

THE PAWPRINT

RI Baker Middle School, Coaldale, Alberta



May 2024 Edition

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring! It is so awesome to see some nice weather! As we look ahead to the final few months we have a lot to look forward to.

All of our year end trips and events are going to be running as usual this year.

But before the fun begins we need to remember we have to give our learning a final push to ensure we end on a strong note.

This is a great time to check your child's progress in their classes and if you have any questions you can email your child's teacher directly. You can do this through Edsby and Google Classroom.

Also we have our final parent council meeting in person on May 21st, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the staff room. There will be pizza and refreshments provided for the last meeting of the year. Parent council is a great way to stay informed and have a hand in your child's education.

Enjoy the spring-like conditions and let's finish the 2023/2024 school year strong!

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Important Dates

May 1: Wiebe's Hot lunch

May 2: RIBMS Track Meet

May 6: Grade 6 Band Trip

May 7: Grade 6 Band Trip

7:00pm RIBMS Art Gala at the Coaldale Library

May 8: Tim Horton's Hot lunch

May 10: Brain Science Presentation

May 15: Buster's Hot lunch

May 17: No School - PD Day

May 20: No School - Victoria Day

May 22 Edo Hot Lunch

May 29: LSAA Track Meet

KFC Hot Lunch



TEACHER REQUESTS

Late each spring, the JEES and RI Baker school administrators meet with the grade level teachers and our learning support teachers to place students in classrooms for the following year. Much deliberation goes into these assignments.

Some of the things we consider include:

- Student needs Learning assistant assignments
- · Academic balance
- · Behavior needs
- Class size
- Student relationships.

We create classes within each grade that are as similar as possible to each other. Many parent requests for a specific teacher, or to be with friends, make it very difficult to accomplish this. For this reason, parent requests for specific teachers, or to be with friends, will not be accepted. We understand there are cases where things are not ideal socially, but we always do our best with the 350 students we organize and plan for.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jason Prebushewski at 403-345-3340.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Mr. Prebushewski will be making visits to Jennie Emery Elementary and Sunnyside School to "Meet and Greet" Grade 4 students that may be coming to R.I. Baker next year. This will be an excellent opportunity to address any questions or concerns the students may have had regarding "Middle School" and all that entails.

On Tuesday June 11, 2024 from 6:30 pm there will be a New Student Orientation held at R.I.Baker Middle School, all are welcome to attend!

*STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING R.I. BAKER FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents, as we plan for classes next year and look into staffing for the fall, could you please let us know ASAP if your child or children, grades 5-8, will not be attending RIBMS in the fall. Thank you!



GRADE 5 POD



LUNCH TIME REMINDERS: Microwaves are available for lunch. Parents/Guardians, if your students' lunch requires a utensil (spoon, fork, etc) they MUST bring one from home. Thank you!

5A - MR. KIM

5B - MRS. NAST/MRS CONRAD

5C - MRS. ROSENTRETER

5D - MR. OLESEN

We would like to wish all mothers out there a very happy "Mother's Day."

Language Arts: Swap will be starting up again on May 6th and will continue until May 31st. A major focus this last round will be really digging deep into reading comprehension strategies.

Other Subjects: Please see your child's Google Classroom and/or Edsby (gradebook) for specifics on what they are working on in Science, Social Studies, and Math.

GRADE 6 POD

LUNCH TIME REMINDERS: Microwaves are available for lunch. Parents/Guardians, if your students' lunch requires a utensil (spoon, fork, etc) they MUST bring one from home. Thank you!

MATH - MACKLIN

Students will be wrapping up Unit #7: Transformations, early this month. Students have learned about motion geometry in this unit such as rotations, reflections, translations and plotting point along the x and y axis on a co ordinate plane. We will start units #5 & #6 (Geometry & Angles) throughout the month of May. Students will all need a protractor for this! An email will be sent to families for which type to get.

SCIENCE - MACKLIN

We are in full swing of our last unit this year; Trees & Forests. Students will learn about the various roles that plants, trees and forests play in the environment, as resources, as recreation, and as habitats. We will also discuss specific classifications of parts of a tree and its leaves, as well as the bark and the inner layers of its trunk. We are lucky to start this unit in Spring as there will be many opportunities to venture outside and observe this wonderful unit in nature! Please be sure your child has their walking permission form signed; you can do this on School Cash Online.

LANGUAGE ARTS - NETZEL

We are continuing with our film study of The Princess Bride and working toward creating a visual essay outline. Students will be

learning about essay structure and its different components, then creating a poster focused on one specific character from the movie and developing an essay outline based on three character traits in a poster format. We will then be moving into a poetry section, focusing on both reading/comprehending poetry as well as creating some poetry.

SOCIAL STUDIES - CONRAD

Students have learned a lot about democracy thus far, from its early roots in Ancient Athens to its modern day application at the local and provincial levels. We have completed our unit about Ancient Athens, the birthplace of democracy, and have now turned our attention to the beginnings of democracy in Eastern Canada. This last major unit in Social Studies will focus on the Iroquois Confederacy, examining the role and application of decision making by consensus.

Our Grade 6 Field Trip will take place on Tuesday, June 4th, and we will be going to the Calgary Zoo! Please check the permission form on School Cash Online and the email sent home April 25th, for more detailed information.

MATH-MRS.SMART

In May, students will be moving into their Data Analysis & Probability unit, which is the seventh unit of the year. They will be creating circle graphs, learning more about mean, median and mode, and conducting probability experiments. As we are nearing the end of the year, it is still crucial that students have their scientific calculators, rulers, geometry sets and a pencil! Please check in with your child about these supplies.

SOCIAL STUDIES - MS. SERBU

We will be finishing learning about the methods used to populate and strengthen Western Canada. Afterwards, we will look at the factors that led to the remaining provinces joining Canada and how joining Canada affected those areas and how they affected Canada as a whole. We will also touch on how immigration has helped to shape Canada.

LANGUAGE ARTS- MRS. HUFF

This month we will be wrapping up our novel study of A Long Walk To Water by Linda Sue Park. From here, we will be diving into our nonfiction research projects. Students are picking a person, place or event of their choice that is significant to them and they want to teach others about. They will create an informational text, with images, that will teach and inform their target audience about their chosen topic.

SCIENCE- MRS. SMART

We will be completing our Planet Earth unit this month, and moving into our final unit of the year – Structures and Forces. Students will investigate the properties of materials being used to build structures, and test these materials under different loads and forces. They will examine the different ways that structural components are configured and investigate strength and stability, and relate this to real life structures.

GRADE 8 POD

HUMANITIES (LA/SOCIAL)

Mr. Smith and Mr. Willems have created a life-sized board game to help students learn about the wonderful culture of Japan. This game is called 'Rising Sun, Bending Reed' and it will take the students through the history of Japan in 4 phases over 8 weeks. Currently, we are in phase 1 which focuses on Feudal Japan. This unit is Project Based Learning, which means that the students know what the projects (tasuku) are and they use their research skills to complete them to the best of their ability. Students are encouraged to work on this game at any point; they have the ability to earn extra money (rice) as the skills we are looking to develop are dedication, hard work and going above and beyond. Japanese culture puts a large emphasis on honour and that is something we want to emulate.

MATH-MRS. BERRY

Early in the month of May, we will complete Chapter 6: Prisms & Cylinders. Then, we will tackle Chapter 7: Data Analysis & Probability. This chapter has the students critiquing ways in which data is presented through various graphs. Secondly, it has them solving problems involving the probability (experimental & theoretical) of independent events. Although this is not our last chapter, it is the last chapter that includes an exam!

SCIENCE-MR. GINTHER

In May students will finish up with their Mechanical Systems unit and move on to the final unit, Light and Optical Systems. Our understanding of the world is based largely on what we see- both directly, and aided by optical devices that improve and extend our vision. Such tools as the microscope and telescope have helped extend knowledge in a variety of science fields, from the study of cells and starts to studies of the nature of light itself. In learning about light, students investigate its interactions with different materials and interpret its behavior using a geometric ray model. Students then use their understanding of light to interpret a variety of light-based technologies and contemplate new technologies we may use in the future.

ATHLETICS

BADMINTON

Thank you to everyone that participated on our Badminton team this season. We saw a lot of growth in every player. We are hopeful that you will be able to apply those skills next year. Congratulations to the Bantam Team (Grade 7s) who took home a banner at COLJHAA! We had many medal finishes at the COLJHAA tournaments and strong performances at the LSAA tournaments. Great job Bears!

LSAA Finishes

- Grade 6
 - Bentley 4th Place
- Grade 8
 - Wytten 4th Place

COLJHAA Finishes

- Grade 7
 - Mataya Silver
 - ∘ Nixon & Kylie Silver
 - o Quinn & Casey Bronze
 - o Marenthe & Lulu Bronze
- Grade 8
 - o Sam Klassen Gold
 - William & Cohen Bronze
 - ∘ Ava & Jordyn Bronze
 - o Cara & Beckett Bronze
- South Zone Championships
- Grade 7
 - Marenthe & Lulu Silver



Special thanks goes to Miss Dejager, Mrs. Kabi, Mrs. Smart, Mr. Abdalgawad, Mr. Kim, Ms. Bright, and Mrs. Goertzen for volunteering their time to coach.

PHYS ED IS MOVING OUTSIDE!

Most of our physical education classes will now be outside for the rest of the year! Please remember to dress for the weather and to bring proper footwear for classes. A reminder that students will not be able to participate in crocs or sandals, and the dress code must still be followed.

RI BAKER TRACK & FIELD MEET

As part of the physical education curriculum, we are excited to say that the annual R.I. Baker Track and Field Meet will occur again this year. We will be back again at the UofL. Each event will be taught in PE then students will have the opportunity to choose three or four events they would like to compete in.

The date of the meet is May 2nd and we are very excited to see our students show off their skills!

Due to the unpredictable weather of Southern Alberta please make sure your child has adequate clothing for the day. Sunscreen, hats, and water are a must even if the morning starts out cool. All students will be participating so please make sure they have proper clothing and footwear. Subway lunch will be provided for all students this year!

Big thanks to all those parents who volunteered for the track meet!! Greatly appreciated!!

TRACK & FIELD 2024

Parents,

We are excited to be able to run a full track meet again this year for all our students, grades 5-8 at the University of Lethbridge. We will be at the UofL on Thursday, May 2nd. We will travel by bus there and back during normal school hours. We are scheduled to leave the school as quickly as we are organized that day, and leave the university by 3pm to be back in time for the buses.



We would love to see you out there cheering on your kiddos and enjoying the day with us.

DRESS & WHAT TO BRING

Students should wear comfortable clothes that allow for physical activity (eg. Shorts, sweats, etc.). If you have Baker gear, wear it! It will be cool first thing in the morning, so bring a sweater/coat! All clothing must meet the RI Baker dress code. All events must be done wearing shoes.

Every year, a large number of students get a sunburn during Track & Field Day. Pack some sunscreen and a hat. You also should pack a water bottle so that you can keep yourself hydrated, and some healthy snacks. Pack enough food to last the day. There may be a concession, but you might not have a lot of time to go to it. Students may want to have some money for the concession. No electronics are allowed!

LUNCH!

There will be no scheduled time for lunch. Students will get subway sandwiches in the morning at school, and can eat lunch in between their events. It is important that they stay hydrated and eat enough....it will be important for your performance. It is crucial that we clean up after ourselves.... or we will not be allowed back. No food or drinks other than water will be allowed inside the fences (where the track and field events take place). Please eat in the bleachers or at the tables in the common area.

Subway sandwich lunch will be provided, please ensure your child has told their homeroom teacher their sandwich selection. Snacks throughout the day are not provided.

SCHEDULE

Students will know their schedule in advance of the track meet. However, the schedule is tentative. The track schedule could run ahead or behind. Students will need to listen to announcements and pay attention to what's going on. All races will take place in order of grade (gr. 5 girls & boys, pee-wee girls & boys, etc.). Track events take precedence over field events. If students are in a track event at the same time as a field event, wait until the second call announcement has been made, then check out of your field event and go and run your race. Students will need to return to their field event as quickly as possible.

Student participation in track and field day is a part of your PE mark. Students who do not show up for their events will lose marks.

AGE CATEGORIES

Students will be competing against other students based on age categories. They are as follows:

Grade 5 - only grade 5s

U12 - grade 6 and those grade 7s who age down

U13 - grade 7 and grade 8s who age down, and 6s who age up

Ul4 - grade 8 and grade 7s who age up

*Aging down is based on birthdays, Mrs. Reimer and Mrs. Goertzen check every birthday to ensure students are in the correct category. We do have a few students who age up a category as well

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Reimer or Mrs. Goertzen.



NOTES FROM THE BAND ROOM

May is an exciting month for the Grade 6 Band, who are heading to SABC for their overnight trip on May 6-7. Permission forms were sent home back in mid-April. Forms and fees are due May 2, 2024.

Grade 6 Band Trip: May 6-7, 2024 to Southern Alberta Bible Camp (SABC) Final Concert: June 12, 2023 @ 7:00pm (RIBMS Gymnasium)

Mr. Conrad



2024/2025 Registration

Registration for the 2024/2025 school year at RI Baker is now open!

Please visit the RI Baker Middle School website at: www.ribms.c/2024-2025-registration

Please read the information closely to ensure you are clicking on the correct registration link, as there are specific links based on what grade your child is currently in.

*If your child is currently in Grade 6, 7 or 8 (at RI Baker) and planning on attending Coaldale Prairiewinds Secondary (formerly Kate Andrews High School) stayed tuned for communication from that school on how to register.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

May will be our last month of Hot Lunch for this school year. There will be NO Wednesday Hot Lunches for the month of June.

THANK YOU to all the businesses that helped feed our students and staff each Wednesday and to Mrs. Kurtz who organizes this service for RIBMS.



Don't miss out on purchasing a 2023-2024 Year book. **The cost is \$35.00 and the deadline is May 31, 2024**.

Go to your School Cash account to purchase one today!

May 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		1 Wiebe's Hot Lunch	2 Track Meet	3	
6 Grade 6 Band trip Grade 6 Band Trip RIBMS Art Gala - 7:00pm Coaldale Library		8 Tim Horton's Hot Lunch	9	Brain Science Presentation	
13	14	15 Buster's Hot Lunch	16	17 PD Day - No School	
20 Victoria Day - No School	21	Edo's Hot Lunch	23	24	
27 28		LSAA Track KFC Hot Lunch	30	31	

SchoolCashOnline

SCHOOL FEES & EXTRA CURRICULAR FEES

Fees are now due, so please access your School Cash Online account to see what your students' fees (school, athletic, band) 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://palliserregional.schoolcashonline.com



Our Lost and Found is located inside our Main Entrance. Please remind your students to look inside the benches there if they are missing something! (Eg/Hoodies, jackets, lunch kits, water bottles, binders...) Thank you!!

June 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Gr. 6 - Zoo field trip Zone Track - U of L	5	6	7
10	11	12 Gr. 7 - YMCA	13 1:00pm Athletic Awards	14
17	18	19 Gr. 6 Social P.A.T.'s	20 Gr. 6 Science P.A.T.'s	21
24 Summer Splash	25 Gr. 5 -7 Raymond Pool field trip Gr. 8 - Calaway Park field trip	26 Last Day of School For students	27 Division Wide PD Day	Hatte an Summer !



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!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Coaldale Spartans Football Club is hosting their annual Spring Training Camp. This is a great opportunity for new players to try out the sport.

Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 930am-3:30pm Kate Andrews-South Field Lunch Provided. Free of Cost

ATOM 8-10 yrs. PEEWEE 11-12 yrs. BANTAM 13-14 yrs.



Check out our Facebook page for updates- Spartans Football-Coaldale Call or text Alana Wheeler to register: 403 634 9953



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Teen Zone

Indie Game Studio Mikan House will be talking about making games and showing us a demo of their upcoming project:



June 14 12:45-2:00 pm



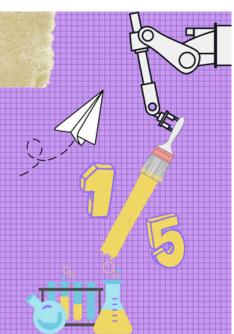
Ages 13+

Pizza will be provided



Students in grades 4-7 are invited to join us at the library as we explore STEM in all of it's various forms, followed by a snack!

Thursdays 3:45-4:45 pm









3/5/10 km run badminton baseball basketball (3 on 3) beach volleyball cribbage darts equestrian esports flag football



July 3-6 2024



golf
lacrosse
mountain biking
photography
pickleball
soccer/mini soccer
softball
swimming
track & field
weightlifting

REGIONAL REGISTRATION DATES

May 3 to May 31

southernalbertasummergames.ca



- Mark McIntosh
- 403-345-1324
 - mark.mcintosh@coaldale.ca







VENUES

REGISTRATION

Coaldale Civic Square

1901 - 200 Ave, Coaldale

Coaldale Sportsplex
1213 - 200 Ave, Coaldale

Coaldale Community Centre
1217 - 200 Ave, Coaldale

Coaldale Seniors Centre
1206 - 21st Ave, Coaldale

Kate Andrews High School

R.I. Baker Middle School

The Quads

Land-O-Lakes Golf Course

NEW Coaldale Rec. Centre

Stafford Lake Resort 1905? Top Ed # 2, Landeldy County Twisted Steel Fitness

Coaldale Pool

Scott's Barn Towardspille 100, Created

Owl's Nest Campground

Registration opens on May 3rd and will run until May 31st.

A link to the online registration will be available on the official SASG website.



www.southernalhertasummergames.ca

Regional Directors

Contact information will be available on the website in May. Your local director will be your point of contact for registration.



JULY 3 - 6

GAMES SCHEDLILE

REGISTRATION DATES MAY 3 - 31

'specific information on events being held at each venue will be available on the website at a later date

For more information, contact Mark Melatesh, 2024 SASG Coordinator of 400, 345-1324 mark melateshal conductor.

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LET'S GO TO SUMMER CAMP SABC 2024

CAMP IS FOR YOU!

You're not too young or too old for camp!

As our youngest campers make their first Splash into Lodgeside camp, continue their Voyage, embrace the Quest with the first full length camp, continue on the Adventure, Exploring what is next, then taking the Plunge to come back in junior high and choose the Pursuit of their faith in high school, camp has a space for everyone including families...

At the Fort, campers can adventure from Elementary to Jr High in this unique space.



CAMP IS FUN!

There are so many ways to experience the fun of camp at SABC

Lodge

Lodgeside is full of life with three circle camps to choose from offering new memories, friends, and adventures! Every day is packed with wide games, theme meals, awesome chapels and waterfront fun.



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Fort life is like no other! Soak up a week of making friends and enjoy the easy-going outdoor life full of classic elements such as the outtrip, competitions, wide games, and incredible chanels



Family Camp

Bring the whole family for the brightest week of your summer - connect and have some fun as you prepare

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CAMP ACTIVITIES

SARC is a place to adventure, try new things

grow in your skills, and have a ton of fun! Come experience activities from wall climbing to waterfront fun to building in the woodshop and more! Head to the website for details on activities and how each camp offers unique adventures for different ages of campers!

Splash, Quest, Voyage, and Pursuit camps offer the full scope of activities and games to get the most out of what camp offers. For all other camps, you curate your camp activity experience during registration! At the Fort, it's truly a choose-your-own adventure every day as activities are a place where imagination and play take on a whole new level.

CAMP HAPPENS ALL SUMMER LONG!

1	ODGE CAMPS*		Quest 2 (Gr. 2-4)	Jul 21-23	Jul 24-26		Voyage (Gr. 1-3)		
	Quest 1 (Gr. 2-4)	Explore (Gr. 6)	Adventure 2 (Gr. 3-6)	Splash 1 (Gr. K-2)	Splash 2 (Gr. K-2)	Plunge 2 (Gr. 7-9)	AIA Multisport (Gr. 5-8)	Quest 3 (Gr. 2-4)	
	Plunge 1 (Gr. 7-9)	Adventure 1 (Gr. 3-6)	AIA Volleyball (Gr. 7-12)		nture 3 3-6)	Pursuit (Gr. 9-12)	Waterski (Gr. 7-11)	Adventure 4 (Gr. 3-6)	Family Camp All Ages
1	Jun 30 - Jul 5	Jul 7-12	Jul 14-19	Jul 2	1-26	Jul 28 - Aug 2	Aug 5-9	Aug 11-16	Aug 18-22
7	Fort 1 (Gr. 4-6)	Fort 2 (Gr. 7-9)	Fort 3 (Gr. 4-6)		rt 4 7-9)	Fort 5 (Gr. 4-6)	Fort 6 (Gr. 4-6)	Fort 7 (Gr. 7-9)	
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CAMP STAFF ARE THE BEST!

The SABC summer team are here for you! They are some of the most incredible people you will meet.

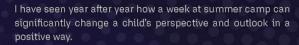
We know that great camps happen because of great staff, so we hire based on character, a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a love for camp and kids. Decisions made at SABC are guided by our mission and vision with a foundation based upon the Bible. This team is committed to making your week the best ever through training and teamwork!!!

If you are 14 or older check out the Staff/ Volunteers link on the website to see how you can join this amazing team!.

TELEIOS

Spend an unforgettable month at camp growing in leadership and faith through community and adventure at Teleios! Check out the website to learn more about this incredible opportunity for grade 10 and 11 students.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!



Fellow parents, I just encourage you to find a way to get your kids to camp. They will be encouraged and challenged as they meet new friends, take part in crazy and fun activities, and learn new things about the Bible and their faith. Our hope is that your child's light may shine more brightly as they experience the love and light of Jesus in their lives.



SIGN ME UP FOR SUMMER CAMP!



It's easy! Scan the QR code or go to sabc.ca and click on Summer Camps, Register Now and pick your week based on the grade finished in June 2024!

You will need a Campwise account. If you forgot your password, don't have an account, or have any questions, email us at registrations@sabc. ca or call 302-792-3644. We're happy to help!

