7:30	8 <b>Murder on the 518</b> Doors open at 6:30 Show - 7:30
11	12	13 <b>Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm</b> KFC Hot Lunch	14 <b>Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm</b>	15 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Division PD Day
18	19	20 Taco in a Bag Lunch	21 <b>World Down</b>  <b>Syndrome Day</b> <b>Funky Sock Day</b>	22
25	26	27 A1 Pizza Lunch	28	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Good Friday

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## 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!!**



**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](mailto: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!**