

SOUNDBITES

May 2018

A.E. Bowers Elementary School

Something wild and wonderful is headed to A.E. Bowers! **Rogue Naturalist Science Theatre** Artist in Residence program will bring a closer look to Nose Creek Park, a special space near the school. Students will dive in (figuratively, that is) and explore the science of the wetland, then turn their new-found knowledge into theatre guided by Sarah 'The Rogue Naturalist'. A final performance is slated for May 10, 5:15 pm, for all to enjoy. Call the school office at 403.948.4511 for the details.

Passport to Kindergarten 2018 at A.E. Bowers has been set for May 24, 4:30-7:00 pm. It will be a great opportunity for the 'class of 2031' to check out their new school before September, take a guided tour, check out kindergarten classrooms and meet the teachers. As well, representatives from organizations in the community, including Airdrie Public Library and Community Links, will be on hand to share their offerings. Need to know more? Call 403.948.4511.

Banded Peak School

Banded Peak School is excited to host its third annual **Willpower Challenge**, May 28, in memory of former student Will Bouchard. The Willpower Challenge is a full day event for all Gr. 5-8 students and will allow the Gr. 7/8s an opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills through the numerous outdoor challenges planned, including an orienteering/geocache activity in the forest behind the school. Find out more by calling Craig Churchill at 403.949.2292.

Bears paw School

Bears paw students have talent and they want to show it off! That's why Bears paw School's **Annual Talent Show** has been scheduled for May 30 this year, to showcase the diverse talents and abilities of its student body. Parents will want to make note of the 10:30 am start time. For all the details, call Jennifer Saville at 403.239.9607.

Beiseker Community School

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

- May 9 - Calgary Police
 - May 30 - Mount Royal University
- Call Andrea Wiens at 403.947.3883 if you'd like to know more.

Beiseker Community School's Class of 2018 has been waiting twelve years for this milestone and now it's here! **Graduation** will take place May 11-12, a time for students and their families to celebrate this momentous occasion. Graduation Ceremonies will be held May 11 at 7:00 pm, with the dinner and cabaret at the Beiseker Community Hall on May 12. Tickets must be purchased in advance for this event. For more information, please call Glenda Stone at 403.947.3883.

Bert Church High School

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 strangers lured to a mysterious island where one-by-one they die unexpectedly. Wanna know who did it? Get your tickets now at the school office, \$7/adults, \$5/students/seniors or at the door. Show times are 7:00 pm May 10, 11, & 12, with a dinner theatre set for May 11, 5:15 pm. Tickets for the dinner, prepared by Bert Church culinary arts students and served by the actors, are limited in number and must be pre-purchased at \$25 each. For more information contact Kevin Goodyear kgoodyear@rockyview.ab.ca.



Bow Valley High School

Bow Valley High School's 13th Annual **Time for Hope Fundraiser** is slated for May 5 at 10:00 am. This year the goal of the 5K community-wide **Colour Run** is to raise funds and awareness for youth mental wellness and well-being. The Run will start at Mitford Ponds with sign-in/ registration from 8:00-9:30 am, a 10:00 am start-time, followed by live entertainment of DJ White Light and door prizes after the run. Register online at <<https://t4hcolourscochrane.eventbrite.ca/>> or contact Scott Thompson at 403.932.9005 for more information.

More 'colourful' events have been planned at Bow Valley High School in the month of May:

- **Black & White Night**, May 29 at 7:00 pm, when BVHS music students will perform music from a variety of genres. Tickets are \$10 and sell out fast so be sure to get yours early. Desserts and beverages included.
- **Blue & Gold Celebration**, May 30 at 1:00 pm, recognizing the achievements of BVHS students in Athletics and the Performing Arts. To find out more, call 403.932.9005.

Cochrane Christian Academy

Cochrane Christian Academy is getting ready to welcome a new crop of students in the fall by hosting **Kindergarten Orientation**, May 24 at 6:30 pm. Its purpose is to provide parents with program details and equip them with what they need to know to ensure a smooth start to Kindergarten for their children in September. For more details, call 403.932.5177.

Cooper's Crossing School

Cooper's Crossing School will host **Kindergarten Orientation** night for incoming families, May 10 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Parents are invited to bring their child, visit kindergarten classrooms, talk to community groups and learn more about what a day in the life of a Kindergarten student looks like. If you'd like to know more, contact Principal Todd Hennig at 403.945.4137.

There's bound to be a whole lotta shakin' going on at Cooper's Crossing School, May 30, for the Gr. 3 & 4 Spring Concert, **Rock and Roll Forever**. Students will be dancing and singing to the tunes of the 50s, 'rocking round the clock' at the 1:30 and 6:30 pm performances. So dust off your 'blue suede shoes' and we'll see you 'at the hop'! Call Andrea Todd-Osika for all the details, 403.945.4137.

Crossfield Elementary School

Crossfield Elementary's Parent Council is honoured to host **Teacher Appreciation Week**, the week of May 7. Guided by the tagline "To The World You May Be Just A Teacher, But To Your Students You Are A Hero", this week will be filled with treats and special moments to let teachers know just how much they mean to Crossfield Elementary students and families. Call the school office at 403.946.5696 to find out more.

It's **Welcome to Kindergarten** time at Crossfield Elementary, May 24 at 1:00 pm. Upcoming Kindergarten students and their parents will have

the opportunity to meet vendors and learn about services available within Crossfield, then head to the gym to enjoy the activity stations set up there. Principal Bob Rodgers will be on hand to provide information about Kindergarten and host a Q&A, while Assistant Principal Lisa Metcalfe will facilitate a tour of Kindergarten classrooms. More information is available by calling 403.946.5696.

East Lake School

East Lake School wants to do a 'shout out' to its awesome parent and community volunteers by inviting them to the school's **Volunteer Tea**, May 17 at 1:30 pm. It's just one small way for the school to show appreciation for the tremendous volunteer support this past year. Leslie Waite is the school contact for this event; email her at lwaite@rockyview.ab.ca to find out more.

Kindergarten Orientation at East Lake School for the new school year has been slated for May 30, 6:30-7:30 pm. All new 2018-19 Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to drop in to get a sneak peek of some of the activities they will enjoy in Kindergarten. Contact Leslie Waite, lwaite@rockyview.ab.ca for all the details.

École Airdrie Middle

École Airdrie Middle School's Gr. 8 Band will have the unique opportunity to perform in a professional setting at the **ABA Provincial Festival of Bands**, May 7 at the Red Deer College. It will be an honour for these

young musicians to be adjudicated by some of the top band directors in North America and get feedback and advice. For more details, call Brett Hillier at 403.948.5969.

Want to make a difference in the world? The Grade 8s at École Airdrie Middle School certainly do. This group of students has been working hard on Changemaker projects this year and haven chosen to host a **Changemaker BBQ**, May 24, in support of Airdrie Food Bank. In exchange for a donation to the food bank, students will receive a free hot dog over the lunch hour on May 24. Call Tiffany Moorhead at 403.948.5969 for more information.

Fireside School

The Friends of Fireside invite you to a meeting on May 17, 7:00 pm, to hear upcoming plans for the new **Inclusive Playground at Fireside School**. Plan to be there to find out more about this exciting new venture and the fundraising initiatives in the works. Contact Laura McDonald, President, at friendsoffireside@gmail.com for more information.

Fireside School is excited to welcome the 'big kids' over and enjoy the **Bow Valley High School Music Performance**, May 9 at 1:45 pm. Bow Valley's band, jazz band, and choir will perform (and likely inspire) Fireside students with their music ensembles. For all the details, call the school at 403.932.4868.

George McDougall High School

Are you a Grade 11 student at George McDougall High School excited about graduation next year? Then you'll want to be sure to attend the **2019 Grad Ring Preview**, May 3 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, where you can check out the choices and order your grad ring now so you can wear it your entire Gr. 12 year! Ring order days are May 8 & 9. Call Roberta Harris at 403.948.5935 for all the details.

The **School Council Meeting** at George McDougall High School has been set for May 15 at 7:00 pm. It's an opportunity to meet with school council, admin, and other parents to find out more about what's happening at George Mac. Details are available by calling Roberta Harris at 403.948.5935.

Heloise Lorimer School

Heloise Lorimer's Gr. 8 French students will be saying a brief 'bon voyage' to Alberta on May 12 as they head to Quebec on the **Gr. 8 French Trip**. There they will learn about the culture, practice the language in an authentic setting, and make memories to last a life time! For all the details, call Karyn Knapp at 403.945.4135.

The Grade 5 students at Heloise Lorimer School have been invited to the **Parks Canada Waterton Ecosystem Investigator Camp**, May 16-18. Thirty-one students, along with teachers and volunteers, will learn about the different ecosystems – the plants, the animals and the people – that live in this area and

come back well informed about preserving our natural habitats and what it takes to be a ChangeMaker! Contact Jill Quirk at 403.945.4135 for more information.

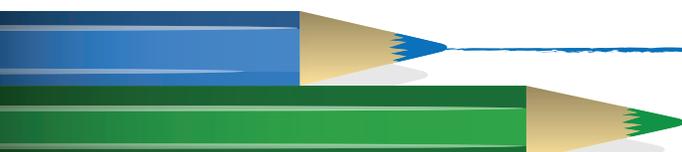
Langdon School

What do you get when you combine Rumpelstilskin, Goldilocks, Cinderella and Snow White? If your answer is "confused", you'll want be at Langdon School, May 2 & 3, for **Princess Whatsername**, a musical that takes a fairy tale setting, adds a bunch of unlikely characters, and creates a entertaining show for all ages to enjoy. Langdon's Gr. 6-9 cast and crew have been working hard to make sure this production will be a memorable one. Show times are 1:00 pm on May 2, 1:00 and 6:30 pm on May 3, with ticket prices set at \$5. Students will be able to enjoy a matinee at no cost. Seats have been assigned to the evening tickets, available on a first come, first serve basis. For all the details, call Chelsey Bird at 403.936.4579.

Mitford School

High jump, long jump, distance or sprint, all will require Mitford and Cochrane Christian Academy Gr. 7/8 students to lace up their track shoes in preparation for the school **Track Meet** on May 4. Students will compete in a variety of events, vying for a position at the upcoming divisional meet. Come on out and cheer them on!

Mitford School's Library is pleased to host the **Mitford Choice Awards**, May 29, beginning at 1:35 pm. Students will choose books to read



from three categories with five pre-selected titles in each, then rate their choices and submit to determine the winners. Mitford's Library Choice Awards also will include a presentation by Nan Boothby Librarian, Andrea Johnston. Find out more by calling Kaitlyn Frey at 403.932.4457.

Nose Creek Elementary

Nose Creek Elementary invites one and all to its **Me to We Used Book Sale**, May 3 & 4 at 9:00 am. It will be a great opportunity to purchase great reads at great prices for a great cause! Why not plan to come out and support the sale, with this year's proceeds earmarked for educational initiatives in Haiti. Call Robert MacLellan at 403.945.1001 for more information.

Kindergarten Orientation Night at Nose Creek Elementary has been set for May 23 at 6:00 pm. Parents are invited to stop by to meet teachers and learn about what their child will be doing next year in Kindergarten. Need to know more? Feel free to call Brandy Mitschke at 403.945.1001.

Prairie Waters Elementary School

Six years in the Primary Years Programme will draw to a close for Prairie Waters Gr. 5 students with the **Grade 5 Exhibition**. Each has chosen a topic of interest, conducted nine weeks of research, and is now ready to present. Friends, family, peers and the community are invited to the showcase, May 9 from 5:45-7:15 pm or May 10 from 8:30-10:15 am, to be inspired and impressed by what these students have learned. Hope to see you there!

Prairie Waters Elementary's Gr. 5 'graduating' class will be heading out, May 23, on their **Waterton Trip** where they'll spend 3 days and 2 nights at Waterton National Park, exploring the ecosystem, Indigenous Culture, and how to maintain harmony within. For more information about this excursion, call the school at 403.285.6969.

Ralph McCall School

Ralph McCall Kindergarteners are set to present **The Story of the Wide-Mouthed Frog**, May 10 at 6:30 pm. Family and friends will be entertained by the tunes these youngsters 'croak' out as they tell the story of the wide-mouthed frog! It's certain to be 'ribbeting'! Call Jessica Jackson at 403.948.7030 for the details.

Get Ready for Summer! Ralph McCall invites students and staff to show their school spirit by wearing beach or summer clothes (no bathing suites please!) to school on May 29. Ice cream cups will be sold for \$2, raising money to buy fruit and other supplemental food items for student snacks and lunches. To find out more, call Karla Patzer at 403.948.7030.

RancheView School

Volunteers are a valued and important part of the RancheView school community! As an expression of gratitude, the school will host its annual **Volunteer Appreciation Tea**, May 10 from 1:00-2:00 pm. Contact Jen Barton at jbarton@rockyview.ab.ca for more information.

RancheView has planned a couple of welcome events for students/families new to the school. On May 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm, a **Kindergarten Information Session** will be held for new Kindergarten parents and caregivers. Then **School Tours** will be hosted May 15, 1:00-2:00 and 5:30-6:30 pm. Tour guides will be on hand to navigate newcomers through the learning spaces and welcoming faces at RancheView School! Call 403.932.9811 if you'd like to know more.

R.J. Hawkey Elementary School

Ever wonder what would happen if there was a sudden electromagnetic attack resulting in no electricity, no cell phones, no laptops? What would kids do to entertain themselves?? Perhaps a visit from some resourceful grandparents and old-fashioned gadget-free adventures can save the day! Come to R.J. Hawkey, May 16 at 1:30 or 6:30 pm, to see the outcome of this scenario when the Gr. 3 & 4 classes perform the musical "**A Kid's Life**". Call Gayla Worden at 403.948.3939 for more.

On Friday, May 25 at 10:15 am, the Top 10 lip sync finalists will perform before an audience of schoolmates and parents at R.J. Hawkey Elementary's **School Lip Sync Competition**. (Psst... rumour has it there may even be a surprise performance by a group of adults so you won't want to miss the fun!) For all the details, call Gayla Worden at 403.948.3939.

RVS Community Learning Centre

The **Graduation Ceremony** for RVS Community Learning Centre students from the Airdrie, Chestermere, and Cochrane campuses will be held May 31, 2:00 pm, at the RVS Education Centre in Airdrie. It will be a grand celebration of achievement for these students, many who have overcome considerable barriers to reach their goals. Congrats to all! For all the details, call Murray Arnold at 403.948.4360.

W.G. Murdoch School

Do you like thrillers? Then you'll want to take in W.G. Murdoch's **What You Wish For**, a supernatural thriller written by Drama 10/20/30 students. The stage will be set at the Crossfield Community Hall, May 9 & 10; show time is 6:30 pm each night, with a dinner theatre seating at 5:30 pm on May 9. Dinner tickets are limited in number, priced at \$10; show tickets are \$5. Tickets go on sale May 1 in the school office. Call 403.946.5665 for more.

W.G. Murdoch's **Music Program** will present its final concert of the school year, May 23 at 6:30 pm. It will celebrate some of the great music icons, including Michael Jackson, Guns 'n Roses, the music of James Bond, and of course Lady Gaga. Sounds like there will be something for every ear to enjoy! For all the details, call 403.946.5665.

Westbrook School

Westbrook School students and staff will be getting out their best spring outfits to attend Theatre Calgary's **The Secret Garden**, May 3 at 11:30 am. For the past few years, literature has come to life through Theatre Calgary productions and this year Westbrook is excited to head out as an entire school community to experience a live performance together. Hana Hooper can be contacted at 403.932.5443 if you'd like to know more.

There will be much **Learning Outside the School Walls** for Westbrook students in the month of May as they embark on a bevy of field trips:

- Gr. 1/2 Telus Spark Science Center
- Gr. 3/4 Glenbow Ranch Park: Discovery Archeology
- Gr. 5 Glenbow Museum: The Outside Circle & The Letter Zed
- Gr. 6 Camp Chief Hector
- Gr. 7 Glenbow Museum: From Treaty to Reconciliation & Discovery Adventure
- Gr. 8 SAIT: Economics for Success
- Gr.7/8 Quebec Trip: French language and culture exploration.

For more info., call Hana Hooper at 403.932.5443.

Windsong Heights School

Kindergarten-Gr. 4 students at Windsong Heights will be treated to a **Lee and Sandy Paley Concert**, May 3 at 10:30 am. For over 30 years, Calgarians Lee and Sandy Paley have shared their songs with children, touring schools, libraries and communities across Canada, with the belief that music lifts spirits, opens minds and inspires creativity. Their philosophy is that when children are happy, they play well together and find it easier to learn. Windsong is excited to offer this joyful experience to students. Call Jodi Emo at 403.945.4149 for all the details.

The Grade 4 classes at Windsong Heights School are going to get their hands dirty this month when the **RVS Greenstart Mobile Greenhouse** visits the school, Wednesdays from Apr. 25 - May 16. Students will learn about a variety of plant species during this four-week period and find out the best conditions to watch their plants (and green thumbs) grow! Included in this 'green' experience is a trip to see Theatre Calgary's production of *A Secret Garden*, where they just might see plants come 'alive' right before their eyes. What fun! Call Irene Foster, 403.945.4149, for the details.