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Principal's Corner

Our next School Council meeting on Wednesday October 26th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

On September 28th our students had the opportunity to participate in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation activities organized by BTPS. Our morning was led by guest speakers who educated students on Cree language and Truth and Reconciliation issues. As a school, our teachers worked last year on incorporating Truth and Reconciliation topics into their courses. Thus while certain activities occurred on Sept. 28, class-

room instruction in all grades regarding Truth and Reconciliation will continue throughout the school year by our teachers.

We received notification last week from our Superintendent that Alberta Education has decided to reduce the weighting of Diploma exams for this school year from 30% to 20% of the student's blended overall mark. Last year Diploma exams counted for 10% of the student's overall mark.

On October 7th teachers will be participating in school

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Around the School



Grade 7 students using technology in Math.

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School Council Meeting

Wednesday,
October 26
7pm

Everyone welcome!

Website:

[jrrobson.btps.ca](http://jrrobson.btps.ca/SchoolCalendar.php)
School Calendar
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based professional development with a focus on developing their skills in using Google Read/Write to differentiate instruction in the grade subject areas. We will also continue to develop lesson and unit plans that incorporate Truth and Reconciliation into student learning. Have a great Thanksgiving and a safe Halloween.



Sports Updates



The Vermilion Marauders played their first game of the season against Millwoods Christian School in Edmonton on Sept. 15th. The score may not have shown how hard they played, as the Marauders lost 68-8, but con-

sidering most of the players are in their first year of football they learned a lot from their first game. The Marauders played their first home game of the season on Thursday Sept. 22 against Hanna. Though they lost 87-8, getting all the rookies

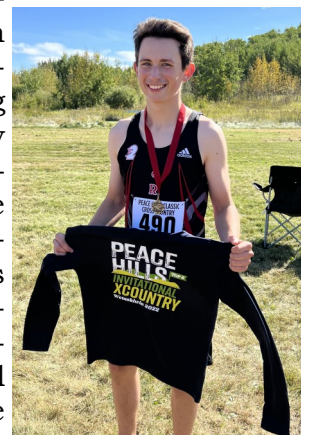
game experience was a priority against the always strong Hanna Hawks.



Congratulations to the grade 9 boys AND Girls volleyball teams who placed second out of 16 teams in the Lloydminster Border Battle Tournament. Sr. High Girls Volleyball have played in two tournaments so far. They have shown improvement as they played. They finished 1st in the "B" side of the St. Jeromes tournament.



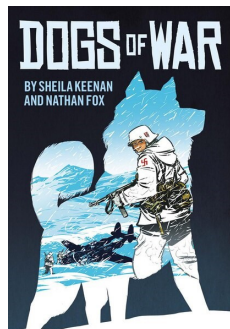
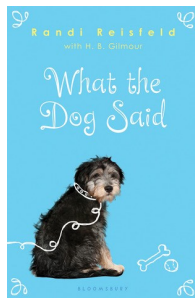
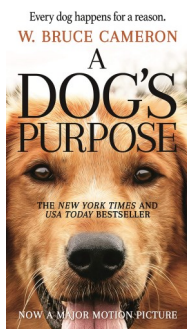
The Cross Country Running team participated in the Peace Hills Invitational Cross Country Running Meet on Saturday. Corey Hemauer, Willian Wilkinson, Kaedence Eriksen, and Linden Adams all had great races and represented JR Robson proudly. Linden Adams received a gold medal for his age category at the meet!



Adopt a Dog Month at the LC

Continuing the pet themes, if you would like have a picture of your dog added to the LC display, please email a digital photo to raynette.schroeder@btps.ca

Some suggested reads from the LC:
Marley & me : life and love with the world's worst dog by John Grogan.
Puppies, dogs, and Blue Northers : reflections on being raised by a pack of sled dogs by Gary Paulsen
A dog's purpose by W. Bruce Cameron.
Dogs of war by Sheila Keenan ; illustrated by Nathan Fox
What the dog said by Randi Reisfeld with H.B. Gilmour.



ELAA Tour Event

Wainwright High School is proud to invite your students, staff and parents to our **ELAA (Educational Liaison Association of Alberta) Event on October 27th from 8:45-10:45**. We expect to have about 15 post secondary schools join us in our school gym for the morning. It is a great opportunity to meet the recruiters from the following schools. (At this time, we expect a few more schools to sign up, but these are the confirmed schools as of today):

MacEwan University
Mount Royal University
Canadian Armed Forces
Concordia University of Edmonton
Keyano College
NAIT
Prairie College
Red Deer Polytechnic
The King's University
University of Alberta
University of Lethbridge
University of Calgary

For more information, please visit

<https://elaa.ab.ca/future-students/resources.html>

Terry Fox Walk

Students participated in the Terry Fox Walk on Friday, Sept. 23. Before leaving, they watched a couple of short videos covering the history of this event and donations were taken for the Terry Fox Foundation's mandate of cancer research.



For more info, go to <https://terryfox.org/>

Counsellor's Corner

We would like to encourage any grade 9-11 students, wishing to attend a post-secondary institution after grade 12, to start attending open houses. Often students feel the academic pressure of grade 12 and do not have the time to attend these all day sessions in their last year of high school. Picking the right post-secondary institution is an important first step to making the transition from high

school. The Open Houses are back to in-person visits, so plan to attend. The chart below provides dates of **Open Houses at the post-secondary institutions**.

Many post-secondary institutions waive the registration fee if you attend an open house and register on that day. Some post-secondary schools encourage students to come and be a student for the day and have

Post-Secondary Institution	City	Open for Applications	Open House Dates
Alberta College of Art & Design	Calgary	October 1	October 29
Ambrose University	Calgary	October 1	October 29 or February 9
Athabasca University	Athabasca	July 1	No open house
Bow Valley	Calgary	October 3	October 15 or March 11
Burman University	Lacombe	September 6	October 16 or March 5
Canadian Armed Forces	Kingston Ontario	September 1	No open house
Concordia University	Edmonton	October 1	October 22 or March 9
Northwestern Polytechnic formerly Grande Prairie Regional College	Grande Prairie / Fairview	October 1	No open house
Keyano College	Fort McMurray	October 1	September 27
The King's University	Edmonton	October 1	October 15 or March 8
Lakeland College	Vermilion/ Lloydminster	October 1	October 21 & 22 or March 3
Lethbridge College	Lethbridge	October 1	October 5 & February 11
MacEwan University	Edmonton	October 1	October 22
Medicine Hat College	Medicine Hat/Brooks	October 3	November 2 or March 4
Mount Royal University	Calgary	October 1	October 29
NAIT	Edmonton	October 1	October 29
Norquest College	Edmonton	October 1	October 22 or March 18
Northern Lakes College	Slave Lake/Grouard	October 1	No open house
Olds College	Olds	October 5	October 14
Portage College	LacLaBiche, et all	October 21	November 1 or March 30
Prairie College	Three Hills	October 1	October 14
Red Deer Polytechnic	Red Deer	October 1	October 22 or May 31
SAIT	Calgary	October 5	October 28 or March 18
St. Mary's University	Calgary	October 1	October 15 or February 11
University Of Alberta/Augustana	Edmonton/Camrose	October 1	October 15
University of Calgary	Calgary	October 1	October 22
University of Lethbridge	Lethbridge/Calgary	September 1	October 29
University of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	September	September 23

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separate days allotted for just that. Please see the ELAA link below for more details on how to contact a post-secondary school.

https://elaa.b-cdn.net/uploads/pdf/Dates_at_a_Glance_2022-23_updated_Sept_15.pdf

Grade 12 students are encouraged to see Mrs. Polishuk if they need **help registering for post-secondary study**. Use the Apply Alberta website to start this process. This website prepares the information needed to apply to any post-secondary institution in Alberta thus streamlining the application process. **(Use a private email address for this process as your BTPS account ceases to exist 1 month after graduation.)** You will also need an **Alberta Digital ID** to access some of the sites. This is the same information needed to access your health records. Some post-secondary institutions base acceptance on competitive averages while others are based on a first applied, first qualified basis. Applying to at least 2 post-secondary institutions gives you more options for acceptance. Remember you will need a credit card to submit your application online. **Many post-secondary schools open registration on October 1, so apply quickly.**

Apply Alberta Website:

<https://www.applyalberta.ca/pub/>

Alberta Digital ID website:

<https://account.alberta.ca/>

High School students should also be searching for scholarships as well. Often-times you will need two letters of reference for these letters, so start asking people who know you best to write your reference letters. Also see <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/> for scholarships available through the provincial government. Some due dates are fast approaching. To access the scholarships which we are aware of, please use the following instructions

1. Go to the JR Robson Website: <https://jrrobson.btps.ca/>

2. Choose **Students** from the Menu Bar

Students

Counselling
Awards
Scholarships
Courses
Athletics
Hot Lunch
Spirit Wear
BYOD

3. From the menu on the left hand side of the screen choose **Scholarships**:

Grade 10 - 12 students should create a MY-PASS account. <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass/welcome> MyPass is an Alberta Education website where students can:

- Order high school transcripts in English/French
- View diploma exam marks
- View Detailed Academic Reports
- View progress towards a credential (diploma or certificate)
- Order copies of your credential (diploma or certificate)
- Receive notifications of important messages

Also, for **Grade 12 Students** the first meeting to discuss graduation criteria and the graduation event is scheduled for October 12 at 7:00 in the Learning Commons.

Remember the **STRONG Interest Inventory** is available through your counsellor and VIBE Coach for any grade 11 & 12 students who are having trouble deciding on a future occupation. It is a great way to start the career planning process. See Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Polishuk or your VIBE coach, Ramona for further information. A special **thank you to VIBE** for sponsoring the cost of this career planning tool.

Work Experience, RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program) and Green Certificate Students please continue to submit your hours on a regular basis using the online system. Mrs. Hart (gr. 11), and Mrs. Polishuk/Scully (gr. 10 & 12) will be administering the program. To enroll, please see your counsellor to begin in the program. The **RAP program** is available to high school students who are interested in pursuing a trade. The student must find an employer who is willing to take you on as an apprentice and then you can begin accumulating hours as part of your high school program.

High School students interested in Green Certificate **please see Mrs. Hart to register**

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prior to October 14. A meeting will be scheduled, along with the representative from Alberta Agriculture, once I have all of the new registrants names to provide more information about the program. Students in this program will earn 16 credits towards their diploma at the grade 12 level. Green Certificate is available in the following areas:

- Bees
- Cow/Calf Production
- Dairy Production
- Equine
- Field Crops
- Green House
- Chickens
- Sheep
- Swine

Grade 9 students the annual **Take Your Kids to Work Day** has traditionally operated on a National basis in November of each year. The organization responsible is changing hands at this time, we are not sure when we will be having the grade 9 students participate in this activity.

Please stop by and introduce yourself to our Social Emotional Coach - Cassie Digness-Melnechenko or email her at [cas-](mailto:cas-sie.digness-melnechenko@btps.ca)

sie.digness-melnechenko@btps.ca to access her services. She is available to meet with students who may need help with family, peer or personal issues. She is in our building on Monday (all day) Wednesday (all day), Thursday morning and Friday afternoon.

Parents and Students are encouraged to sign up for **PowerSchool** through either parent or student portal. Please see the administrative assistants if you are struggling and they will be happy to assist you. This way you can see your progress on a regular basis.



Have a very Happy and restful Thanksgiving weekend.

Pirate Crew Retreat

Pirate Crew members elected to the executive spent a day at the Provincial Park train station on Sept. 29 planning activities for the year.



Vermilion Junior Curling ***Tuesday After-School League***

Grades 4-12

Tuesdays 3:45-5:30pm

Fee: \$93.00 (includes windup pizza party and curling photo)

November 1, 2022 – March 7, 2023

Vermilion Curling Rink

**Junior Curling Meeting October 11, 2022 at 7pm upstairs
at the Vermilion Curling Rink (back entrance)**

Registration on November 1 at the Vermilion Curling Rink

(Registration forms for pre-registration can be requested
from Joanne at 780 853-2233 - leave a message)

Come and learn the skills for the lifetime sport that rocks!

Curling equipment is available to borrow from the Junior Curling Program