



February 2, 2023

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Principal's Corner

On February 22 we will be having our next School Council meeting. School Council president Ed Reddy is looking to have an abbreviated meeting so that School Council's invited guest, MLA Mr. Roswell, will get a chance to meet with the parents after and have some good discussion about education topics. Mr. Reddy is extending an invitation to all Vermilion Elementary School parents to attend as well.

As always, February is survey month. I would like to remind parents of Grade 7 and 10 students to fill out and return your Alberta Education Accountability Pillar APORI survey that you should have received in the mail. The results are very important planning information for the

school and school division. Our Grade 7-11 students will be completing similar surveys in the month of February as well.

This month also brings the annual two-day teacher convention for teachers in our area. Since this falls just prior to the Family Day long weekend, students will not have any school from Feb. 16 -20.

I do want to take time to thank Mrs. Zweifel and Mrs. Trach for their dedication to our school over the past 5 years. Both will be leaving us in February and we all will certainly miss them both. Good luck to each on their next adventure.

Around the School

J.R. Robson would like to thank the Park Plains ATA Local for providing us with the funds to purchase an AeroGarden. So far we have started lettuce, dill, cucumbers, zucchini, and tomatoes. We are now working to incorporate it into various courses in our school such as Foods and Science 7.



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School Council Meeting

Wednesday,
February 22
7 pm at JRR

All parents welcome!

Website:

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

Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/
JRRobsonSchool/](https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/)

App

<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



Counsellor's Corner

Welcome Back to Semester 2. For senior high students you will be starting 3-4 new courses and for junior high your options will change.

For Senior High

- ⇒ **February 15 will be the last day to add or drop courses for the second semester for high school students.**
- ⇒ **MyPass Account:** Students in high school are strongly encouraged to register for a MyPass account. Through this account you will be able to see diploma marks, order transcripts for post-secondary schools, view your detailed academic report, or register to write or rewrite diploma examinations. For those who do not have an account yet, here is the link <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass> . Alberta Education sends you a time sensitive password in the mail to Canada Post. Do not delay, get your account activated today.
- ⇒ **Grade 9 - 11 - Registration** for classes for the 2023-2024 school year will occur during the month of March. Watch for further information.
- ⇒ Remember the **STRONG Interest Inventory** is available through Mrs. Polishuk, Mrs. Hart or Ramona, our VIBE coach, for any grade 11 & 12 student who are having trouble deciding on a future occupation. It is a great way to start the career planning process.
- ⇒ **Scholarship information** is available on our school website. Use the **MENU** at the top of the screen, in the top right hand corner, choose **Students**, then in the top left-hand corner, you will see a menu: **Counselling, Awards, Scholarships**. Any new scholarships are added to our website for your use. If you have additional questions please see Mrs. Polishuk or Mrs. Hart.
- ⇒ **Augustana University is hosting a Preview Day on February 11, 2023 from 12 -4.** The preview day will allow you to tour the campus, meet professors and students, and hopefully answer all of your question. To register go to <https://www.ualberta.ca/events/augustana/future-students/augustana-preview-day.html>

Grade 12 students, your applications to post-secondary institutions should be completed by the end of the month as many post-secondary institutions do not accept registrations after March 1.

Grade 11 students – please see Mrs. Hart if you need information about career planning or about courses for next year. Parents are always welcome too, if you have questions or concerns. Please make an appointment and I will be happy to meet with you.

Students enrolled in off-campus courses: RAP/Green Certificate/work experience please continue to enter your hours on a regular basis and keep your paperwork up-to-date. **Green Certificate students need to see Mrs. Hart to complete the Agriculture 3000 safety unit which is the prerequisite for this course. Next testing dates will be April 18 & 19, 2023.**

Important Dates for this month:

February 16 & 17 - No School - Teacher's Convention

February 20, 2023 - No School - Family Day
February 22 is "PINK T-Shirt Day". Please wear pink to take a stand against bullying.

Your positive thought for the month:

You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

A.A. Mine
Author/Poet

Annual Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest

Date: Tuesday, April 4th, 2023
@ 9:30 a.m.

Place: J.R. Robson School – North Training Center

Details at the end of this newsletter. If interested in participating, please see Mrs. Hart

International Field Trip

JR Robson School & BTPS
Italy & Spain
International Field Trip 2024
March 29 - April 6, 2024

Open to any BTPS 2023-24 grade 10-12 student, parent or staff member. Also open to grade 7-9 JR Robson students next year but they must have a parent go with them on the tour.

Parent & student registration night: **Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at JR Robson School**

Contact Lorne Maier for information or questions (lorne.maier@btps.ca)



2023 Yearbook



2023 Yearbooks are now for sale, (to be delivered next year)

\$40 each, personalization an extra \$2.50 per line

Link to the online order form:
<https://ybstore.friesens.com/772478>
Or scan the QR code:



FREE FAMILY & PUBLIC SWIM

at Lakeland College Vermilion Aquatic Centre



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Saturday February 11th, 2023 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Friday March 3rd, 2023 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 7 Pizza Party



Grade 7B students enjoyed a pizza party lunch for winning the Food Drive in December.

FREE FAMILY BOWLING

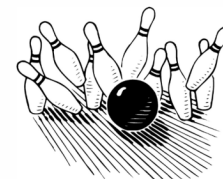


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Vermilion Wellness Coalition
at Striker's Lane in Vermilion
4902 49 Ave

Friday February 10th, 2023 7:00 - 8:00p.m
FAMILY DAY Monday February 20th, 2023 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.



VIBE MENTAL HEALTH ART CONTEST

CREATE ART ABOUT WHAT MENTAL HEALTH OR MENTAL ILLNESS MEANS TO YOU.

WHO CAN ENTER

Youth must attend a school or colony or come from the community of: Vermilion, Mannville, Innisfree, Marwayne, Dewberry, School of Hope, Blessed Sacrament School, Blessed Sacrament Outreach School or St. Thomas Aquinas School.

HOW DO I ENTER?

- Create art about "What does Mental Health or Mental Illness mean to you?" (options include paper, photography, canvas, sculpture, woodworking, discuss other mediums with VIBE)
- Submit your art entry with your name, grade and school to your VIBE Coach or school or Pat Calyniuk by April 19th, 2023.
- You can enter only one entry for competition, additional pieces can be entered but for display only.
- All art will be displayed at the Mental Health Art Gala on May 10th at the Vermilion Regional Center. All art will be returned after the Gala.
- All students who attend the gala will receive a fidget.

Prizes:

Grade 1-6: Top 10 will receive a prize

Grade 7-9: 1st \$200.00, 2nd \$100.00; 3rd \$50.00

Grade 10-12: 1st \$250.00; 2nd \$150.00; 3rd \$75.00

Grade 7-12: 4th to 10th place will receive a prize.

Partners:

Town of Vermilion FCSS, County of Vermilion River FCSS, Village of Marwayne FCSS, Village of Kitscoty FCSS, Mannville, Minburn Innisfree FCSS

Annual Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest

“Public Speaking is the art of giving power to words – to influence, inspire and transform lives. “

~Dirish

The Buffalo Trail Public School Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest provides an opportunity for students in BTPS to be involved in an event that will display their public speaking abilities. The competition is meant to acknowledge the importance of public speaking as an essential skill for today's youth.

Date: Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m. **Place:** J.R. Robson School – North Training Center

Competition Categories - Three categories will be established. Two general category topics are indicated in each category and students will be given the latitude to expand on either topic in a direction of their choosing.

Elementary Division - Open to students currently enrolled in Grade 4, 5 or 6

Speech Length: 2-4 minutes

- Topics:**
- 1) What do you enjoy about your favourite season of the year?
 - 2) Who is the best cartoon character?

Junior High Division - Open to students currently enrolled in Grade 7, 8 or 9

Speech Length: 3-5 minutes

- Topics:**
- 1) How can one person make a difference?
 - 2) What is the best dream mythical creature for a pet?

Senior High Division - Open to students currently enrolled in Grade 10, 11 or 12

Speech Length: 5-7 minutes

- Topics:**
- 1) Who is one of the people you admire/or a role model?
 - 2) What is the best invention that you use every day?

Contest Regulations

- Contest is open to students who are currently enrolled in a BTPS school.
- Schools can nominate a maximum of 1 (one) candidate in each of the competition categories (A school level competition may be held to identify the candidates to be nominated).
- Speakers may not use visual aids or gimmicks. A gimmick is any device or stunt used to distract the audience, such as clothing, costumes, props, singing a song, using taped music in the background, or leading a cheer or chant. Gestures are acceptable and are defined as a subtle, physical action that is meant to highlight or support a verbal message. It should not distract the audience and at no time should there be audience participation.
- Speakers must write a new and original speech (defined as having done their own research, scripting and presenting) each year.
- Sources of information used in the speech must be acknowledged. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.
- The decision of the judges shall be final.
- Scholarship prizes shall be awarded in the following format:
 - 1st and 2nd place will be recognized in each of the three categories. Each Gold Medal recipient will have their name engraved on the ***Superintendent's Annual Public Speaking Award*** and this award will be placed on display in the Superintendent's Office. Gold and Silver Medal recipients will be provided with the corresponding medal and the following monetary prize:

Elementary Division: Gold Medal – \$100.00 Silver Medal - \$50.00
Junior High Division: Gold Medal – \$200.00 Silver Medal - \$75.00
Senior High Division: Gold Medal – \$300.00 Silver Medal - \$100.00
- Lunch in a bag will be provided to all students and staff. You are welcome to join us for lunch or take the bag on the go. We understand many participants have a long drive.
- This event will be livestreamed for parent/guardian viewing. The link will be shared through the participant's school.