

*R.I. Baker Middle School*  
**NEWSLETTER**

**APRIL 2019**



**Principal's Message**

Well, can I safely say Spring has sprung? We sure hope so!!

This is my "thank you" principal's message. I would like to start by thanking the R.I. Baker Staff. These are among some of the hardest working humans I know. RIBMS staff work tirelessly each day with students to shape them into upstanding, educated citizens. They look at each student individually, and work to meet those needs. My job is not possible without their support!

A big thank you goes out to parents. We cannot do what we do here without the help from you. The morals and respect you instill in your children directly transfers into their school lives. Your support at home with academics, also does not go unnoticed. We need to continue to work together to achieve great things.

Lastly, I would like to thank the students. You show up daily (well...most of you do) to let us guide you to a path of success. Not everyone's path looks the same, and some are in fact not easily travelled. However, we appreciate the opportunity to walk it with you. You are what we wake up for, and you can often be what is on our minds as our day ends.

Thank you.

*Mr. Prebs*

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- April 3- A1 Pizza Lunch
- April 5 -8 -Grade 7/8 Band Trip
- April 10- Booster Juice Lunch
- April 11 - Quebec Students Arrive
- April 14 - Marine Biology Leave
- April 15 Hockey Registration Starts
- April 15 - LSAA Grade 6 Badminton
- April 16 - LSAA Grade 7 Badminton
- April 17- LSAA Grade 8 Badminton
- April 17 - Hot Lunch and Track Lunches Due
- April 18 - Quebec Students leave
- April 19 - Marine Biology Students Return
- April 19- April 26 No School - Easter Holidays

# HOCKEY REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE STARTING MONDAY, APRIL 15!!

## GRADE 5 POD NEWS

The Eighth Annual Baker Cup was held on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. At the time of this printing, the game had not yet taken place, but I'm sure that the teachers....oops, students played great, and we have never seen such great officials at a game, at any level! Also thanks to the parents who came out and were part of this activity with us.

There are a number of students who need to replenish their pencil supply for the remaining of the year. Please check with your child to see if they are one of these students.

If you have not yet signed and returned your child's report card envelope, please do so ASAP. For those who have already returned theirs, Thank you!

As the weather is constantly changing, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the outside recesses.

Hope that you all have a very Hoppy Easter.

**Language Arts:** We are currently in our nonfiction unit, learning to identify and understand the function of various text features to gain a greater comprehension from the text. We are also reading, 'Underground to Canada', as our class read aloud, which ties to some of the concepts grade 5s are learning about in Social Studies.

**Math: 5A** - We are wrapping up addition and subtraction of decimals the first week of April. Our next unit will be Measurement, where students will learn to identify various units of measurement to describe distance, time, and area of both regular and irregular 2-D shapes.

**5B, C, D** - In Math we are finishing Data and Relationships where we interpret and construct graphs. Next we will be looking at Motion Geography where students will move shapes on a grid following given instructions.

**Science:**

**A, B, C** - In the Weather unit, we have learned about clouds and the water cycle. We created a water cycle poster, using multiple mediums. After Easter we will be looking at the different weather instruments.

**5D** - We continue to study Electricity and Magnetism, learning about conductors, insulators, circuits, electromagnets and more.

**Social:** We are chilling out in the Arctic region and then travelling west to the Cordillera region.

## GRADE 6 POD NEWS

**Language Arts:** 6A, B, C: The PATs are quickly approaching and we are in the midst of our Newspaper Unit! Students are learning to synthesize information into cohesive articles that utilize their understanding of effective quotes and paragraph structure. We will continue to work on our reading comprehension, as well as our word study, and daily reading and journaling.

**6E, D:** The first PAT for LA 6 is coming up soon! As we approach this PAT we continue to prepare for the news article portion of the PAT with lots of practice. We will be wrapping this unit up within the first few days of April. From there we will move on to work on mechanics, sentence structure and spelling in our writing. Before we reach our PAT we will have a couple weeks of review and studying so the students feel confident heading into their first PAT. We continue to journal/creative write and read daily.

**Math:** After wrapping up our Fractions unit, students will be starting their unit on Ratios and Percent. In this unit, students will explore what ratios are, and create proportional ratios. We will also explore the relationship between fractions and ratios, decimals, and percent. Once we complete Ratios and Percent, the Grade 6's will start our Measurement unit, where we will be learning about angles, perimeter, area and volume.

**Science:** We are coming to the end of our Air and Aerodynamics unit and will be starting our Flight unit in science. We are excited to start our Flight unit because we get to put our previous learning to use by creating experiments that prove what we know about Air and Aerodynamics. A few of the projects we will be building are egg carrying parachutes, paper airplanes, and propulsion devices! Be sure to ask what your child is working on in science this month!

**Social:** In Social, we have begun our unit on Ancient Greece. We have been looking at the birthplace of democracy, discussing how much democracy has changed-- or not changed-- in the last 2500 years. Following Greece, we will be studying consensus and the Iroquois Confederacy.

## PAT Dates:

LA Part A - Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Math - Monday, June 17, 2019

Science - Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Social - Wednesday, June 19, 2019

LA Part B - Thursday, June 20, 2019

## GRADE 7 POD NEWS

**Human Sexuality Unit:** Grade 7s will be completing the health unit on human sexuality after the spring break. Permission forms were sent home with report cards. Please make sure these forms are returned ASAP. The curriculum objectives taught are as follows:

- Examine the reproductive process, and recognize misunderstandings associated with sexual development.
- Identify the effects of social influences on sexuality and gender roles and equality. eg., media, culture.
- Examine the influences on personal decision making for responsible behaviour.
- Examine abstinence and decisions to postpone sexual activity as healthy choices.

**Language Arts:** We are wrapping up our unit on *The Giver* with a film study. We will be comparing the novel to the film adaptation, noting the changes made to the storyline and discussing why those changes would have been made. Students will also review which they liked better, the novel or the movie. We will end the unit with a vocabulary quiz and our mock trial project just before spring break. After the break we will be starting our second book club, reading books in the sci-fi and fantasy genres.

**Math:** Currently all four classes are working through the sixth unit which focuses on shape and space. Students are using direct and indirect measurement to solve problems focusing on diameter, radius, area and circumference of a circle as well as area of a triangle and parallelogram. From here students will move into the seventh unit that focuses on statistics and probability. They will collect, display and analyze data to solve problems and use experimental or theoretical probabilities to represent and solve problems involving uncertainty.

**Science:** We are currently working our way through our fourth unit: Heat and Temperature. Students are learning about heat, investigating sources and uses of heat energy and

considering the impact of resource usage on our long-term ability to meet energy needs. Students will also explore the particle model of matter and use it to help explain their observations and understandings about the relationship between heat and temperature.

**Social:** We are just finishing off our unit on the Great Migration and North America's push for democracy. Once we have completed this we will turn towards confederation-- the moment where Canada as we know it is officially established.

## GRADE 8 POD NEWS

**Language Arts:** We are nearing the end of our Writers' Workshop section and final projects will be due April 12, 2019. We will be finished working on them in class by April 8th at the latest. Students will be starting our next unit entitled "Worth Fighting For," in which we will center our focus on the novel, Freak the Mighty. This will ignite ideas about adventures, friendships and fighting for what we believe in.

**Math:** By April, we will be well underway in Chapter 6: Measuring Prisms & Cylinders. In Grade 8, we focus on 3D objects. These 3D objects include: rectangular prisms, triangular prisms & cylinders. We begin by understanding the nets of these 3D objects. Next, students will learn to develop an apply formulas for determining the surface area and volume of these 3D objects. Finally, students will solve problems regarding surface area and volume of 3D objects. As this is a rather extensive chapter, it will take us into May to finish.

**Science:** With our unit quiz behind us, and a two short topics left to go, we will be writing our unit exam on Mechanical System within the next few weeks. Students will be exploring Pneumatic and Hydraulic Systems, and then finishing off the unit learning about and calculating force, pressure, and area.

**Social:** By April we will be wrapping up our second major unit, the Aztecs. We will be finishing off with our major project which will be writing their first essay in social studies this year. The students loved this unit and were continuously, actively engaged in discussion and debate in terms of the concepts we we learned. Mid way through April we will begin our third and final unit, Japan. Here we will begin to look at the Japanese culture with a lense of worldview, while likewise exploring what happens when an isolated culture comes into contact with western powers. We will also be comparing the concepts we learn in this unit to the concepts from previous units, looking at the big picture and seeing how it all connects.

# ATHLETICS

## **Badminton**

We're excited for badminton season to get underway. Our teams have been picked and we'll be competing at a number of tournaments in March and April. Our team includes 48 players from grades 6-8.

April 15— Gr.6 LSAA City Championship @ U of L

April 15 - County Badminton Tournament (gr. 7-8)

Apr. 16— Gr.7 LSAA City Championship @ U of L

Apr. 17— Gr. 8 LSAA City Championship @ U of L

April 26– County Badminton Tournament (Gr. 7-8)

May 4—Zone Badminton Tournament

Looking forward to a great badminton season!

## **Basketball**

Thanks to all our fabulous basketball players for representing our school this season! It was great to see the players and teams grow and progress throughout the season. A huge thank you to all our parents for helping out this season by volunteering and supporting the team! A big thank you goes out to our coaches for all their work this season! We're looking forward to seeing our players continue with basketball in their future!

## **Intramurals**

In intramurals this month we wrapped up the 3 on 3 basketball. It was awesome to see the kids dribble, pass and shoot. We'll be moving onto badminton for intramurals next.

## **Track & Field**

**May 2nd** is our annual Track & Field Meet.

A day like this takes many volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering at the track and field meet, please email Adrienne Vanhell at [adrienne.vanhell@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:adrienne.vanhell@pallisersd.ab.ca) Volunteer opportunities include timers on the track, measurers for the field events, along with other opportunities.

### **TRACK & FIELD LUNCH ON MAY 2 WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FUNDS FROM RIBMS CANTEEN**

A bagged lunch consisting of a sub sandwich, bottle of water and a bag of chips will be provided free of charge to all students that return their forms to indicate their choice of sub. Forms were included in report card envelopes on bright pink paper and **MUST** be returned to the school by April 17th. No late forms will be accepted.

**Watch for details coming soon about our annual Track and Field Clinic!!**

## **LIBRARY**

### **CONGRATULATIONS to ARIANA DUERKSEN AND SARAH PETERS**

for their winning entries in the annual Royal Canadian Legion Poster/Literacy Contest. Their entries were chosen out of many that were submitted from Lethbridge and surrounding area.

Ariana and Sarah will be awarded a medal as well as a cash prize at the Legion in the beginning of May. The entries the girls submitted will then go on to the next round of competition which includes Medicine Hat and district. Good luck girls and perhaps another medal and additional cash rewards will be yours in the next round of competition.

The Royal Canadian Legion always expresses their appreciation for our school entries and participation. Please encourage your child to participate next fall when the new entry deadlines are announced through the school library.

## **YEARBOOK**

Yearbooks will come out again in September so that we can include all events up to the end of the 2018 / 2019 school year! If you attend ANY R.I.Baker events and get some photos of your children and their friends that you think would be great for the yearbook, please email them to Ms. Macklin!

[julie.macklin@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:julie.macklin@pallisersd.ab.ca)

Please put 'yearbook / (the event)' in the subject heading.

## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

**Grade 7/8 Band Trip – River’s Edge Camp and Red Deer** - All Permission forms and payments should be submitted by March 4th.

**Grade 6 Lethbridge Festival** - Wednesday April 10th 11:15 pm at the Yates Theatre - \$3 admission fee at the door for those able to come watch the performance

## DRAMA ROOM

Our production of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe is progressing nicely. Students are being challenged now with getting a deeper understanding of their characters. Thank you again for allowing me to work with your talented children and I promise that this year’s production won’t disappoint. We have also reached our off-book date and the memorization has been fantastic. I’m very proud of our actors and I know this show is going to be amazing.

## PARENT COUNCIL

A reminder that our next School Council meeting is on **May 14 at 6:30** in the staff room at the school. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you there! Be a voice in your child's education! Further information on school council, including the meeting minutes, can be found on the RI Baker website under "About" and then "School Council". If you have any questions or would like an item added to the agenda please forward them to me at [shannon@kaskocattle.com](mailto:shannon@kaskocattle.com).

Thank you.

Shannon Kasko  
School Council Chair



**RIBMS LUNCH PROGRAM 2018-2019**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

This order is for the month of MAY. Please choose each one that you would like to participate in by checking the appropriate boxes (or the choice will be made for you) and totaling the amount. No substitutions will be allowed.

Orders are DUE April 17 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, May 1 -WALLY'S PIZZA** \$3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Hawaiian
- Pepperoni
- Cheese

**Wednesday, May 8 - Booster Juice** \$3.75 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SMOOTHIES:**

- Mango Mania
- Berry Blossom
- Pineapple Chill

**WRAPS:**

- Cheese/chicken quesadilla
- Salsa/chicken quesadilla
- BBQ/chicken
- Pizza wrap (hot) \$3.75 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, May 15 - 3G Lunch**

- Chicken Wrap-Breaded Chicken, Ranch, Mozzarella, Lettuce
- BBQ Beef on a Bun - Slow Roasted Beef, BBQ Sauce, Hamburger Bun
- Meatball Slider -Pork Meatball, Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella, Hamburger Bun 3.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Pasta Salad
- Potato Salad 2.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, May 22 - WIEBE'S Lunch**

- Ham & Cheese Sub
- Turkey Sub
- Cold Cut Sub
- Pizza Sub 4.00 \$ each \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, May 29 - Edo Japan - no vegetables or mushrooms, sauce on the side**

- Chicken on Rice
- Beef on Rice 5.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Large Chicken on Rice or Noodles and vegetables(circle choice of noodles or rice)
- Large Beef on Rice or Noodles and vegetables(circle choice of noodles or rice) 10.00 EACH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT for MAY (cheque to RIBMS or cash)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# April

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 A1 Pizza Lunch	4	5 Men's World Curling 1:30-5:30 Grade 7/8 Band Trip	6 Grade 7/8 Band Trip
7 Grade 7/8 Band Trip	8 Grade 7/8 Band Trip	9	10 Booster Juice Lunch	11 Quebec students Arrive	12	13
14 Marine Biology Students Leave 1:30	15 Hockey Registration Starts LSAA Grade 6 Badminton	16 LSAA Grade 7 Badminton	17 3G Lunch LSAA Grade 8 Badminton	18 Quebec Students Leave	19 Marine Biology Returns 1:05 NO School – Good Friday	20
21	22 Easter Holidays	23 Easter Holidays	24 Easter Holidays	25 Easter Holidays	26 Easter Holidays	27
28	29	30				

# May

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wally's Pizza	2 RIBMS Track & Field Day @ U of L	3	4 Badminton Zones in Medicine Hat
5	6	7 Grade 6 LA Part A PAT	8 Booster Juice	9	10	11
12	13 County Track @ U of L	14 Parent Council 6:30	15 3G Lunch	16	17	18
19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	22 LSAA Track Meet @ U of L <u>Wiebe's Lunch</u>	23	24 Hot Lunch Due	25
26	27	28	29 EDO Lunch Spring Production 7:00	30 Spring Production 7:00	31 Spring Production 7:00 Last Day for Chinese Students	



*Want to try something new?*

*Need a thrill without the chill?*

*Why not try Roller Hockey this spring?*



### **What is Roller Hockey?**

Roller Hockey is like ice hockey, but 4-on-4, with no body checking, no offsides, and we don't play on ice!

### **Who is Roller Hockey Lethbridge?**

We are a local not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Lethbridge Sport Council as well as the Alberta and Canada Roller Hockey Associations. We are committed to growing the sport of Roller Hockey in Lethbridge by offering a fun, inclusive environment for everyone.

### **What are we offering this spring/summer?**

We have two parts to this year's program that will be offering:

#### **Session 1 - Coaching**

May 28th through April 30th, 2019

6pm-7pm

5 week coaching program

Sessions to comprise skills drills and mini games

**\$55/player**

#### **Session 2 - House League**

June 4th through July 2nd 2019

5 week program, 2 x 40 minute games per team each week

Teams selected by RHL

Each player receives a jersey

**\$80/players**

To Register

Visit

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



# Coaldale Clothing Fest

Clear Out Your Closet!

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

**When?** April 6, 2019 (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 of all sizes in good condition** are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the Coaldale Mennonite Church  
weekdays from 9am-12pm, starting March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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