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R.I. BAKER SCHOOL



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

At R.I. Baker, we've been focusing on goal setting during our Monday routines, and it has been incredible to see our students actively think about their aspirations and what they want to achieve. Goal setting is not only a powerful tool for academic success, but it also helps children develop important life skills like responsibility, perseverance, and self-motivation.

As we start a new year, it's the perfect time to set some longer-term goals with your children. Whether they are academic, social, or related to personal growth, these goals can provide focus and motivation throughout the year. Here are a few ideas for goals you can brainstorm together:

- For School:
 - Improve reading by spending 20 minutes reading each evening.
 - Aim for perfect assignment completion each week.
 - Practice math facts for 10 minutes daily.
- For Home:
 - Help with family chores every day.
 - Spend time outdoors or exercising.
 - Be consistently kind to a sibling or friend.

Take some time this week to sit down with your child and talk about what they would like to accomplish. Help them think about steps they can take and celebrate their efforts as they work toward these goals. Remember, no goal is too small—every step forward counts!

We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm our students bring to their goals, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things they will achieve in 2025!

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a community of lifelong learners.



Mr. Prebs

HAPPY
New Year

IMPORTANT
DATES

**January 9 - Free Student/Staff
Subway Breakfast**

January 10 - Deadline for Ski Trip

January 13 - Wiebe's Hot Lunch

**January 14 - Parent Council
Meeting @ 6:30pm**

January 30 - School Ski Trip

**January 31 - PD - No School
February Hot Lunch
Due**

**February 10 - Chopped Leaf
Hot Lunch**

**February 14 - Kona Ice at the
School**

February 17 - 21 - NO SCHOOL



BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS!

SCHOOL FEES

Fees are now past 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.



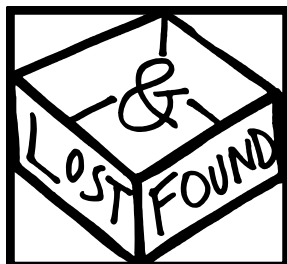
Invitations for Edsby have been emailed. Thank you to all the Parents that have already set up their accounts! If prompted when signing up, the School Code is Pallisersd

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

Our first round of SWAP was completed in December and was focused on a direct spelling program.

After the winter break, the grade four students will be preparing for our Winter Market Day on January 24th. Market Day is a project based learning experience in which students use their creativity, interests and talents to bring their business ideas to life. This project helps extend their knowledge in financial literacy and economics by learning about different types of businesses, products, services and more! Watch for more information coming home about this fun project!

A big thank you goes out to all of the parents that volunteered their time to come help us at our skating field trip and build gingerbread houses with us before the break.

GRADE 5 POD

It's 2025! My goodness that came quickly!

Our first round of SWAP was completed just before the winter break. We are now taking time to complete a focused writing unit, as well as reassessing students so we can prepare for our second round of SWAP.

Remember to log into Edsby to check your child' progress and to report any absences.

Also, if your child has been absent but able to complete some work, they can log into Google Classroom using their school credentials.



GRADE 6 POD



Grade 6 students engaged in some great Project Based Learning in December. 6G & 6C did a grade wide vote as a more hands on practice of how we engage with Democracy, and 6T & 6M used the skills they've learned in math about fractions and decimals in a baking lesson, as well as how to play chess! We look forward to having more PBL opportunities in grade 6 during this month and the rest of the year.

Students need to continue reading at home and practicing their math facts each evening to help establish good study habits, as this will help with all subjects - even if only 20 minutes per night, it all helps! Remember to log in to Edsby to see your child's progress and to check Google Classroom if they are absent.

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
Choir	Mrs. Conrad & Mrs. Pilling	To Be Determined. Watch for more info



**Thank you to everyone
who brought non-
perishable food items to
our Winter Concert!**

**All items were donated to
the Coaldale Food Bank.**



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL



BEARS	September	October	November	December	Total
TOTAL	508.75	2263.25	317	349.1	3438.1
XC/Walkathon	164	1925	0	0.0	2089.0
4C	31.5	30	31.5	32.7	125.7
4J	33	31.5	28.5	28.4	121.4
4L	30	33	28	26.1	117.1
4M	29.75	31	24.25	28.8	113.8
5N	33	28.5	27	33.9	122.4
5O	34.5	33.75	32.25	31.4	131.9
5R	28.25	29.75	31.5	35.6	125.1
6C	30	33	30	31.4	124.4
6G	30.75	25.5	24.75	36.4	117.4
6M	32.5	31.5	30.75	31.3	126.0
6T	31.5	30.75	28.5	33.1	123.9

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 3438 kilometers since September during these runs, walkathon, and Cross Country Club!

We are currently in Marathon, Ontario after our December 12-minute run! Great work Bears!

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 5-6 Players Skill Evaluation 3:30-4:30	December 17 All 5-6 Players Skill Evaluation 3:30-4:30	December 18	December 19	December 20
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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**JANUARY 30,
2025
6:15-5:30**

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



RIBMS

SKI TRIP

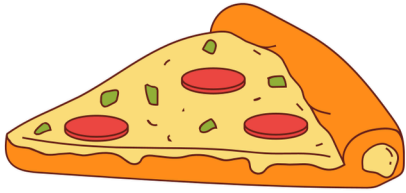
**SIGN UP ON SCHOOL CASH
ONLINE**

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

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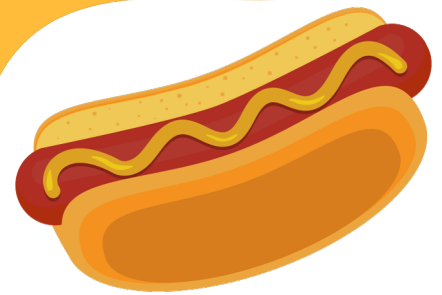
HOT ROD

ICE CREAM SANDWICH

GRANOLA BAR

BOTTLED WATER

JUICE BOX



TOONIE MENU

CHEETO'S

DORITOS

MENTOS

STARBURST/HI-CHEW

CHOCOLATE MILK

SPARKLING ICE



\$3.00 MENU

CHEESE PIZZA SLICE

HOT DOG

TAQUITO



COMMUNITY NEWS



CONNECT PARENT GROUP



WHAT
 In this 10-week online program, parents and caregivers will learn how to support their pre-teens/teens who are experiencing behavioural and emotional problems. Parents and caregivers will learn new perspectives on parent-teen relationships and adolescent development, through observation and active skills training.

WHEN
Mondays, January 20 - March 17
5:00-6:30 pm

WHERE
Online
 A Zoom link will be sent to you.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

<p>Jessica 403-915-7530 Jessica.Goodrider-Loewen@fcss.ca</p>	<p>Madison 587-394-2187 Madison.Hanson@fcss.ca</p>
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INDIGENOUS CAREGIVER CAFÉ

WHAT
 In this class, parents/caregivers will meet new friends and be part of meaningful conversations about parenting and child development, while working on Indigenous Crafts. Children, 0-5 years old, are welcome to attend, child minding available.




WHEN
Wednesdays
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Date	Craft
January 8	~ Dream Catcher
January 15	~ Dream Catcher
January 22	~ Mini Moccasins
January 29	~ Mini Moccasins
February 12	~ Faceless Doll
February 19	~ Faceless Doll

WHERE
Coaldale FCSS
 2107 13 St, Coaldale

Parent Discussion Topic

- ~ Sleeping Schedules
- ~ Parents Choice
- ~ Managing Misbehaviour
- ~ Parents Choice
- ~ Managing Anxiety
- ~ Parents Choice

REGISTRATION APPRECIATED

Drop-ins Welcome








Jessica
 403-915-7530 (call/text)
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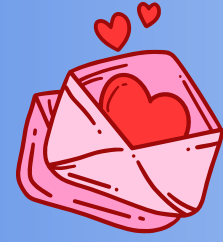
January











Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 BACK TO SCHOOL	7	8	9  FREE SUBWAY BREAKFAST	10  DEADLINE DEADLINE for Ski Trip	11
12	13  WIEBE HOT LUNCH	14  Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24  Kona Ice 12:30 - 1:30	25
26	27	28	29	30  School Ski Trip	31  PD DAY NO SCHOOL	



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	 10 CHOPPED LEAF HOT LUNCH	11	12	13	 14 KONA ICE 12:30 - 1:30 pm	15
16	 17 Reading Week Break NO SCHOOL	 18	 19	 20	 21	22
23	 24	25	26	27	28	