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## Principal's Corner

On February 27, we had a short school council meeting and reviewed our annual school results report. This report can be viewed on our website as well. **Our last School Council meeting is Tuesday April 30 at 7:00 pm.** (Please note the date change)

March is a busy month for registering high school students for the 2023-24 school year. During the in-person April 11 Parent-Teacher interview night we be registering the Grade 9's for Grade 10 courses. Our Parent-Teacher interview night for March 27

will be by phone and our April 11 night will be in person. Parents, please go to our website and click on **Bookings** to book a time with our teachers. [JR PT Interviews](#)

Congratulations to all of our students who played on the curling and basketball teams this year. A big thank you to our community coaches who helped out again this year, we could not do it without your help. Next up is badminton and track & field. Our ski trip to Table Mountain is back on for March 26 so if students are interested they need to get

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## Around the School

Pink Shirt Day  
**February 28, 2024**  
 Anti-bullying awareness day



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Want to know what is happening in the school? Follow our Pirate Crews Instagram:  
[@jrrpiratecrews](https://www.instagram.com/jrrpiratecrews)

**Website:**  
[irrobson.btps.ca](http://irrobson.btps.ca)  
**School Calendar**  
<http://irrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php>  
**Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>  
**App**  
<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



## Principal's Corner Continued

signed up soon.

I would again like to remind parents and students of BTPS Board Policy 304BP Personal Electronic Devices. *POLICY STATEMENT: The board recognizes that appropriate and responsible use of personal electronic devices enhances student learning. At no time should these devices interfere with an individual's right to privacy, the student's right to a safe and caring environment or the teaching and learning process.*

There are several Guiding Principles that follow, so I will provide the link so that you can review. Parents please review this policy. One of the biggest off task behaviors by students is the use of their cell phones. Students should not be getting texts or calls during instructional time from anyone because the first thing they want to do is look to see who is communicating to them. [BP 304](#)

## Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest

The 12th Annual 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 30th, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

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

**Entry Deadline:** April 17, 2024. If interested in participating, please see Mrs. Scully

[Category Information & Submission Form](#)

## Yearbook 2024

J. R. Robson's '23-'24 yearbook is already under construction. As usual, the hard-cover book will feature the current year's memorable moments in 68 full-color pages. There are 3 ways to order:

- Visit the [Friesens Store](#)
- Scan this:



ALL Graduates of 2024 will automatically receive a book of their Grade 12 year! (Grade 12s do not have to order one.)

There are also a few copies remaining of the '22-'23 book available for purchase at the office for \$40 each.

## Alberta Winter Games



Emma Howe recently competed in the Alberta Winter Games in Grande Prairie Zone 7 with her hockey team and won gold! Congratulations!



**GRANDE  
PRAIRIE  
2024**  
Alberta Winter Games

## Counsellor's Corner

We say goodbye to curling and basketball seasons and welcome badminton into the gym. Thank you to our coaches and volunteers for helping to make our school sports teams a success. Without many helping hands, a season would not happen.

For those public speakers in our school, the **Annual Superintendent's Public Speaking Competition** will be held on Friday, April 30, 2024, at J. R. Robson School from 9:30 to noon. This means J. R. Robson will be hosting a speak off the week we get back from Easter vacation. Here is the link to the topics: <https://www.smores.com/b2j30> Students who want to participate in the school speak off event, please email Mrs. Scully to confirm registration. We do not want to miss you.

### **A message from the University of Alberta:**

They are here to help you students register for classes at the University of Alberta! Registration for online faculty-specific courses and general Registration 101 workshops are now available. At this session students will:

- ⇒ Learn how to navigate Bear Tracks system for course selection and registration
- ⇒ Chat with an advisor and get advice on which courses to take
- ⇒ Explore the next steps on their journey at the U of A

Students can view the full schedule and register at <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/admission/register-in-courses/index.html>. Please note all admitted students are welcome to attend. However to build a draft schedule, students must have adopted their admission offer.

**A message from Lakeland College: LLC** will be hosting Information Sessions on **March 7 (Lloydminster) and March 8 (Vermilion)**. It's more specific than Open House, where students pick their program of choice and dive into that for the day. They get an opportunity to meet and chat with future professors, hear from current students, and get specifics about the program and what to expect next. Check the website for more details. [\[students/college-nights.aspx\]\(https://www.lakelandcollege.ca/future-students/college-nights.aspx\)](https://www.lakelandcollege.ca/future-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**A message from Portage College:** Portage College will be hosting the following Spring Open Houses at the following campuses from 6-8 pm. During these events you can participate in a free BBQ and take a program tour.

**March 4 – Lac La Biche Campus**

**March 5 – St Paul Campus**

**March 6 – Cold Lake Campus**

Please check the link for more information:

<https://www.portagecollege.ca/openhouse>

### **High School Registration for the 2024-25 School Year:**

Registration for grade 10 - 11 students takes place in MARCH. Students will receive links to the online registration form in their school email accounts and parents will receive notifications as well on March 15. For **Grade 10 & 11 students** you will need to complete the registration form (google form) with input from your parents and your counsellor. Grade 9 & 11 students should consult Mrs. Scully and Grade 10 students should consult Mrs. Polishuk (in Mrs. Hart's absence), if you have any questions about registration. **All online registration forms for Grade 10 and 11 students will be due on Thursday, March 28.** If as parents you have questions or want to discuss changes to your child's registration, please contact the school to schedule an appointment with your child's counselor or arrange an interview on March 27.

Parent teacher interviews will take place on March 27, 2024 (phone interviews) from 4:30 - 7:30 and again on Thursday, April 11, 2024 (in person) from 4:30 - 6:30. We will be hosting a **registration evening for grade 9 students and parents at 6:30 on April 11** to finalize the registration process for grade 10. Teachers of subjects in grade 9 and 10 will be on hand for parents to ask questions about their child's academic choices. During the meeting, Mrs. Scully will explain the criteria for the Alberta High School Diploma, graduation requirements, course sequencing and course offerings at J. R. Robson. Watch for more details on this date in next month's

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## Counsellor's Corner

newsletter.

**For Grade 11 students**, second semester is a good time to think about completing the Strong Interest Inventory which can assist in career aspirations. Please see Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Polishuk, Mr. Bates or Mrs. Mathison, (our VIBE coach) if you are interested. Take a tour of post-secondary institutions to learn more about the school you want to attend. Start researching scholarships that apply to you as well. Again these are available on our website. <http://jrrobson.btps.ca/> From the main menu choose:

Students

Counselling Awards Scholarships

### Inspirational quote for the month

#### Three Life Rules

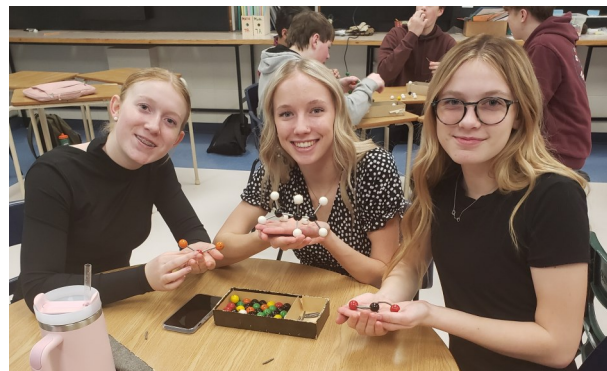
1. If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it.
  2. If you don't ask, the answer will always be no.
  3. If you don't step forward, you will always be in the same place.
- Unknown

## Explore, Create, Achieve



Above: Grade 7 students Douglas Romeo and Ben Clennett playing chess.

Below: Grade 9 Science students built molecular compounds



Below: More submissions to the Public Library Tiny Art Show held in February  
Pond—Kaleigh Cronin (Gr. 11)  
Winter Scene—Ella Morrison (Gr. 10)  
Lime Wedge—Arenas Abuzukar (Gr. 9)  
Stingray—Jett Wilson (Gr. 9)



## Curling

The JR Robson School curling teams had a great season. We had three teams this year. The Junior High team did amazing at the BTPS Junior High Highway 16 North Bonspiel winning gold and bringing home the banner. The Junior High curling team did very well at BTPS Curling Finals and won Bronze. The Senior High Mixed team curled a great close game at Districts but unfortu-

nately lost and were not able to advance to Zones. The Senior High Boys team played well at Districts and were able to advance to Zones where they had a lot of fun and some great games but were not able to make it onto Provincials. I would like to thank the coaches and players for all their hard work and having such an amazing curling season!



## Language Arts Projects



ELA 8 students independent novel study projects aka Bloom-balls



## Learning Commons



Changes are coming to the Learning Commons! We are in the process of sorting our fiction section into different genre sections such as fantasy, science fiction, romance, etc. We will also employ some dynamic shelving to

make the stacks more visually appealing and hopefully make book selection easier for students.

If there is something you would like to contribute to this newsletter or to be included on our school social media that might be of interest to our students such as community events or pictures, please email [jr.news@btps.ca](mailto:jr.news@btps.ca)



# March

2024

## HOT LUNCH

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

				<sup>1</sup> FryDay fries &/or chicken burger
<sup>4</sup> Subway Subs Day	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup> Sausage & Perogies	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup> FryDay fries &/or chicken burger
<sup>11</sup> Burger with Onion Rings	<sup>12</sup> Booster Juice Day	<sup>13</sup> Chicken Dinner	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup> no school
<sup>18</sup> Hot Dog & Fries	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup> Chicken Ceasar Salad	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup> FryDay fries &/or chicken burger
<sup>25</sup> Tortellini & Pasta Sauce	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup> Subway Subs Day	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup> Good Friday no school