



BEISEKER COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello to the Parents and Students of Beiseker Community School,

We hope this season is filling you with cheer as our community events, school activities and the annual holiday break draw nearer! At the school, the hallways are filled with children practising their singing for upcoming concerts, leadership students helping those who are struggling in our community, and the studious murmurs of those working toward completion of various courses in preparation for exams next month. Yes, next month!

New Faces

In the school, we continue to adapt to the various realities our students face in pursuing their learning. As such, we have hired a new part-time teacher for our learning support department to bring additional help to students with various needs in the school. Coming from the Calgary Board of Education, Mrs. Karen Marotz (formerly Finck) will be joining the school in January. Mrs. Marotz has an extensive background in working with students that have diverse needs ranging from vision/hearing impairment, behavioural, autistic, ADHD and developmental delays. In addition to all of these assets, Mrs. Marotz is a former graduate of BCS and is excited to be returning to our community! Welcome back!

New Places

If you haven't been online lately, it's an exciting time for us at the school as BCS now has an active Twitter account as well as our Facebook page and Website portal for current happenings and connections to school events and information! Media is updated frequently on these sites, and all are used to forward current information. For ongoing information on school events including holidays, you can access our school Google Calendar which you can even add to your smartphone to stay current automatically.

Twitter: [@beiseker_school](https://twitter.com/beiseker_school)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/beisekercommunityschool>

School Website: <http://beiseker.rockyview.ab.ca>

Google Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=beisekercalendar@rvschools.ab.ca&ctz=America/Edmonton>

(press the +Google Calendar button on the bottom right to add it to your device)

Cold Times

We have been experiencing a relatively mild winter so far this school year, but we remind parents that conditions can change suddenly and drastically during the course of a school day. As such, please ensure that you are checking weather forecasts regularly and that your children have appropriate clothing for all possible weather that may occur in a school day. For students in grade K-6, indoor recess only occurs if the temperature with wind chill falls below -22C. For the complete RVS inclement weather policy regarding school closure and bussing, please see the following web page:

<http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/transportation/inclementweather>

Feeding Minds

Our breakfast program continues to evolve at the school, with new menu items and special foods delivered weekly. Some of the more recent school-wide food options have included scrambled eggs, chocolate-filled croissants, bagels and continued Cobbs Bread toast mornings! We are also pleased to inform parents that due to several recent donations and continuing support from Breakfast for Learning and Food for Thought, we are able to meet the needs of all students who need nutritious food each morning on a sustainable basis. We are not using any forms or limiting this program in any way so please tell your children to join us for breakfast!

Community Connections

At BCS we are aware of how closely tied our school is to our community, and as such we continue to reach out to various agencies and community partners to support us in the development of our students and school culture. November was a prime example of these collaborative efforts as we featured presentations on the dangers of substance abuse for both the school and community members, including inviting parents from neighbouring communities to join us. We hosted grade 7&8 students from Kathryn School for both our substance abuse talk and then a LIVE presentation focused on positive living, ensuring as many youth as possible in our community were hearing the same messaging. As we look forward into the new year, we are looking at continuing to forge connections with our community partners and throughout the various age groups in our own building.

On a more personal note, we would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our parents and guardians in supporting children in our building. None of us are immune from challenges in our lives, and we know that there have been many struggling families and challenging situations in our community this year. It is our hope that the holiday season brings a time for reconnection, rest and relaxation for you and your families and that 2016 brings with it renewed optimism and opportunity!

All the best,
Derek Keenan
Assistant Principal

Looking Forward

December

- 1st: Report Cards sent home (K-8)
- 3rd: Parent/Teacher interviews (K-6)
- 7th: Rosebud Theatre Field Trip
(Grades 4-6)
- 8th: School Wide Mentorship
- 9th: Leadership Academy
- 9th: Cobbs Bread Day
- 10th: Dental Screening K-2
- 10th: High School Dance 7:00
- 16th: Concert Dress rehearsal 9:30am
Parents welcome to rehearsal!!
- 17th: Christmas Concert 7:00 at the
Community Hall
- 18th: Christmas Extravaganza 10:30
- 18th: Fun Lunch Liz's Bakery
- 18th: Last Day of School

Happy Holidays!



January

- 4th: Back to School
- 19th: Last Day of classes for High
School
- 19th: Parent Council Meeting

February

- 1st: Semester 2 begins

**Please also follow us on Facebook and
Twitter for future news**



Beiseker Community School

@Beiseker_school

12 Days of Christmas

Brought to you by Student Council

School Dance: We will be having our first dance of the year for our High School students on Dec 10th from 7-10:30. Tickets are on sale for \$2 each every lunch hour by the gym door. Tickets on the evening of the dance will be \$5 each.

Christmas Extravaganza: All students from Grade 1 to 12 are invited to come show off their talents at our annual show on Dec 18th at 10:30. Any students interested in auditioning, please come sign up at the office.

Upcoming dates for 12 Days of Christmas events (Grades 7-12)

Dec 4-Mitten Day, Dec 7-Christmas Carol Quiz, Dec 8-Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Dec 9-Reindeer Tag, Dec 14-Cookie Baking, Dec 15-Karaoke/Lip-Sync, Dec 16-Christmas PJ Day, Dec 17-Scavenger Hunt items due

Upcoming dates for Christmas events (Grades K-6)

Dec 7-Jersey Day, Dec 8-Ugly Sweater, Dec 9-Random acts of kindness, Dec 10-Red Green Day, Dec 11-Christmas Hat Day, Dec 16-Christmas PJ day

Christmas drawing submissions due Dec 10th to the office



Global Action Events

Mitten Drive: Our 12 days of Christmas kicked off with classes competing to see which grade could collect the most new or lightly used mitten pairs to give to our local families in need. Collection ended Dec 1st, and we had an amazing 213 toques, scarves and mitten pairs donated. Thank you everyone for your involvement! Our Grade 3's collected the most at 65 pairs and won a special Hot Chocolate party provided by the Global Action team.

The Giving Tree: Students will be able to take an ornament off of our Tree of Giving soon. These ornaments will have the gender, age and a gift idea listed on them. Once a gift is bought, it can be brought in unwrapped to the school for distribution. Please remind your child to only take an ornament if that specific item will indeed be purchased.

About our school: Did you know?

We offer the following options face to face for **Gr. 9-12** students; Hockey Canada Skills Academy, Construction 7-12, Cosmetology, Digital Video, Drama, Fabrication 10-12, Foods, Outdoor Education, Psychology, Robotics, Sports Medicine, Sports Performance, French 9/10, Art, Computers, Photography, Leadership 10, Mechanics 10



Our Terry Fox run donations this year were even better than anticipated! Our total collected works out to over \$2.50 per student donated!! Thank you everyone!

CDA News

The Christmas Hamper forms are in, so please contact Laura Gorr lgorr@rockyview.ab.ca if you know of names that should be on the list to receive a hamper this year.



Rocky View Schools have invited our students to compete in their **2015 Christmas Card Contest**. The theme this year is "Tidings of Comfort & Joy" and Elementary and Middle school students have until Dec 15 to submit at the office.

Outdoor Wear

Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately to the weather conditions as students go outside for recess and physical education classes.

Thank you!!



ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

New Convenience: Online Payments

For SAFETY and Efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of Cash & Cheques coming into our school. School related expenses will be available online for you to make payment.

BENEFITS:

- Convenient:** Make payments Anytime ...Online!
- Easy to Use:** Fill a shopping cart and check out.
- Safe:** No more need to send Cash to school
- Secure:** The website is protected and PCI compliant.
- Efficient:** Online payments reduce the time a teacher spends "book keeping" giving them more instructional time.
- Saves Time:** Online Payments reduce cash counting and time preparing payment deposits. Funds are moved electronically to the school's bank account.



PARENTS PLEASE REGISTER

HERE'S HOW:

Step 1: Go to this website:

<https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

Milk Program

Our Milk Program is underway. The cost is \$1.00 for 1 milk, \$4.00 for 5 milk, or \$20.00 for 25 milk. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name, grade, and choice of white or chocolate milk. Alternatively, you can pay via the School Cash Online link on the school web-site.

Fruit Basket

A fruit basket is located in the office for students that are in need of a healthy snack.



BUS DROP OFF ZONE

We would like to again remind parents that **NO** parking is





Bandit Sports



Senior Basketball



First home game on December 8th.
Girls play at 6pm and Boys at 7:45.
Everyone welcome to cheer them on!

Beiseker @ George McDougall Dec 15th.
Girls play at 6pm and Boys at 7:45.

Basketball Practices

Junior Girls: Mon 5-7 and Thurs after school till 5pm

Junior Boys: Every lunch hour

Senior Girls: Mon and Wed after school till 5pm

Senior Boys: Mon am 7-8:30 and Friday after school till 3pm



Senior Girls

Tournament in Drumheller on Dec 4th and 5th

Junior Basketball



Seeding Tournaments at Genesis Place, Airdrie
Girls: Dec 8th 9am
Boys: Dec 9th 9am

*If you are interested in coaching, please contact Shane Hansen
shansen@rockyview.ab.ca*



News from the Learning Commons



Rocky Mountain Book Award (RMBA) Book Club 2015-2016

The Alberta Rocky Mountain Book Award is a “readers’ choice” award designed to encourage and empower students in Western Canada in grades 4-7. Our schools Book Club is invited to read all 20 books from a pre-selected shortlist and vote for their *favourite Canadian book*. Students in this club and throughout Alberta will have a voice in determining the 2016 winner! Students in this program will demonstrate their *literacy leadership* at the Spring Celebration of Learning by voting for their choice between March 17th and April 20th 2016. The winner will be announced April 22nd.

The Book Club meets every Monday and Wednesday from 10-10:30

“Poet-Tree” in the Library/Learning Commons

As a follow-up to their focus on poetry in language arts this fall, students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 are being asked to help decorate the library in December. Students in K-3 will be encouraged to choose and write a descriptive word (or poem) about snow, winter, December, Christmas, Ramadan or Hanukkah to decorate our “Poet-Tree.” Students in Division 2 (Grades 4-6) will be encouraged to write a descriptive poem to decorate our “Poet-Tree.” To add to the excitement of our “Poet-Tree” project, we would like to publish the poems from the “Poet-Tree” in a book to be displayed in the library. Parents, please feel free to visit the library and see our student “Poet-Tree.”

Happy Holidays from Mrs. Edwards
dedwards@rockyview.ab.ca





Christmas

ON MAIN STREET

Friday, December 4th

5:00pm-9:00pm

Located on the main street of Irricana

Free food and activities for all ages

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

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