



# SOUNDBITES

October 2017

## A.E. Bowers Elementary School

The 2017/18 learning journey is well underway at A.E. Bowers, the proof of which will be on display when students and parents participate in the first round of **Learning Conferences**, Oct. 18 & 19 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Attendees also can check out the **Scholastic Book Fair**, running in the Learning Commons at the same time. To find out more, call the school at 403.948.4511.

Where would you ever run into Spiderman, Cinderella, a ghost, a witch, a clown, and probably a pirate or two... all in one place? Likely at A.E. Bowers School, Oct. 31, when the school hosts its **Halloween Costume Parade**. Consider this your invitation to throw on a costume and join Bowers' students and staff as they parade around the gym at 1:00 pm for all to enjoy! Call the school at 403.948.4511 for all the details.

## Banded Peak School

Banded Peak's Gr. 3 and 4 students will head outdoors, Oct. 12, to test their new geological learning on the **Canyon Creek Field Trip**. Located off Highway 66 in the

Kananaskis, Canyon Creek is the perfect location for students to see, feel and experiment with the rocks and minerals found in the area. The trip will be guided by local geologists and is certain to be one students won't soon forget! To find out more, call Kelsey Wicktor Neumeister at 403.949.2292.

Banded Peak is excited to host its second **Invitational Cross Country Race**, Oct. 17. The school plans to run both a 2 km loop for Gr. 5/6 and a 3 km loop for Gr. 7/8, so let the training begin! Pre-race check-in begins at 4:45 pm, with racing set for 5:00 pm. Contact Andrew Spelrem or Simon Pols at 403.949.2292 for more information.

## Beiseker Community School

This year, Beiseker Community School will host several **Career Planning Presentations** to inform high school students about the variety of career choices available. Every Wednesday a post-secondary institution will come to the school to share information about their program offerings. The October line-up is as follows:  
Oct. 11 - St. Mary's University  
Oct. 18 - Grant MacEwan University  
Oct. 25 - Ambrose University  
Nov. 1 - SAIT

Presentations begin at 10:00 am, and parents are welcome to attend! Call Andrew Wiens at 403.947.3883 to find out more.

Beiseker Community School's Learning Commons will be the site of the **2017 Fall Book Fair**, Oct. 17-20. Check the school website and Facebook pages for hours of operation closer to the date. There's some fun contests and draws planned so you won't want to miss it! Call Richelle Hoopfer at 403.947.3883 for all the details.

## Bert Church High School

The Music Department at Bert Church High School will host its first **Music Concert** of the season, Oct. 25. All of the department's performing groups will be featured, including the Gr. 9 Band, Senior Band, Jazz Band and Choir. Music starts at 7:00 pm, with refreshments served after the concert. Everyone is welcome so why not bring a friend! For more information, call the school office at 403.948.3800.

Bert Church High School invites parents to the first **Parent Teacher Interviews** of the new school year, Oct. 19, beginning at 5:00 pm. Appointments can be booked online one week prior through Conference Manager. Need to know more? Call the school office at 403.948.3800.



### Bow Valley High School

Get ready to freak out when you join BVHS' Performing Arts students for Bow Valley's Halloween Spooktacular show, **The Bone House**. Written by Edmonton author Marty Chan, The Bone House is haunted-house kind of scary – the kind where you think you're prepared for what's around the corner but it scares you anyway! The show runs Oct. 26, 27 and 28, 7:00 pm, at the Ranchehouse Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for ages 14 and up, available at the BVHS office and at the door. Find out more by calling at 403.932.9005.

### Cooper's Crossing School

Each month Cooper's Crossing School will highlight one of 9 character traits based on Character Lab. Throughout the year students will learn about each trait and have the opportunity to host an assembly. This month's **Gratitude Character Assembly**, set for Oct. 12 at 2:00 pm, will be hosted by Mrs. Chen's and Mrs. Ihekwoaba's Gr. 2 classes. They'd be 'grateful' if you could attend! Call Todd Hennig at 403.945.4137 for the details.

Want to get out and get involved? Cooper's Crossing would be happy to have you be part of the **Volunteer Group** that enhances the school in so many ways! Consider this your invitation to share your talents, your time, and your interests in whatever way you can. Some areas of need include the Breakfast Program, school patrols, reading with students, supporting teachers with classroom preparations, helping in the library, or coordinating events. Volunteers

are needed on a regular or casual basis; any assistance you can offer will be greatly appreciated! For more information, contact Todd Hennig at 403.945.4137.

### Crossfield Elementary School

Let the good times roll! Crossfield Elementary will roll into October with the **Alien In-Line Skating** program, Oct. 2-12. Many thanks are extended to the Crossfield Recreation Board for its assistance in bringing this opportunity to CES students. Call the school office at 403.946.5696 for all the details.

Education is the first step in fire prevention. That's why the Crossfield fire department gears its **Fire Prevention Week** events toward children and the community. During the week of Oct. 16-20, firefighters will visit Crossfield Elementary students to share the importance of fire prevention and encourage students to take part in planning their family's escape route in case of fire. If you'd like to know more, call the school office at 403.946.5696.

### East Lake School

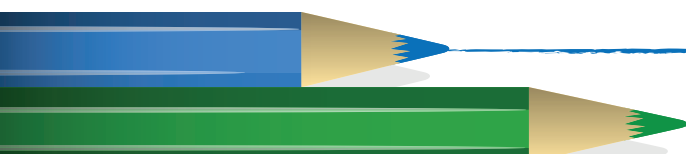
At East Lake School, students **S.O.A.R.** to success! By being conscientious about Safety, Organization, Accountability, and Respect, students learn together in harmony. Join them, Oct. 3 at 8:09 am, for their Leadership Assembly, where students and staff will explore being an "innovator", one of the 21C competencies. More information is available by calling Jason Billings at 403.248.1091.

Believing you can do something can be one of the most powerful tools for success! Many students think they are not good at math, which can then become a self-fulfilling prophesy. East Lake School wants to show parents what they can do to help by hosting a **Mathematical Mindsets Parent Session**, Oct. 18 at 6:00 pm. During this interactive workshop, parents will learn how a growth mindset builds confidence and proficiency in mathematics and beyond. Contact Leslie Waite at 403.248.1091 for more information.

### École Airdrie Middle

If you go to École Airdrie Middle School on Oct. 31 at noon, it's quite likely you won't find who you're looking for. That's because EAMS students and staff will be in disguise for the **Student Council Halloween Dance**. This annual event is always a fun one, with a costume contest and prizes galore! Contact Rhonda Whittingham at 403.948.5969 for all the details, then plan to join the fun!

École Airdrie Middle School will host its **Fall Book Fair** in the Learning Commons during parent/teacher interviews, Oct. 25 & 26 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. As well, students will be able to visit the Book Fair with their class and purchase items during lunch hours on these days. Proceeds from the fair will go towards the purchase of new books for EAMS. For more information, call Katherine McGillivray at 403.948.5969.



### École Edwards Elementary

Parents/guardians are invited to join their child for a guided tour of their learning journey during École Edwards Elementary's **Student Led Showcases**, Oct. 25 & 26 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Kindergarten parents have the option of attending during one of these evenings or during the day between 9:15 am - 2:45 pm on Oct. 26. To set up an appointment, visit the school's SchoolSoft website, which will be open two weeks prior. Call Jaime Keenan at 403.948.5922 for more information.

"Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat!" École Edwards' Gr. 1s will be practising that rhyme when they head to neighbouring George McDougall, Oct. 31, to show-off their costumes and (hopefully) bring home some loot! As well, parents are invited to join in the wacky fun at 1:15 pm that day when all students dress-up for the school's **Halloween Parade**. Start planning your costume now, or call Devon Sawby at 403.948.5922 if you'd like to know more.

### George McDougall High School

Grade 12s, this is your year! And if you're part of the 2017-2018 graduating class at George McDougall, you may want to commemorate this iconic year with a graduation ring. Students are invited to meet with representatives from Jostens, Oct. 24 & 25, 11:00 am at the school, to order a **GMHS Grad Ring**. Roberta Harris can be contacted at 403.948.5935 for more information.

George McDougall High School will host **Parent Teacher Conferences**, Oct. 24 at 5:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to come out to connect and communicate with teachers on student progress to date. For more details, call Roberta Harris at 403.948.5935.

### Heloise Lorimer School

The school year at Heloise Lorimer will commence with a **Community Pipe Ceremony**, Oct. 2 at 9:30 am. Pipe Carriers from three nations - Niitsitapi, Stoney Nakoda, and Métis Nation - will lead the ceremony, a collaboration between the Knowledge Keepers and Heloise Lorimer School. You are invited to join in this journey of walking together to restore the relationship among our Nations. A feast has been organized for after the ceremony. Call Krista Wunsch at 403.945.4135 to find out more.

Heloise Lorimer School will kick off its monthly **Virtues Assembly** series, Oct. 19 at 9:30 am, by celebrating the virtue of **Compassion** and showcasing how "a Heloise Lorimer KNIGHT exercises compassion and kindness in his/her contact with others, creating a sense of belonging." Parents are welcome to attend. For more information, call 403.945.4135.

### Kathryn School

The first round of **3-Way Conferences** at Kathryn School has been set for Oct. 12, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be a great opportunity for students, parents and teachers to

collaborate, share information, set goals, reflect, and create action plans and strategies to improve student learning. Parents should watch for an email on Oct. 5 with information on how to book a 10-minute slot online. More information is available by calling Carol Hagel at 403.935.4291.

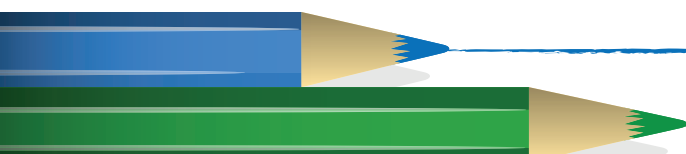
### Nose Creek Elementary

Nose Creek Elementary's G.R.O.W. (Gardens Replenish Our World) students know it's time to reap what you sow! Each year the hands-on GROW experience has Nose Creek's Gr. 4 classes 'sow' a garden at Dixon Farm for the next year's Gr. 4 classes to 'reap'. This year **Harvest Day** is set for Oct. 2, and in a true example of making learning real, the fruits of their labour will be donated to the Airdrie Food Bank. For more information, call Robert MacLellan at 403.945.1001.

Just like it's important to go for your annual 'check-up', it's equally important to go for a 'check-in' at Nose Creek for an update on your child's progress to-date! Nose Creek Elementary's first **Parent/Teacher Conferences** of the school year have been set for Oct. 11 & 12 (Gr. 1-4), and Oct. 13 for Kindergarten, beginning at 4:30 pm each day. Call Brandy Mitschke at 403.945.1001 for the details.

### Prairie Waters Elementary School

Prairie Waters Elementary wants to build strong relationships between students and community members, a goal it hopes to accomplish through



**Lunch Box Talks.** Slated for Oct. 20 at 10:50 am, this activity will provide students with authentic and engaging opportunities to speak with adults, which in turn should increase their communication skills and confidence. Great idea! For more information, call 403.285.6969.

### Prince of Peace Lutheran School

Students at Prince of Peace will be running to raise money for cancer research in the school's **Annual Terry Fox Run**, Sept. 29. The goal this year is to raise \$7,000, so keep your fingers crossed for fantastic weather and a fun day of building community in support of this great cause! For more details, call Elisa Korver at 403.285.2288.

### Rainbow Creek Elementary School

Rainbow Creek's Gr. 4 students will have the chance to develop their green thumbs when the **Greenstart** mobile greenhouse arrives in October. This hands-on environmental education program has students plant lettuce, herbs, and flowers in a mobile garden, which then returns to the school every week so students can witness the growth in their plants. If you'd like to know more, contact Alana Thomson at 403.273.8129.

### Ralph McCall School

It's October, almost time for Ralph McCall School students, teachers, and parents to connect about learning. **3-Way Conferences & The Wild West Book Fair** have been set for Oct. 25 & 26 from 4:00-7:00

pm. As well, students will be able to "Saddle Up and Read!" during Oct. 23-27 when the book fair is open during the school day. Call the Karla Patzer at 403.948.7030 for more information.

### Ralph McCall School's Annual Halloween Family Carnival Night,

set for Oct. 30 at 6:30 pm, will once again feature a plethora of fun and games for students, their families and friends. To add to the atmosphere, all attendees are invited to wear Halloween costumes, although costumes are not required to participate. The Carnival Committee has been busy picking out prizes, designing new games, and getting everything organized for this exiting event so you won't want to miss it! Game tokens will be available for purchase (\$5/11 tokens) and can be redeemed for prizes. Hope to see you there! Contact Karla Patzer at 403.948.7030 for all the details.

### RancheView School

The **Student Learning Showcases & Scholastic Book Fair** at RancheView School have been slated for Oct 25 & 26, 4:00-7:00 pm, with half-hour blocks available through sign-up. Students will lead their families through the learning process, spending 30-minutes at the stations they've signed up for. An intercom announcement will indicate when it's time to move to the next centre – perhaps another classroom, a school tour, or a stop at the Learning Commons for the Book Fair. Call the RancheView office at 403.932.9811 to find out more.

### R.J. Hawkey Elementary School

**Who?** RJ Hawkey Gr. 3-6 Students  
**What?** *Masquerade Halloween Howl*  
**Where?** Bert Church Theatre  
**When?** Oct. 17 at 7:00 pm  
**Why?** Because this outstanding performance will be the product of a day spent with Juno Award winner Norman Foote, a children's singer-songwriter from Vancouver, who will lead RJ students through a songwriting workshop experience/rehearsal in preparation for this evening performance.

**How?** By getting your tickets at the Bert Church Theatre

**Contact?** Gayla Worden at 403.948.3939

Students and teachers at R.J. Hawkey look forward to sharing classroom learning experiences with parents and collaborating on goal-setting during **Three-way Conferences**, Oct. 18 & 19 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. The **Scholastic Book Fair** also will take place on these same evenings so stop by the Learning Commons and pick up a great new read; there's certain to be something for everyone! Contact the school office at 403.948.3939 if you'd like to know more.

### W.G. Murdoch School

The much anticipated W.G. Murdoch **Academic Awards** evening has been set for Oct. 19, 6:30 pm in the school gym. This year the recipients of the 2016-2017 academic awards will be acknowledged for their outstanding accomplishments and achievements. This is your invitation to come out and applaud them as well! To find out more, call the school office at 403.946.5665.

“The British are coming, the British are coming!” Where, you ask? They’re coming to W.G. Murdoch School, Oct. 25, when a **British Invasion** of the school’s Gr. 6-12 bands takes to the stage to entertain one and all with music from across the pond! The show begins at 6:30 pm. Call 403.946.5665 for all the details.

### Westbrook School

Westbrook School’s annual **Fall Walk-a-thon** fundraiser will be held this year on Sept. 29. With the goal of building community and exceeding the \$18,000 raised last year, Westbrook students have pledged to walk 8 -12 kms! Thanks to the community support, dedicated volunteers, and donations, the event promises to be a huge success once again. Come join the fun and celebrate with Westbrook students and staff at the BBQ hotdog lunch following the walk-a-thon. Call Christine Parker at 403.932.5443 to find out more.

Grade 6 students at Westbrook School will be participating in **Student Vote - Municipal Elections** in October. Students will engage in the local election scene by following local candidate campaigns and casting their votes on Thursday, Oct. 12. Because Westbrook School is a polling station on Election Day, Oct. 16, students will get an up-close and personal look at the real voting process, which is certain to build excitement for when they can compare their classroom results to those of the official election. Colleen Bushrod can be contacted at 403.932.5443 for more information on Student Vote.

