

The Paw Print



R.I. Baker Middle School January 2022 Newsletter

Happy
New Year

Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

We here at Baker have very high hopes for 2022, and we are very excited to see what it has in store for us. Some use a new year to set goals and make significant changes in one's life. We are choosing to promote and practice gratitude. The last two years have brought us many peaks and valleys, and although sometimes difficult, we are thankful for our families who supported us and the students who showed up to let us continue doing what we love.

We have had a school year with little interruptions. We are teaching and learning face to face. Our students are competing in athletics once again, our musicians are performing, and our clubs and programs are working within the health restrictions to support our students. For all of this...we are so thankful.

I challenge all families to engage in a conversation to start the new year about gratitude. Ask each other what gratitude means to you? What things are you truly thankful for? With the support of the media, it is very easy to focus on the negative. It is not so much happiness that will bring us gratitude, it is gratitude that will bring us happiness.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy year full of thankful moments.

Mr. Preb

Important Dates

Jan 3 - Back to School

Jan 5 - Wally's Lunch

Jan 5 - Pajama Day

Jan 11 - Free School Wide
Subway Breakfast

Jan 12 - Taco in a Bag

Jan 19 - Coaldale Bakery
Lunch

Jan 26 - KC Pub Lunch

Jan 28 - NO School PD Day

Choose
GRRR-atitude!





In case you missed it!



Congratulations to our very own:

Michael Willems

Michael has been named the winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. This national-level award is considered the highest honour for teachers in Canada.

We are very proud of Michael and we are lucky that he is a part of our Baker team!

Please read the complete story at:

<https://lethbridgenewsnow.com/2021/11/23/coaldales-michael-willems-wins-prime-ministers-awards-for-teaching-excellence/>

Daily School Reminders

Students Missing in School Messenger

Many parents have indicated that they are having issues with School Messenger (that one or more of their children are not listed). For many parents/guardians we are finding that “*Refreshing the Contacts in the School Messenger App*” will add missing students back in.



TO REFRESH CONTACTS IN THE SCHOOL MESSENGER APP PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Click on the 4 little lines in the top left-hand corner.
2. Click on Contacts in the drop-down menu.
3. Click on the circular arrows in the top right-hand corner.

If this still does not work, or you have further questions please contact the school office at 403-345-3340. We still love to hear from parents!

Hot Lunch, School Fees & Extra Curricular Fees -

SchoolCashOnline
KEVGROUP

School Fees are now due, please access your School Cash Online account to see what your students' fees are for the year. Hot Lunch orders are also available through School Cash.

<https://palliserregional.schoolcashionline.com>

PS Parent/Student Portal

Please create an account so you can access your child’s report card and attendance, anytime you want, from your device!



To successfully access the Parent Portal you will need to follow these steps:

1. Open an internet browser (Google) on your computer (this first step must be done on a computer, not a phone/handheld device)
2. Type **<https://ps.pallisersd.ab.ca/public>** into the address bar
3. If you haven’t already done so, you will need to **Create an Account**. Fill in ALL the blanks under the **Parent Account Details** section. **Please choose/create your own unique Username and Password**. Please remember this information and keep it safe – this is what you will use to log in with at any later date.

****Please call the Office if you have not received your ACCESS ID and ACCESS PASSWORD**



News from the Learning Commons

Happy New Year! I hope your children were able to rest and rejuvenate over the holiday break, and (fingers crossed) found a minute or two to read a book. I just wanted to share a few fun facts about what has been happening in the Learning Commons at RIBMS.

Since September, 117 new titles have been added to our literature collection. These books range in genre from graphic novels to non fiction books on rocks and minerals. A wide variety has been added to hopefully pique the interest of all the students in the school.

The book that has been checked out the most so far this year is Diary of a Wimpy Kid, “The Getaway”, by Jeff Kinney.

5B is the class that has checked out the most books, with an average of 6 books per student.

Tait (grade 7) has checked out and read the most books so far this year. With Aden (grade 6) and Dylan (grade 8) close behind. WAY TO GO!

We have had 45 student book recommendations so far. These are books students have read and recommend their peers read. This has been a fun addition to our learning commons. The students often look at the wall to get ideas of new books to read. Thank you to all those students who have contributed to this.

2022 will be another exciting year here in the Learning Commons. Many more great titles will be added and the love of reading will continue. Thank you for your continued support.



YOUR YEAR | YOUR MEMORIES | YOUR BOOK

**DON'T GET
LEFT OUT**

ON YEARBOOK DAY

COST: \$31.50

DEADLINE: April 30th

METHODS: In-Office or Online

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

Grade 5 POD Reminders :

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. The grade 5 teachers felt that this was a good time to remind parents of a few items:

- 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. This can be done by checking each of their Google Classrooms for updates.
- If your child is going to be away, or is sick, please call the school office to inform them.
- 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.
- There are a few children who have been wearing their boots all day long. Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes to wear at school during the winter months.

Language Arts: In December we examined the poetry of Shel Silverstein and discussed figures of speech and figurative language. We will also be reading the novel *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. In the new year, we will be starting story writing! Students are encouraged to be reading at home, with a goal of 2 hours per week.

Math: We will be starting our division unit in Math and it will continue into February. I encourage students to practice their multiplication facts to make dividing easier.

Science: We will be finishing up our Electricity where students will look at building circuits and mechanisms using electricity, how to work with electricity safely, and how electricity affects our daily lives. This should take us to February.

Social Studies: We are continuing our study of the Regions of Canada, focusing on the Canadian Shield region this month. Students will explore the landscape, resources, climate and history of this region. They will also have the opportunity to see a recreation of the route the voyageurs took during the fur trade in this region!



Grade 6 POD

Language Arts: We will be finishing up our short story unit by reading a few more short stories and then working on completing our own short stories. This is a component for the PAT, so we will be spending some time on ensuring students understand the format and feel comfortable with this genre of writing.

Math: In January students will start looking at their third unit - Fractions, Decimals & Percent. They will convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, look at ratio, and show understanding of percent (limited to whole numbers). All information is posted in google classroom to stay caught up while students are away, or if they need extra practice.

Science: We are still busy working on our Sky Science unit! Start paying attention to the sky and the phases of the moon to help your child out with their science learning this month! All information is posted in google classroom to stay caught up while students are away, or if they need extra practice.

Social Studies: December is a busy month of diving into local government! Our *Social City* project will lead us into the new year as well.



Your Guiding Adventure Starts Here!

At Girl Guides, we aim to empower every girl to be everything she wants to be by providing them a safe space to shine, take the lead and explore new challenges and interests. Registration for the 2021-2022 Guiding year is now open!

Register at www.girlguides.ca/joinnow

Grade 7 POD

Language Arts: Welcome back! We are finishing up our unit on *The Giver* with our Mock Trial. This trial will allow students to develop their persuasive writing and speaking skills. We will follow up our class novel with a book club. Students will choose from a list of dystopian novels and apply the skills and knowledge they learned throughout the last unit to analyze literature independently. Students will also write a mid-term exam by the middle of February, covering our units on short story analysis and dystopian fiction.

Math: As we start 2022, students will begin our third unit, which consists of the addition and subtraction of integers. In this unit, students will add and subtract integers using manipulatives, then diagrams, and then students will finish off by adding and subtracting integers symbolically.

Science: Students will start the month by beginning the third unit - Planet Earth. This scientific study of Earth will be based on direct observation of landforms and materials that make up Earth's surface and on the sample evidence and models we have of Earth's interior. Reminder to use Google Classroom to catch up on any missed classes.

Social Studies: We will be starting Chapter 5 which focuses on the war between the French and English and how it ultimately led to Canadian Confederation. All material will be made available on Google Classroom as we cover it in class.



feeding hungry minds



Thank you to the

Power Full Kids Eat Well Program

**for sponsoring a nutritious Subway breakfast for
our students on January 11, 2022.**

This program is supported in part by the
President's Choice Children's Charity.

Grade 8 POD

Language Arts (Mr. Willems): Happy New Year! In the remainder of January, we will be finishing up our 'Picture Books Say Something' unit. We will be focusing on story editing and enhancing, learning new tools to take our writing from good to great. Since it's the new year, it's also time for goal setting. We will be uniquely focusing on all 6 language arts: reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and representing.

Math (Mrs. Berry-Furtado): During the month of January, we will be working through Chapter 4: Patterns & Relations. It begins with students analyzing linear relations through equations, graphs and tables of values. Next, we will explore solving equations. This is an extension of Math 7 and again, we will utilize algebra-tiles to help us understand all of the steps required to solve different equations. At the conclusion of Chapter 4, we will spend some time preparing for the Midterm. This is a cumulative exam assessing Chapters 1 - 4. The Midterm is scheduled for February!

Science (Mr. Ginther): In January, we will be continuing our light and optics unit and moving on to our mechanical systems unit. Students can look forward to our Rube Goldberg project. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will be writing a midterm exam in February so it's never too early to start reviewing.

Social Studies: (Mr. Smith): We will be finishing up our study of the Renaissance unit in January. Students will complete their journey with an escape room opportunity where they can potentially earn the answer key to the Midterm study review guide.

New Year's Resolutions Anyone?

How about setting some New Year's Resolutions to work on as a family or group? Working as a team may improve your goal setting and the chances of success at building healthy habits together! Here are some ideas:

- 1) limit fast food to once a week or less.
- 2) add at least one fresh fruit snack to your daily routine.
- 3) spend 30 minutes outside playing every weeknight. If the weather is bad, play an active game indoors.
- 4) pick a fun run/walk or 5K a few months away, sign up, train as a group, and participate in it together.
- 5) share a meal (whether it's supper or breakfast) together four days of the week, and **DON'T** use cell phones at the table!
- 6) play a boardgame together one night a week and enjoy some quality time together.



Basketball Bears

Wow!! What a turnout for our basketball tryouts! We had over 100 students tryout for our basketball teams. The sportsmanship was elite and the competition was intense. Everyone who tried out and did not make it should be proud of themselves. And if you did make it, congratulations.

We are excited to announce that for our home games and tournaments we are allowing spectators again!! Please see the below guidelines we are following.



RI Baker Spectator Regulations for 2021/2022

League Games

2 spectators per athlete will be permitted into the gymnasium. Rosters will be at the front door and as spectators enter, they will give the name of the player that they are there to watch.

Spectators must remain masked at all times. We also ask that spectators and players sanitize their hands as they enter the building.

Home and visiting spectators will be split in the bleachers marked home and away.

Fans are to socially distance in the bleachers.

Tournament Play

2 spectators per athlete will be permitted into the gymnasium. Rosters will be at the front door and as spectators enter, they will give the name of the player that they are there to watch.

We ask that fans do not arrive early for the game. Players can be dropped off 45 minutes before game time, but fans must wait outside. Fans will be permitted to begin entering the gym once the previous games fans have left, or about 10 minutes before tip off.

All fans will enter the school through the main doors of RI Baker. They can then enter the gym through the main entrance gymnasium doors after they have been given approval by the volunteer door person.

All fans will exit through the back gymnasium doors and then proceed directly outside.

Spectators must remain masked at all times. We also ask that spectators and players sanitize their hands as they enter the building.

Home and visiting spectators will be split into the marked bleachers. **Teams will be assigned home or away in the tournament schedule. Whichever team is the top team on the bracket is home and bottom team is visitor.

Fans are to socially distance in the bleachers. Places have been marked on the bleachers that indicate where fans are able to sit.

If teams play one game a day, they must leave immediately after the game, if they play more than one game, a room will be provided for them to wait in till their next game, they are not to roam the school.

At this time, RI Baker will not be asking fans to prove a negative COVID test or proof of vaccination.



With a **one-time application fee** of **\$29.99** kids can ski & snowboard for free across **Canada!**

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 - You can ski not once, but TWICE at every participating ski area
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 - Fun with Family and Friends.
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Office phone: 403-345-6009
Phone/text/WhatsApp 📞 : 403-915-3145
Email: cclcoffice@gmail.com
Website: communityclasses.ca
Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (located in the library)

Emergency First Aid CPR A & AED

In this one day course, students will learn to recognize and provide interventions for life threatening emergencies until medical aid arrives. Topics include: CPR and choking for adults, shock and unconsciousness, severe bleeding, head and spinal injuries, major medical conditions, and AED training and certification. Instructed by St. Johns Ambulance.

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022
Time: 9:00 – 5:30 pm
Where: Coaldale Public Library
Fee: \$125
Register by: March 7



Join an English class!

Shaughnessy
Picture Butte
Coaldale

Some classes offer childcare while you attend class.

Call/text/WhatsApp 📞 : 403-915-3145
for more information.

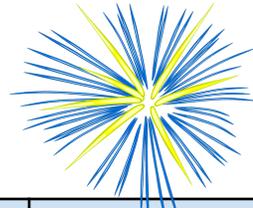
Safe Food Handling Certificate

Instructed by Alberta Health Services. This fast paced, one day course prepares participants for the exam and certification required by Section 31 of Alberta's Food Regulation. Participants will learn about food safety topics including microbes, foodborne illness, food preparation and storage, and cleaning and sanitizing. Participants complete a 50 question multiple choice exam at the end of the course, and if successful, will receive a certificate and be added to the provincial registry. This course provides the same certificate as the 2 Day Food Safety Alberta Certification course. A good understanding of written and spoken English is recommended.

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Where: Coaldale Public Library, 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale
Fee: \$100
Register by: April 12

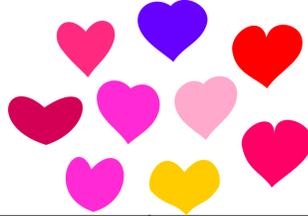


January 2022 *Happy New Year*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Welcome Back to School RIBMS! *JEEES PD DAY only*	4	5 Wally's Lunch	6	7
10	11 School Wide Free Subway Breakfast  feeding hungry minds	12 Taco in a Bag Lunch	13	14
17	18	19 Coaldale Bakery Lunch	20	21
24	25	26 KC Pub Lunch	27	28 NO SCHOOL RIBMS PD Day
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February 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 Wally's Lunch	3	4
7	8	9 Subway Lunch	10	11 NO SCHOOL PD Day
14 Valentines Day 	15	16 A1 Pizza Lunch	17	18
21 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break	22 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break	23 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break	24 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break	25 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break
28		Looking ahead to March: March 18, 2022 - NO SCHOOL Division PD Day March 25, 2022 - NO SCHOOL RIBMS PD Day 		

FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH - Due JANUARY 26, 2022

Student Name (R.I. Baker Middle School)

Hot Lunch is DUE JANUARY 26 @ 12:00 noon. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

If your child is absent the lunch will be left in the fridge until the next day!

Wally's Lunch - FEBRUARY 2

SUBWAY - FEBRUARY 9

A1 Pizza - FEBRUARY 16

FEBRUARY 2 - Wally's Pizza

- Lasagna & Garlic Toast [add \$8.00]
- Chicken Fingers & Fries [add \$8.00]
- 2 - Lasagna & Garlic Toast [add \$15.75]
- 2 - Chicken Fingers & Fries [add \$15.75]

FEBRUARY 9 - Subway

Sub, Apple Juice & Cookie

- Ham & Cheese Sub [add \$5.75]
- Turkey Sub [add \$5.75]
- Cold Cut Sub [add \$5.75]
- Pizza Sub [add \$5.75]

FEBRUARY 16 - A1 Pizza

8" Personal Pizza

- Cheese Pizza [add \$7.75]
- Pepperoni Pizza [add \$7.75]
- Hawaiian Pizza [add \$7.75]
- 2- Cheese Pizza [add \$15.50]
- 2 - Pepperoni Pizzas [add \$15.50]
- 2 - Hawaiian Pizzas [add \$15.50]