



Principal's Corner

During the week of September 25 – 28, our school participated in a variety of Orange Shirt Day and National Truth and Reconciliation Day activities. For example, on September 27th junior high students participated in a ZOOM session through the Northwest Regional Learning Consortium with elders and knowledge keepers who discussed Inuit drum dancing and throat singing. On September 28th our students started the day by participating in a ZOOM session hosted by Kevin John. As a school, our teachers utilize curricular learning opportunities throughout the year to educate students about First Nation, Metis and Inuit culture. Just as one example, the PE 10 class on September 26 stopped at Fort George and Buckingham House as they paddled by on their 2-day canoe trip. We feel that it is important that classroom instruc-

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

Just a reminder to parents to please get your updated student information and FOIPP forms into the office so we can insure that we have correct phone and contact information.

We had a well attended School Council meeting in September. Our next meeting is October 24th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons. At that meeting one of the discussion topics will be our new school assurance plan. More information to come prior to the meeting.

Have a great Thanksgiving and a safe Halloween.

Around the School



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School Council

Wednesday, Oct. 24

7 pm in the Learning Commons

Everyone welcome!

Website:

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

Facebook:

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



Pirate Crews

Pirate Crew Executive held their annual retreat on September 26 to plan the fun and activities that we will be holding throughout the school year. Lots of dress up days are planned and major events throughout the year. We should have lots of fun and the pirate points will be achieved. We can't wait to see which crew wins the Pirate Cup and what individuals will win a Fair Ride bracelet.

Pirate Crews' first major event will be on Halloween and will include a costume contest.



Want to know what is happening in the school? Follow our Pirate Crews Instagram @jrrpiratecrews



Marauder Football

Marauders lost their home opener on September 21 against Westlock in a close one 50-37.

Marauders defeated Slave Lake 68-13 on September 28, putting them at 2-1 and 3rd place in the standings.

Marauders played hard but came up short against Drayton Valley 37-15 at their home game on October 4.

Next game is on the road again in Camrose vs OLMP on Tuesday Oct 10.



Thanks to the following businesses who donated to our food/hot lunch programs:

- ⇒ Cornerstone Co-op
- ⇒ Dr. Lee Moneo
- ⇒ Movac Mobile Vacuum Services

Orange Shirt Day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sept 30



Every
Child
Matters

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 on page 5 provides dates of **Open Houses at post-secondary institutions**.

Many post-secondary institutions above 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 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/DAGdocx.pdf>

Grade 12 students are encouraged to see Mrs. Hart 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
⇒ Go to the JR Robson Website: <https://jrrobson.btps.ca/>
⇒ Choose **Students** from the Menu Bar
⇒ 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 or 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 counselor 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. Scully or your VIBE coach, Ramona for further information. A special **thank you to VIBE** for

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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 counselor 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.

WISEST presents the SET Conference (a Science, Engineering, and Technology experience) on **Saturday, November 25th, at the University of Alberta**, for young women and gender-diverse students in Grades 10 – 12 who are curious about careers in science, engineering, and technology (SET). All young women and gender-diverse students in grades 10-1 are welcome at SET. **SET Students will:**

- Gain insight into different career paths in science, engineering, and technology (SET) and related University of Alberta programs.
- Explore SET through lab tours and activities
- Get access to role models and mentors to learn what it is like to pursue science, engineering, or technology.

Conference Registration Details

- ◇ Nov 25th, 2023 from **9:00 am- 3:00 pm** at the University of Alberta
- ◇ The registration fee is **\$50 per student**
- ◇ **Registration opens on October 10th.**
- ◇ **See Mrs. Hart for more information**

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

mation 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

Please stop by and introduce yourself to our Social Emotional Coach - Amy Olobayo or email her at amy.olobayo@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. Here is the direct link to Parent Portal: <https://powerschool.btps.ca/public/> Please see the administrative assistants if you are struggling and they will be happy to assist you. This way you can monitor your progress on a regular basis.

Have a very Happy and restful Thanksgiving weekend.



Counsellor's Corner Continued

Post-Secondary Institution	City	Open for Ap- plications	Open House Dates
Alberta College of Art & Design	Calgary	October 1	October 18
Ambrose University	Calgary	October 1	October 21 January 26-virtual
Athabasca University	Athabasca	July 1	No open house
Bow Valley	Calgary	October 2	October 21 or March 9
Burman University	Lacombe	September 6	October 23 or March 10
Canadian Armed Forces	Kingston Ontario	September 1	No open house
Concordia University	Edmonton	October 1	October 21 or March 7
Keyano College	Fort McMurray	October 1	October 27
The King's University	Edmonton	October 1	October 21 or March 16
Lakeland College	Vermilion/Lloydminster	October 1	October 20 & 21
Lethbridge College	Lethbridge	October 1	October 25
MacEwan University	Edmonton	October 1	November 4
Medicine Hat College	Medicine Hat/Brooks	October 3	November 8 or March 4
Mount Royal University	Calgary	October 1	October 21
NAIT	Edmonton	October 1	October 28
Norquest College	Edmonton	October 1	October 28 or March 18
Northern Lakes College	Slave Lake/Grouard	October 1	No open house
Northwestern Polytechnic	Grande Prairie/ Fairview	October 1	No open house
Olds College	Olds	October 4	October 13 & 14 May 15
Portage College	LacLaBiche, St. Paul, Cold Lake	October 21	November 6-8 or March 4-6
Prairie College	Three Hills	October 1	November 18 or March 8 or May 25
Red Deer Polytechnic	Red Deer	October 1	October 28
SAIT	Calgary	October 5	November 3 & 4
St. Mary's University	Calgary	October 1	October 14 or February 10 or May 15
University Of Alberta/ Augustana	Edmonton/Camrose	October 1	October 14
University of Calgary	Calgary	October 1	October 28
University of Lethbridge	Lethbridge/Calgary	September 1	October 21
University of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	September	September 22

VERMILION JUNIOR CURLING
Monday Night Open League
2023-2024

Monday Nights 6:45-8:30pm

Starting Nov 13, 2023
6 end games
at Vermilion Curling Rink

2 divisions (younger teams and older teams)

(Curlers can be in Grade 4 to Grade 12)

Teams from surrounding communities are welcome!

Entry fee \$200/team

(If you don't have a team but would like to curl, please contact Doug)

To enter call Doug: (780) 853-0062

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 7, 2023 – March 5, 2024
Vermilion Curling Rink

Junior Curling Meeting October 10, 2023 at 7pm upstairs at the Vermilion Curling Rink (back entrance)

Registration on November 7 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

Italy and Spain 2024

BTPS International Trip

- ⇒ **Students can still enroll on the trip** - deadline is December 10th, 2023
- ⇒ **Trip participant meeting:** Monday, November 20th, 6:30 pm at JR Robson School



VIBE

FAMILY DAY CONFERENCE

FOR MOTHERS OR FATHERS
& THEIR SONS & DAUGHTERS
GRADE 5 TO 7

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST
J.R. ROBSON HIGH SCHOOL
8:45 A. M. TO 3:00 P.M.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BUILD & PAINT A BIRD HOUSE,
BAKE & DECORATE CUPCAKES, DO SOME HOME
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, TRY DRUMFIT, GLOW IN THE
DARK STRETCH CLASS, BUILD LEGO OR MECCANO,
STEPPING STONES AND OWL ROCK ART
SNACKS AND LUNCH PROVIDED

\$50.00 PER PAIR. SPACE IS LIMITED. TO REGISTER
CONTACT YOUR VIBE COACH FOR A FORM.
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCTOBER 6TH

An illustration of a family of five (two adults and three children) standing together on a yellow hill. The background features a stylized grey arch and a yellow sun.

SEL Spotlight

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, and the change of seasons, our Social-Emotional Learning Spotlight for October will be the *Science of Gratitude*.

Gratitude is the practice of noticing and appreciating the good in life. You might be grateful for simple things, such as a delicious snack, a smile in the hallway, or the colour of changing leaves. Research shows that a consistent and purposeful gratitude practice leads to increased self-esteem, stronger social connections, reduces stress and depression, and even boosts our immunity and heart health.

So how *exactly* does practicing gratitude do all that? Here is the science part. In our brain we have pathways of nerve cells. These pathways send messages all over our body allowing us to breath, talk, eat, and think. The more we practice gratitude, the stronger these neural pathways become, and the easier it is to navigate life's challenges with resilience and have empathy for others. Actively taking time to pay attention to the good in our life strengthens our ability to recall the positive and our outlook on life becomes more hopeful and optimistic.

Today I invite you to take a moment to write down three things you are grateful for. Here are some question prompts to get you started: What challenges do you face, and what are you learning from them? What compliment would you like to give yourself today? Who is a person you are grateful for?

As always, my door is open to students, staff and families who would like to connect with the Social-Emotional Coach Program. I can be reached by email at amy.olobayo@btps.ca.

Explore, Create, and Achieve



Science 7 students dissecting owl pellets

ELA 8 Book Talk Tuesday



Learning Commons

October is Islamic Heritage Month. Check out the book display in the LC featuring this theme.



Our other display features spooky books for Halloween.

Mrs. Darcie Maier will be starting in the LC after Thanksgiving so the Learning Commons will be open full time going forward.



VERMILION LIONS CLUB
5240-65TH STREET
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2023 SANTA ANONYMOUS REGISTRATION FORM
Vermilion and Area, Minburn, Mannville, & Clandonald
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS November 24th 2023.

Santas Anonymous is only available for families with children that live in the same household. Pick-up and delivery will be Saturday December 9th, 2023. We will be starting deliveries at 8:30 a.m. Pickup from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Children will receive gifts and/or gift cards. Food will be in the form of gift cards.

Name: _____
Street or Box Address: _____
Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ (If you do not have a phone, another contact number is required.)
If we cannot contact you to confirm we will not provide.

Is your family's income below \$35,000.00? _____ (Combined income of both spouses based on Line 150 of you and your spouse's tax return)

First Name (and last if different) of every member in the household	Male or Female	Age of children under 18	Name of School Child/Youth attends

We require a reference to be identified by the recipient that can be contacted to confirm that the recipient is experiencing financial hardship and requires the assistance of Santa Anonymous. A reference must know which community you live in. The reference can be a staff member from Human Resources (social services), Children Services, School personnel, Clergy, Counsellors, Village or Town Administrator or Councillors, FCSS, nurse, or RCMP member. Your reference cannot be a relative. The reference must know all members of the family, including the children. If the reference information is not filled out then the application will not be considered complete and may not be processed. My reference is:

Reference's Name _____ Position _____ Agency _____ Phone # _____

Please note: Mail completed application to address at the top. If you require more information please call Barry at 853-1188. By signing this form you agree that **the Vermilion Lions Club has the right to contact the reference to confirm hardship and/or call the local schools to confirm children.**

Applicant's Signature

HOT LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Perogies / sausage	3	4 Spagetti	5	6 Fry Day	7
8	9	10	11 Grilled Cheese/ soup	12	13 Fry Day	14
15	16 Stir fry	17 Booster juice	18 Roast beef dinner	19	20 Fry Day	21
22	23 Subway	24	25 Tortellini	26	27 Fry Day	28
29	30 Grilled Cheese/ soup	31	1	2	3	4

OCTOBER



October



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Jr. Girls Game Night	4 Football Home Game	5 Sr. Boys Vball Game	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving	10 Football away game	11 Sr. Cross Country Zones Sr. Boys Vball Game	12 Jr. Cross Country BTPS Finals	13 Jr. Boys Vball	14 Jr Girls Vball
15	16	17 Jr. Girls Game Night	18	19 Football home game Sr. Boys & Girls Vball	20 Sr. Boys & Girls Vball	
22	23	24 School Council Meeting	25 Highway 16 Vball Jr. Girls & Boys	26	27	28 Jr Girls Vball Sr. Boys & Girls Vball Cross Country Provincials
29	30	31 Halloween			Spook Jr. Girls Vball	