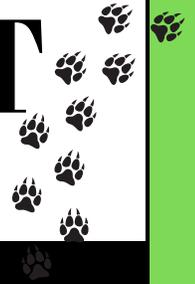




# THE PAW PRINT

## R.I. BAKER SCHOOL



### SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another exciting school year! We are thrilled to see all the smiling faces returning to our halls and to welcome our new students to the RI Baker community. This year, we are especially enthusiastic about our new context for grades 4 through 6, which promises to be filled with innovative learning opportunities and collaborative teamwork.

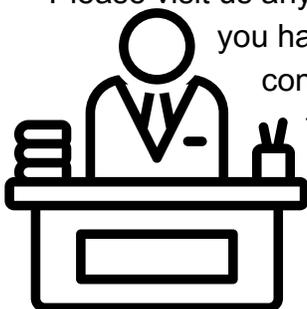
We have big plans to make this year a memorable and impactful one. Our focus on goal setting will be a big part of our approach, with dedicated time each week for meaningful discussions and reflections. We believe that setting and working towards goals will empower our students to achieve their best and develop important skills for their future.

With our new grade configuration will come some discussion around our school's mission and vision. We would like to involve you!! Please be on the lookout for an upcoming survey that will help us capture your ideas and values.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to a fantastic year of growth, learning, and achievement with your children.

Please visit us anytime if you have anytime if you have any questions or concerns, or you may just want to attend one of our assemblies or events. You are always welcome!

Mr. Prebs



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 11** - Picture Day  
Meet the Teacher Night  
6:30 pm
- Sept 12** - FREE Coaldale Bakery  
Breakfast for all staff and  
students, arriving at 9:30
- Sept 13** - PD Day **No School**
- Sept 18** - LSAA Cross Country Meet at  
Nicholas Sheran (grade 6)
- Sept 26** - Hot Lunch Orders Due
- Sept 27** - PD Day **No School**
- Sept 30** - National Day for Truth and  
Reconciliation **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct 4** - Walk A Thon
- Oct. 7** - Buster's Hot Lunch
- Oct 14** - Thanksgiving **No School**
- Oct 24** - Picture Re-Takes
- Oct 25** - PD Day **NO SCHOOL**



# BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS!

## SCHOOL FEES

Fees are now due. Please access your School Cash Online account to see what your students' fees 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://palliserschooldivision.schoolcashonline.com/>

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



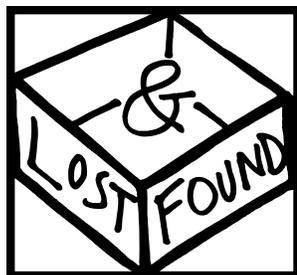
Invitations for Edsby have been emailed. Thank you to all the Parents that have already set up their accounts! If prompted when signing up, the School Code is Pallisersd

Please call our office at 403-345-3340 or email [glenda.kurtz@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto: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!**

## LOST AND FOUND

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



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on September 30, and there is NO SCHOOL. In lieu, we will be recognizing this day on Thursday, September 26. Students are encouraged to wear their orange shirts on this day.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL

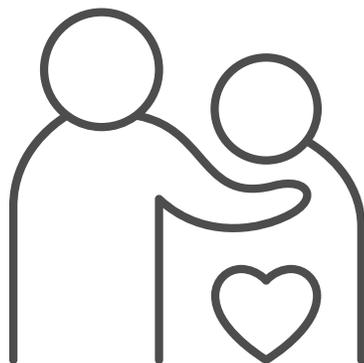
## NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

Welcome back to the Learning Commons. The year is off to a great start. Several new titles have been added to the library and students are excited to get their hands on them. It has been a pleasure having your student back in the library.

Shortly the Scholastic Book Order flyers will be available to take home. Students love looking through the flyer and seeing what new and exciting titles are available. Items purchased through these flyers help the library earn Scholastic Dollars, which I can use to purchase resources, learning materials, and novels for our school library. Not only does your child get a book they are excited about, but our library gets new materials that benefit all students in our school.



## COUNSELORS CORNER



Hi everyone,

My name is Mrs. Megan and I am RI Bakers new FSLC (Family School Liaison Counsellor). What does this mean - this means I provide counselling services to any student in the school who is needing/wanting this service. I see students 1 on 1 to offer extra support when dealing with big feelings that might come up and are feeling hard to manage. Please come see me anytime to talk about anything you might need support with. You are never alone - there is always support for you at the school. Anxiety, stress, feeling sad, overwhelmed, difficulty with friendships, anything that you feel you could use someone extra to talk to, please come and see me! We can work on coping strategies and ways to work through what's going on together. If my door is opened, come on in! IF my door is shut, I am likely with someone else. So please leave me a note in the lock box or let your teacher know so I can find you as soon as I am free.

I am at the school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I look forward to getting to know everyone!

## CANTEEN

The canteen will run differently this year as in years past. There will be **NO** hot food served. The canteen will run like a Tuck Shop. We will offer snacks, school supplies, and Baker gear. Each grade will have a specific day when they may purchase items. Grade 4 on Tuesday, Grade 5 on Wednesday and Grade 6 on Thursday. Look for more information coming shortly about when the Tuck Shop will open.

We will be offering Hot Lunch on the first Monday of every month. You may order and purchase Hot Lunch through [School Cash Online](#).



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL

## R.I. BAKER CLUBS

What Club?	Who With?	When?
Art Club (room 201)	Mrs. Macklin	Wednesdays from 3:33 - 4:30 pm starting on Sept 25th.
Indigenous Garden Project (all grades - various places)	Mrs. Macklin	Various recesses. Look for information on the announcements.
Baking Club (grade 6 only, room 201)	Mrs. Macklin	Fridays from 12:30 - 2:00 pm starting on October 4th
Handbells	Mrs. Conrad & Mrs. Pilling	Lunch recess - probably Wednesdays (likely to start last week of Sept.) Watch for more info.
Choir	Mrs. Conrad & Mrs. Pilling	To Be Determined. Watch for more info



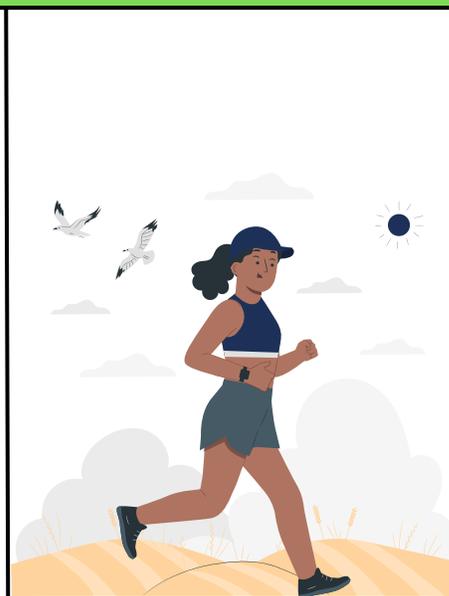
### ATHLETICS

We are getting started this year quickly with our Cross Country Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:15. Grade 6s who qualify have the opportunity to compete in the LSAA meet on September 18th at Nicolas Sheran Park. Qualifications will take place in Phys Ed classes.

Volleyball Club will be starting shortly for all grades, and the Grade 5s and Grade 6s will have the opportunity to compete in a jamboree later on in the fall.

We are looking forward to offering athletics at no cost to families this year, and for all students to have an opportunity to play at some level.

Please reach out to [carrie.goertzen@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:carrie.goertzen@pallisersd.ab.ca) for more information!





## GRADE 4 POD

We have been busy getting settled into our new routines and exploring our new school. All students will have access to Google Classroom soon, please check your child's Palliser email for the invitation.

Every household should have received communication from their child's homeroom teacher at this point. If you have not received an email, please call the office to ensure we all have your correct email address.

We encourage families to read every night to help build reading fluency, stamina and confidence. A reminder that Home Journals went out at the end of last week and parents/guardians need to initial and send back the journal at the start of every week. Remember to log in to Edsby to see your child's progress and report absences. Don't forget to check Google Classroom if they are absent.

## GRADE 5 POD

We have had a great start to the year! We are beginning our Space unit in Science, Mapping in Social Studies, and Coordinate Geometry and Algebra in Math. In Language Arts each class has a different book that we are reading together as a class and we are also starting with assessments to learn where our students are at.

All students should now have access to Google Classroom where they will be able to access materials that are being covered in the classroom while they are away from school. Remember to log into Edsby to check your child's progress and to report any absences.



## GRADE 6 POD

We are getting used to our homeroom routines and practicing how we prepare for each subject in grade 6. Students will have access to their homeroom Google Classroom soon, and all subject material will be posted here. Every household should have received communication from their child's homeroom teacher at this point. If you have not received an email, please call the office to ensure we all have your correct email address.

Students should be trying to do some reading at home and practicing their math facts each evening to help establish good study habits as doing these two tasks, even for 20 minutes per night, will help with all subjects. Remember to log in to Edsby to see your child's progress and to check Google Classroom if they are absent.





# 2024 R.I. Baker Walk A Thon

The 19th annual RIBMS Walkathon will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024. This walkathon is our one major fundraiser for the year. It has also grown to become a great opportunity for the school community, students, staff and parents, to interact, be physically active, and have some fun.

The walkathon consists of a 8 km walk through the Town of Coaldale. The RCMP and every member of our staff is being enlisted to ensure the utmost safety and success of this venture.

Funds raised will go directly back to our students in the form of activities and other costs not covered by the regular school budget.

In addition to raising funds for the funds for RIBMS, students may also qualify for these great prizes:

<p><b>Bronze Fundraiser</b> <b>\$50-\$149 raised</b></p>	<p>Students will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a world famous Baker T-shirt</li> <li>• 5 entries (of your choice) into our awesome draw prizes.</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Silver Fundraiser</b> <b>For \$150-\$274 raised</b></p>	<p>Students will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a world famous Baker Hoodie</li> <li>• 10 entries into our awesome draw prizes.</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Gold Fundraiser</b> <b>For \$275 and above</b></p>	<p>Students receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a world famous Baker Hoodie</li> <li>• RIBS Pizza Lunch</li> <li>• 20 entries into our wickedly awesome draw prizes.</li> </ul> 

**Additionally:**

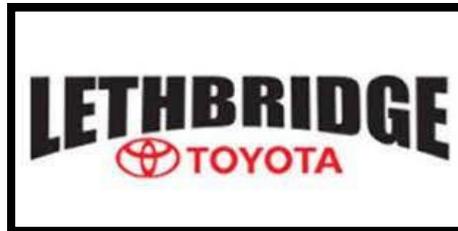
- The top 3 earners in each grade level will receive ALL prizes listed and a spot in the limo for the Limo ride to 2 Guys Pizza Party!
- The top earner in each grade level will receive ALL prizes listed above PLUS a \$50.00 cheque.



It is our hope that each student raises at least \$50 in pledges to cover the expenses for prizes, and pod activities which walkathon funds cover. If students do not raise \$50 they will be charged extra on fees for pod activities. All funds earned will be spent on student/grade level related activities at the discretion of the principal.

In order to qualify for prizes, all participants must turn in their pledges in full, by  
**Friday, October 18, 2024.**

### **Walk A Thon Rewards Sponsored by:**



**\*\*Additional prize donations will be gladly accepted at the school for this fundraiser\*\***



- **PLEASE** sign the online walking permission form which can be found on **School Cash**.
- Payment may be made through School Cash Online under the sponsored student. Other forms of payment will be taken as well. Each student should have received an envelope with all Walkathon information in it.
- Individuals requiring a tax donation receipt **MUST** make the donation under their name
- Social media is a great way to promote this fundraiser for your child using the school cash online link.
- Walkathon is the perfect opportunity for every child to be included in all grade level activities. Students who choose to not participate in Walkathon will be subject to additional fees to cover grade level activity costs. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if your child is physically unable to walk the course.
- If any parents would like to volunteer, please contact the school at 403-345-3340. We do rely a great deal on our parents to support us in this venture. Thank you in advance for your support.
- Students will need to dress appropriately for the weather. Please make sure they are adequately equipped with items they may need. Comfortable walking shoes would be ideal.
- Please remember that electronics are **NOT** allowed. We are encouraging students to spend their time socializing with their friends and staff at this event.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello Soccer fans!! The 2024 indoor soccer registration for Coaldale is open! We are hoping to add some more kids to our program! Registration can be done at [coaldaledistrictsoccer.rampregistrations.com](http://coaldaledistrictsoccer.rampregistrations.com). If you have any questions, please contact Nic Voorhorst at [coaldalesoccer@outlook.com](mailto:coaldalesoccer@outlook.com).



## 2024-2025 Indoor Soccer Registration - Coaldale Soccer

[www.coaldalesoccer.ca](http://www.coaldalesoccer.ca)

Registration: August 5-Sept 20, 2024

2024 season, Oct 2024-Mar2025 (Exact Date TBD)



Age Group	Birthyear	Fee	Days	Earliest Start Time	Min # of Sessions
U5	2020-2021	\$200	Wednesday	5PM	18 (55min)
U7	2018/2019	\$200	Thursday	5PM	18 (55min)
U9	2016/2017	\$225	Monday/Wednesday	5PM	27 (55 min)
U11	2014/2015	\$300	Tuesday/Friday	6PM	27 (55 min)
U13	2012/2013	\$300	Tuesday/Thursday	6PM	27 (55 min)
U15	2010/2011	\$300	Monday/Wednesday	5PM	27 (55 min)
U18	2007/2008/2009	\$300	Monday/Thursday	5PM	27 (55 min)



## Lethbridge Badminton Club

Lethbridge Badminton Club is now running junior badminton classes at Shift Community Recreation Centre in Coaldale on Wednesday night from 6 pm until 10 pm. The classes range from beginners through to players who have or want to play in the Provincial tournaments. Players between 8 and 18 years old are welcome to join, no previous experience necessary. Details of the junior program can be found on their website: [www.lethbridgebadmintonclub.ca](http://www.lethbridgebadmintonclub.ca) or you can email [lethbadclub@gmail.com](mailto:lethbadclub@gmail.com) for further information.



# COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED



**County of Lethbridge  
Community Learning Council**

*celebrating 50 years*

Office phone: 403-345-6009  
 Phone/text/WhatsApp: 403-915-3145  
 Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com  
 Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (located in the library)



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Contact us if you are an adult (18+) living in Lethbridge County and would you like to improve your:

- reading and writing
- basic math
- basic computers or
- need to prepare for the Driver's Class 7 knowledge exam

**We have classes starting in October!**

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**INTERMEDIATE FIRST AID LEVEL C AND AED CERTIFICATE**

instructed by St. John Ambulance



**Dates:** Saturday, October 19 and Saturday, October 26, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Coaldale Public Library, 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale, AB  
**Fee:** \$ 180

## Coaldale Clothing Fest Clear Out Your Closet!



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

When? **Sat. October 19, 2024** (10:00am - 1pm)

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



Why? To help *support our community*  
From the

How? *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 of all sizes in good condition are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the Coaldale Mennonite Church weekdays from 9am-12pm, starting October 1st – Oct 16th.

Remaining items will be donated to local charities.

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



# September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	 11 Picture Day  Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30 p.m.	 12 FREE Coaldale Bakery Breakfast for all staff & students.	 13 PD Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	14
15	16	17	 18 LSAA Cross Country Meet @ Nicholas Sheran GR 6	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	 26 Hot Lunch Orders Due	 27 PD Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28
29	 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation <b>NO SCHOOL</b>					



# October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	 4 Walk A Thon	5
6	 7 Buster's Hot Lunch	8	9	10	11	12
13	 14 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	15	16	17	18	 19 Community Clothing Fest
20	21	22	23	 24 Picture Re-Takes	 25 PD Day NO SCHOOL	26
27	28	29	30	31		