

Accountability Pillar Information

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Jan. 9th - Classes resume.
- Jan. 16th - School Council 7PM.
- Jan. 20th - Hot lunch orders due.
- Jan. 20 & 21st Baker Basketball Jamboree
- Jan. 23rd - AR Cutoff for progress reports.
- Jan. 31st - P.D. Day No School.

Turkey Bingo Fundraiser a Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the band and drama programs at the Turkey Bingo in December. The night was a huge success. A special thanks to all of the families that donated items for our silent auction and all of our student and parent volunteers. Mr. Conrad and Mr. Smith are looking forward to hosting another event in December 2012. We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale! \$25/book. Pre-order your yearbook now, just stop in at the office. Orders are due by the

end of January, or you may miss out. Cheques or cash are acceptable and make sure you get a receipt. Each book is \$25.



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RIMBS would like to welcome the following staff members to our RIBMS family:

Mrs. Danae Paulson who will be teaching 5B for the remainder of the year.

Ms. Macky Le who will be teaching the 5D

(Math and LA) class.

Miss Tess Janzen who will be replacing Mrs. Kristin Wengel while she's on leave.

Mrs. Sandy Witdouck who will be replacing Mrs. Danielle Olivieri who's on her leave.

We welcome everyone to our RIBMS staff and look forward to having you work with our students!



Ski Trip

The RIBMS annual ski day will be held on Thursday, February 16. A memo will be going home this week with information about the day. As this day meets Physical Education objectives, it is considered a regular school day. Teachers will remain at the school to teach students who will not be skiing. Parents, for planning and insurance purposes, it works best if your

child is transported on the bus provided by the school. Please understand that if your child does not ride on the bus then they are not considered to be part of the school that day and any injuries or issues which may arise with your child or children you transport will be that parent's or driver's responsibility. We look forward to having as many students as we can on the

hill. Often, this is the first experience many of our students have with skiing and it is a very positive experience.





New Family School Liaison Counsellor

Happy New Year;



I would like to introduce myself, Sandy Witdouck, as the Family School Liaison Counsellor. I am filling in for Danielle Olivieri who is on a leave of absence. I am new to Palliser (and to writing in newsletters),



and am looking forward to connecting with students and families. While I recognize that change in counselors can be difficult, my hope is that this transition is a smooth process. I will be at RIBMS on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. If you have any

questions about the counseling services, or are interested in re-



ferring a student, please contact me at RIBMS at 403.345.3340 or on my cell at 403.308.5065



Coaldale Baseball Annual

Coaldale
Baseball Association
AGM
Tuesday, January 17, 7pm
Boardroom at

the Coaldale
Skating Rink



Grade 5 News

The skating party was a huge success and we had many students, both experienced and novice participants in the event. This was, of course, followed by the annual Turkey lunch. It was fabulous. Thanks to all the parents who helped to feed us.

A special thank you to the parent reps, who helped to organize the individual Christmas classroom lunches, and to those parents who supplied the food.

Grade 5 Volleyball will be concluding January 13th, information will be coming home regarding this. We had a lot of fun learning and playing volleyball. It was amazing to see

how advanced the students are. The grade 5 basketball program will begin later in January. More information will be available as the time approaches, as we must work our schedule around the other school basketball teams. Their season goes until February.

The grade 5 teachers felt that this was a good time to remind parents of a few items. Please sign your child's agenda daily. In grade 5 we do not usually assign homework, however if class work is not completed, it does need to be completed at home. If a child is away for any period of time, it is their responsibility to



find out what work they have missed, as it must be completed. If your child is going to be away, or is sick, please call the school office to inform them. As partners in your child's education, it is important that we work together to ensure that the students are attending school on a regular basis, and completing assignments.

Some students are running out of a few of the basic supplies, and need pencils and/or erasers. Please check with your child to see if they are short any supplies.

We hope that you had a safe and joyous holiday, and are well rested for the New Year.

Grade 6 Pod



“Sky Science” continues to be the topic in science. The moon cycle and the characteristics of the planets in our solar system will be the focus during this month. In social studies, students will analyze the structure and functions of the Alberta’s provincial government.

A thank you goes to all the parents for getting their child’s signed report card returned to school by the end of December. Remember if there are any concerns, questions, or comments about student progress, please contact your child’s home-room teacher at

school.

Our first Grade 6 assembly was a great success! Individual students were recognized for academic achievements and their involvement in school sports and community activities. They were also given the opportunity to participate in “Wild and Whacky” games. Awesome job Grade 6 students!! Let’s keep up the positive attitude and strong efforts throughout the next tri-

mester!

With Christmas break over, teachers will be again reminding students that their agendas need to be signed by a parent on a daily basis. Please assist your child in completing this routine throughout the school week. Thank you for your cooperation!!

The Grade 6 pod wishes everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year!



Grade 7

Happy New Year & Welcome to 2012

Lethbridge Regional Hospital wants to thank the Grade 7 RI Baker students and the Grade 4 Jennie Emery students who participated in the Christmas Stocking Project. 52 stockings were sewn by these students and delivered to the Hospital. The stockings were then filled and distributed to patients over Christmas. There were many smiles on Christmas Day because of your efforts. You have done a wonderful thing.

Students had a great time during our first pod party in December at the

Holiday Inn Water Park and Wave Pool in Lethbridge. It was nice to see so many students who were rewarded for their good behavior and homework completion. We are looking forward to being able to reward even more students for excellent class work and behavior this term.

During the month of January the Grade 7 students will be exploring careers. They will be using the website "Career Cruising". It is an interactive career resource designed for people of all ages. The students

will explore different career options, and learn how to plan for future education and training. We will also have a Career Day - date TBA.

We are looking forward to a great 2012!



Grade 8

Term 2 – We wish to encourage all students to meet their AR Points Goal this term and hand in all assignments on time. Our Term 2 Pod Party is a very memorable and fun experience and we

would like to have as many students as possible be able to participate. Make sure you focus on good learning and work habits this term. We would like students to be at 50% on Jan. 23th.

The final Term 2 deadline is Feb. 27th.



Thank You Parents!

Thank you parents for everything you have done for us. You help our school and our grade 8 students in so many ways. We want to thank all of the parents who helped with turkey dinner; it was fabulous! Thank

you for the delicious hot lunches each week, also.

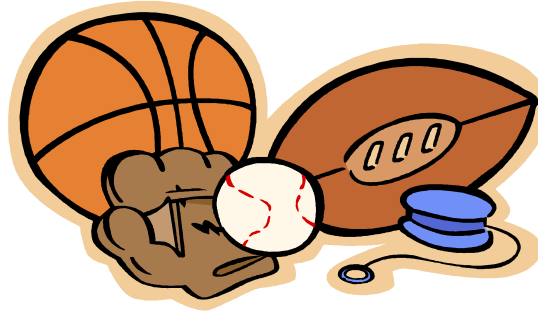
helped supervise our POD Parties and Field Trips. It is



Thank you to the parents who have

wonderful to have you along.

Athletics



Grade 5 VOLLEYBALL

We've been having a great time with our grade five volleyball club. It's been impressive to watch our young athletes grow with understanding and skill. We're looking forward to seeing them at try outs next year. With grade 5 basketball on our heels, we're wrapping up the volleyball club. **We'll be having our very own grade five volleyball tournament on Friday January 13th.** We'd love to see you out to watch. GO



INTRAMURALS



Students have been participating in three on three basketball. That will wrap up mid-January. Next up in intramurals is a student favorite, floor hockey. Students will be able to sign up a floor hockey team once 3 on 3 basketball has wrapped up.



BASKETBALL NEWS

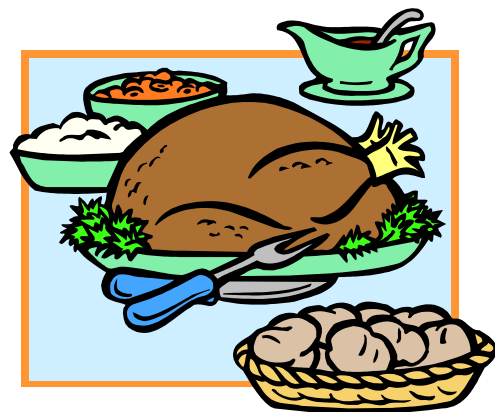
We're looking forward to hosting our annual RI Baker Basketball Jamboree which is set to run January 20-21. Thanks in advance to all of our parent and student volunteers. It should be a great tournament! We'll also be having a pep rally to accompany this tournament on January 20th during fourth period.



Parent Thank You's

A thank you to all parents and community members who helped make our turkey diner at RIBMS a success again this year.

Shopping	Tanya Wurzer & Donica Clark	Kitchen Prep	Tricia Hilgersom
Potatoes	Brenda Bezooyen	Stuffing	Sharon Van Tol
	Diane Brett		Barb Gergely
	Meredith McNeill		Ladine Skiba
	Sherri Duda		Jenny Doerksen
	Jolene Brobbel		
	Terri Pavan		
Turkeys	Chris Thompson	Herta Janzen	Jolene Brobbel
	Maggie Lapointe	Tamara Hoogerdyk	Tara Hall
	Theresa Holstrup	Mariam Yanke	Linda Gudmundsun
			Diane Kelly
Set up & Clean	Tricia Hilgersom	Donica Clark	Heather Lee
	Sharron VanTol	Brenda Bezooyen	Tara Hall
	Dave Kelly	Diane Kelly	Ladine Skiba
	Jenny Doersken	Deb C.	Larry C.
	Helen Klassen	Chris Thompson	Tammy Hofer
Donations	Potatoes – Harold & Jill Perry		
	Ice Cream Cups – Coaldale Food Market		
	Ice – Stop & Go		
Coordination, Organization, etc.	Tanya Wurzer		



A Message from our Superintendent

Happy New Year, everyone!

The arrival of a new year is always an exciting time, as we embrace a fresh start and fresh possibilities. For our high school students, it's also a crunch time, as the first semester comes to a close with diploma exams and finals. I wish our students all the best at this critical time.

A new year is also a time of fresh promise and potential.

In Palliser, this new year brings new staff to our schools as we reduce class sizes where needed to ensure our younger students receive the quality time they need from their teachers. At every school additional resources are available thanks to the restored funding from the province. We're looking to these resources to support school improvement and student learning.

This will also be a year of continued focus on assessment for learning, and continued development of skills to support student literacy and numeracy, both essential skills for lifelong success.

There's much work to be done, so I hope all of our students and staff returned from the winter break re-energized. We've got a lot to accomplish before the end of June, and let's not forget, Together Everyone Achieves More.

Welcome back, TEAM!

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

1.) Working in our canteen—One or more lunch hours per week.

If you would like to volunteer for any opportunities, or if you have questions, please contact either Cynthia Fritzler or Deryk Hamilton at 403-345-3340



Accountability Pillar Information

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.


All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.


Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

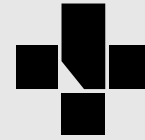
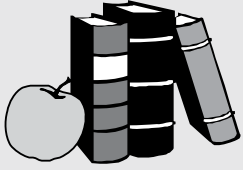
Parents, please take the time to complete this survey. It does provide us with information on what we're doing well on and areas we could improve in. An information flyer is available at the office desk. Please stop by and pick one up or we can send one home with your child if you make that request. If you have any questions, please reach an administrator at RIBMS. Thank you in advance for your effort in this process.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Hot Lunch	5	6	7
8	9 Classes Resume	10	11 Hot Lunch	12 Snowmobile & Quadding Safety Presentations	13	14
15	16 School Council 7PM Room #205	17	18 Hot Lunch	19	20 February Hot Lunch orders due Baker Basketball Jamboree	21
22	23 AR Cut off For Progress Reports Yearbook Orders Due	24	25 Hot Lunch	26	27	28
29	30	31 PD Day No School				

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hot Lunch	2	3 Progress Report #2 Distributed	4
5	6	7	8 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm Hot Lunch	9 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7PM	10	11
12	13	14 	15 Hot Lunch	16 RIBMS Ski Trip	17 Winteractive Day	18
19	20 Family Day No School	21 No School	22 Day off in lieu	23 PD DAY No School	24 PD DAY No School	25
26	27	28	29 Hot Lunch			



Travel Outside of Canada

International travel can expose you and your family to infectious diseases not frequently seen in Canada.

Based on your current health, immunization history, and travel plans, a healthcare provider can assess your health risks and advise you on immunization requirements, your need for preventative medication and how to avoid health risks.

Currently, there is a world-wide risk for red measles.

Please contact your local Public Health office, a pharmacist specializing in travel health, or your physician at least six weeks before departure for an individual health assessment.

Go to www.travelhealth.gc.ca for more information.

Celebrate Family Literacy Day January 27

On Family Literacy Day Canadian families are invited to spend at least 15 minutes a day reading and learning. This could be reading a storybook together, playing word games, singing, writing to family or friends or assisting with writing out simple things like a grocery list.

Reading aloud helps children learn listening, vocabulary and language skills as well developing their imagination and creativity. Time spent reading together increases a child's reading skills, increases their sense of security and gives them a sense of being worthwhile.

To encourage a lifelong reader parents should read to their child daily, have lots of books around, and to let your child see you reading.

For more activities families can do to make learning a part of daily life go to www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca.

Breaking Up is Hard to Do!

National Non-Smoking Week: January 15-21

Most parents hope that their children will choose to avoid tobacco. For parents who use tobacco, it can seem difficult to discuss these expectations with their children. Research indicates that children whose parents talk to them about smoking are less likely to start. **That is especially true if the parent is a smoker.** Parents are one of the greatest influences in their kids' lives and honest conversations about the risks and consequences of tobacco use can influence kids' decisions about smoking.

If you are a smoker and tried to quit at least once before, tell your child about how difficult it is and why you wish you could. If you're thinking about quitting again, or are interested in helping someone else make changes in tobacco use, there are supports available.

For advice on how to "Break-Up with Tobacco", visit www.albertaquits.ca or call 1-866-710-

What is "Physical Literacy"?

Just as kids need to develop reading and writing, they also need to develop their physical literacy.

Canada's Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) program, defines physical literacy as "*a sound foundation of fundamental movement and sports skills*". It means developing agility, balance, coordination and speed; being able to move comfortably in different environments – on the ground or in the water; and mastering skills like throwing, catching a ball, riding a bike and skating. "Many children develop good physical skills by trial-and-error, but many do not," reports the LTAD program's *Developing Physical Literacy* guide for parents. "Children tell us that not having the skills to play is one major reason they drop out of physical activity and organized sport." With physical literacy, kids are more likely to be active, and this will help them stave off health problems such as obesity and chronic disease.

To find out how to enhance your child's physical literacy go to: www.canadiansportforlife.ca

RIBMS LUNCH PROGRAM 2011-2012

NAME: _____ HOMEROOM: _____

This order is for the month of **February 2012** please choose each one that you would like to participate in by checking the appropriate boxes and totaling the amount.

Orders are due **January 20, 2012** and no late orders will be accepted. If your child is absent the lunch will be left in the fridge until the next day only.

Wednesday February 1, 2012 – Taco in a Bag \$2.50 each \$ _____

Wednesday February 8th, 2012 – Booster Juice

SMOOTHIES:

Mango Hurricane

Mangos, Peaches, Strawberries, Passion Fruit, Guava & Yogurt

Strawberry Sunshine

Strawberries, Passion Fruit, Guava, Banana & Yogurt

VERY BERRY

Strawberries, Blueberries, Raspberries, Cranberries & Yogurt

\$3.00 each \$ _____

WRAPS:

Cheese/chicken quesadilla

Salsa/chicken quesadilla

BBQ/chicken

Ham wrap (cold)

Turkey wrap (cold)

Pizza wrap (hot)

\$3.00 each \$ _____

Wednesday February 15th, 2012 – WALLY'S 8" Pizza \$5.50 each

Pepperoni

Ham

Cheese

\$5.50each \$ _____

Wednesday February 29th, 2012 – Burgers \$2.50 Each \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT for February (cheque to RIBMS or cash) \$ _____