



May 1, 2025

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## Principal's Corner

On April 28 we had our last School Council meeting of the school year. At the meeting, I provided information about our school budget and potential plans for the next school year. For a second year in a row, we have been significantly impacted negatively financially. Last year we were forced to reduce the teaching staff by 1.5 teaching positions for this school year. Possible implications for next year include: further staff reduction, introduction of school fees for certain courses, expansion of

DL program delivery in high school and priority programming in junior high.

### As for school fees, as per BTPS 201.5AP Fees for School and Transportation

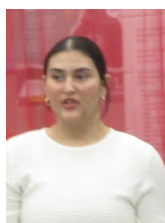
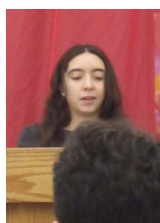
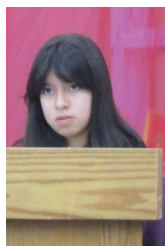
- 5.1 CTS Fees
- 5.1.1 Grade 7-9: maximum \$15 total per student (annually)
  - 5.1.2 Grade 10: maximum \$15 per course, \$45 total by student
  - 5.1.3 Grade 11-12: maximum \$25 per course, \$75 total by student
- 5.2 Foods
- 5.2.1 Grade 7-9: maximum \$30 per course
  - 5.2.2 Grade 10-12: maximum \$45 per course
- 5.3 Deposits for Course (refundable): Grade 10-12: maximum \$100 per course

Deposits that are collected to ensure the return of materials on the completion of an offsite course. These deposits might include things like Lakeland College Caution Deposits, Learning Hub, etc.

More information can be found on the BTPS website under Ad-

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## Around the School



Congratulations to all of the JR Robson students who participated in the BTPS Annual Public Speaking Competition.

### JR High

Lance Adams  
Emma Boxell  
Penelope Donily  
Yanaisi Mechor  
Byron Teran Merchan  
Polet Teran Merchan

### Sr. High:

Autumn Court  
Sofia Teran Merchan  
Sofia Myhovich  
Emma Boxell in Grade 9 and Sofia Myhovich in Grade 10 went on to compete in the Division Public Speaking Event.

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**Junior High school track and field meet will be on Thursday, May 22, 2025.**

Family members are invited to come and cheer on your favorite athlete.

### Website:

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

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>  
**Pirate Crew Instagram**  
<https://www.instagram.com/jrpiratecrews/>



## Principal's Corner Con't

min Procedures. There is little doubt that the cost of food, art supplies and construction materials have increased. To maintain a quality program requires consumable supplies, unfortunately the cost of those continue to rise and the funding to the school continues to decline.

On April 30 BTPS hosted their annual Public Speaking Contest and I want to congratulate Sofia Myhovich and Emma Boxell Buckingham who represented our school. Both did an excellent job in a very competitive field of public speakers from across the school division.

On June 2 we will host the VES Grade 6 class for the annual Grade 7 orientation day. Every year we invite the Grade 6 class to attend our building for the day and go through a typical day schedule. We look forward to them joining us.

Final exams will be quickly upon us, kicking things off with the Grade 9's writing the ELA Part A exam in May. Parents, please help your student develop good review habits by providing structured time during the week at home for uninterrupted review.

## Pirate Crew Fundraiser

**Thank you to all who purchased from our Spring Plant Fundraiser.**



It was our 6th year running the fundraiser. We made just over \$2,400. We use the funds we raise to support our Pirate Crew (leadership group) activities that we run throughout the year. We do big activities for Halloween, Christmas and we do a "Spring Fling" in May. As well as it helps pay for dances when we host them, and treats that we randomly hand out to the students throughout the year.

## Student Vote 2025

As with every provincial or federal election, Mr. Maier organizes a student vote to familiarize students with the voting process. Included here are charts representing our school's results, the nation-wide Student Vote results and the actual federal election results:

### 2025 JR Robson School Student Vote - Canadian federal election

# of Votes	Candidates
<b>116</b>	<b>Shannon Stubbs - Conservative Party of Canada (winner)</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Barry Milaney - Liberal Party of Canada</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Bridget Burns - Green Party of Canada</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Des Bissonette - New Democrats Party (NDP)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Michael Manchen - People's Party of Canada (PPC)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Micheal Spliers - Christian Heritage Party of Canada (CHP)</b>

	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12	TOTAL
Shannon Stubbs - Conservative Party of Canada	27	12	23	29	19	6	<b>116</b>
Barry Milaney - Liberal Party of Canada	2	2	5	3	1	4	<b>17</b>
Bridget Burns - Green Party of Canada	5	3	1	3	0	0	<b>12</b>
Des Bissonette - New Democrats Party	0	2	4	3	0	0	<b>9</b>
Michael Manchen - People's Party of Canada	0	5	0	2	0	0	<b>7</b>
Micheal Spliers - Christian Heritage Party	0	1	0	3	1	0	<b>5</b>
Rejected Ballots	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>

Total ballots cast: 167 (72% voter turnout)

**STUDENT VOTE**  
Canada 2025

### NATIONAL SUMMARY

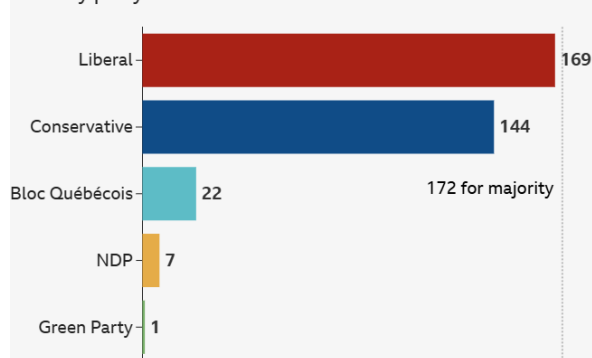
PARTY	SEAT COUNT	VOTE %
Conservative	<b>162</b>	<b>36.4%</b>
Liberal	<b>149</b>	<b>31.8%</b>
BLOC Québécois	<b>17</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
NDP	<b>13</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
GREEN PARTY	<b>2</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

C·I·V·I·X Elections Canada

**928,862 STUDENTS CAST BALLOTS FROM 6,079 SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE**

### Canada's balance of power

Seats by party



Source: Elections Canada • 99.9% of polls reported  
Results are preliminary. Last updated: 00:30, 30 Apr 2025

BBC

## Counsellor's Corner

**Thank you to all parents and students for your quick response with regards to completing the online registration for the 2025-2026 school year.** Timetabling can begin. The timetable will be developed over the course of the next month or so and student timetables will be available in June.

Special congratulations to our participants at the Superintendent's Speech Competition: Arenas Abuzukar was the Mistress of Ceremonies, Emma Boxell was our junior high representative, and Sofia Myhovich was our senior high representative. You represented our school very well. Congratulations on a job well done.

Special thanks to Buffalo Trail Public Schools for organizing the bussing for the annual **Try-A-Trade Event** held in Lloydminster on **April 30, 2025**. The grade 10 students tried some new trades and made job connections.

**Grade 9 students will be attending Lakeland College's Lloydminster Campus on Monday, May 5, 2025 for a tour of the campus.** Thank you to Lakeland College and Buffalo Trail Public Schools for facilitating this event.

**Green Certificate students:** Testing dates are scheduled for May 7 and 8 at Lakeland College. Please email Mrs. Hart if you are planning on testing so we can get you enrolled and book a testing appointment.

### **Attention Grade 12 Students:**

- ⇒ **Diploma exams are expected to be written in June. Please plan around your exam schedule.**
- ⇒ **High School students in the RAP program** should apply for the RAP Scholarships. Please see this link: [https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/apprentice-services/get-financial-support/](https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/apprentice-services/get-financial-support/scholarships/)

[scholarships/](#)

- ⇒ **Rutherford Scholarship & other Government Scholarship Applications**  
Check out: <http://studentaid.alberta.ca> for the information about registering. You need to apply one month prior to beginning your post-secondary studies to receive the scholarship.
- ⇒ **Student Loan Information:** Student loan information will also be found at <http://studentaid.alberta.ca>
- ⇒ **BTPS Student Email Accounts:** These accounts will be disabled/expire three months after you have left school. Please make sure you change your email addresses if you have important contact information coming to these addresses.

Grade 9 students will start exam season on **Thursday, May 29, 2025 as they write Part A of the ELA 9 PAT**. This will be the written portion of the PAT. Good luck to all grade 9 students.

**VIBE will be hosting their Art Gala on May 1 from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Vermilion Regional Center.** Some of our students have entered the Art Contest, so be sure to check out their artwork at this event. Many thanks to VIBE staff for organizing this event for our families.

Many thanks to **Ramona Mathison, our VIBE Coach**, for coming into our health classes and teaching our students about strategies to support good mental health. We appreciate your wisdom and knowledge.

Also a huge shout out to our **Social Emotional Coach, Amy Olobayo** who continues to provide time and a caring space for our students. The students love the ZEN DEN. Amy works with students three days a week and is one of the coordinators for the Diversity Club.

**Work Experience, RAP & Green Certifi-**

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## Counsellor's Corner Continued

**cate Students:** If you are enrolled in this program, you will need to hand in **your hours and evaluation forms at the end of May** for any hours which you earned during the school year. A **new program agreement must be in place to earn summer hours.** See Mrs. Kaye for more details.

**Money Management Skills Course for Graduates:** Did you know that all grade 12 students in Alberta have free access to a comprehensive online personal finance course? Developed specifically for teen learners by Enriched Academy. The self-study program features an engaging video format and covers eight topics ranging from budgeting basics to getting started in the stock market. Completing the course will ensure much-needed money management skills and it also offers a certificate of completion that looks great on a resume. All Graduating Students who complete the program are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Please click [here](#) to request your account. Scholarship details are found [here](#).

Good luck to our junior high students as you participate in the **school track and field meet on Thursday, May 22, 2025**. Family members are invited to come and cheer on your favorite athlete.

We will be welcoming the Grade 6 class from VES on **Monday, June 2, 2025 for Grade 6 Orientation.** **Grade 7 students** will be staying home as we introduce them to J. R. Robson.

The closing thought for this month is in support of Mental Health Week:



Important Dates in May	
May 1, 2025	VIBE Art Gala - Vermilion Regional Center - 5:00-9:00
May 5-11, 2025	Mental Health Week
May 5, 2025	Grade 9 Field Trip - Lakeland College Lloydminster Campus Tour
May 7 & 8, 2025	Green Certificate Testing
May 15-19, 2025	May Long Weekend - No school for students and staff
May 22, 2025	J. R. Robson School Track & Field Meet - all junior high participating
May 26, 2025	Northern Track and Field Meet - only some JRR students will participate
May 29, 2025	ELA 9 - Part A - Provincial Achievement Test
June 2, 2025	Grade 6 Orientation. Grade 7's get to stay home for the day



# VERMILION MARAUDERS SPRING FOOTBALL

- Grades 8-11 from JR Robson & St. Jerome's
- Practices run 4:00 to 5:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays starting May 6
- No cost to play, all equipment provided (bring your own shoes and water bottle)

**Contact coach Lorne Maier to register**  
**([lorne.maier@btps.ca](mailto:lorne.maier@btps.ca))**



## Career Fair

JR Robson School was thrilled to welcome 21 post-secondary institutions on April 8 for an amazing afternoon of exploration and connection! 10 schools from around the region attended this event. There are plenty of resources leftover from Post Secondary Institutions, displayed in our Learning Commons for students to view &/or take home.



## Grade 7 Bridge Projects

Pictured are some of the 3D bridges the grade 7s designed for their Structures and Forces unit in Science. After the bridges were printed, the bridges were tested for strength with weights.





# Badminton

The junior high played Highway 16 Northerns on Thursday April 10th. They played in Kitscoty grade 7 and half of 8's and Marwayne grade 9 and other half of 8's

JR Robson hosted BTPS Badminton Finals

These are the JR Robson players that advanced to the Finals which were held on Monday April 14th, and how they did:

Sawyer Cochrane - Boy Single placed 4th

Karsen Cadrain - Boys Doubles placed  
Gold

Korbin Betz - Boys Doubles placed Gold  
Jessica Wilkinson - Girls Doubles  
placed Bronze

Yanaisi Mechor - Girls Doubles placed  
Bronze



# 2024-2025 Yearbook Order Form

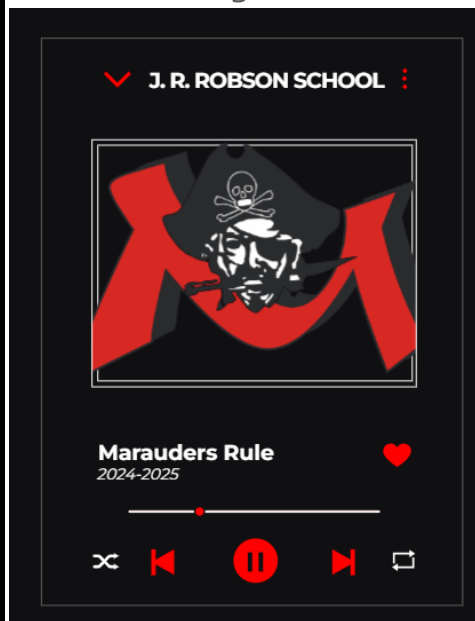
Get your version of our school yearbook today!

Here's our official  
cover design for  
this year:

Purchases can also be made by etransfer to **[jrrobson@btps.ca](mailto:jrrobson@btps.ca)**

Make sure to note that the payment is for a yearbook and include the child's name in the message.

Complete the order form below and return it with payment to the office. Make sure to keep the receipt as proof of payment. Delivery date for the yearbook is November 2025.



Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if you require delivery)

City Province Postal Code

Yearbook Cost: \$42.00      x    Quantity:      =    Total:

**Payments can be made to the office by cash or cheques payable to J. R. Robson School**





# Vermilion Ukrainian Cultural Association



Come dance with us!

Try it out for free Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

Ages: 3 and up

Visit us at our website:

[www.vermilionukrainiandance.com](http://www.vermilionukrainiandance.com)

or contact Aaron Wynnyk at 780-853-0174



**Wednesday, May 28**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm**

*Save the Date*  
*Connect with Neighbours*

The Vermilion Wellness Coalition and the Town of Vermilion encourage everyone to **invite a neighbour** and attend the

## ***Neighbour Day “Open Oven Night”***

Enjoy a time of connection and fun, an opportunity to learn more about the benefits of neighbouring, simple ways to be a good neighbour; *AND* to play with the “Block Party Kit” Games.

**The activities are free. If you want to have a meal, here are some tips:**

- Bring your own pizza to cook in the oven for free. Coalition members will manage the oven and cooking the pizza.
- The pizza must be thin-crust and raw or defrosted.
- DO NOT put oil underneath – we will add cornmeal so the pizza cooks well.
- Bring your own knife/pizza cutter, utensils, plates, drinks, and any other food you want to eat. Bring a blanket for the grass and plan for a picnic in case the tables are full.



*Free*  
*Cupcakes*  
*Refreshments*  
*Watermelon*



**5324 50 Ave. Vermilion**





In honour of Mental Health Week, May 5-11, we are highlighting Move Your Mood healthy lifestyle practices that improve mental and physical well-being and enhance connections to others.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### EXPAND YOUR *Mind*

Strengthening your brain involves understanding your emotions, thoughts, and actions. It also means learning skills and ways to help you with difficult times. When you do things that stimulate your brain, it releases feel-good chemicals.

Take a moment to turn up the music and dance, share a good laugh, read a book or get creative!

### *Fuel* YOUR BODY

Fueling your body with a variety of food and water provides the energy your body needs to grow, learn and play. A balanced diet can improve your mood, focus and emotional well-being. Sharing meals with others can strengthen connections as well.

Choose foods that make you feel your best, and aim for a balanced diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits, protein, and whole grains.

### *Move* YOUR BODY

Moving your body every day improves your mental and physical well-being.

Regular movement can lift your mood, energy, and self-esteem. It also helps reduce stress, anxiety and depression. Being active can help you focus and be creative. Plus, it's a great way to connect with others. The key is to make movement fun by finding activities you enjoy.

Get outside, go for a walk, ride your bike or visit a local park.

### *PRACTICE* *Mindfulness*

Practicing Mindfulness is being present in the moment, without distractions or judgment. Practicing it can help reduce stress and anxiety, improve focus, creativity, and self-esteem. Being mindful helps with decision-making and emotional well-being.

Try practicing by tuning into your surroundings through your 5 senses. Look around you, what do you see, hear, smell, taste, feel?



Interested in more ideas?

Visit:

[CMHA Mental Health Week](#)  
[Help in Tough Times](#)  
[Move Your Mood Website](#)

Follow us on social media @  
Move Your Mood Alberta

### *Build* ASSETS

Developmental Assets are building blocks to help kids grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Just like a superhero has gadgets to solve problems, these assets help kids handle life's challenges and make good choices.

Help kids build assets by showing kindness, helping others, setting goals and connecting to caring adults.

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:

## Grade 9 & Senior High Exam Schedule – June 2025

Wed, June 11	<b>ELA 30-1/-2 Part A</b>
Thurs, June 12	<b>Social 30-1/-2 Part A</b>
	ELA 9 Part B PAT*
Fri, June 13	Math 9 Part A PAT
Tuesday, June 17 – Last Day of Classes for Senior High	
Tues, June 17	<b>Math 30-1/-2</b>
	Math 9 Part B PAT
	K&E Math 9
Wed, June 18	<b>ELA 30-1/-2 Part B</b>
	Social 9 PAT
	Social 10-1
	Physics 20
Thurs, Jun 19	<b>Social 30-1/-2 Part B</b>
	Science 9 PAT
	Biology 20
Fri, June 20	<b>Biology 30</b>
	Social 20-1
	ELA 20-1
Mon, June 23	Science 10
	Math 20-2
Tues, June 24	<b>Physics 30</b>
Wed, June 25	Make Up Day

## Junior High (Gr. 7&8) Exam Schedule - June 2024

	<b>Friday, June 20</b>	<b>Monday, June 23</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 24</b>
<b>Morning (Gr. 7 &amp; 8)</b>	Structured review & energizers	Structured review & energizers	Science 7
<b>PM</b>	Social 7	ELA 7	
	Social 8	ELA 8	

\*ELA 9 PAT Part A will be on Thursday, May 29, 2025