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Principal's Corner

On April 25 we will have our last School Council meeting for the year at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons. If you have not had a chance to meet our president Mr. Reddy this would be a great time to do so.

Our second parent-teacher interview night is on April 12th. Some of the interviews will be held over the phone but we will be having our Grade 9 high school orientation meeting with parents in our Learning Commons. Remember that you can book an interview with a teacher through our website. If you have any ques-

tions about the process, please contact the office.

Most high school students have completed their course registration for next year. If your student has not done so, please ensure that this happens as soon as possible. I use course enrollment numbers to determine the number of sections required for each course and what may be delivered through the BTPS distributive learning option, so this information is very important.

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Around the School



JRR students printing out "I Stand with Ukraine" decals as a fundraiser for humanitarian aid to Ukraine. More info on how to purchase a t-shirt or stickers later this newsletter.

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PAC Meeting

Monday, April 25
 7 pm

In person meeting in
 the JRR Learning
 Commons

Website:

[jrrobson.btps.ca](http://jrrobson.btps.ca/SchoolCalendar)
School Calendar
<http://jrrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>
App
<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



Principal's Corner Continued

Some information on Diploma and PAT Exams: Alberta Education has announced that Diploma exams are expected to be administered for the rest of the school year (April, June and August 2022). Students who were intending to rewrite a diploma exam in January 2022 and are not taking the course can register to rewrite in April 2022. Students who received an exemption and retake instruction in a diploma exam course must write the diploma exam to acquire a final official mark associated with the new school-awarded mark. Exemptions are not carried forward. Due to learning disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the weighting of diploma exams will be temporarily reduced to 10% for the 2021/22 school year only. This change is only temporary to address the learning disruptions that some students have experienced due to COVID-19. As for PAT exams, Alberta Education still maintains that it is mandatory for schools to administer all Grade 9 PAT subjects in June. These exam dates will be reflected in our school exam schedule that will be out shortly.

Easter break will occur starting April 15 and run through to April 22. That gives us approximately 2 months of instruction after we get back to close out the 2021-22 school year.

With spring also comes our school flower fundraiser. The flyer is included with this newsletter. It is our one big fundraiser of the year for our Pirate Crews.

Happy
Easter
Everyone.



Annual Flower Fundraiser

**50% of the profits
will be donated to
Ukrainian Relief**

Yearbook Order Form



The 2021-2022 J. R. Robson Yearbook will represent this unique academic year. It maintains its hard-cover and full-color jam-packed 72-pages!

Order your yearbook today.

Sales end June 15, 2022.

Each yearbook will be \$40.00, with the option to personalize your order for an extra \$2.50. Please use the following link to order your yearbook today:

<http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/772478>

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, April 12

To book your appointment, please go to

<https://jrrobson.btps.ca/bookings>

Grade 9 Registration Parent Meeting will also occur on this evening.

Annual Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest

To enroll in the J. R. Robson version of the Superintendent's Speech Competition, please contact Mrs. Hart. Our School Speak Off will take place on April 12.

For complete topic information and rules, please click the link below:

[Speaking Contest Topics and Rules](#)



Counsellor's Corner

For Grade 12 students, Student Loan applications are found online starting in early May. Use this link to access the website: <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/>. **The Alexander Rutherford applications are also available on this website. In order to receive funding you must apply at least one month prior to your attendance at a post-secondary institution.** If you take a year or two off before attending post-secondary school, as long as you qualify, the funds are available to you, so make sure you apply. For information on how to apply, use this website: <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/>. Students who have created an Apply Alberta login are encouraged to use your **PRIVATE email address** as your school address will disappear after June 30. The same login, password and email will be used to apply for your Rutherford Scholarship and Student Loan site so use one that is familiar to you, hopefully you will remember the password.

For **Scholarships applications** - please check on our school website. Follow the student tab to find the scholarship link:

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Scholarships are also available through the Alberta Scholarship Program. More information on how to apply for these scholarships are available here: <https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/high-school-apprenticeship-scholarships/>

Parent-Teacher Interviews: interviews will be conducted through phone calls on April 12, 2022 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Just a reminder of the grade 9 parent meeting as well that evening. This should finalize our registration for high school. If you wish to speak with a particular teacher, please contact Mrs. Zweifel, at the school

to arrange an interview.

Grade 9, 10 and 11 Students: Registration for the 2022-2023 school year should be completed. Mrs. Polishuk and myself (Mrs. Hart) have sent out the links to the student email accounts. Parents are asked to review their child's course selections and have the registration completed by April 1, so we can begin the timetable scheduling process. **Please remember the timetable is built around your course selections, so you will need to make your selections wisely.** Assume you will not be able to make any timetable changes once you select a class. If you or your parents have questions regarding registration, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Polishuk nicole.polishuk@btps.ca or Mrs. Hart monique.hart@btps.ca via email or phone 780-853-4177 to ask questions.

For students enrolled in Work Experience, RAP or Green Certificate, please continue to submit your hours, any mid-term and final evaluations you may have to complete.

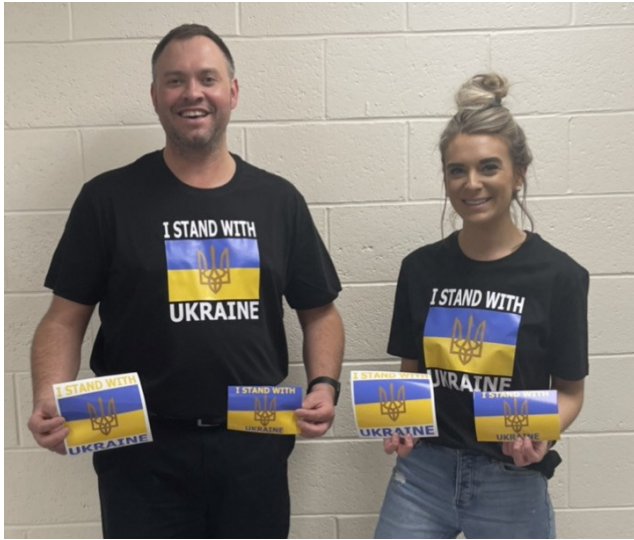
Your VIBE coach, Ramona is here and willing to work with students at lunch time. She is here on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Look for her and say HI.

Easter will be here before we know it. May you take time to recharge your batteries, get outside and have a good celebration with family and friends. Wishing your family a very Happy Easter!



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JR Robson School 'Stand with Ukraine' Fundraiser



The J.R. Robson School has partnered with the 'Vegreville Stand with Ukraine' Fundraiser to help with Humanitarian Aid. Mr. Zorniak's shop classes and Ms. Plain's Art classes are working together to make t-shirts that are for sale for \$20.00, and sticker decals that are for sale for \$5.00/for two stickers. If you wish to purchase or order a t-shirt and/or stickers, please email Curtis at curtis.zorniak@btps.ca. The t-shirts come in sizes small, medium, large, XL, and XXL. All proceeds are going to Humanitarian Aid, for the war that is currently going on in Ukraine.



Mr. Curtis Zorniak has strong ties to the Ukraine as he has family and friends still in Ukraine. He is on the committee 'Vegreville Stand with Ukraine' and knows firsthand, with the help of the Former Premier of Alberta the Honorable Ed Stel-

mach being a part of committee, the money is going to the right place. If you wish to make a donation, the Vegreville Chamber of Commerce is also working with the 'Vegreville Stand with Ukraine' and can provide you with a charitable tax receipt.

Mr. Zorniak is also the president of the Vegreville Cultural Association Vegreville Pysanka Festival and they have a 50/50



raffle going on right now with 100% of all proceeds going to Ukraine Humanitarian needs. The Link to the 50/50 raffle is <https://www.pysankafestival.com/>.

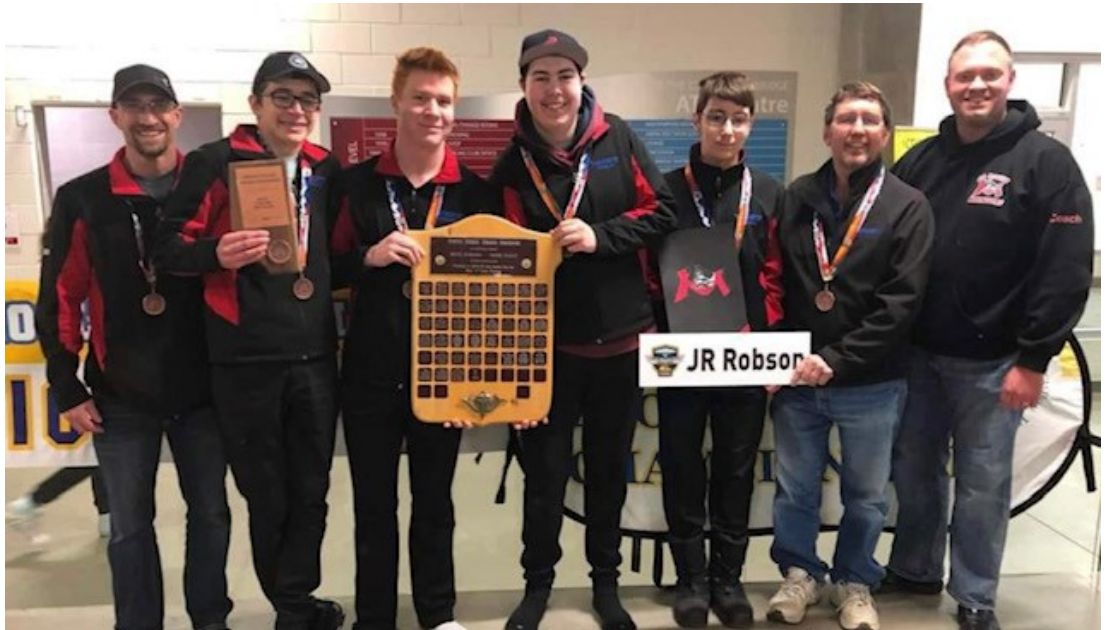
I would like to thank all of the students at J.R. Robson School that have helped to make the t-shirts and stickers. They have shown amazing spirit and empathy during this unbelievable time.



Sports Updates

Curling: The JR Robson Boys high school curling team took full advantage of their chance to participate in the Alberta School Athletic Association's (ASAA) provincial curling tournament in Lethbridge.

The boys played strong from the start at the first game on March 3, winning 12 to 1, with the game called at the end of the sixth end. Stepping onto the ice Friday morning, they continued to showcase their skills winning 9 to 2. With their first loss on Friday afternoon, the boys finished second in their pool, and were back on the ice bright and early Saturday morning. They finished the weekend playing in the Bronze Medal match Saturday afternoon and successfully came home with Bronze. Congratulations boys!



Badminton: Badminton practice started in March and junior high students will look forward to the Kitscoty Tournament for Gr. 8&9 players this Saturday, April 2, the Hwy 16 Tournament in Kitscoty and Marwayne on April 12 and the BTPS Finals Tournament on April 26.

Basketball:

Varsity Boys came in 2nd, winning silver, in Zones in Cold Lake on March 11-12th (below).



Ski Trip & Ice Fishing



166 JR students from all grades travelled to Kinosoo Ridge Ski Resort near Cold Lake on Tuesday, March 22 for a day of skiing and snowboarding.

Then on Friday, March 25, the Junior High Students, along with teachers, EAs, and multiple parents got to enjoy a fun-filled fishing trip at Stoney Lake. There were a few fish caught in this endeavor, but multiple hot dogs and s'mores were consumed. The students were able to put their outdoor ed. skills to the test by casting their fishing lines and baiting up their rods. The memories that were made on the trip were amazing and unforgettable.





Spring to Life

....A Wellness Series to prioritize your mental health...

Hosted by: Vermilion Rural Mental Health

In Partnership with: The Nest Project, FCSS Vermilion, and Town of Vermilion

Series facilitators:

Derek Collins
Jodi Simmonds
Kerri Lorenson
Vanessa Boe

To register for this NO COST series, email your name, phone number and session(s) of interest to:

vermilionrmh@gmail.com

Sign up for individual sessions or sign up for all four (and attend) and receive a prize!

Tuesday, April 5th:
Mindful Movement for Self-Regulation
@ Upper Level Pottery and Art Gallery

Tuesday, April 26th:
Journaling for Wellness
@ The Red Brick

Tuesday, May 10th:
Creativity + Connection through Little Letters
@ Copper Cork Distillery

Tuesday, May 31st:
Reaching Out
@ The Red Brick

*All classes will run from 7pm-8pm



THE nest project
· PRACTICES FOR ENHANCED WELL-BEING ·



Benefits of serving others

Serving others can help children feel good about themselves, believing they can make a difference in the world.

When children start to reach out and help others, their world grows and so does their confidence.

Conversation starters with kids

- What gets you excited about doing things for others?
- How does it make you feel when you help in your family, school or neighbourhood?
- How can we make a difference in the world? How can we as a family begin?

Serving as a family

You don't need to do a large project to make a difference. Here are 5 simple tips to get started:

1. Visit residents at a nursing home.
2. Take a dog for a walk.
3. Organize a yard sale for charity.
4. Visit or call someone who can't leave home.
5. Cat-sit. House-sit. Child-sit. Plant-sit.

The value of giving back

The best way to teach young people the value of helping others is to be a role model.

Activities such as providing a meal to a new parent, driving a neighbour to an appointment, or welcoming a newcomer can make a huge difference in someone's life.

MORE RESOURCES

- www.doinggoodtogether.org
- www.search-institute.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



Rotary leadership opportunities and experiences for Vermilion and area youth

The following leadership opportunities and experiences are available for youth in the Vermilion area, including students from Vermilion, Mannville, Kitscoty, Dewberry, and Marwayne. The Rotary Club of Vermilion sponsors youth to attend each of the following - all expenses are paid for students to attend! Please contact Lorne Maier to apply or for information (**780-853-0756 / lorne.maier@btps.ca**)



Rotary Youth Leadership Experience 2022 (RYLE)

Who is eligible? High school students grades 9-12

When is it? Friday April 28 to Sunday May 1, 2022

Where is it? Camp Nakamun (NW of Edmonton)

RYLE (Rotary Youth Leadership Experience) is an annual conference hosted by the RYLE Committee and sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of District 5370 (including northern Alberta and BC, western Saskatchewan, and the NWT). This experience is intended for high school students (grades 9 to 12) who would like to gain or strengthen their leadership skills and learn how to be active citizens who strive to make a positive impact in the world. RYLE will be held this year from Friday, April 28 to Sunday, May 1, 2022 at Camp Nakamun. Transportation to and from the camp will be provided. RYLE focuses on developing and promoting student leadership. We focus on foundations of communication, goal-setting, motivation, as well as introducing you to the facets of Rotary International. During RYLE, we will explore concepts such as interpersonal growth, communication, teamwork, community-building, and global citizenship. Experiential learning opportunities over the course of the 4-day experience emphasize building competency, confidence, and connections. You can expect to work cooperatively through hands-on workshops and challenges that will exercise your newly-acquired skills. Above all, you can expect to form tight networks with like-minded youth who also aspire to be strong and influential leaders.

Deadline for applications: April 6th, 2022

Contact Lorne Maier for information on how to apply

RYLE website: portal.clubrunner.ca/50012/sitepage/ryle



Rotary Adventures in Citizenship 2022 (AIC)

Who is eligible? High school students 16-18 years old

When is it? evening May 27 to May 30, inclusive, 2022

Where is it? Online (Zoom)

This is a virtual experience for students to learn about Canada's parliament and government in Ottawa. A select group of young Canadians from across the country will connect online to meet political leaders, learn about democracy and government, and appreciate Canada's diversity, and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. This year's Rotary Adventures in Citizenship program runs evening May 27 to May 30, inclusive. This is available to students 16-18 years old.

Deadline for applications: April 30th, 2022

Contact Lorne Maier for information on how to apply.

Rotary AIC website:

rotaryottawa.com/page/welcome-to-the-rotary-adventure-in-citizenship-program



Adventure in Citizenship
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Rotary Adventures in Human Rights 2022 (RAHR)

Who is eligible? High school students in grades 10 or 11

When is it? August 14-20, 2022

Where is it? Canadian Museum of Human Rights, Winnipeg MB

This is an in-person experience for students currently in grade 10 or 11 to go to a week-long experience at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg, MB. The goal and mandate of Rotary Adventures in Human Rights is to provide students with the opportunity to appreciate human rights by exploring themes such as gender equity, Indigenous perspectives, genocide, when rights are denied, sustainability, and more! At the end of the program, students will have the opportunity to create an action plan that they can implement in their school or community. Sessions will be offered in partnership with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Fort Whyte Alive, IRCOM, a series of guest speakers, a hands-on service project, and so much more!

Deadline for applications: June 30th, 2022

Contact Lorne Maier for information on how to apply.

RAHR website: rahr5550.ca



2022 Spring Order Form



Monday, May 2, 2022

Monday, May 16, 2022



12" Premium Hanging Baskets
Our improved flower mixes are sure to be a big hit! These hanging baskets can be exposed to full sun with the best flowering and trailing plants. There are a variety of mixes/colours.



12" Premium Patio Planters
All planters include an assortment of our top performing plant collections. Planters can be exposed to full sun areas. Perfect for creating a spring patio or backyard paradise.



12" Rose Patio Planters
Introducing the popular patio and garden rose! This perennial will add colour year after year. Please note that colours cannot be selected. May receive light pink, dark pink, white, or yellow.



11" Strawberry Basket
A kid favourite! Enjoy fresh strawberries all summer long. Ever bearing strawberries with different coloured blossoms in white or pink. Beautiful and delicious!



10-pack 4" Succulents
Fast-growing in popularity, succulents are versatile & low maintenance. Ideal as house decor and gifts! This 10-pack offers excellent variety and textures from the echeveria, sedum, sedeveria and senecio families. Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



10-pack 4" Herbs
An assortment of our finest herbs! Varieties include:
-Basil (Sweet) -Mint Mojito
-Basil (Thai) -Peppermint
-Thyme -Oregano
-Chives Onion -Parsley
-Chives Garlic -Rosemary
Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



10-pack 4" Veggies
Grow your own food this year in a garden or planter box! Varieties include:
-Tomatoes x 4 -Cucumber
-Zucchini -Peppers x 2
-Kale -Romaine
Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



10-pack 4" Zonal Geraniums
These easy to grow bedding plants add vibrant colour to your garden. Resistant to pests such as deer/rabbits.
Colours: Red, White, Pink
Cannot mix & match colours in a flat

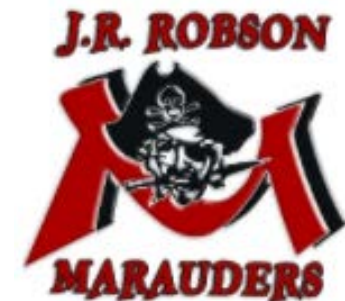


10-pack 4" Wave Petunias
The popular cascading Wave petunias bring eye-catching colour to gardens, planter boxes and hanging baskets.
Colours: Purple, White, Pink
Cannot mix & match colours in a flat



10-pack 4" Marigolds
Marigolds add a pop of colour and brightness to enjoy all season. Excellent companion plants for many vegetables!
Colours: Orange

Online orders can be placed on the website until May 2nd.
Collection days for paper orders will be April 13th and 27th.
Please see order form attached.
Delivery will be May 16th





Orders can be placed through a student or online through our website:

<https://jrrobsonhighschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Collection days for paper orders will be April 13th and 27th.

Online Orders may be placed until the website closes May 2nd.

Delivery will be May 16th



Student: _____ **Classroom:** _____

Name and Phone Number	12" Hanging Basket	12" Patio Planter	12' Patio Rose Planter	12" Strawberry Basket	10 Pack 4" Succulent	10 Pack 4" Herbs	10 Pack 4" Veggies	10 Pack 4" Geraniums			10 Pack 4" Wave Petunias			10 Pack 4" Marigolds	Total Cost	
	\$37	\$37	\$43	\$26	\$38	\$34	\$35	Cannot mix and match in flat	Red	Pink	White	Cannot mix and match in flat	White	Purple		Pink

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!! We can only accept **cash and cheque** for paper orders. Please make cheques payable to J. R. Robson.