



SOUNDBITES

March 2018

A.E. Bowers Elementary School

JUNO nominee **Will Stroet**, star of the TV series *Will's Jams* on CBC Kids, will perform for the A.E. Bowers school community, March 1 at 6:30 pm. Will inspires kids to be active, healthy, creative and engaged in the world through educational music in both English and French. Doors open at 6:00 pm; tickets are \$5 each (*children 2 and under free but require a ticket*), available for purchase through School Cash Online, at A.E. Bowers or École Edwards. Invite your friends or call the school office at 403.948.4511 for more information.

Who will take home the coveted **Bowers' Cup** this year? To find out, head to the A.E. Bowers gymnasium on March 14 at 3:00 pm for the school's Annual Gr. 4/5 vs. Staff Floor Hockey Game. You'll be part of a group of wildly supportive fans who also don't want to miss a bit of the action! Call the school office at 403.948.4511 for the details.

Banded Peak School

Students at Banded Peak have practiced hard and auditioned for staff to showcase their skills and talents for the school's annual

Talent Show. Parents and community members are invited to the finale, March 29 at 1:30 pm, for what is certain to be a highlight of the school year. Call Lynn Fischer at 403.949.2292 for the details.

As part of Banded Peak's inquiry into "What are the consequences of innovation?", Gr. 5/6 students will welcome guests from the **Glenbow Museum's Landers and Builders** program on March 13. Through the exploration of artifacts, along with group discussion and debate, students will investigate the effects of cultural contact, its impact on people and the places they live. To find out more, call Kelly Lepard 403.949.2292.

Bears paw School

In what has become a tradition at Bears paw School, students and staff once again will celebrate the mathematical wonders of 'Pi' on March 14, **Pi Day**, the 14th day of the 3rd month! Students will put their memories to the test in the **Pi Reciting Contest** as they dazzle everyone with their ability to recall 3.14... to as many decimal places as possible. A piece of pie will be available for purchase for \$3.14, with the proceeds, as well as donated 'cylinders' (canned goods) going to the Mustard Seed. Call Brad Walls at 403.239.9607 for more.

The luck of the Irish is certain to be shining on Bears paw School, March 16, when Gr. 6 students host **Ceilidh In The Commons**, beginning at 12:15 pm. This event promises to embrace the Irish spirit with music, dancing, games, and of course, Lucky Charms! Rumour has it there may even be a leprechaun or two hanging out amidst the sea of green bodies that day, so you won't want to miss it! Contact Andy Sibley at 403.239.9607 for all the details.

Beiseker Community School

Career Planning Presentations continue at Beiseker Community School with the following institutions presenting the features of their post-secondary programs in March:

- March 14 - University of Alberta
- March 21 - Red Deer College
- March 28 - SAIT

Presentations begin at 10:00 am. More information is available by calling Andrea Wiens at 403.947.3883.

Grade 1-6 students at Beiseker Community School will 'bee' ready to show-off their spelling prowess, March 29, at school **Spell-a-Thon**. Students will begin collecting pledges March 21, with monies collected earmarked for the resurfacing of the tennis courts behind the school. Your support will 'bee' appreciated! Call Fraser Montgomery at 403.947.3883 for the details.



Bow Valley High School

Bow Valley High School Performing Arts is excited to present **Grease - The Musical, School Edition**, featuring all of the songs, characters, and dance moves of the original. So if you are as 'hopelessly devoted' to this classic as most, you should get your leather jacket on and head to the Cochrane RancheHouse Theatre for an evening of entertainment, March 22, 23 & 24 at 7:00 pm, or March 24 at 2:00 pm for the matinee. Tickets are available at BVHS office or at the door. Can't wait to see you there! To find out more, call 403.932.9005.

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.

What should you be doing in your spare time in March? The answer is a slam dunk, you should be cheering Chestermere High School Girls and Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball teams as **Basketball Playoffs** are set to begin the first week of March. After Divisionals are complete, all teams will be competing in Zones, with the Varsity

Girls and Boys at Chestermere High and the JV Girls and Boys at Foothills Composite High School. To find out more, contact Tanya Everson at 403.272.8868. Good luck to all!

Cochrane Christian Academy

Cochrane Christian Academy students want to showcase their learning during **3-Way Conferences**, March 26 & 27 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Samples of learning, projects, goal-setting and assessments will be shared with parents in this celebratory event, as students show-off their reading, writing, and math skills. More information is available by calling the school office at 403.932.5177.

Families of Cochrane Christian Academy are invited to join in the school's annual **Easter Chapel**, held this year at 1:15 pm on March 28. The service will include student performances as the school celebrates the occasion in scripture and song with family and friends. If you'd like to know more, please call 403.932.5177.

Cooper's Crossing School

The **Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off Assembly** at Cooper's Crossing School is set for March 28 at 2:00 pm. Students will gather to learn about Jump Rope for Heart and how they can be "Difference Makers" in the larger community. Contact Trena McKinnon at 403.945.4137 for all the details.

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 March, the **Self-Control Character Assembly** will be hosted by Mrs. Taylor's Kindergarten and Mr. Holmes' Gr. 3 students, March 7 at 9:20 am. For more information, contact Principal Todd Hennig, 403.945.4137.

Crossfield Elementary School

Students at Crossfield Elementary will have fun challenging themselves during **Mission Impossible**, a PE obstacle course that increases the ability of students to think critically and learn to work as a team. With the Mission Impossible theme song playing in the background, the goal is to get from one side of the gym to the other, with one student observing while the other performs the task. If the student doing the course touches an obstacle they must go back and start all over. Mission Impossible runs March 13-23 in the gym. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to get to the school to check it out! Call the office at 403.946-5696 for more.

It's true, ice skating is a staple pastime in the Great White North we live in! That's why students at Crossfield Elementary will have the opportunity to learn to skate or hone their 'Canadian' skills during **Skate Week**, March 5-9 at the Pete Knight Arena. For more details, call 403.946.5696.

C.W. Perry School

C.W. Perry School will host **I am Heart**, a presentation designed to help parents understand how stigmas and emotional coping processes can lead boys to suppress their authentic feelings. Parents will learn how acceptance and emotional expression promote resilience and self-esteem, with tools provided to assist in the “Do’s” and “Don’ts” of supporting boys’ emotions and how they express them. Plan to attend the session, slated for March 8 at 6:30 pm or call Lori Harknett-Kirby, lharknettkirby@rockyview.ab.ca, if you’d like to know more.

École Airdrie Middle

École Airdrie Middle School will host its annual **Dance-a-Thon** fundraiser, March 15 at 11:30 am. Dance-a-Thon proceeds have supported many school projects/activities over the years, including the rock-climbing wall, 4-square, mascot costume, talent shows, and band/sports equipment. Students will need to get into shape if they hope to stay on the dance floor for the duration of the event, so let the cardio training begin! Thankfully, there will be food and snacks on hand to sustain them as well. For all the details, contact Stacy Pothier at 403.948.5969.

Every year École Airdrie Middle School’s Gr. 8 students have the privilege of going on a **Quebec Trip**, a great opportunity to use their French language skills. This year’s trip is booked for March 9-12, and once again, students are buzzing with excitement at the prospect of partaking in Québécois food and

culture. Bon voyage! Contact Marie-Claude Lebel at 403.948.5969 to find out more.

George McDougall High School

George McDougall has set aside March 15 for **Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences**, beginning at 5:00 pm that day. This will be the perfect opportunity for parents to find out more about their child’s educational journey. Contact Roberta Harris at 403.948.5935 for all the details.

Heloise Lorimer School

March is **Spirit Month** at Heloise Lorimer! Every Friday in March, students and staff will be encouraged to wear school colours - blue, black, white, or gray - and have pride in the school and in themselves by staying true to “Let’s keep our school clean and tidy. Let’s recycle and reuse. Let’s help each other. Let’s practice our virtues – Courage, Justice, Compassion, Generosity, Faith, Integrity and Hope – every day! Let’s show SPIRIT!” Many activities have been planned, including Active Living Days, the Book Fair, and a Celebration of Learning. Karyn Knapp is the school contact if you’d like to know more; call her at 403.945.4135.

Heloise Lorimer School will celebrate **Hope** at its **March Virtue Assemblies**, with two gatherings slated for March 22. Hope is present every day in a Heloise Lorimer KNIGHT’s positive outlook and cheerful demeanour – it is the shining armour that shields him or her, and inspires those around. Two students from each class who embody and display the virtue of

Hope will be selected and presented a certificate at one of the assemblies that day, with a 9:30 am start for the K(AM)-Gr. 4 morning assembly, and a 1:30 pm start for the Gr. 5-8 and K(PM) afternoon one. ‘Hope’ you can join in the celebration! For all the details, call Karyn Knapp at 403.945.4135.

Mitford School

Mitford has definitely ‘hit the mark’ with this one! Beginning in March, students can learn archery through participation in the **National Archery School Program**. This will be part of P.E., Outdoor Ed., and an after-school program, running from now until the end of the year. Ayla Owens at 403.932.4457 can answer any questions you may have about the program.

It’s time to celebrate student learning at Mitford School! **3-Way Conferences** are slated to run March 26 & 27, giving teachers, parents, and students a chance to connect and collaborate. Conferences begin at 4:00 pm. Find out more by calling the school at 403.932.4457.

Nose Creek Elementary

Nose Creek Elementary’s **Lampighter Awards** will be handed out March 15, beginning at 11:00 am. The honour of this annual teacher-nominated award is bestowed upon students who display individual positive relationships, great attitude, and leadership in school and in the community. Contact Robert MacLellan at 403.945.1001 for more.

Spring may seem a long ways away, but Nose Creek Elementary hopes to hasten its arrival with not one, but two **Spring Concerts**, March 27 for the Gr. 4s and March 28 for the Gr. 3s. Both concerts begin at 6:30 pm and are sure to warm your heart and put a 'spring' in your step as you skip out the door ... (into the snow! Lol) Karlie Kenealey can be contacted at the school, 403.945.1001, for more information.

Prairie Waters Elementary School

It's gonna be outta-this-world! What's that, you say? It's **Alien Inline Skating** and it's happening at Prairie Waters Elementary, March 16-29. PWE students will have the opportunity to give inline skating a try or develop a skill they can enjoy for a lifetime! Call the school at 403.285.6969 if you'd like to know more.

Lunch Box Talks continue at Prairie Waters Elementary as PWE students grow their conversational skills. Kids get to have lunch with adults from around the community and discuss topics of interest, from which they will learn networking, professionalism, and how to keep a conversation going. Different classes participate each month, with the Grade 1 classes set to 'join the conversation' on March 16 at 10:55 am. For all the details, call 403.285.6969.

Rainbow Creek Elementary School

Rainbow Creek Elementary's Music department has a very exciting opportunity for students! Calgary Opera will be performing

Hannaraptor in an assembly for the whole school, March 7 at 1:00 pm. Set against the backdrop of the Alberta Badlands, Hannaraptor tells the story of a girl, Hanna, whose determination to protect a beloved dinosaur fossil propels her into a life-and-death struggle against greed, a story of love and loyalty in the face of painful loss. Students will be prepped for the opera during music classes prior to the event. To find out more, contact Cassandra Martin at 403.273.8129.

Exposure to the fine arts continues at Rainbow Creek in March when the director of the **Tryzub School of Ukrainian Dance** visits Gr. 3 classes, March 21 & 22, for 90-minute interactive sessions that focus on Ukrainian culture. Students will learn about the different regions of the Ukraine, try on authentic costumes, explore many beautiful artifacts, and learn some amazing dances from a professional instructor. Call Janice Cook at 403.273.8129 for more information.

Ralph McCall School

Who let the dogs out?? That may be what you think when you hear about Ralph McCall School's **Gr. 2 Musical "Arf"**! March 7 will be the night Gr. 2 students have their moment to shine as they perform "Arf" on stage, a canine musical of kindness, courage and calamity. Showtime is 6:30 pm. Call Jessica Jackson at 403.948.7030 for the details.

How do you celebrate learning? At Ralph McCall School, you host K-4 student-led conferences, March 27 &

28. These **Celebrations of Learning**, running from 5:00-7:00 pm, will give parents the opportunity to come into the classroom to see their kids eager to show off what they've been learning! The book fair also will be open both evenings. To find out more, call Karla Patzer at 403.948.7030.

RancheView School

RancheView School extends an open invitation to **Chef Nutrition**, March 22 from 6:00-7:00 pm, an engaging presentation featuring Chef Barb Thomas. Topics will include the importance of breakfast, how to fuel your body, and the effects of nutritional foods. Find out more about Chef Barb Thomas on her website at www.love2eat.ca, then [RSVP](#) online to indicate your interest. Email Jen Barton (jbarton@rockyview.ab.ca) for the details.

W.G. Murdoch School

Wonder what courses your child should take in Gr. 10 next year? To help with that decision, W.G. Murdoch School will host a **Gr. 10 Parent Orientation**, Mar. 8 at 6:30 pm. All Gr. 9 students going into Gr. 10 next year, and their parents, are invited to this orientation event where information regarding the 2018-2019 school year will be shared. Call the school office at 403.946.5665 to find out more.

Next question... Want to find out more about what's happening at W.G. Murdoch School? The best place to find out is at the **WGM School Council meeting**, March 19 at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Westbrook School

Westbrook School will host a **We Day Global Coin & School Supply Drive**, Feb. 26 - March 2. Organized by the We Day committee, this global initiative will accept coins and donations (hats, shoes, books, school supplies, etc.) to support the building of a water well in the Thar desert. Check it out at <http://www.muneerwelfare.org> or contact Kim Bonaventura at 403.932.5443.

Students at Westbrook School will share in the rich and incredible culture of West African drumming when the **One World Drum Co.** visits the school, March 19-23. The programming is certain to engage Westbrook's K-Gr. 8 students and expand their cultural awareness in a fun and enlivening way. Call Hana Hooper at 403.932.5443 for the details.

Windsong Heights School

Windsong Heights is taking learning on the road in March, with students heading out on **Field Trips** to the educational destinations ahead:

- Mount Royal University, March 6 - Gr. 6 and 7s will build aural skills by listening to the Royal Canadian Artillery Band performance in the Bella Concert Hall. Contact: Sharon Milner 403.945.4149.
- Telus Spark, March 22 - Gr. 3 classes will explore materials and structures in Ball Drop and have opportunity to investigate exhibits that may spark a passion for science. The contact is Krissa Donahue, 403.945.4149.

There's a new staff member joining Windsong Heights School and it's a 4-legged one! Through the Chestermere Therapy Dog Society, Cassie the Portuguese Water Dog will begin working with students in the **Listening Tails/Caring Tails** program at the school in March. *Listening Tails* is designed to help young children improve their reading skills and confidence by reading out loud to therapy dogs, while *Caring Tails* recognizes that some people need help coping with stress/anxiety caused by a traumatic event or short-term challenge. It is hoped that Cassie's caring nature will help the healing process begin. Call the school office at 403.945.4149 if you would like to know more.