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Principal's Corner

As we head into the final few weeks of the school year there is still much to be done. One question that I have continued to receive lately is about the opening up of things and the reduction in COVID rules. It is important to note that while some restrictions are being eased this week across the province, schools are still to follow [Guidance For School Re-Entry - Scenario 1](#). We are still following the same guidelines set in the Buffalo Trail Public Schools Re-Entry Plan that we have followed all year. It is encouraging that we are headed in the right direction with

COVID-19 case numbers in the province, but COVID-19 is still here. In fact this week we were notified that 3 schools in BTPS had to send student cohorts home for isolation because of positive cases and close contacts. Staff and students need to continue to do the recommended practices set out by AHS to keep us all here in school.

Hopefully you received the letter I sent to parents in late May regarding our June learning plan. If not it is posted on our website (main page

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Around the School

Mrs. Barnes in the small gym filled with our Spring Fundraiser plants. A special thank you to her for organizing this fundraiser, which was a huge success.



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Last day of classes for teaching critical content will be June 24.

End of year activities will be planned for June 28.

The last day of classes for students will be June 29.

Website:

jrrobson.btps.ca
School Calendar
<http://jrrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>

App

<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



Principal's Corner Continued

in the Important Resources section). To summarize, we are not having final exams this semester for any course Grades 7-12. Instead we are using the time to complete some unfinished learning that has occurred this year at JR Robson. Please read the letter if you have not done so.

We are very happy and excited to be able to hold our 2021 Graduation Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 26. It will be outside on the football field like last year and will be a drive-in event. Last year's graduates had to wait patiently for the Ceremony to happen in August but this year we are able to go ahead with the same basic format as last year. Congratulations to all of our 2021 graduates. Each has worked very hard, under very trying circumstances for about ½ of their high school years to get to this milestone. It's hard to believe that COVID-19 has had an impact of 1 ½ years on this particular class. They have missed out on a lot of high school memories and experiences, but I am thankful that the Graduation Ceremony will not be one of them. I wish each and every one of them all the best in their future.

Lastly, I just wanted to draw your attention to two Administrative Procedures that were developed and passed by the Board this spring; BTPS Admin Procedures: [502.3 AP Social Media](#) and [505.2 AP Dispute Resolution](#). I encourage you to give them a quick read as they provide a lot of good information around social media usage in schools and the communication process to be followed when an issue arises.

Take care and have a great summer break.

Yearbooks

Order your 2021 Yearbook
online!

[http://ybstore.friesens.com/
stores/772478](http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/772478)



Spring Fundraiser

A small army of staff and students helped unload the flower truck when it arrived on Monday, May 17. Thank you to all who helped out and to all who supported our fundraiser by purchasing plants.



Counsellor's Corner

This is the final Counsellor's corner for the year. Where does the time go? This is the last month to order a yearbook which captures the many memories of the 2020-2021 school year.

We would like to welcome the **Grade 6 Students from Vermilion Elementary School and Clandonald School** to our orientation session to take place this month. Due to COVID we may have to do this virtually, but we are excited to have you. Confirmation of time and date will be given shortly.

As we near the end of the year, there are always a lot of assignments, tests and projects to complete. Remember to stay focused and you will end this year with success. Last day of critical content is June 24. Chat with your teachers, if you have any questions about your course work.

Attention Grade 12 Students:

• **Rutherford Scholarship & other Government Scholarship Applications:** Applications are made online. Students are encouraged to apply 1-2 months prior to attending their post-secondary institution. Students can apply sometime in June/July for fall application or one month prior if attending a winter session. information on the Alberta Government Scholarship program can be found at: studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships or studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-scholarships

• **To apply go to:** studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships

• **Scholarship deadlines will be strictly adhered to and no applications submitted after the deadline will be accepted.**

• **Registered Apprenticeship Program Scholarship information** - if you are registered in the RAP program in high school or after, be sure to apply for the RAP Scholarship. I believe these are now administered through the RAP Program but more details can be found at this website <https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/rap-cts-scholarships>

• **Student Aid Alberta Service Centre toll**

free line: 1-855-606-2096

• **Student Loan Information:** Student loan information will also be found at studentaid.alberta.ca

• There are awards/scholarships available for students with **First Nations, Metis Inuit descent** this website includes scholarships for you: <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-scholarships/indigenous-careers-award.aspx>

• **All grade 12 students should have a myPass account registered with Alberta Education's secure self-service website so students may:**

- ◇ View diploma exam results and request rescores
- ◇ Register to write a diploma exam
- ◇ Order high school transcripts
- ◇ View progress towards a diploma or certificate
- ◇ View or print your detailed academic reports
- ◇ To sign up for this account: <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass>

• **BTPS Student Email Accounts:** These accounts will be disabled/expire three months after you have left school. Please make sure you change your email address if you have important contact information coming to this address.

• Scholarship information as it becomes available will be updated on the J. R. Robson School website

• Get your **yearbook write ups** to Ms. To asap

• Graduation Commencement Ceremonies - June 26

The 2021-2022 timetable is in the creation stage and it is our goal to **provide students with a copy of your 2021-2022 timetable shortly**. If you fail a course, please see Mrs. Hart or Mrs. Polishuk to change your timetable as soon as possible. It is difficult to make a lot of timetable changes once the timetable is created as it is based on your course selections during registration.

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Counsellor's Corner

New Scholarships available on the J. R. Robson website:

***The Lloydminster Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers donates these awards to worthy candidates to recognize graduating high school students:

- Personal development
- Academic Achievement
- Contribution to school and community

The scholarships are intended to financially assist students who will be continuing their education in a post-secondary institute and who are majoring in **SCIENCE or ENGINEERING with relationship to the petroleum industry**. The applicant must be in full time attendance and a member of the current year's graduating class. At the time of awarding the scholarship the applicant must be enrolled full time in a post-secondary program of studies at a university, college or technical school.

1. Two (2) High School Scholarships at \$1,000.00 each.

Additional information on SPE Lloydminster can be found at –

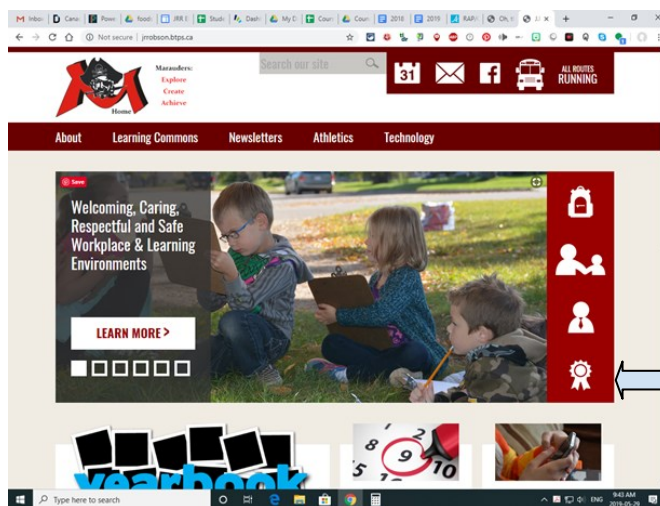
<http://connect.spe.org/lloydminster/home>

***SOAR Scholarship: Spirit of Adriana Rajotte Scholarship

This scholarship was created to commemorate a life well lived. We are seeking candidates that have a strong academic skills, are involved in their parish and community and in service to others. The scholarship is for students in Wainwright and the surrounding area and preference will be given to those who plan on studying out of province. To apply, use this link to the application form: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PiPjwwCPhIQCPc1_qMoG1zNUyGpWBjH8rK6NwFz3GpU/edit

For other **Scholarships**, please see the White Ribbon on the front page of the J. R. Robson School website. This contains a listing of all the scholarships we learn about during the entire school year. Many scholarships go unclaimed each year because they simply are

not applied for. Having leadership or volunteer experience can be very helpful when it comes to applying for scholarships.



Your final PowerSchool marks should be finalized on June 29.

Watch for details on **fall registration days** in the newspapers -- for timetable changes and new registrations. Please make an appointment, if possible at the school office 780-853-4177.

Work Experience/RAP/Green Certificate - For all students who will be working during the summer or needing to move to the next level will need to have their program agreements into either Mrs. Scully/Mrs. Hart soon. All paperwork needs to be completed shortly. See either Mrs. Hart or Mrs. Scully to verify your course work.

Students Online Courses - all materials are due in June 4 for all courses. See Mrs. Polishuk to write exams, hand in or pick up booklets.

We want to wish you all a very safe, healthy and relaxing summer. We remain optimistic the current COVID situation will settle down over the summer months, so the 2021-2022 school year, can be free of COVID interruptions. First day of school will be September 1. Have a great summer.

Mrs. Polishuk & Mrs. Hart

Learning Commons' New Student-Built Fences



Industrial Arts students Caitlyn & Holly Arychuk designed and Griffin Harrower & Spencer Carlson built the frame of the new fence pieces out of metal and wood for the security gate at the entrance of the Learning Commons. It includes a quote by author J. K. Rowling. The students did a great job and the pieces look fantastic in their new home!



Mental Health—Connection

What is social connectedness?

Why is it important?

Social connectivity is the feeling of closeness and connectedness to a community. It is rooted in feelings of belonging, love and common values. Humans are innately social creatures. Every person we interact with is forever part of our social network. They are family members, friends, coworkers, teammates, neighbors, and acquaintances. Each has a lasting impact on our physical and mental health.

How does social connectedness impact our health?

Studies show that friendships and social connections provide intellectual stimulation and emotional support through hardships. Stress and isolation can be particularly challenging, especially in times of social distancing. People who provide you with a sense of belonging, love or value can be buffers against stress. Be mindful of the company that you keep and not to self-isolate—both of these can increase your stress and lead to overall poor health.

Ways to Build Connectedness Virtually

⇒ Use video chat applications. Consider scheduling regular dates and times with family and friends for video calls. Have a game night with friends using FaceTime,

Skype or Google Hangouts.

- ⇒ Does your neighborhood have a Facebook group? If they do, request to join and see what fun activities they do. Start a sidewalk chalk drawing contest with different themes.
- ⇒ We have very quickly become too familiar with our homes—[self-isolating to keep our loved ones healthy](#). Staying connected virtually can help ease stress, reduce suffering and promote overall wellness. “Now, more than ever, it is critical to place our health and wellbeing, and that of our families and communities, first,” says Dr. Cotton. “Staying connected—even virtually—will aid in this effort and sustain us all for the journey ahead.”

Resources:

1. <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/Page14063.aspx>
2. <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!! We look forward to seeing you in the new school year!

Submitted by Tanya Laye, your school's Social-Emotional Coach. If you'd like further information or have any questions, please contact your school's SEC to follow up.

Senator Visits with Social Students

On Monday, May 17, the JR Robson School Social Studies 30 class had an opportunity to visit with Senator Paula Simons as a guest speaker in Zoom. Senator Simons was very engaging and enjoyed answering students' questions about her job as a Senator and the role of the Senate in Parliament, free speech laws in Canada, carbon taxes and the environment, LGBTQ+ rights, and a very engaging discussion about Bill C-10 (proposed amendments to the Canadian Broadcasting Act allowing the government to regulate online streaming of movies, TV, and music). The students came away with an appreciation of how interesting and fun it is to learn and discuss politics in Canada, as Senator Simons really makes learning about politics and the Senate fun!



Had an inspiring visit with this Grade 12 class in Vermilion this morning. What a great start to my week. #Senca @SenateCA @ISGSenate #abed



YOUR OPINION MATTERS TO US!



Follow this link <https://survey.alchemer.ca/s3/50100874/COVID-19-Well-Being-Survey> or scan the QR code below



Help shape future services for your family, friends and neighbours. Please take a few minutes to do our COVID-19 Well-Being Survey.

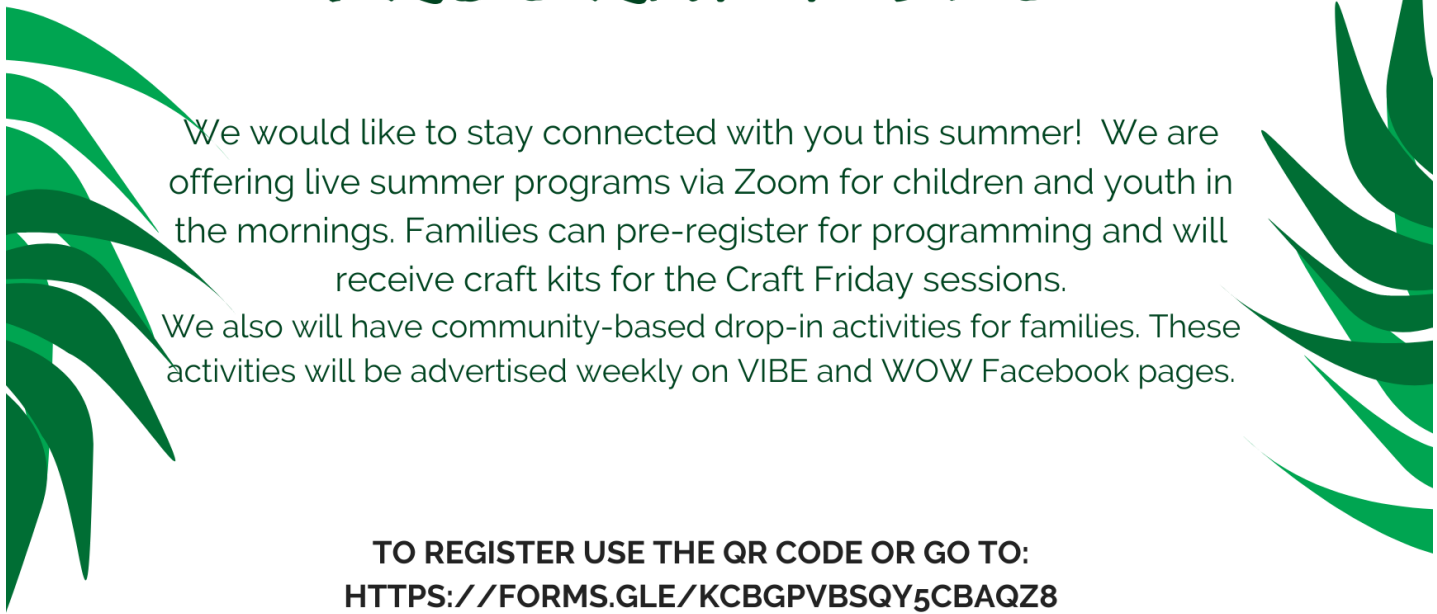
The information gathered will help us understand and respond to our community's needs.

SURVEY CLOSSES JUNE 25, 2021





JOIN WOW + VIBE FOR SUMMER VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING



We would like to stay connected with you this summer! We are offering live summer programs via Zoom for children and youth in the mornings. Families can pre-register for programming and will receive craft kits for the Craft Friday sessions.

We also will have community-based drop-in activities for families. These activities will be advertised weekly on VIBE and WOW Facebook pages.

TO REGISTER USE THE QR CODE OR GO TO:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/KCBGPVBSQY5CBAQZ8](https://forms.gle/KCBGPVBSQY5CBAQZ8)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE VIRTUAL SUMMER PROGRAMMING
GO TO: [HTTPS://WWW.FLIPSNACK.COM/ABF8EEDD75E/WOW-AND-VIBE-VIRTUAL-SUMMER-PROGRAMMING-2021.HTML](https://www.flipsnack.com/ABF8EEDD75E/WOW-AND-VIBE-VIRTUAL-SUMMER-PROGRAMMING-2021.HTML)



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Helping Kids Grow Up Great

Nothing has more impact in the life of a child than positive relationships. Building these connections can be easy but takes intention. Start by telling your child what you love about them. Catch them doing great things. Have them overhear you saying something positive about them. Doing these easy things will help them grow up great!

Every Child Has a SPARK!

Find out what spark (passions or interests) your child has. Ask them what they love to do with their free time. Then help them grow that passion! But what if you don't share that same enthusiasm for their passion?

Ask them to teach you about what they love.

Have them show you what they love about their spark.

Show Kids You Care

Feeling love for a child may come naturally, but how do we show that love to them?

Be dependable.

Involve them in decisions that affect them.

Set boundaries.

Inspire them by exposing them to new ideas or experiences.

Expect their best.

40 Developmental Assets

The 40 Assets are building blocks & experiences that all kids need to thrive.

The higher the number of assets a child has, the more likely they are to make good choices and avoid risky behaviours.

To learn how you can be an asset builder, visit: sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets.

MORE RESOURCES

sparcreddeer.ca/building-assets

[Bringing Out the Best in Your Family - Keep Connected \(searchinstitute.org\)](http://searchinstitute.org)

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642



GRADE 10-12 VIBE MENTAL HEALTH ART CONTEST 2021 WINNERS



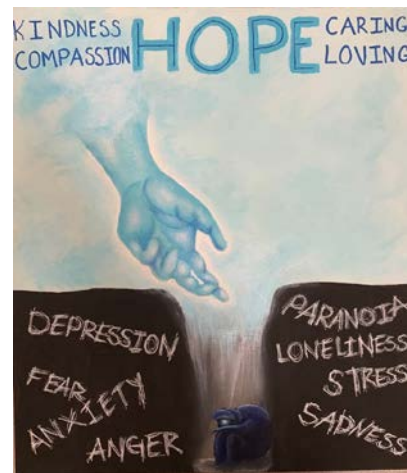
1st Place Spectrum of Emotions by Allecia McDonald
Grade 12 J.R. Robson High School



2nd Place Surveil by Austin Laurence
Grade 12 St. Jerome's School



3rd Place Brave Front by Rebecca Irvine
Grade 12 J.R. Robson High School



4th Place Helping Hand by Raya Ettel
Grade 11 Blessed Sacrament School



5th Place Vogue: The Battle Within by Morgan Tiede
Grade 10 Blessed Sacrament School



Vermilion Wellness Challenge 2021

Walk - Bike - Roll your way through Vermilion

Stop by the Visitor Information Centre and pick up a guide to the Vermilion walking trails.	Take your dog for a walk to the Dog Park.	Spend time enjoying the Pollinator Garden.	Go to the Vermilion Sports Mural for inspiration on active living.	Visit one of the many parks in Vermilion and play.
Workout at the Outdoor Fitness Park.	Check out the Four Season Mural and take a stroll down Main Street.	Take a stroll to the Rotary Lookout. What do you see?	Play a game of Frisbee Golf at the Provincial Park.	Hike down to the scenic Vermilion River. Try skipping some stones.
Go for a walk and find the Splash Park.	Pack a healthy snack and play at the park at the Vermilion Heritage Museum.		Pop by the tennis courts and play a game of tennis or make up your own game.	Go for a walk to the Mini-Golf Course. Play a round if you can.
Visit the Creamery Mural and talk about the "good old days".	Walk or Roll to the Skateboard Park for some active fun.	Discover the trails in Vermilion Provincial Park & take a hike in nature.	Go for a walk around the Claude Brennan Memorial Trout Pond.	Visit the community oven at Heritage Park.
Take a walk to the Cenotaph at Town Hall Park and take time to reflect.	Pick up garbage at your local playground.	Plan a family outing at the CN Station & Caboose in the Provincial Park.	Visit the Blacksmith Mural. How many horseshoes can you spot?	Head downtown and take time to read the heritage plaques.

Send an email to VermilionWellnessCoalition@gmail.com by July 7, 2021 to enter for prizes: include: Name & phone #, a photo of you completing one of the tasks, and tell us which 2 lines you completed. Add your photo to social media and use #VermilionWellnessChallenge for an additional entry for prizes.