



BEISEKER COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello Parent(s) of Beiseker Community School (BCS) Students,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and that you are invigorated and ready for 2016!

Staffing News

I would like to warmly welcome Karen Marotz to our teaching staff here at BCS. Karen comes to us from Crescent Heights High School in Calgary and will be working on our learning support department. She is a past student of BCS having graduated in 2002 and we are very excited to have her back in her new role. Welcome, Karen!

Beiseker Community School Bonding Days

In a continuing effort to **create a safe and caring school and to foster school unity** which is foundational to supporting students success, all grades participated in our first cross graded Beiseker Community School bonding day on Tuesday, December 8. Here, higher grades were matched with younger grades for half an hour during our focus block. Students were paired up and then participated in various activities such as buddy reading, playing games, and doing art activities. It is in these situations that the older students have the opportunity to **model leadership and be mentors** while at the same time the younger students are receiving positive reinforcement and encouragement from their older peers. It was also a time for teachers to connect with students that they would not normally connect with. Our next "bonding day" will be in early February.

High School Final Exam Schedule (9-12)

Last day of regular classes for high school students (Grade 9-12) is on **Monday, January 18th, 2015**. The first day of Semester II is **Monday, February 1**. A copy of the final exam schedule is included in this newsletter and it is also posted on our school website. **For Grade 9 students**, it should be noted that although regular classes are not occurring during the break, **tutorials for math, science and language arts have been scheduled**. Outside of these tutorials, the school is open for Grade 9 students, and we will have a supervised room where students can get caught up on work that is overdue or to get help in areas of need.

School Council – Time Change for the Meeting Tuesday, January 19

We are very excited to have the **Kathryn School Council** up to our school to meet with the BCS School Council. The purpose of the meeting is to get to know each other better than we do now, to share best practices and to continue our work in sharing what great schools we both have. We are also going to take a tour of the school. In order to accommodate this meeting with the Kathryn folks, the **regular BCS council meeting will start at 6:00** with the meeting with Kathryn School Council starting at 7:00. On that note, if anyone has items they would like to discuss at the 6:00 meeting, please contact our school council chair, Dan Tucker, at schoolcouncil-beiseker@rockyview.ab.ca

Family Literacy Evening/Free Pizza Supper – Wednesday, January 27

We are excited to be hosting our **first family literacy night** later this month. We are inviting **all our K-6 families** to this evening which will run from **5:00 – 6:30**. The purpose of the evening is to promote and celebrate literacy. The event will start with parents and children moving from room to room trying various literacy activities. We will then have a short parent meeting about how literacy can be supported at home followed by a **free pizza supper for all in attendance**. Please mark the date and stay tuned for more details.

Grade 7-8 Kathryn Activity Morning – Thursday, January 28

We are very pleased to be **welcoming the Grade 7/8 students of Kathryn School** to BCS the morning of the 28th. During this time, the students from Kathryn will be participating in three learning experiences including doing an activity in the foods lab and shop.

K -6 Active Living Day and Upcoming Grade 8/9 Ski Trip

BCS is pleased to announce our upcoming K -6 active living day and Grade 8/9 ski trip. **On Tuesday, January 19, the Grade 8/9s will be heading out to Nakiska** for the day and on **Monday, February 8, the K-6 students will be participating in our annual active living day**. Here, the students will be going **to Vivo** (formerly Cardel Place) for various physical activities. **The Grade 4-6 students will have the option of going skiing to Nakiska** that day. We would like to thank the BCS Education Advisory Association for their financial contributions in order to make these trips more affordable for parents/students. The school is also contributing as well.

Grade K-6 Spelling Bee Fundraiser

Starting **Monday, January 18, BCS** will be have our 3rd annual spelling bee fundraiser. The event will start with pledge packages coming home on the 18th culminating with our **spelling bee on Friday, February 12**. Please support our students in this exciting venture!

Well that is it for now. On behalf of the staff here at BCS, I wish everyone all the best in 2016!

Sincerely,
Mr. Montgomery

Looking Forward

January

- 4th: Back to School
- 11th: Kindergarten Registration starts
- 15th: Forensic Science Field Trip
- 18th: Last day of classes for high school
- 18th: K-6 Spelling Bee Fundraiser
Pledge packages coming home
- 19th: School Council meeting
- 19th: Grade 8/9 Nakiska Trip
- 19th: High school exam's until Jan 27th
- 27th: Family Literacy Evening
5:00 to 6:30pm
- 28th: Kathryn Activity Day
- 29th: No School—PD Day



February

- 1st: Semester 2 begins
- 1st: High School marks sent home
- 8th: Active Living Day Trip
Nakiska Gr. 4-6
Cardel Place K-6
- 12th: Spelling Bee K-6
- 15th: Family Day—No School
- 16th: Winter Break starts
No School Feb 15th-22nd
- 23rd: First Day back
- 23rd: Student Council Meeting

Please also follow us on Facebook and Twitter for future news



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Bandit Sports



Sr. Girls have a tournament in Drumheller at St. Anthony's School this weekend.

Friday Jan 8th they play at 11am and then again at 2:30pm.
Saturday they play at 9:30am

Both Senior teams play at WH Croxford Airdrie on Wed, Jan 13th.

Basketball Practices

Junior Girls:

Mondays: 5-6:30pm

Thursdays: After school till 5pm

Junior Boys:

Every lunch hour

Senior Girls:

Mondays: After school till 5pm

Wednesdays: After school until 5:30pm

Senior Boys:

Monday mornings: 7-8:30am

Friday after school till 3:30pm

2015-16 SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Please contact Fran Hagel to make arrangements for payment or if another copy of your child's invoice is required.

ALL SCHOOL FEES MUST BE PAID ONLINE

Beginning January 1, 2016, Rocky View Schools will no longer accept physical payments of cash or cheques for Board Established Instructional Resource Fees, School Established Optional Course Fees and School Established Optional Program Fees.

All school fees are to be paid on School Cash Online, links are on our school website and instructions on how to register on the below page.

We have computer access at our school to assist those who do not have internet access.

<https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com/>

About our school: Did you know?



- We warmed over 600 hands with all the mitten and glove donations we received through our Mitten Drive in December. Thank you so much for everyone's contribution.
- Some of our students recently appeared on CTV Calgary helping out the city's chapter of Soup Sisters and Broth Brothers.
- Lukas Ferber was the Champion at the Canadian Finals Rodeo for Steer Riding

Stress Buster Room

We will have a classroom open as a calming space for students during diploma exam week. The room will have stress relieving activities as well as brain boosting snacks!



We'd like to send out a big Thank You to everyone who helped make our Christmas concert a huge success. Especially those at the Village Office and to Santa for making a special appearance!

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 website.

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



January Final Exam Schedule - 2016			Room
Wednesday, January 13	9:00 - 12:00	ELA 30-1 Diploma (Part A)	Yanick
	9:00 - 12:00	ELA 30-2 Diploma (Part A)	Yanick
Thursday, January 14	9:00 - 12:00	Social Studies 30-1 Diploma (Part A)	Kent
	9:00 - 11:30	Social Studies 30-2 Diploma (Part A)	Kent
Monday, January 18		*LAST DAY OF H.S. CLASSES*	
Tuesday, January 19	9:00 - 12:00	ELA 30-1 Diploma (Part B)	Yanick
	9:00 - 12:00	ELA 30-2 Diploma (Part B)	Yanick
	9:00 - 12:10	Grade 9 Study Hall	Stovka
	12:54 - 3:25	Grade 9 Study Hall	Hansen
Wednesday, January 20	9:00 - 11:30	Social Studies 30-1 Diploma (Part B)	Gymnasium
	9:00 - 11:30	Social Studies 30-2 Diploma (Part B)	Gymnasium
	9:00 - 11:30	Math 10C	Gymnasium
	9:00 - 11:30	Math 20-1	Gymnasium
	9:00 - 11:30	Math 20-2	Gymnasium
	9:00 - 11:30	Science 9 Tutorial	Vance
	12:54 - 2:08	ELA 9 Tutorial	Hempel
Thursday, January 21	9:00 - 11:30	English 20	Gymnasium
		Social 10	Stovka
	9:00 - 11:30	Grade 9 ELA Midterm	Gymnasium
	9:00 - 12:10	Grade 9 Study Hall	Hansen
	12:54 - 2:08	Math 9 Tutorial	Hansen
Friday, January 22	9:00 - 12:00	Biology 30 Diploma	Gymnasium
	9:00 - 11:30	Biology 20	Gymnasium
	9:00 - 12:00	Math 9 Midterm	Gymnasium
Monday, January 25	9:00 - 12:00	Math 30-1 Diploma	Vance
	9:00 - 12:00	Math 30-2 Diploma	Vance
	9:00 - 10:15	Grade 9 Science PAT	Hansen/Stovka
Wednesday, January 27	9:00 - 12:00	Chemistry 30 Diploma	Yanick
Monday, February 1		*High School Classes Resume*	

* During times where there is no tutorial, there will be study hall rooms available for all Grade 9's.

Calgary Reads: Writings about Reading

Family Literacy - it only takes 15 minutes of fun!

January 27th is **Family Literacy Day** across Canada and we hope you'll take part in literacy building activities with the children in your life! Just 15 minutes a day can help develop long lasting literacy skills in children and strengthen the literacy skills of adults too.

Spending time reading, talking, singing and playing together helps parents and caregivers build positive, strong bonds with their children.

Here are some fun ways your family can mark Family Literacy Day:

- **How was your day today?**

Have your child write notes (sticky notes are always a big hit) or keep a journal about their day. . . and you do the same. Note fun things and new experiences. Then share the updates with each other in the car, on transit, during dinner or when getting ready for bed.

- **Have a game night to celebrate Family Literacy Day**

Gather your family's favourite board games and decide which ones to play. Take turns reading the instructions, game cards or keeping score. Perhaps decide to make game night a weekly event. It's a great way to come together and build skills while having fun!

- **Build an obstacle course**

Engage the whole family in building an obstacle course in the family room or a spot like the basement. Use pillows, furniture, toys etc. Then together, draw and label a map showing how to navigate the course.

- **Lights out, talk on!**

After bedtime stories with your child, turn off the lights and stay and chat. Take turns making up new endings for the stories you just read . . . or come up with ideas for the character's next adventure!

Thanks to ABCLifeLiteracy.ca for the fun ideas adapted here.

For lists of great children's books by age and resources to help your child develop critical literacy skills and a joy of reading, visit calgaryreads.com.