



SOUNDBITES

February 2018

Beiseker Community School

Beiseker Community School's Gr. 7-9 students will head to the Scotiabank Saddledome, Feb. 27, for the Calgary Hitmen's **Be Brave Anti-Bullying Hockey Game**. The Hitmen are hoping to top last year's attendance of 8000 students and teachers in an event that will focus on acceptance and prevention of bullying. Call Melanie Jackson at 403.947.3883 for all the details.

Beiseker School's **Career Planning Presentations** continue in the Creative Commons, running from 10:00 - 10:45 am on:

- Feb. 7 - Olds College
- Feb. 14 - Prairie College
- Feb. 28 - SAIT Culinary

Students and parents are invited to drop by and learn about the program offerings at these institutions. To find out more, call Andrea Wiens at 403.947.3883.

Bert Church High School

Due to the school break in February, Bert Church's **School Council Meeting** will be later in the month than usual, slated for Feb. 28 at 6:30 pm. New members are

always encouraged to join to learn more about the school's culture and provide input for improvement. Trustee Melyssa Bowen will be in attendance as well. Hope to see you there!

The date of Bert Church's **Gr. 8-9 Parent Info Session** is fast approaching. On March 7 at 7 pm, all 2018-2019 Gr. 9 students and their families are invited to an orientation to learn more about Gr. 9 programming and the many opportunities and supports available for student success at Bert Church. Grade level administrators, counsellors, and learning lead teachers will be available to consult with about student needs. Be sure to mark your calendars now so you don't miss it, or call the school office at 403.948.3800 to find out more.

Chestermere High School

Chestermere High School invites you to its production of **Almost Maine**, "the most popular high school play in North America", running March 22, 23 and 24. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$13 through School Cash Online at <https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com/>. Schools interested should contact bhofbauer@rvschools.ab.ca about group pricing. Show times are 7:00 pm on March 22 & 23, 2:00 and 6:00 pm on March 24. For more details, call Bryan Hofbauer at 403.272.8868.

Chestermere High School's Student Government once again is supporting Canadian Blood Services with a **Blood Drive**, Feb. 23 at the Chestermere Recreation Centre. Students over the age of 17 and parents/ community members are welcome to donate blood on behalf of Chestermere High School. Sign up during the blood typing event at the school on Feb. 7 over the lunch hour or online at blood.ca/donate. Call Kathleen Jones at 403.272.8868 for more information.

Cochrane High School

Oh, the good ol' hockey game! You know the one, the annual **Cochrane Classic Charity Hockey Game** between Bow Valley High School and Cochrane High? This year's classic is set for Feb. 14, 4:00 pm at Spray Lakes Sawmills Family Sports Centre in Cochrane. It's always a fan favourite, so be sure to come out and cheer them on. Details available by calling Lisa Gordon-Reece or Gale Cote at 403.932.2542.

Extra caffeine may be needed at Cochrane High for the **Wake-a-thon Fundraiser**, Feb. 8-9, as students 'burn the midnight oil' from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am in the final push to reach the \$10,000 fundraising goal to build a school in Africa. Opening ceremonies kick-off the team event at 7:00 pm, with plenty of food, games, and fun lined up to ensure no one nods off during the night! Contact Lisa Gordon-Reece or Gale Cote at 403.932.2542 to find out more.



Cooper's Crossing School

What was it like to be a kid 150 years ago? Cooper's Crossing students will find out, Feb. 12-16, when **Trickster Theatre** artists guide them in a celebration of Canada 150 and the good ol' days! During the 5-day residency, each class will explore what it was like to be a kid in the past and discover answers to their big questions. A final showcase will be shared with families and community members at two school-wide performances, Feb. 15 at 5:30 & 7:00 pm. Why not come out and see what these young pioneers learned about the past!

Be Brave! That's the message Cooper's Crossing School Gr. 4 leaders will learn when they attend the Calgary Hitmen Anti-Bullying Game, Feb. 27, and bring home to share with their peers at the **Pink Shirt Day Assembly**, Feb. 28, 9:20 am. The day at the Saddledome will include information booths, a flash mob dance, guest speakers, and the Hitmen game, all focused on how to create a caring culture in school and how to prevent and address bullying. The school assembly also will introduce the February Character Trait - Social Emotional Intelligence. For more information on either of these events, contact Trena McKinnon at 403.945.4137.

Crossfield Elementary School

Crossfield Elementary's Gr. 5s will hit the slopes at WinSport, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, to participate in the **Ski/Snowboard Program**. Here Students will be under the care of highly

qualified instructors who are experts at ensuring all students have a fun experience in a safe environment and who desire to spark students' interest to stay active through winter sport! For all the details, call the school office at 403.946.5696.

Three-Way Conferences at Crossfield Elementary are an integral part of the Communication of Student Learning. Beginning at 4:00 pm on Feb. 14 & 15, the conferences will guide students and parents through a reflection process where they will identify the student's strengths, areas for growth, and goals to work towards. It also may include strategies to help parents support their child. Find out more by calling the school office at 403.946.5696.

C.W. Perry School

C.W. Perry's Performing Arts presents **Guys and Dolls Junior!** The show is based on the legendary award-winning, musical comedy classic about rolling the dice and falling in love under the lights of Broadway. The show runs Feb. 1 & 2, with doors open at 6:30 pm for a show start at 7:00; a concession stand will be open during the 15-minute intermission. Adult admission is \$10; Child Admission (13 & under) is \$5. Tickets can be purchased through School Cash Online or at the door. Please note the show is recommended for ages 10 and up. For complete details, call Suzy Quendack at 587.775.3523.

East Lake School

Science is the recurring theme at East Lake School in February with two **Science Fairs** scheduled:

- The inquiring minds in Gr. 7, 8 and 9 have been testing hypotheses and analyzing results and invite any and all interested to drop-in to their **Science Fair**, Feb. 9, to hear about their amazing experiments.
- Are you curious to know which diaper is the most absorbent? Or if the colour of your eyes affects how you react to sunlight? If so, stop by the Gr. 5 & 6 **Science Fair** on Feb. 8. Students have been busy inquiring into all sorts of interesting ideas and are excited to share their findings with you!

For all the details, contact Jason Billings at jbillings@rockyview.ab.ca.

École Airdrie Middle

École Airdrie Middle School will open its doors for the school's second **Open House** of the year, set for Feb. 12 at 9:10 am. Parents are welcome to see what students are doing in class and experience the school culture for themselves. For more information, contact Laurel Gallant at 403.948.5696.

Falcons Got Talent! ÉAMS is excited to host its annual talent show, Feb. 16 at 12:00 pm. The honour of being crowned 'most talented Falcon' will be pursued by the top 10 performers in singing, dancing, film-making and piano. Judging the competition will be Superintendent Greg Luterbach, local radio host Leah Crawford,

recording artist Andrea Joy and her husband Jason E.P. Johnson, a former EAMS teacher, author, and speaker. To kick it up a notch, George McDougall Cosmetology students will be on site to do hair and makeup for the contestants. Be part of the fun by joining the whole student population to vote for the winner! Contact KD McGillivray at 403.948.5969 for all the details.

École Edwards Elementary

Students of École Edwards extend an invitation to parents to attend **Student Led Showcases**, Feb. 7 & 8, from 5:00-8:00 pm. These evenings will provide an opportunity for students to share their learning. In addition to these times, Kindergarten time slots are available Feb. 8 from 9:00 am - 3:45 pm. Parents are asked to use SchoolSoft to book appointment times. Contact Jaime Keenan at 403.938.5922 for all the details.

The count-down is on at École Edwards Elementary to the **100th Day of School**, Feb. 9! Throughout the day, students and teachers celebrate all of the learning that has taken place in the first 100 days of school and gear up for the last half of the school year ahead. Why not come out and join the fun or call Jaime Keenan to find out more, 403.948.5922.

Fireside School

February 17 is Random Act of Kindness Day! By definition, “a random act of kindness is a non-premeditated, inconsistent action designed to offer kindness towards the outside world”. To celebrate, Fireside School will host its own **Acts of Kindness Week**, Feb. 12-16, with an entire week of school-wide activities dedicated to encouraging and promoting kindness. For more details, call Helen Clark at 403.932.4868.

George McDougall High School

GMHS students are gearing up for **Mustang Discovery Days!** This school-wide initiative will see students heading out for a day in Semester 2 on a field trip related to their core subject areas. This exciting initiative supports the educational goals of RVS and Alberta Education by connecting students to experiences in their passion areas. All Grade 9-12 students will be involved on specific days as outlined in the school calendar. All the details are available by calling the school at 403.948.5935.

As the seventh year of George McDougall’s annual **Ride of the Mustang** approaches, students and staff members are excited to announce the goal of raising a cumulative total \$777,000 over the seven years of the Ride. As in the past, all money raised through this event will be donated to the Alberta Children’s Hospital (ACH) Foundation to help kids who are

fighting cancer. Over the past six years, the \$649,000 already raised has made a tremendous impact on those who rely on the services at ACH. This year’s ride is slated for March 27-29, with GMHS students already picking up their Ride packages and collecting pledges. To help them reach their goal, or to find out more, head to the school website or call 403.948.5935.

Heloise Lorimer School

Families of Heloise Lorimer School are invited to dust off their blue suede shoes for the **Family Valentine Dance/Cake Walk**, Feb. 14 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Tickets are \$5/family; students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Cake walk tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. Email dfalloon@rockyview.ab.ca if you would like to donate a cake; cakes can be brought in the night of the dance. What a wonderful way to celebrate Valentine’s Day with loved ones! To find out more, call the school at 403.945.4135.

Students at Heloise Lorimer School will celebrate the virtue of Integrity, Feb. 28, at the monthly **Virtue Assembly**. Hosted by the Gr. 4 and 5/6 split classes, two assemblies will take place, for K-Gr. 4 from 9:30-10:15 am, and for Gr. 5-8 from 1:30-2:15 pm. As Heloise Lorimer KNIGHTS, students will learn the significance of integrity and understand the importance of keeping one’s principles at all times, especially when no one else is watching. Call Karyn Knapp at 403.945.4135 if you’d like to find out more.

Indus School

A variety of scientific theories will be put to the test by Gr. 5-9 students at the **2018 Indus School Science Fair**, set for Feb. 13. Projects will be judged from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, then open to the public from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Winners of this annual event will continue on to compete at the Calgary Youth Science Fair in April. Call Chael Wyper at 403.936.5855 for all the details, then plan to come out and be dazzled by the brilliance of Indus' young Einsteins and Edisons!

Meadowbrook School

Students at Meadowbrook School will be going head to head with others in the division in a **Battle of the Books**, Feb. 15. The battlefield will be set up at the RVS Education Centre, where, beginning at 8:00 am, students' book knowledge will be tested by answering questions about the books they've read. Contact Erica Legh or Chris Gartner at 403.948.5656 to find out more.

The battle continues! To date, Meadowbrook School staff have bragging rights with an undefeated record in the school's annual **Staff vs. Students Basketball Game**. But this year students are certain that streak will be broken, and they are counting on you to help by cheering them on to victory. Go Bulldogs, go! Tip-off is 12:30 pm on Feb. 16. Contact Eric Shubert at 403.948.5656 for all the details.

Mitford School

Scientific theories and student design skills will be on display at the **Mitford School Science Fair**, Feb. 14, running in blocks 4-6, in and around the gym. This school-wide event is billed to be a celebration of the student-inquiry process, as Mitford's Gr. 5 to 8 students share their projects, which are based on grade team expectations. The Fair is open to all and begins at 11:55 am. More information is available by calling Scott Roen at 403.932.4457.

It was a hard fought Mitford Battle of the Books, Jan. 15, but in the end The Readasaurus Rexes edged out The Boxing Books in the semi-final with a score of 20! Congratulations to both teams who now have the honour of competing in RVS' **Battle of the Books**, slated for Feb. 15 at the Education Centre. For the next few weeks, these students will be immersed in books as they prepare for the final battle, a scenario that screams win-win! Call Kaitlyn Frey at 403.932.4457 for all the details.

Nose Creek Elementary

Nose Creek Elementary has launched a **Mission Impossible!** A demanding obstacle course will be set up in the gym, Feb. 1 - 16, for students to practise and develop their skills on. Their final mission will be to show mastery of the course and how well they have done in making the impossible, possible! To find out more, contact Marleane Morrissey at 403.945.1001.

Prairie Waters Elementary School

Ahoy matey! Prairie Waters' Grade 5s will set sail into their last year at PWE with their fine arts performance of **Pirates 2: The Hidden Treasure**. The adventure begins when a mighty storm rolls in and students find themselves shipwrecked on a deserted island! Be sure to chart your course so you'll end up at the school for the School Performance, Feb. 8 at 11:00 am, or the Family and Friends Performance, Feb. 9 at 12:00 pm. AARRR you in need of more information? Call 403.285.6969.

Prairie Waters invites its school families to the **Scholastic Book Fair**, Feb. 5-8, where the latest and greatest in children's books can be purchased. Support of this literary event is key in helping the school obtain new books and resources for its library. Watch for the Book Fair flyer to come home with details on how you can win books for your family and your child's classroom, or call Susan Hooper at 403.285.6969 for more information.

Ralph McCall School

Ralph McCall School is excited to host its **Annual Airdrie Food Bank Drive & Olympic Competition!** The Olympic Opening Ceremonies assembly has been set for Feb. 9. To show school spirit for this event, each grade will be assigned a colour from the Olympic rings to wear. Students will compete to see which grade can bring in the most non-perishable, non-expired food items. The Food Drive will run Feb. 1-28, so let the games begin! Call Karla Patzer at 403.938.7030 to find out more.

In support of **Pink Shirt Day**, Ralph McCall School's staff and students are encouraged to wear pink, Feb. 28. This school-wide campaign is to show that together we can prevent bullying in our schools, in our communities, and online. For all the details, contact Karla Patzer at 403.948.7030.

W.G. Murdoch School

You cheered them on from the stands, now you celebrate the achievements of W.G. Murdoch's athletes by attending the school's **Fall Sports Awards**, Feb. 15. Beginning at 10:00 am, the event will highlight the individual and team efforts its sports teams. Hope to see you there!

Want to find out what's happening at W.G. Murdoch these days? Then the place you need to go is to WGM's **School Council Meeting**, Feb. 27 at 6:30 pm, where you will find the answers and others who are interested as well! Call 403.946.5665 if you'd like to know more.

Westbrook School

Westbrook School ramps up the activity level, Feb. 12, with **Active Kids - A Day of Physical Literacy, Games & Fun!** Hosted by RVS & Jump Start Canada, Gr. 1-4 students will head to Spray Lakes Sawmill Family Sport Center in Cochrane to enjoy a day of activities that will include curling, kick-boxing, soccer, rugby, games on the turf, opening and closing with Yoga and Zumba. Call Hana Hooper at 403.932.5443 for more information.

After several weeks of practices and classroom auditions, the finalists from each class will pair up for the finale at Westbrook's **Lip Sync Competition**, Feb. 16. The fun begins at 12:00 pm that day so plan to be there when the school winner will be revealed! For all the details, call Jona Kondrat at 403.932.5443.