



SOUNDBITES

April 2018

A.E. Bowers Elementary School

Start your hair blowers, get the styling gel and sculpting mousse ready ... it's time for **Zany Hair Day** at A.E. Bowers Elementary. Afro, beehive, corn rows, mullet? What bizarre hair styles will be on display? No need to spend extra time coiffing your hair to perfection on April 20, just bring your bed head and join Bowers students and staff for a funky day of fun. For all of the 'hair-raising' details, call the school office at 403.948.4511.

Bears paw School

There's a buzz in the air at Bears paw School with the finale of the school's annual **Spelling Bee** just around the corner! After weeks of practice, Bears paw students are ready to demonstrate their prowess as each class sends one or two representatives to the 'spell-binding' competition, Apr. 17 at 10:30 am. Parents are welcome to attend. Contact Jennifer Saville at 403.239.9607 for the details.

Beiseker Community School

The monthly **Career Planning Presentations** continue at Beiseker Community School in the Creative Commons in April. Several institutions will present their post-secondary programs to Gr. 10-12 students/parents from 10:00-10:45 am on:

- April 11 - Canadian Armed Forces
 - April 18 - RCMP
 - April 25 - Calgary Fire Department
- Call Andrea Wiens at 403.947.3883 if you'd like to know more.

Beiseker Community School opens its doors, Apr. 26, for a **Celebration of Learning**, showcasing student work with projects and presentations on display in the gym. The evening will include a sweet element, with dessert served out of Snack Shack, and an opportunity to purchase reading materials at the Book Fair in the Learning Commons. All the fun begins at 5:00 pm! For more information, contact Fraser Montgomery at 403.947.3883.

Bert Church High School

Bert Church students are getting ready to share Semester 2 work with parents at the school's **Exhibition of Learning**, May 3 at 5:00 pm. Dynamic learning will be take center stage with interactive presentations and activities planned for the evening. Why not come out and see what the Chargers have been up to! For full details, call the school office at 403.948.3800.

Mark your calendars for May 10, 11, and 12! That's when Bert Church High School will present Agatha Christie's "**And Then There Were None**", billed as the world's bestselling murder mystery thriller of all time. The plot sees ten apparent strangers lured to a mysterious island under false pretenses, where one-by-one they die unexpectedly in a manner corresponding to the poem "Ten Little Soldiers". There must be a murderer among them, but who? Visit the school office to get your tickets now (\$7/adults, \$5/students/seniors) so you won't be in suspense much longer! A dinner theatre performance will take place May 11 as well, with time TBA.

Chestermere High School

You know Spring is in the air when schools trade in basketballs and hoops for badminton racquets and birdies! The Chestermere High School Badminton team currently is training to compete in **Badminton Divisionals**, Apr. 21. Competition will take place at Cochrane High School, Bow Valley High School and Mitford School. Go Chestermere go! For more details, call Tanya Everson at 403.272.8868.

Cooper's Crossing School

Each month Cooper's Crossing School highlights one of the 9 character traits based on Character Lab <<https://characterlab.org/tools>>. Throughout the year students



learn about each trait and have an opportunity to host one assembly. In April, the **Growth Mindset Character Assembly** will be hosted by Ms. Burndred's Gr. 1 and Mrs. Stockwood's Gr. 3 students, Apr. 19 at 9:20 am. For more information, contact Principal Todd Hennig, 403.945.4137.

Students at Cooper's Crossing will learn about heart health and the benefits of healthy activities when they participate in a variety of fun skipping activities this month. In addition, they will be able to "make a difference" by raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A kick-off assembly was held on Mar. 28, with the **Jump Rope for Heart** finale slated for Apr. 24. Call Trena McKinnon at 403.945.4137 to find out more.

Crossfield Elementary School

Crossfield Elementary's Parent Council is sponsoring a **Family Movie Night** in the school gym on Apr. 19. Pick out some comfy clothes, pack a cozy blanket and be ready to enjoy a night at the movies. The time and movie have not yet been determined, just to keep you in suspense! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call the school office at 402.946.5696 for more information.

Do eggs come in cartons? Is that steak really from the supermarket? Crossfield Elementary Gr. 4 students will find out more about where their food comes from when they spend the day at **Aggie Days**, Apr. 11. A

bonus will be getting up close and personal with real farm animals at the Nutrien Western Event Centre on the Calgary Stampede Grounds during this fun, and free, educational experience! For all the details, call the school at 403.946.5696.

East Lake School

East Lake School's Gr. 6-9 students know the importance of speaking positively about mental health, especially during the teenage years. This dedicated group of students has planned a **Mental Health Fair** to share their knowledge and open the door to awareness and communication about mental health. The event, slated for Apr. 11 beginning at 9:00 am, is open to students, parents, and the community. Contact Shannon Edeburn at 403.248.1091 or email sedeburn@rockyview.ab.ca for more.

The Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 students at East Lake School are busy preparing for **Spring Concert**, Apr. 25 at 6:30 pm. Their young voices are certain to warm your heart; we can only hope they will have the same affect on the snow banks out there! Call Christine Degner at 403.248.1091 or email cdegner@rockyview.ab.ca for the details.

École Airdrie Middle

What do Polish Folk Art (Wycinanki), African Drumming, Swedish yard games and Cabane à Sucre have in common? They're all part of **Multicultural Day** at École Airdrie Middle School on Apr. 27! A

wide variety of sessions will be available for students to choose from, all showcasing some aspect of another culture or ethnic group. For more details, call Stacy Pothier at 403.948.5969.

École Edwards Elementary

École Edwards Elementary wants to be in top form for the upcoming school dance, but how can they ensure that? By inviting **Sound Kreations** for a week long dance residency, Apr. 16-20, so students can learn a little hip and add a hop to their dance moves! To find out more, call Jaime Keenan at 403.948.5922.

They've hipped, they've hopped, and now they're ready to show off at the **Earth Day Dance** on Apr. 19! École Edwards Elementary's School Council will host a school family dance, beginning at 6:00 pm that day. Pre-purchase your tickets for \$3.50/each through School Cash, or call Jaime Keenan at 403.948.5922 for more information.

Fireside School

Fireside School is excited to announce its **Kickoff to Kindergarten** with a welcome event planned for June. Students will be given the chance to visit in the Kindergarten classrooms and participate in hands-on activities. Community and school services such as the library and Child Development Advisor will be present as well. Mark your calendars now for June 7, 4:00 pm, so you don't miss it! More information is available by calling the school at 403.932.4868.

George McDougall High School

George McDougall High School's Gr. 11 & 12 students will have the opportunity to experience different cross-curricular events outside of the school environment during **Discovery Days**, Apr. 26. Thanks goes to the venues in and around Airdrie and Calgary that will host GMHS students and provide learning opportunities that otherwise would not be available. Contact Kelsey Payne at 403.948.5935 if you'd like to know more.

Are there bottles cluttering up your garage and there's no time to take them to the depot? George McDougall High School has a win-win solution for you ... it's the **Band Bottle Drive** on Apr. 28! You can clean out your garage AND help support the band's fundraising efforts by dropping off bottles in the student parking lot between 9:45 am and 1:00 pm that Saturday. For more details, call Jordan Harris 403.948.5935.

Heloise Lorimer School

Splish, splash! In the month of April, Heloise Lorimer School's Gr. 1 and 3 classes will need to pack extra gear in their backpacks and thankfully, it won't be extra scarves and mittens! No, this time they will need to remember a bathing suit and towel as they head to Genesis Place for **Swim Lessons**. Watch for information about specific class days/times to come home with students or call Karyn Knapp at 403.945.4135 for more info.

Meadowbrook School

Students at Meadowbrook School are in for a treat, Apr. 30 - May 4, during **Experiential Learning Week**. A myriad of special interest classes has been lined up that entire week for students to choose from, including cosmetology, hunter's ed, outdoor survival, field of sports, drama, dance, coding, construction, forensic science, animal care, babysitting, baking and digital media. Wow! How do you choose? To find out more, call the school at 403.948.5656.

Mitford School

Time to dust off the running shoes and stop watches in readiness for the **Mitford Track Meet** on Apr. 27. Gr. 7 and 8 students are busy training for this event in preparation for RVS divisionals in May. You can find out more by calling the school office at 403.932.4457.

Term 2 will be celebrated at Mitford, Apr. 13, with the school's **Celebration of Learning and Recognition Awards**. Set to begin at 1:15 pm, the ceremony will acknowledge students who have achieved excellence in learning and accomplished good attendance records. More information can be obtained by calling the school at 403.932.4457.

Nose Creek Elementary

Nose Creek Elementary invites parents to its **Celebration of Learning**, Apr. 26, where students are excited to showcase their achievements. The evening will be drop-in style, running from 4:30-7:30 pm; no appointments necessary. To find out more, contact Penny Denman at 403.945.1001.

Prairie Waters Elementary School

Let the battle begin! Prairie Waters Elementary is set to host its **5th Annual Battle of the Books**, April 16-19. Teams of Gr. 3 - 5 students have worked hard to read 12 books and are now ready to battle it out by answering trivia questions testing their reading comprehension. On Apr. 19, this year's Battle of the Books Champion will be crowned in a finale that also will showcase two staff teams. Come check it out! Call Karen Gowda at 403.285.6969 for more information.

The **Jump Rope For Heart** campaign will kick off on Apr. 11 at Prairie Waters Elementary with an assembly at 2:00 pm. Students will be encouraged to gather pledges to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation between Apr. 11 and 27. Your support is appreciated! For more information, please call 403.285.6969.

Ralph McCall School

The time to read, read, read is now, because the Ralph McCall **Read-A-Thon** is underway! Organized by Ralph McCall School Council and Friends of Ralph McCall Society, this spring fundraiser encourages students to read 500 minutes over a 21 day-period and gather pledges for their efforts. The benefit is two-fold. More reading will take place and all of the money collected will support programs and events at the school. To keep school spirit strong throughout the duration, a staff challenge has been issued to CW Perry to see which school can raise the most. The event will wrap up at an assembly on Apr. 27 where total funds and top collectors will be announced.

And if that isn't enough, Ralph McCall has planned even more fun in April with these events:

- Apr. 12 is **Scrabble Day!** Which class will come up with the most words using the first letter of the first name and last name of all the students in the class?
- Apr. 27 is **Twin Day!** Dress like a twin and celebrate your creativity at the Read-A-Thon assembly.

Feel free to call Karla Patzer at 403.948.7030 for more information about any of these events.

Springbank Community High School

An open invitation is extended to the entire community for the Springbank School Councils' showing of **Screenagers**, Apr. 17. This eye-opening documentary (www.screenagersmovie.com) focuses on the impact of the digital age on children and how to help them find balance and minimize the harmful effects. Slated for 7:00 pm at Springbank Community High, the screening will be followed by a panel discussion. Tickets are \$5/person, available at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/screenagers-tickets-44454414350>. To find out more call 403.246.4771.

W.G. Murdoch School

In preparation for the 2018-2019 school year, W.G. Murdoch School will host a **Gr. 5 to Gr. 6 Parent Orientation**, Apr. 26 at 6:30 pm. Parents of Gr. 5 students currently at Crossfield Elementary are invited to W.G. Murdoch to learn more about what's in store for their children as they transition into Gr. 6 at WGM in the fall. For more info., call 403.946.5665.

Westbrook School

As another term comes to an end, Westbrook wants to acknowledge student and school accomplishments by hosting a **Term 2 Celebration**, Apr. 17 at 2:30 pm. Family and friends are welcome to join in the celebration, led by Gr. 6, 7 & 8s. Highlighted this term will be student recognition awards, honour roll and honourable mention, athletes and coaches, the school's success at One World Drumming, active living days, and the many acts of giving back to the global community. To find out more, contact Hana Hooper at 403.932.5443.

Westbrook School will keep tradition alive this April with the 58th running of the **Westbrook School Fair**. Students' skills and talents will be on display in a variety of categories including baking, horticulture, woodworking, science/technology, writing and photography. Judging begins on Friday, Apr. 27, with the public welcome to enjoy displays and congratulate winners on Saturday, Apr. 28 from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Contact Hana Hooper at 403.932.5443 for all the details.

Windsong Heights School

Badminton season for the Gr. 7 Windsong Wolves is right around the corner. Following try-outs at the end of March, after-school practices will commence in April for three weeks, culminating with a tournament on Apr. 26. Come out to the Clear One Badminton Centre in North Calgary between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to cheer them on. For more info., call Gregg Moss at 403.945.4149.