



THE PAW PRINT

RI Baker Middle School, Coaldale, Alberta

April 2024 Edition



VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of family time and relaxation during this holiday season. Easter offers us a precious opportunity to connect with loved ones, create lasting memories, and rejuvenate our spirits. I encourage each of you to embrace this time fully, whether through shared meals, cherished traditions, or simply enjoying each other's company. Let us use this break to reflect on the blessings in our lives and find joy in the presence of family and friends.

While Easter is a time for rest and relaxation, it is also an excellent opportunity for personal growth and reflection. As students, I urge you to make the most of this break by engaging in activities that nourish your mind, body, and soul. Whether it's exploring new hobbies, delving into a good book, or spending time outdoors, use this time to recharge your batteries and return to school with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Remember, a well-rested mind is better equipped for learning and achieving success.

As we prepare to resume our academic endeavors after the break, I want to emphasize the importance of coming back to school refreshed and ready to learn. Use this time wisely to set goals for the remainder of the academic year and reflect on your achievements thus far. Let us return in April with a renewed sense of purpose, determination, and a commitment to academic excellence. I have every confidence that with your dedication and hard work, the remainder of the school year will be filled with accomplishments and success.

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a joyous Easter filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments with family and friends. May this break provide the opportunity for rest, reflection, and rejuvenation so that we may return to school ready to tackle new challenges and achieve great things together. Safe travels and best wishes.

Mr Clifton.

Important Dates

April 1-5 - Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL

April 8 - Back to School

April 10 - Subway Hot Lun Hot Lunch

April 12 - Grade 5/6 Spring Dance

April 16 - Spring Pictures

April 15-17 LSAA Badminton

April 17 - KFC Hot Hot LunchLunch

April 19 - Grade 7/8 Spring Dance

April 22-23 Grade 6 Band Trip to SABC

April 24 - Pizza Hot Lunch

April 26 - Hot Lunch DUE

April 27 - Badminton Zons - Medicine Hat



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!



THANK YOU!

R.I. Baker Middle School would like to extend huge thank you to Whole Leaf Ltd. for donating lettuce for our March Taco-in-a-Bag lunch!!!

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to thank Mrs. Huscroft & Mrs. Kabi for all their hard work, and wish them all the best as they go on maternity leave.

Joining the RI Baker team for the remainder of the year will be Caroline Reimer and Trent Olesen.

R.I. BAKER'S 2ND ANNUAL ART GALA

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

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 informational meetings in April. There is also Art Gala information posted on our Art Club Google Classroom; students' homeroom teachers have this code for students to join.



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 8th - 19th, and will be open in the evening of the 13th & 14th from 4-6 PM during Parent Teacher Interviews.

We anticipate many new and exciting book titles to be included in the fair. Your continued support of our school book fair is greatly appreciated.



Don't miss out on purchasing a 2023-2024 Year book. **The cost is \$35.00 and the deadline is May 31, 2024.** Go to your School Cash account to purchase one today!

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

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. With the nicer weather and snow melting, it's also puddle season! Things happen and students can end up wet. A change of clothes in their backpack or locker may save students from uncomfortable wet clothing and/or save parents from getting a call to bring dry clothes to the school.

We hope that you all have a very Hoppy Easter.

Round 2 of Swap was completed at the end of March. Students are now back in their homeroom classes where they are using LA classes to practice focused writing skills and/or Word Work. Classes continue to collaborate in Social Studies, learning about the Histories and Stories of the Ways of Life in Canada.

Please see your child's Edsby, particularly their Gradebook, to see what they have been working on in Math and Science.

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

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.**



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

April will see the beginning of Unit 5: Transformations. This unit dives into the Cartesian plane, with the x and y axis, building off of the Unit 4 knowledge of variables and relationships between numbers. Students will learn about reflections, rotations, and congruent shapes and how they are represented on a Cartesian plane. After Unit 5, we will begin Unit 6 which will cover calculating the area and volume of objects. Students' supply of pencils seems to be running low, please ensure they have enough!

SOCIAL STUDIES - CONRAD

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.

LANGUAGE ARTS - NETZEL

This month, we will continue focusing on our writing with short stories and information pieces. We will continue to work on conventional skills, such as punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure, and incorporate creative choices in diction and sentence variety into our writing. It's going to be a writing-focused month! In addition, students will continue working with various etymology and morphology practices. We will also continue with our class read-aloud, *Refugee*.

SCIENCE - MACKLIN

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. Please be sure to send your child with various materials to build parachutes, (thread, floss, coffee filters, paper clips, tissue paper, etc), after the Easter break. Some materials will be supplied, but the more they can bring in themselves the better!

GRADE 7 POD

MATH-MRS.SMART

After the Easter Break we will be starting our "Circles & Areas" unit, where students will be constructing circles, measuring the elements of a circle and solving problems related to circles. As well, they will be looking at the area of triangles and parallelograms.

SOCIAL STUDIES- MS.SERBU

We are continuing to learn about Confederation with Chapters 9 and 10. We will be looking at how Canada expanded further west which led to the creation of Alberta and Saskatchewan. We will also be looking at the factors that influenced Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland to finally join Canada and the impact that that had on Canada.

LANGUAGE ARTS- MRS. HUFF

In April we will be beginning our non-fiction and research unit. Students will complete a novel study using the mentor text *A Long Walk To Water* by Linda Sue Park. Following our novel study, students will complete a research project. Students will pick a nonfiction topic of interest and create an informational text with images that will teach and inform their target audience about their chosen topic.

SCIENCE- MRS. SMART

Students will be completing their Plants for Food & Fibre unit around the middle of April. We will then resume learning about Planet Earth and continue on with learning about tectonic plates, volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes.

GRADE 8 POD

MATH-MRS. BERRY

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.

SOCIAL STUDIES-MR. SMITH

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.

LANGUAGE ARTS-MR. WILLEMS

We are working on 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 Artificial Intelligence and its affects on our world, from the lens of argumentative essays.

SCIENCE-MR. GINTHER

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!

ATHLETICS

Our badminton teams have been busy preparing for upcoming tournaments. We are thrilled to once again have 48 badminton players in our program. Best of luck to all of our players and teams, as they compete in the below tournaments.

Grade 6: Wednesday, March 27th - Tournament @ Wilson
Monday, April 15th - City Championship @ U of L

Grade 7: Tuesday, March 26th - Tournament @ Wilson
Tuesday, April 16th - City Championship @ U of L
Thursday, April 18th - COLJHAA Championships @ RIBMS

Grade 8: Monday, March 25th - Tournament @ Wilson
Wednesday, April 17th - City Championship @ U of L
Thursday, April 18th - COLJHAA Championships @ Coaldale Christian

Grade 7s and 8s who qualify: Saturday, April 27th - Zones in Medicine Hat



TRACK & FIELD

Our track and field meet is scheduled for Thursday May 2nd 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).



You will be helping a staff member run a field event. 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.

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 + / Superior" rating from the Alberta International Band Festival up in Edmonton, and the Grade 6 Band received a 92% 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 22nd. The night was a huge success.

The bands will now be turning their focus to prepping for our final concert on June 12th. We hope to see you there.

Mr. Conrad



April 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL	2 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL	3 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL	4 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL	5 Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL
8	9	10 Subway Hot lunch 	11	12 Gr. 5/6 Spring Dance
15 LSAA Badminton	16 Spring Pictures LSAA Badminton	17 LSAA Badminton KFC Hot Lunch 	18	19 Gr. 7/8 Spring Dance
22 Gr. 6 Band Trip - SABC	23 Gr. 6 Band Trip - SABC	24 Pizza Hot Lunch 	25	26 Hot Lunch orders due 7th - Badminton Zones
29	30			

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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>

LOST & FOUND

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
glenda.kurtz@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!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

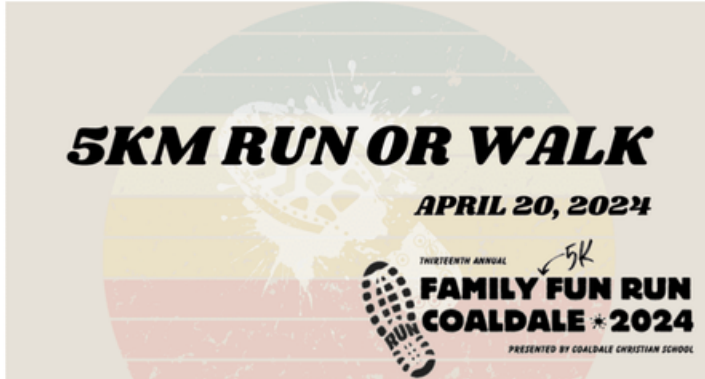
The Coaldale Family Fun Run will be taking place on April 20th, 2024!

The last day to register with the school team is Tuesday, April 16th.

Last year, RI Baker Families had the most participants out of every school and we won a big prize for the school. We are hoping to make that happen again this year!

The first 50 people to register and pay (online or paper copy) will be able to come pick a vintage Baker Bear jersey or shorts to add to their collection!

See Mrs. Goertzen for more information!



CITY OF Lethbridge

DONATIONS & SPONSORS WELCOME!

COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

SUPERHERO WALK

for Autism Awareness

MAY 4, 2024 ~ 2:00PM - 5:00PM

@ HENDERSON LAKE - HORSESHOE AREA

FREE BBQ TO FOLLOW!



CHALLENGER BASEBALL



This is a great opportunity for young individuals with cognitive and or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participating in a sport, such as baseball. The coaches help each player by providing a safe and enjoyable experience, and to assist players with all aspects of the game.



Empowering children with disabilities through physical activity

Free Registration!

To Register:
www.lethbridgelittleleague.com/challenger
Or by email:
seto849@icloud.com



The Coaldale Spartans Football Club is hosting their annual Spring Training Camp. This is a great opportunity for new players to try out the sport.

Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 930am-3:30pm

Kate Andrews-South Field

Lunch Provided. Free of Cost

ATOM 8-10 yrs. PEEWEE 11-12 yrs. BANTAM 13-14 yrs.



Check out our Facebook page for updates- Spartans Football-Coaldale

Call or text Alana Wheeler to register: 403 634 9953



LET'S GO TO SUMMER CAMP

SABC 2024

CAMP IS FOR YOU!

You're not too young or too old for camp!

As our youngest campers make their first **Splash** into **Lodgeside** camp, continue their **Voyage**, embrace the **Quest** with the first full length camp, continue on the **Adventure**, **Exploring** what is next, then taking the **Plunge** to come back in junior high and choose the **Pursuit** of their faith in high school, camp has a space for everyone including families...

At the **Fort**, campers can adventure from **Elementary** to **Jr High** in this unique space.



CAMP IS FUN!

There are so many ways to experience the fun of camp at SABC.

Lodge

Lodgeside is full of life with three circle camps to choose from offering new memories, friends, and adventures! Every day is packed with wide games, theme meals, awesome chapels and waterfront fun.



Fort

Fort life is like no other! Soak up a week of making friends and enjoy the easy-going outdoor life full of classic elements such as the out-trip, competitions, wide games, and incredible chapels.



Family Camp

Bring the whole family for the brightest week of your summer - connect and have some fun as you prepare for the fall.



CAMP ACTIVITIES

SABC is a place to adventure, try new things, grow in your skills, and have a ton of fun! Come experience activities from wall climbing to waterfront fun to building in the woodshop and more! Head to the website for details on activities and how each camp offers unique adventures for different ages of campers!

Splash, Quest, Voyage, and Pursuit camps offer the full scope of activities and games to get the most out of what camp offers. For all other camps, you curate your camp activity experience during registration! At the Fort, it's truly a choose-your-own adventure every day as activities are a place where imagination and play take on a whole new level.

CAMP HAPPENS ALL SUMMER LONG!

LODGE CAMPS*

Quest 1
(Gr. 2-4)

Explore
(Gr. 6)

Quest 2
(Gr. 2-4)

Adventure 2
(Gr. 3-6)

Jul 21-23

Splash 1
(Gr. K-2)

Jul 24-26

Splash 2
(Gr. K-2)

Plunge 2
(Gr. 7-9)

Voyage
(Gr. 1-3)

AIA Multisport
(Gr. 5-8)

Quest 3
(Gr. 2-4)

Plunge 1
(Gr. 7-9)

Adventure 1
(Gr. 3-6)

AIA Volleyball
(Gr. 7-12)

Adventure 3
(Gr. 3-6)

Pursuit
(Gr. 9-12)

Waterski
(Gr. 7-11)

Adventure 4
(Gr. 3-6)

Family Camp
All Ages

Jun 30 - Jul 5

Jul 7-12

Jul 14-19

Jul 21-26

Jul 28 - Aug 2

Aug 5-9

Aug 11-16

Aug 18-22

Fort 1
(Gr. 4-6)

Fort 2
(Gr. 7-9)

Fort 3
(Gr. 4-6)

Fort 4
(Gr. 7-9)

Fort 5
(Gr. 4-6)

Fort 6
(Gr. 4-6)

Fort 7
(Gr. 7-9)

FORT CAMPS**



TELEIOS

Spend an unforgettable month at camp growing in leadership and faith through community and adventure at Teleios! Check out the website to learn more about this incredible opportunity for grade 10 and 11 students.

CAMP STAFF ARE THE BEST!

The SABC summer team are here for you! They are some of the most incredible people you will meet.

We know that great camps happen because of great staff, so we hire based on character, a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a love for camp and kids. Decisions made at SABC are guided by our mission and vision with a foundation based upon the Bible. This team is committed to making your week the best ever through training and teamwork!!!

If you are 14 or older check out the Staff/ Volunteers link on the website to see how you can join this amazing team!

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

I have seen year after year how a week at summer camp can significantly change a child's perspective and outlook in a positive way.

Fellow parents, I just encourage you to find a way to get your kids to camp. They will be encouraged and challenged as they meet new friends, take part in crazy and fun activities, and learn new things about the Bible and their faith. Our hope is that your child's light may shine more brightly as they experience the love and light of Jesus in their lives.



Jon Gartly
Executive Director



SIGN ME UP FOR SUMMER CAMP!



It's easy! Scan the QR code or go to sabc.ca and click on Summer Camps, Register Now and pick your week based on the grade finished in June 2024!

You will need a Campwise account. If you forgot your password, don't have an account, or have any questions, email us at registrations@sabc.ca or call 302-792-3644. We're happy to help!



Pricing Options and All Aboard Fund (Financial Aid) are available to help every camper get to camp! sabc.ca/summer-camps/pricing/
Registration includes two tuck items every day and you can pre-order fun camp swag and bunk bags before May 15th!
Questions? Our FAQ page is a great place to start! sabc.ca/summer-camps/summer-camp-faqs/