

*R.I. Baker Middle School*

**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY** ♥

## NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019

### Principal's Message



January was a very busy month at RIBMS! Our students have kicked off the New Year with great enthusiasm. Their day-to-day work, projects, and classroom activities have been meaningful and productive. Students have been encouraged to set new academic and social goals, and to put their plan into action, to strive towards achieving their personal best. We had a great day on the slopes last week and are looking forward to "bearing" down for the last half of the school year.

February is days away, and our days are getting longer and brighter. If you have popped into the school during the day, you may have noticed that staff members and I have been busy touring a number of new families through the school. We also are very involved in Palliser's international program. We have had students from China, Japan, Columbia, and Mexico. As always, I am proud of our current students who are so warm and welcoming when families and international students tour the school. I am pleased to report that we continue to welcome a number of new families to our bear family; permanent and temporary.

We are always striving to give students new and unique experiences at Baker. In March we will be receiving a small group of students from the Ukraine. We are excited to welcome our European visitors for a possible one month stay. This time, there may be an option to send a small group of seven or eighth grade students abroad. What a great opportunity for students to see a part of the world and emerge in a new culture. If you have any questions regarding this experience, or you are interested in hosting a student, please feel free to contact me anytime.

*Mr. Preb*

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- February 5 - Badminton 5:00 - 6:30
- February 5 - LSAA Basketball Quarters
- February 6 - A1 Pizza Lunch
- February 6 - Badminton 3:30 - 5:00
- February 6 - LSAA Basketball Semis
- February 13 - Booster Juice Lunch
- February 15 - Winteractive Day
- February 15 - Hot Lunches Due
- February 18 - February 22 - NO SCHOOL
- February 25 - Badminton - Grade 6 Girls - 3:30-4:30, Grade 6 Boys - 3:30 - 4:30, Grade 7 Girls - 5:30 - 6:30
- February 26 - Badminton - Grade 7 Boys - 3:30 - 4:30, Grade 8 Girls - 4:30 - 5:30, Grade 8 Boys - 5:30 - 6:30
- February 27 - Pink Shirt Day
- February 27 - Badminton - Grade 6 - Boys & Girls - 3:30 - 4:30, Grade 7 - Girls & Boys - 4:30 - 5:30, Grade 8 - Girls & Boys - 5:30 -6:30
- March 1-2- Zone Basketball Tournament @ BAKER

# **March 7 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW**

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

RIBMS is continuing to use the online appointment booking system for Parent Teacher Interviews, the system will be live

February 4, 2019. Please click on the link below and follow these simple instructions:

<http://ribms.parentteacherconferences.net>

Click on the “Register” tab (top right corner)

Enter your Name, Phone Number, email address

Create a User ID and a Password

Click “Register Now”

Click “Add a Student”

Enter Student’s name

Click “Insert”

Click on your Students Name when it appears.

Follow the instructions given on screen.

Click “View Calendar”

Click on the Time Slot you would like for your interview

Click “Book Appointment”

Repeat the above steps for the number of students you have at RI Baker.

Once you have all appointments booked, Click on “Print Appointments” and you will have a hard copy of your child’s appointment times.

Click “Log Out” (top right hand corner)

See you March 7!

## **REMINDERS FOR ALL RIBMS STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

- **Parents are to always check in at the main office when entering the school. If you would like to meet with a teacher regarding your child, you MUST contact that teacher for an appointment. Unscheduled visits during instructional hours will NOT be entertained.**
- **PLEASE remember your agenda daily!**
- **The morning warning bell is at 8:25, Period 1 starts at 8:28, after this you are LATE!**
- **Parents, if you child is going to be away from school, PLEASE remember to call in to 1-844-260-7166 or enter it on the School Messenger APP @  
<http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>**

**THANK YOU!**



## Powerschool and the Parent Portal

We are very excited to share that we have our Parent Portal open for parents to use moving into the second term. The Parent Portal is an 24/7 online access to your child's grades and assignments. You can access it through this link:  
<https://ps.pallisersd.ab.ca/public/home.html>

**This communication will replace our progress reports!!**

### Communication From Throughout the Grades



#### **Grade 5**

##### **Reminders:**

As we approach the halfway point of this school year, we in the grade 5 pod, would like to thank the students for all their hard work and dedication to learning.

For Valentine's Day this year, each grade 5 class will decide individually how they will recognize it. We do encourage the exchange of Valentine's cards; however, please keep in mind an all or none policy exists in regards to Valentine cards here in the grade 5 pod. If your child is bringing cards for their classmates, please include all students in the class. Thank you for your help in this matter. Classroom teachers will be making a class list available for their students.

The school is having our Winter Active Day on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**LA:** We have been working through a Figurative Language unit with a focus on metaphors, similes, hyperbole, alliteration, personification and onomatopoeia. Students have been identifying examples in poetry and their chapter books.

**Math: 5A:** We have just finished working with whole numbers in our Place Value unit, and will be looking at decimals next. Students will learn to write numbers including tenths, hundredths and thousandths in a variety of ways.

**Math: 5B, C, D:** We will be finishing up our division unit in the next couple of weeks and then moving on to Patterns. Students can practice long division at home to help prepare for the test.

**Social:** We are finishing up our study of the Canadian Shield region by encouraging travelers to come to this wonderful region by creating travel brochures. Next up on our tour of Canada is Canada's smallest region, the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Lowlands or the Arctic region.

**Science: 5D:** We are starting our new unit; Electricity and Magnetism. Students will learn about electrical safety, magnetic fields, how electricity is measured and used in our homes, and build electrical circuits.

**Science: 5 A, B, C** The students are currently working on their electrical projects. Once completed, the students will present their work to their classmates.

## **Grade 6**

**LA: 6A, B, C:** We've kicked off 2019 with a poetry unit that allows students to explore different poems as well as figurative language. Familiarity with both of these topics will be critical for the Provincial Achievement Exams this spring. After poetry we will move on to writing newspaper articles, and focusing on the organization of critical information in a prescribed format. Students continue their exploration of words and letter patterns with their weekly word study, while squeezing in 15 minutes of daily reading time.

**LA: 6D & 6E:** We've kicked off 2019 with a poetry unit that allows students to explore different poems as well as figurative language. Familiarity with both of these topics will be critical for the Provincial Achievement Exams this spring. After poetry we will move on to writing newspaper articles, and focusing on the organization of critical information in a prescribed format. Students continue their exploration of words and letter patterns with their weekly word study, while squeezing in 15 minutes of daily reading time.

**Math:** After completing our unit on Data Relationships, we will be moving on to Coordinate Geometry and Motion Geometry. Students will learn about ordered pairs, and perform translations, reflections and rotations of shapes on a coordinate grid. Students will need to have their ruler and pencil crayons for this unit, so please be sure to check if your child still has these supplies or if replacements need to be purchased. Please also double check that your child still has a basic calculator, which will be needed for the remainder of the year.

**Science:** In Science, we will be completing our Sky Science unit and will begin to take a look at Air and Aerodynamics. We will be looking at the properties of air and the fact that it takes

up space, has mass, exerts pressure and is made up of gases. We are going to be doing lots of hands on experiments to study the effect that air has on us and the things on Earth.

**Social Studies:** This month, the students will be finishing off their unit on the Provincial Government with a reenactment of Alberta Legislature. After that, we will be moving on to the birthplace of democracy: Ancient Greece. There we will discover the roots of democracy, what it looked like, and how it affects us today.

## **Grade 7**

**LA** - This month we are finishing our first book club and a major project that goes with that. We will be starting our next class novel *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry. It is a science fiction, dystopian style story, that even though it was written over twenty years ago, has many relevant themes and questions for us to discuss in our present-day society. Some of these discussions can become heavy and bring up different opinions, so we are also working on debating, speaking and listening skills. Students will learn to express their opinions in respectful ways while listening to others.

**Math** - This month students will be focusing on the fourth unit, this unit will look at linear relationships, describing patterns, graphing, and analyzing graphs to draw conclusions. At the completion of this unit the students will be writing their midterm exam. The midterm will cover the first four units and will take place between February 11-14. Please stay tuned for a message from your child's teacher for their specific midterm date. After the midterm the students will begin the fifth unit which focuses on solving equations.

**Science** - Following the completion of the midterm at the end of January, students began the third unit- Planet Earth. In this unit students will explore and observe; rocks, minerals, the rock cycle, erosion and weathering, layers of the Earth as well as earthquakes, volcanoes, fossils and fossil fuels. This unit will take us into the first part of March. Specific dates for any assignments and quizzes will be emailed to parents and guardians in advance.

**Social Studies** - We have officially completed the first half of our Social 7 course, "The push towards Confederation". Students will be writing their Social midterm within the first two weeks of February (specific class dates were sent out by individual teachers). We will then dive into the American War of Independence, the war of 1812 and eventually confederation. To go along with this material, teachers will be reading aloud the fictional book "Bully Boys" by Canadian author Eric Walters.

## **Grade 8**

**Language Arts (Mrs. Netzel)**- We just finished up our Midterm exam and students should be very proud of how successful they were. We are also just finishing up our graphic character sketches based on the character from The Princess Bride film. We will be focusing on personal narrative writing the month of February. I can't wait to see the masterpieces these students create!

**Math (Mrs. Berry-Furtado/Mr. Barfuss)** - We will start the month of February off by reviewing for the Midterm. This is a cumulative exam covering Chapters 1 - 4. This includes fraction operations, integer operations, percent, ratios, rates, patterns, linear relations and graphing. At the completion of the Midterm exam, we will begin Chapter 5: Square Roots & Pythagorean Theorem .

**Science (Mr. Olsen)** - We are well on our way into the Light and Optical Systems Unit. We have explored how we use and benefit from different types of mirrors in our day to day life and how light reflects and is absorbed from one medium to another. We will be focusing on light refraction and lenses as we move into February.

**Social Studies (Mr. Smith/Miss Cleland)** - We have begun our Aztec unit and students are enjoying the content so far. This week in Mr. Smith's class we will be creating wax museums of the Aztec emperor Moctezuma II.

## **A Rundown of Bears Athletics**

### **GRADE 5 VOLLEYBALL**

Thanks to all of our awesome grade five volleyball players who have been part of the volleyball club! It has been neat to see how much the players improved this season.

### **GRADE 5 BASKETBALL**

Information has come home about grade five basketball. We're looking forward to working with the athletes on their skills, strategy and knowledge of the game

### **BASKETBALL**

A huge thank you to all of our parents, students and staff who were involved in our 2018 - 2019 RIBMS Basketball Jamborees. The tournaments were a success, thanks to you! Congratulations to the Senior Girls who took silver in our tournament. We are quickly approaching the end of our Basketball seasons. As our teams head into playoffs, we wish them luck. GO BEARS GO!!

## **INTRAMURALS**

Next month we will finish off our 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Thanks to all our students who participated, passing, dribbling and shooting up a storm. Watch for information coming out about our next intramural event.

## **BEARS BADMINTON**

Badminton season is just around the corner and we are looking forward to picking our teams. All grade 6--8 students are welcome to come out to our open gym times to practice before tryouts. Our open gym dates are:

Tuesday February 5th: 5:00- 6:30 & Wednesday February 6th: 3:30- 5:00

Our badminton tryouts are set to run during the following days:

Monday February 25th: Grade Six Girls- 3:30- 4:30, Grade Six Boys- 4:30- 5:30 & Grade Seven Girls- 5:30- 6:30

Tuesday February 26th: Grade Seven Boys- 3:30- 4:30, Grade Eight Girls- 4:30- 5:30, & Grade Eight Boys- 5:30- 6:30

Wednesday February 27th: Grade Six Girls & Boys- 3:30- 4:30, Grade Seven Girls and Boys- 4:30- 5:30, and Grade Eight Girls and Boys- 5:30- 6:30.

## **The “Beat” From The Music Room**

Hello Band families,

I have all of the fundraising totals up to date and will be sending letters home the first week of February with those final totals so you can see where your child's personal band fundraising account is at.

Please make a note that we will be having parent meetings for our trips on the following day and times:

**Grade 6** Band Trip Meeting: Wednesday **February 13th @ 6:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Grade 7/8** Band Trip Meeting: Wednesday **February 13th @ 7:30 - 8:00pm**



### Trip Details:

Grade 6 Trip March 21st-22nd (SABC): Cost \$75 - Due by Monday March 4th - (Payable on school cash online after February 4th)

Grade 7/8 Trip April 5-8th (River's Edge Camp/Edmonton): Cost \$350 - Initial \$100 deposit is past due (payable on school cash online). Remaining totals will be made available to pay online after February 4th.

**Please let me know if your child is not planning on attending their specific trip as it will help me account for final numbers.**

## **What's up with all the Drama?**

We have begun our rehearsals for “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe”. This play will be produced May 29th, 30th, 31st. Thank you to the families that are letting me borrow their children for the next 5 months. I promise you that you won't regret it. Tickets will be available at a later date.

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

This month Student Leadership Council is promoting “Friendly February”. We want to spread kindness, compassion and help throughout the month. We are encouraging all Baker students to bring in a monetary donation this month in exchange for one sweet treat. These donations will go towards helping kids through Kids Help Phone. We are also encouraging everyone to show kindness to others, include others and be extra helpful this month. The end of the month is Pink Shirt Day to stand up against bullying. Please wear pink on Feb. 27!

## **RECESS EXPECTATIONS**

R.I. Baker Middle School philosophy is that children need fresh air and exercise to enhance gross motor development, social skills and friendships. Exercise is overall good for the brain and body. Our expectation is that all children unless involved in a lunch club, to which there are many offered, need to be and are expected to be outside. This means that the students of R.I Baker need to come to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. Students are expected to be outside and not to be trying to sneak in or hiding in the school as supervision is provided outside and for clubs. Please discuss this with your child, and ensure that they are compliant with school rules.

***Start the Celebration - Coaldale is 100***  
**Celebrate with an afternoon of live music.**



Saturday, February 23  
2 to 5:30 p.m.  
Gem of the West Museum  
Featuring *Uncovered*  
& Coaldale's own  
*Good Time Charlie*

A fun time for the whole family.  
Admission is just \$5,  
children 12 & under are FREE  
Purchase tickets online  
at [www.coaldale.ca/programs](http://www.coaldale.ca/programs)  
or at the Town Office.

A limited number of tickets available at the door.  
Patter's Perogies, Poutine & Pie food truck on site.



# COALDALE IS 100!

## Celebrate at the 15th Annual Community Fest

Family Day

Feb. 18, 2019

### Activities

Centennial Selfie Booth

Ima - Coaldale Mascot

Skating • Face Painters

Glitter Tattoos

Balloon artist

Hay Rides • Crafts

Petland Petting Zoo

Games Room

Laser Tag

Centennial Owl

### Food

Popcorn

Fire pit & Smores

Beef on a Bun

Hot dogs

Hot chocolate



Watch for Event Schedules around town

“Thank you to all of our community sponsors & volunteers  
who make this annual event possible in Coaldale.”

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Grade 5 Basketball	2
3	4	5 LSAA Basketball City Championship Badminton 5:00 – 6:30	6 A1 Pizza Lunch Badminton 3:30 – 5:00	7 LSAA Basketball City Championship	8 Grade 5 Basketball	9
10	11	12	13 Booster Juice Lunch	14	15 Winter active Day Hot Lunch Due	16
17	18	NO SCHOOL 18 - 22				23
24	25 Badminton Gr. 6 Girls – 3:30 Gr. 6 Boys – 3:30 Gr. 7 – Girls – 5:30	26 Badminton Gr. 7 Boys – 3:30 Gr. 8 Girls – 4:30 Gr. 8 Boys – 5:30	27 3G Lunch Pink Shirt Day Badminton Gr. 6 B & G – 3:30 Gr. 7 – B & G – 4:30	28		

# March 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Zone Basketball @ RIBMS	2 Zone Basketball @ RIBMS	3
4	5	6 Wally's Lunch	7 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:45 – 9:00	8 French 8 Leaves to <u>Sherbrooke, Quebec</u> Grade 5 Basketball	9	10
11 NO School- PD Day	12	13 Booster Juice Lunch	14	15 Term #2 Ends French 8 Returns	16	17
18	19 Spring Pictures Parent Council 6:30	20 3 G Lunch	21 Grade 6 Band Trip to SABC	22 Report Card #2 Grade 6 Band Trip to SABC	23	24
25	26	27 Edo Lunch	28 Baker Cup	29 Band Dessert Concert	30	31

**RIBMS LUNCH PROGRAM 2018-2019**

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

This order is for the month of **MARCH**. 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 February 15** 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, March 6 – Wally’s** \$3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Hawaiian
- Pepperoni
- Cheese

**Wednesday, March 13 – Booster Juice** \$3.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- SMOOTHIES:**
- Mango Mania
  - Berry Blossom
  - Pineapple Chill

**WRAPS:**

- Cheese/chicken quesadilla
- Salsa/chicken quesadilla
- BBQ/chicken
- Pizza wrap (hot) \$3.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, March 20 – 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, March 27 – EDO Lunch**– 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 MARCH \$ \_\_\_\_\_**