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R.I. BAKER SCHOOL



APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

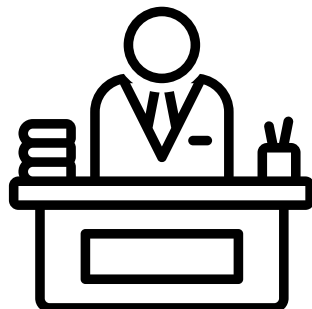
Dear Families,

Welcome to Spring! With the warmer weather finally here, we are excited for a spring season filled with new learning opportunities, field trips, and enriching experiences for our students. One of the highlights of this season is the arrival of New West Theater from April 14-17. They will be working with our students to create a school-wide play, and we can't wait to see the creative energy that will unfold. Stay tuned for more details about the evening performance!

As the days get longer and the weather improves, we will also begin to see more bikes around our school. Please take a moment to remind your child of the basic bike safety rules: always wear a helmet, use the crosswalks, and be aware of their surroundings while biking. Safety is our priority, and together we can help ensure a safe and enjoyable ride to and from school.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a wonderful spring season filled with learning and growth.

Mr. Prebs



IMPORTANT DATES

April 8 - Spring Pictures

April 8 - 'Harmony in Hues' Coaldale Students Art Extravaganza (Coaldale Public Library)

April 9 - LSAA Badminton - Grade 6 @ U of L

April 10 - Safeway Breakfast

April 12 - Coaldale Family Fun Run

April 14 - Busters Hot Lunch

April 14 - 17 - New West Theatre Program

April 18 - 25 - Easter Break
NO SCHOOL

April 30 - Last Art Club

May 7 - Hats on for Mental Health

May 8 - Grade 6 Track Meet @ the U of L



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.



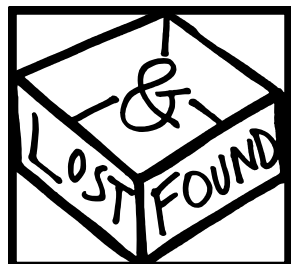
Invitations for Edsby have been emailed. Thank you to all the Parents that have already set up their accounts! If prompted when signing up, the School Code is Pallisersd

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

PLEASE send a utensil to school for your child, we do not have them in the office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL

R.I. BAKER CLUBS

What Club?	Who With?	When?
 Art Club (Art Room)	Ms. Macklin	Wednesdays from 3:40 - 5:00 pm (No more drop in, students with painting permission form only)
 Baking Club (Grade 6 only, foods room)	Ms. Macklin	Fridays from 12:30 - 2:00 pm (Some alternate dates and times; see permission form or schedule posted outside the foods room)
 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
Student Leadership Club (SLC) (Grade 6 only, room 202)	Ms. Giesbrecht	Tuesdays from 11:35-12:20, bring your lunch!
The Finer Things Club (Crochet, Embroidery, Gardening, Reading)	Mrs. Goertzen & Ms. Macklin	Tuesdays at lunch recess Thursdays from 3:33-4:30

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

Hello from the Learning Commons,

This month, we will focus on a variety of things in the library. Have you ever wondered how common things were made? We will learn about the following:

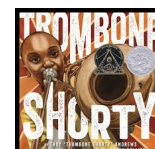
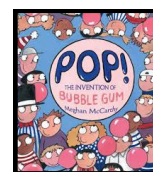
- How crayons are made
- Pop, the invention of Bubble Gum

April 22 is Earth Day, and we will learn how common trash items were turned into musical instruments.

- Building an Orchestra of Hope

April 30 is International Jazz Day. We will read the following picture books:

- Trombone Shorty
- Jazz Age Josephine



Thank you for your continued support in your child's literacy.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body- Richard Steele

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL



On Ordering A YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are \$35, and can be purchased through School Cash. The deadline is May 31st. No late orders will be accepted.



Thank you to the generosity of staff and students who donated to our Pi Day Food Drive. We exceeded our goal of collecting 314 lbs of non-perishable food items. All donations were donated to the Coaldale Food



Bank.



RI BAKER ATHLETICS

Our Grade 6 athletes are currently underway in their Badminton season, with our first tournament over and our next one on April 9th!



Our top finishers at the Wilson Tournament were Mollie (Girls Singles) and the team of Lance & Brynlee (Mixed Doubles) finishing in 2nd place! Great job Bears!



Students were able to PIE a teach to celebrate their food collection.

Badminton has started on Tuesdays from 3:33-5:00 for Grade 4-5s and will run until April 29th .



The Grade 6s will be joining Prairie Winds at their Track and Field Meet on Thursday, May 8th, while the grade 4/5s will stay back at Baker for Mini Olympics! If you would like to volunteer for either, please let the office know!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL



Lifetouch.

SPRING

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Tuesday, April 08, 2025
R I Baker Middle School

What to Expect:

-  Students are photographed on Picture Day
-  Proofs are sent home with your student
-  Order packages and more on mylifetouch.ca

**Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-ca.
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.**

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture if requested by the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BASEBALL
SEASON IS HERE

COALDALE RENEGADES SOFTBALL

COALDALE BANDITS

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

COALDALEBASEBALL@GMAIL.COM

Spring Math Fair

- Sunday, March 23, noon-4pm
- Andy's Place, Anderson Hall University of Lethbridge
- Open to all students K to 12
- Free treats! Donuts and refreshments
- Parking in lot F

Fun math activities, math games, problems, and puzzles. Please drop in and have fun!

University of Lethbridge

PIMS

Pick up your race package on Friday to have your name entered into a draw for a Family Pass to the Rec Centre

DO YOU LOVE RUNNING?

Join RI Baker Middle School in this year's CoalDale Family Fun Run on April 12th!

Sign up as part of our School Team and help us work towards our goal of winning the Largest School Team for the 3rd year in a row!

5K

FAMILY FUN RUN
COALDALE *2025

PRESENTED BY COALDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

See Mrs. Goertzen for more information!

Sign up at: <https://www.racepro.ca/coaldale/>
Make sure you select that you are part of the School Challenge, then select RI Baker Middle School!



COMMUNITY NEWS



**APRIL 8 -
MAY 26**

HARMONY IN HUES

**COALDALE STUDENT
ART EXHIBITION**

A Tapestry of Talent from Preschool to Grade 12

**OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION
APRIL 8 @ 7:15 PM**

Don't miss the opportunity to come view a magical art show that celebrates community & showcases the boundless student creativity of five schools in Coaldale!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Coaldale Clothing Fest Clear Out Your Closet!

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

When? **April 26, 2025** (10:00am - 1pm)

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

Why? To help *support our community*



How? From the *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/shoes (of all sizes), toys & books in good condition
are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the Coaldale Mennonite Church
weekdays from 9am-12pm, starting April 7th – April 23rd (except Good Friday, April 18th)

Remaining items will be donated to local charities.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Triple P Positive Parenting Program

For families with children 2-10 years old

Gives you support to help you manage your child's behaviour and prevent the kinds of problems that make family life stressful.

Attend this 8-week Triple P Positive Parenting Group to meet other families and learn practical strategies that will help you:

- **LEARN** positive parenting strategies
- **DEVELOP** good relationships with your child and partner
- **TEACH** new skills and behaviours to your child
- **ENCOURAGE** behaviours you want to see more
- **MANAGE** the behaviours you want to see less
- **CREATE** a parenting plan
- **MEET** other parents in similar situations who will support you and share their stories



WHEN

Saturdays, April 5 - 26
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

WHERE

Coaldale FCSS
2107 13 St, Coaldale

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Up to 12 participants

Jessica
403-915-7530
Jessica.Goodrider-loewen@fcss.ca



Alberta



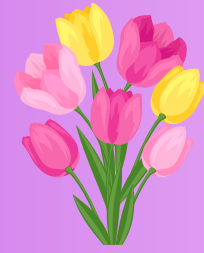
April










Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	 2 Wear Bright Colours for World Autism Day	3	4	5
6	 7	 8 Spring Picture Day	9	10	11	 12 Coaldale Family Fun Run
13	 14 New West Theatre Workshop	15	16	17	 18 Easter Break NO SCHOOL	19
20	 21	 22	 23	 24	 25	26
27	 28	29	30			



May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	 7 Hats On for Mental Health	 8 Grade 6 Track Meet Grade 4/5 Mini Olympics	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	 16 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	17
18	 19 NO SCHOOL	20	21	22	 23 Crazy Hair Day	24
25	26	27	 28 Grade 6 LA PAT	29	 30 Kona Ice 12:30 - 1:30	31