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R.I. BAKER SCHOOL



DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December already!!?? These first few months have flown by! First, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents and guardians who attended our recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. Your partnership and involvement are invaluable in supporting our students' success.

As a reminder, you can access up-to-date grades and assignments through our online portal at the beginning of each month. Staying informed about your child's progress helps us work together to ensure they reach their full potential.

With winter weather settling in, we kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately for the cold. Hats, gloves, warm coats, and boots are essential for staying comfortable and healthy during outdoor activities. If you need assistance in obtaining winter clothing, please don't hesitate to reach out—we often have items here to help.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce the annual ski trip! Spots are filling quickly, so please sign up soon to secure your child's place. This is always a highlight of the year, providing students with an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, and create lasting memories.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to attend our next Parent Council Meeting on January 14th. This is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with other parents, share ideas, and help shape our school community. Your voice and input are always appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. Wishing you a joyful

Mr. Prebs



IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 9 - Edo Hot Lunch

Dec 11 - Winter Concert

Dec 12 - FREE Safeway Breakfast

Dec 18 - Turkey Dinner (see page 5 for more details)

**Dec 23 - Jan 3 - Christmas Break
NO SCHOOL**



January 10 - Deadline for Ski Trip

January 13 - Wiebe's Hot Lunch

January 14 - Parent Council Meeting

Jan 30 - School Ski Trip



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.schoolcashionline.com/>



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



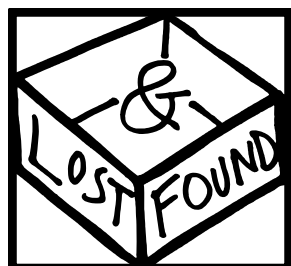
Invitations for Edsby have been emailed. Thank you to all the Parents that have already set up their accounts! If prompted when signing up, the School Code is Pallisersd

Please call our office at 403-345-3340 or email glenda.kurtz@pallisersd.ab.ca 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.



BUSSING UPDATE

This year Palliser transportation **NO LONGER** has room for RIDE ALONGS. Please make alternate arrangements for your child & friend to get home, as bussing can not accommodate extra students.



FRIDAY SNACKS

Parents/Guardians, please ensure your student has enough snacks/food on Friday's. As we do not have lunch because it is a short day, students are often hungry. They are permitted to eat during the recess break.



NEWS FROM THE PODS



GRADE 4 POD

We are having a great grade four year so far!

SWAP is well underway and students are getting targeted intervention in their spelling. Spelling words have been coming home at the start of the week - please ensure you are practicing these words with your child to help them grasp the various concepts we are covering at school (word families, vowels, consonants, syllables etc.).

As the weather is changing, students need to be coming to school dressed to be outside. Please help your child remember to wear a coat, mitts, toques and winter boots!

Sickness is inevitable sadly, please make sure your kiddo is keeping up with missed assignments by accessing Google Classroom. Continue checking EDSBY for current grades, as well as school information like our upcoming ski trip (Jan 30) and the Winter Concert happening on December 11th!

GRADE 5 POD

This month we will continue to work in our Swap groups. Our 6 week cycle will end just before Christmas. In January we will begin a focused writing unit.

With the weather changing, students need to have outside shoes and inside shoes. Wearing only one pair every day means messy, wet floors and often students end up with wet, cold feet. They should also come dressed for the weather. Getting outside for a break and fresh air is important.

Teachers are updating Edsby with grades and comments. You can find your child's progress in there. If your child will be absent please log in there to report any absences. Further to that, your child can log in to Google Classroom (if they have been away) to see what they missed.



GRADE 6 POD

Thank you to all parents and guardians who were able to come in for Parent Teacher Interviews in November to discuss your child's progress. By now, every grade 6 homeroom teacher will have entered assessments and comments in Edsby for you to view, and will continue to update these at the end of each month.

Please email your child's homeroom teacher about subject specific questions as each homeroom may be doing units in a different order depending on the subject.

If you were not able to make it in, we appreciate you taking the time to check Edsby and Google Classroom, and are happy to meet or have a phone call with you to discuss your child's progress at a time that works for you.

Grade 6 students have now changed to a new M/W period 8 option with a new grade 6 teacher. We will rotate this option again in January.

It is recommended that all grade 6 students practice their math facts for 5 - 10 minutes each night, as well as do some reading from a 'good fit' chapter book for 20 minutes each day when possible.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL



GRADE 6 POD CONTINUED

6T Solar System Science Fair

Grade 6 students were hard at work preparing model solar systems. They were displayed in the mezzanine in November and all classes could vote on the top models. Everyone did an awesome job!



NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

The Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE success. Thank you to those who supported the fair. 46 new novels were added to the library thanks to your generous purchases. The students are excited to get reading the new books.

R.I. BAKER CLUBS

What Club?	Who With?	When?
Art Club (room 201)	Mrs. Macklin	Wednesdays from 3:33 - 4:30 pm Grade 4 in room 203 Mr. Ginther's room Grade 5 & 6 in Ms. Macklin's Room
Baking Club (grade 6 only, room 201)	Mrs. Macklin	Fridays from 12:30 - 2:00 pm
Choir	Mrs. Conrad & Mrs. Pilling	Thursday's at lunch recess in the music room.
E-Sports	Mr. Patey	Monday - Spirit Bears Tuesday - Polar Bears Wednesday - Grizzly Bears Thursday - Kodiak Bears Lunch recess in the E-Sports room 113



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL



BEARS	September	October	November	Total
TOTAL	508.75	2263.25	317	3089
XC/Walkathon	164	1925	0	2089
4C	31.5	30	31.5	93
4J	33	31.5	28.5	93
4L	30	33	28	91
4M	29.75	31	24.25	85
5N	33	28.5	27	88.5
5O	34.5	33.75	32.25	100.5
5R	28.25	29.75	31.5	89.5
6C	30	33	30	93
6G	30.75	25.5	24.75	81
6M	32.5	31.5	30.75	94.75
6T	31.5	30.75	28.5	90.75

RI BAKER ATHLETICS

Every month in Phys Ed we do a fitness run (1500m outside, 12 minutes inside) to challenge ourselves physically. So far our school has run and walked 3089 kilometers since September during these runs, walkathon, and Cross Country Club!

We are currently just outside of Thunder Bay, in Shabaqua Corners, Ontario.

2025 Basketball Season

Hello RI Baker Families,

Basketball season is upon us! This year we are thrilled to have a ton of interest in basketball and we will not make cuts; this means every child has a chance to play. As such, we ask for the following:

Behaviour:

Athletes will demonstrate Proud Bear Behaviour at all times. If athletes are disrespectful, goofing off, or interrupting practice they will be asked to leave.

While they are representing RIBMS as an athlete, unsportsmanlike behaviors will not be tolerated. He/she will be notified that one unsportsmanship like act could result in the removal from basketball. The reinstatement of the student athlete to the team will be left up to the discretion of the school administration. Any 'severe' bullying and/or negative behavior during the school day of any form could result in the immediate and permanent removal from the team. School administration will ultimately make the 'final call'.

Participation:

We ask that students commit to attending every practice. If athletes must miss a practice, they must communicate their absence with a valid reason to one of the coaches. All team athletes must be available for the tournament. Athletes are aware that by returning this permission form, they are committed to the club or team and are being relied on to attend practices and games. Athletes may have other hobbies and we encourage families to carefully consider their prior obligations and any potential conflicts before committing to the basketball season.

Club and Tournament:

We will be hosting two groups:

Club is for grade 4 students who want to practice skills but will not compete competitively in tournaments.

Team is for students in grades 5 & 6 who would like to compete competitively. There will be a season tournament that the team will compete in. Due to the amount of students interested in basketball, students will be split into 2 groups and we will let students know which group they are in after the winter break. Groups will be poster outside the gym.

Fees:

Club is free.
Team cost is just \$5 per athlete. This helps us recoup some bussing cost.

Please return the permission slip by Tuesday, December 10th at the latest.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Let's have a great season!

- Coaches Chais Juhar & Trent Olesen



Practice Schedule

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 16 All 5th Graders Skill Evaluation 3:30-4:30	December 17 All 5th Graders Skill Evaluation 3:30-4:30	Moved to Dec 10/12, 3:30-4:30		
January 6	January 7 TEAM A 3:30-4:30	January 8 CLUB Lunch Recess	January 9 TEAM B 3:30-4:30	January 10
January 13	January 14 TEAM A 3:30-4:30	January 15 CLUB Lunch Recess	January 16 TEAM B 3:30-4:30	January 17
January 20	January 21 TEAM A 3:30-4:30	January 22 CLUB Lunch Recess	January 23 TEAM B 3:30-4:30	January 24
January 27	January 28 TEAM A 3:30-4:30	January 29 CLUB Lunch Recess	January 30 TEAM B 3:30-4:30	January 31
February 3	February 4 TEAM A 3:30-4:30	February 5 CLUB Lunch Recess	February 6 TEAM B 3:30-4:30	February 7
February 10	February 11 TEAM A 3:30-4:30	February 12 CLUB Lunch Recess	February 13 TEAM B 3:30-4:30	February 14
February 24	February 25 TEAM A 3:30-4:30	February 26 CLUB Lunch Recess	February 27 TEAM B 3:30-4:30	February 28



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RI Baker Winter Concert

R.I. Baker is excited to announce we will be hosting a Winter Celebration, **Wednesday, December 11th from 6:30-7:30pm** here at the school.

This will NOT be your typical *Christmas Concert*! Our goal is to provide an opportunity to showcase student creativity, community, and gratitude during this holiday season. Each homeroom has taken on a unique project to share with you on this night.

Please join us for songs, displays, and a little holiday fun! Classes will also have items available in exchange for a donation of a non-perishable food item towards the Food Bank!



**DECEMBER 11, 2024
6:30-7:30PM**

ANNUAL RI BAKER TURKEY DINNER

When: Wednesday, December 18th, 2024

Who: All RI Baker Staff and Students

What's on the Menu: Artisan Dinner Rolls

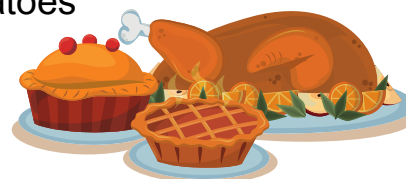
Slow Roasted Turkey

Sage Stuffing & Rosemary Gravy

Roasted Entree Vegetables

Mascarpone Basil Mashed Potatoes

Mini Cupcakes



If your student has dietary restrictions, please contact the office.

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**JANUARY 30,
2025
6:15-5:30**

**DEADLINE FOR
REGISTRATION IS
JANUARY 10, 2025**

RIBMS

SKI TRIP


**SIGN UP ON SCHOOL CASH
ONLINE**

<https://palliserschooldivision.schoolcashonline.com/>

R.I. BAKER BEARS TUCK SHOP


The Tuck Shop is open! Students can purchase from the tuck shop on the following days: Grade 4 on Tuesday, Grade 5 on Wednesday, and Grade 6 on Thursday. A variety of lunch items will be available as well as Baker Gear and School Supplies. See page 8 of the newsletter for more info.

Hot Lunch will continue to be offered on the first Monday of every month. You may order and purchase Hot Lunch through School Cash Online.

will be at RI Baker on the following
Fridays from 12:30 - 1:30 PM

- January 24
- February 14
- March 28
- May 30
- June 20








The Kinette Club of Coaldale 2024 Kids Christmas Shop



The Kinette Club of Coaldale will be hosting their Christmas shopping event for kids on December 6th, 2024 from 1-6pm at the Coaldale Community Centre. Children will be able to shop for their parent/caregiver with the help of a Kinette or a volunteer (NO PARENTS ALLOWED). Kids will be sent home with their chosen gift to surprise their parent/caregiver with at Christmas. All gifts are priced at under \$10. Santa will be making an appearance. Please reach out to coaldale.kinettes@gmail.com or visit the Kinette Club of Coaldale on Facebook with any questions.












Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	 9 Edo Hot Lunch	10 Grade 5/6 Basketball 3:30-4:30	 11 Winter Concert 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	 12 FREE Safeway Breakfast for all Staff & Students Grade 5/6 Basketball 3:30-4:30	13	14
15	16	17	 18 Turkey Dinner	19	20	21
22	 23 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	 6 Return to School	7	8	9	 10 DEADLINE SKI TRIP DEADLINE	11
12	 13 WIEBE'S HOT LUNCH	 14 Parent Council Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	 24 Kona Ice 12:30 - 1:30 pm	25
26	27	28	29	 30 School Ski Trip	 31	