

## LOBSTICK ZONE

### Evansview School, Evansburg

January has been a flurry of learning and physical activity for the students at Evansview. For the last two weeks of the month, all students from kindergarten to Grade 6 have had the opportunity to skate for one hour at the local arena each day. This is the first year that students in all grades have gone skating, and the excitement was contagious. It has been fabulous watching children gain their balance and confidence, and whiz around the ice!

February has always been a busy month, and this year will be no exception. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, students will be kicking off the start of the 4-day long weekend by participating in our annual winter carnival. They'll spend the afternoon outside, moving through different stations, while challenging themselves and others. They will also be participating in three Indigenous games. Let the games begin!

The Grade 1/2 class will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will be completing a number of activities centered around 100, and are invited to come to school dressed as though they were 100 years old. Also in February, the Grade 1/2 class is participating in the 'Great Canadian Valentine Exchange'. The class made 20 Valentines and mailed one each to 20 schools across Canada, along with a letter showcasing Evansburg. In return, they are receiving 20 valentines, and information about other communities. Each community is being marked on a map in the front entryway of the school. What a great and exciting way to learn about our community, other communities, and Canada!



### Grand Trunk High School (GTHS)

The second semester is about to begin at Grand Trunk High School and the excitement of new courses and experiences fills the air. Grand Trunk High School staff and students would like to welcome Mrs. Shelley Hay to the teaching staff. Mrs. Hay will be teaching a variety of subjects in both junior and senior high in the second semester.

Basketball season is in full swing and all four teams at Grand Trunk are busy with league games and tournaments. Please come out and cheer them on to show your support to our hard-working athletes and their dedicated coaches. Please see the list of games in our upcoming events list at the bottom of this article.

#### GTHS Events for February

- 1 Semester 2 Begins
- 2 Sr. B'ball Tournament @ Vegreville
- 5 Sr. B'ball @ Holy Trinity (Drayton Valley)
- 6 Jr. B'ball @ PGMS
- 7 Jr. B'ball vs Wildwood (boys only)
- 8-9 No School for Students: Teachers' Convention
- 12 National Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Jr. B'ball vs Niton
- 13 Jr. B'ball vs Holy Redeemer/ Grad Photos
- 14 Valentine's Day/ Sr. B'ball @ Warburg
- 15 Sr. B'ball @ Breton
- 19 STAT: Family Day (No School)
- 20 Jr. B'ball vs PCHS
- 21 Sr. B'ball @ Thorsby
- 23 Sr. B'ball Tournament @ Stettler/  
Jr. B'ball Tournament @ Mayerthorpe
- 28 Sr. B'ball @ Breton/ Pink Shirt Day



## Niton Central School, Niton Junction

Staff and students came back from Christmas break well rested, and ready to make 2018 a great year. We had another Superflex assembly, where we celebrated the students who defeated 'Space Invader'. We also introduced another unthinkable called 'Destroyer of Fun'. Our Grade 4/5 and 6 classes started off the year with the start of the Oilers' Energizer Program. This a program that is focused on keeping kids active through the winter months. Students log and track their physical activity every week, and participate in challenges throughout the months.

We welcomed Brooke Sterling to our staff in January. She has really bonded with her students, and is planning some amazing lessons. Her 2/3 class is currently busy creating and building their own city, as a part of their 'Building Things' unit. They created a blue print of their city together as class, and have started building the structures that they decided on. Students are showing some great teamwork and lots of creativity.

Our Grade 6 class participated in a power exercise on racism this month, as a part of their, 'Voices for Change' unit. Based on the experiment that educator Jane Elliot came up with, students were separated by their eye colour: brown eyes and blue eyes. The blue-eyed students were then discriminated against. They weren't allowed to use certain washrooms or water fountains, had to wear a coloured pinny, and were segregated from the rest of class. Students made some great connections to what racism can look like, and the discussion after the experiment really showed how students were impacted by this exercise.

In junior high, the Grade 8 class started finishing up their Renaissance unit with a variety of presentations. Students were assigned to research a topic of the Renaissance that they were more curious about, and created a presentation. Students created presentations on art and dance, sports, torture devices, and pirate ships. Students did a great job researching and presenting their knowledge.



## Niton Events for February

- 8-9 **No School for Students: Teachers' Convention**
- 12 **National Random Acts of Kindness Week**
- 13 **Junior ATB Grand Opening**
- 12-23 **Math Blitz**
- 14 **Valentine's Day**
- 19 **STAT: Family Day (No School)**
- 21-22 **Parent/ Teacher Conferences**
- 28 **Pink Shirt Day**
- Feb. 26-March 2 **Grade 6 Restaurant - The Space Arcade**

## Wildwood School, Wildwood

A big thank you to Drayton Valley UFA from the students and staff of Wildwood School! Drayton Valley UFA Farm and Ranch Supply Store donated the building materials required for the kids to be able to have a shinny rink in the school field. A shinny rink is simply a makeshift winter hockey rink where the kids can play hockey in their boots with no skates required. Community volunteer Darrell Hunter came to the grounds to help the outdoor education class put the rink together. From the moment it became useable, it has been a huge recess time attraction. Ashley Chipiuk donated a set of hockey nets for either side of the rink. Our school council donated money for sticks and protective equipment for the goalies. The shinny rink is so popular that a second smaller shinny rink for the younger grades is being built out in the field alongside the larger one.

Ever have the ideas in your head come out faster than you can get them down on paper? Read & Write Google is the answer, and on World Literacy Day, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Wildwood School students received intensive training from division tech specialist Amelia Bird on how to use 'Voice to Text' technology. Using a headset with a microphone, students can dictate phrases and sentences that they wish to compose and Read & Write Google technology rapidly lays those words down onto a document. Excited students found it remarkable how well the technology knows what a person is actually trying to say. School trustee Brenda Rosadiuk was also present for the event. Grande Yellowhead has made Read & Write Google a part of the user platform for every student in the division.

Jonie Gerspacher organized Literacy Day events at the school again this year. Younger grades also received a celebrity guest appearance that day from Terrie Stone, treasured librarian of the Wildwood Public Library.

## WW Events for February

- 1 National Archery Program Start-Up
- 2 Wildwood Wally Day & Winter Carnival
- 6-7 Home B'ball Games
- 8-9 No School for Students: Teachers' Convention
- 12 National Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 14 Valentine's Day & Grandparents' Tea
- 16 Outdoor Education Ice Fishing Trip
- 19 STAT: Family Day (No School)
- 27 Grades 5-9 Oil Kings Game in Edmonton
- 28 Pink Shirt Day



## Fulham Events for February

- 7 Winter Carnival
- 8-9 No School for Students: Teachers' Convention
- 12 National Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 14-15 "Paws For Books" Book Fair
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 19 STAT: Family Day (No School)
- 21-22 Parent/ Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:30pm
- 23 No Kindergarten for Students
- 28 Pink Shirt Day



## EDSON & AREA

### Fulham School

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our first 'Mindful Day'. This was a day designed to equip children with various coping strategies to help them deal with stress and anxiety. Students participated in many activities such as breathing and relaxation exercises, physical activity, and crafting, while learning other techniques to promote mindfulness.

Our annual winter carnival has arrived, and this year's plans include activities with a Winter Olympic theme such as skiing, skating, bobsled and luge (sledding), and ball hockey.

We invite everyone to come to our 'Paws For Books' Book Fair on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be some fantastic books to buy and you will be supporting Fulham School with your purchase.

Parents, remember to book your appointment for parent/teacher interviews: it's a great time to discuss any comments or concerns you may have about your child at school and view their recent work.

### École Westhaven School

How quickly February approaches...and with it comes carnival! This exciting event dates back to 1894 and it was based on the need for revellery during long cold winters.

Here at École Westhaven School, we try to offer our students a small taste of the festivities that one would see in Quebec City, the birthplace of the carnival and snow capital of the world. At this time, our carnival committee is planning the activities for the wonderful week of fun starting on February 26<sup>th</sup> and going on all week till Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our Grade 4 and 5 students will be completing a survey at school that helps us understand their level of engagement in learning, the level of student wellness, and the climate of the classrooms and the school. This 'Tell Them From Me' survey helps us to understand what is working well in our school, and areas that we can improve on from the student perspective. Parents of Grade 4 and 5 students will also be receiving a survey in the mail from Alberta Education. This survey helps us to understand the strengths and areas to improve at our school from a parent perspective. Thank you in advance for your feedback!

## Westhaven Events for February

- 5 Feather Assembly @ 11:45am/ School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 8-9 No School for Students: Teachers' Convention
- 12 National Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 19 STAT: Family Day (No School)
- 23 No Kindergarten for Students
- 28 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb.26 to March 2 Bonhomme Carnaval Event

## École Pine Grove Middle School (PGMS)

The new year is typically a very busy time at Pine Grove. Not only are students beginning new units of study, basketball is in full swing, and Pine Grove drama students perform the annual school musical. Many students also write mid-term exams in advance of report cards which are sent out in early February.

This year was no exception. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, Pine Grove teams participated in a basketball tournament which was hosted in Edson. Students shined in their performances in the musical "Madagascar Jr." held at the Red Brick Theatre from January 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, where they performed eight daytime matinees and three evening shows.

In order to help students deal with the stress of exam time, many teachers incorporated lessons on dealing with test anxiety. Other stress reducing activities promoted by teachers in the classroom include physical brain breaks, yoga, mindfulness activities and class discussions during homeroom period each day.



## Parkland Composite High School

February 1<sup>st</sup> marks the first day of Semester 2. With diploma exams and PATs over, students are reminded to return all of their semester one textbooks/novels to receive their new class materials.

Parkland Composite High School presents 'Annie the Full Length Broadway Musical', performing on our very own PCHS stage. If you enjoy upbeat musical numbers, a cast that always tries to see the best in a bad situation, and even a little romance, you will love this show! Showtimes begin at 7pm from Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10.00 at Parkland's main office.

Grad 2018 meetings continue for students and parents. Updates and information can be found at [www.facebook.com/pchsgrad2018/](http://www.facebook.com/pchsgrad2018/).

## Parkland Events for February

Practices: Check out our calendar for times of practices @ [www.parklandcomposite.ca](http://www.parklandcomposite.ca)

- 1 Semester 2 Begins/'Annie' Rehearsal/7pm Grad Meeting for Parents & Grads
- 1-7 Textbook Week - Return Overdues
- 2-4 'Annie' Rehearsal
- 2-3 Jr B'ball Tourn. @ PCHS/Sr B'ball @ Ardrossan
- 5 'Annie' Performance - PGMS @ 9:30am
- 6 'Annie' Performance - Seniors @ 9:30am  
Jr Boys B'ball Game @ Wildwood
- 7 'Annie' Performance - PCHS @ 9:30am  
Sr B'ball Game @ Frank Maddock
- 8-9 No School for Students: Teachers' Convention
- 12 National Random Acts of Kindness Week  
Sr B'ball Game @ Frank Maddock
- 12-15 'Annie' Performances - 7pm @ PCHS
- 14 Jr Boys B'ball Game @ PCHS/ Valentine's Day
- 16 Jr B'ball Game @ PCHS
- 16-17 Sr Boys B'ball @ Morinville/Sr Girls @ Beaumont
- 19 STAT: Family Day (No School)
- 20 Jr B'ball Game @ GT
- 21 Sr B'ball Game @ PCHS
- 23 Jr B'ball GYAC Edson
- 23-24 Sr B'ball Tournament @ Wetaskiwin
- Feb. 26-March 1 Outdoor Education Class to Palisades
- 28 Pink Shirt Day & Pink Breakfast

## Mary Bergeron Elementary (MBE) School

January was a very exciting month at Mary Bergeron Elementary School! We were busy preparing for our Official Grand Opening which took place on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Many local dignitaries, along with the Education Minister, Honorable David Eggen, spoke to thank Alberta Education, United Construction, GYPSD staff and students for making our beautiful new facility such a wonderful learning space. Dignitaries cut ceremonial ribbons to declare each of the three wings of the school officially open, as students watched and cheered. Our SWAT students toured visitors around the school. Our school choir performed for the community members in attendance. The students wore the school colors, blue and green, with pride. Cake and bannock were shared to finish off this special day.

The kindergarten classes welcomed their Grade 8 buddies for their monthly Kinder 8 activity. They had a lot of fun playing 'Minute to Win It' games together as well as sharing winter themed books. Next month they will go to PGMS for Valentine's Day activities.

January 25<sup>th</sup> was Jersey Day: students and staff wore their favorite team's jersey to show school spirit.

Thanks to Mr. Rix's generosity to make ski tracks, our physical education classes are enjoying cross country skiing around our school yard and in the Edson Community Soccer Fields.



Grand Opening!



# GRANDE CACHE

## Grande Cache Community High School, (GCCHS) SonRise Christian Program

GCCHS students have spent the month of January very busy finishing assignments and getting ready for exams. Teachers have done lots of review in class, after school, during evenings, and on the weekends with their students. Exam week was held the last week of January. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, we begin a new semester with new courses for students.

During the month of January, our school held its first home basketball game in our brand new gym! The boy's team hosted the Jasper High School, and fell short 61-38 in what was also their first game of the season. Our team showed determination, and displayed some good skills throughout the game.

In SonRise, the Grade 5/6 class completed over a month of curling lessons and they played a four team round robin tournament. For almost all students, this curling experience was their first opportunity to learn the game. Our class thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and they all made great progress over the five weeks of games. All SonRise classes have been doing swimming lessons throughout January, and they will continue until mid-February. During the last week of January, SonRise held its annual 'Literacy Week' activities which included having several special guests in to share with students about how reading is important in their career. Guests fielded questions about their careers, and also shared a favourite picture book with the students. Among other activities, 'PJ Day' was very popular among students. We concluded the week with a used book sale that had a wide variety of books for all ages. The day also included a pizza lunch for everyone before dismissal for the weekend.

In February, SonRise will be doing candy grams, so students can send them to anyone in the building during Valentine's Day. SonRise will also celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Day, and compete in team activities outside in our annual winter carnival. In GCCHS, a number of exciting events are planned for the month of February too! Student Leadership is excited to bring students some fun and friendly Valentine's Day activities for the month of February. A new program called 'Matchomatics' is a matchmaking activity we'll be organizing for students in Grades 9-12. After filling out a short survey, students will be provided with a list of personality matches out of the student population, as well as a secret prize for participating in this fundraiser! We'll also be selling 'Seeds of Love' in place of candy-grams, so students can send a note and a gift flowers or greenery to those they want to recognize as special people in their life.

Parents of Grade 4 and Grade 10 students have likely received a letter from the Alberta government containing a survey for our school. We strongly encourage you to share your thoughts and return in the enclosed envelope. We are very interested in your feedback and we greatly appreciate you taking the time to fill them in. Thank you!



### GCCHS/SR Events for February

- 1 Semester 2 Begins/Literacy Week Continues in SonRise/PJ and Stuffed Animal Day
- 2 Used Book Sale & Pizza Lunch
- 5-7 SonRise Candy Grams Sold Mon-Wed
- 7 Dismiss Students @ Noon
- 8-9 No School for Students: Teachers' Convention
- 12 National Random Acts of Kindness Week/  
SR Swimming Ends This Week
- 14 Valentine's Day/Red and Pink Day
- 16 Last Day to Add/Drop a Course
- 19 STAT: Family Day (No School)
- 21 SR Winter Carnival
- 26 GCCHS/SonRise PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- 28 Pink Shirt Day/ SR Pizza Day

## Sheldon Coates School

February is looking like a great month for fun learning at Sheldon Coates! Penguin Activity Day was a great success for our students. Special thanks to the Grade 3 class who helped lead the stations. We have had the snowshoes out, and the gymnastics equipment is out for the kids during their gym classes. We will be having a Valentine's Activity Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will also be recognizing Olympic Week from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our 'Getting Along Day', and asking everyone to wear pink.

We are extremely grateful to our many parent helpers who have been supporting the breakfast program. Thanks parents and staff for helping us provide a healthy breakfast for all of our students!



## Summitview School

We wrapped up our month of January with Mental Health Awareness Week. Each day, the students were given a wellness challenge to complete, and to take selfies as a class to submit to our schools BEST coach. The class that accumulated the most points by completing the activities would win a pizza party. Our amazing Grade 4 class won the challenge, and they are very excited for their very own pizza party.

We ended our mental health week with our first of many 'Self-Reg Friday's'. All our students were able to explore different types of activities that they can choose from to help with self-regulation. The selection of activities varied to accommodate students that may need to 'up regulate' or 'down regulate'. This has been a great way to have our school community come together to mix with different age groups, staff, and community members within our school. A list of the different activities that were offered on this day were yoga, art, comic drawing, coloring, silent reading, strategy games, swimming, music, crafts, fitness circuit, and finger labyrinths. Our 'Self-Reg Friday's' will be happening every second week and our students are very excited for our next day which is on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Leading into the month of February, Summitview is very excited for our annual Valentine's Day dance that will be hosted by our Grade 6 students on February 15<sup>th</sup>. They are fundraising for their trip to the Palisades Center where they will be taking a day trip to cover their trees and forest unit in science. At the dance they will be selling baked goods at the canteen, and setting up a photo booth with props.

Summitview will end the month by supporting Pink Shirt Day on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The focus this year will be on cyberbullying. It will be a great day to show our community support by wearing our pink shirts, and educating our school community on the severity of cyberbullying, how to access supports and how to report a concern through our division's new online reporting tool, PSSTWorld.

### SVW Events for February

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| 1     | Parent Council Meeting                       |
| 2     | Self-Reg Friday                              |
| 7     | Early Dismissal for Students @ Noon          |
| 8-9   | No School for Students: Teachers' Convention |
| 12    | National Random Acts of Kindness Week        |
| 14    | Valentine's Day                              |
| 15    | Valentine's Dance                            |
| 19    | STAT: Family Day (No School)                 |
| 23-24 | GYAC B'Ball Tournament                       |
| 28    | Pink Shirt Day                               |

# HINTON

## Crescent Valley School

It was great to back to school in January. A great many staff and students said that they enjoyed that last week off after Christmas. Our staff and students talked about spending time as families, relaxing at home, and enjoying a relaxing routine.

In January, Crescent Valley enjoyed a few interesting activities. The Harry Collinge High School Band performed on January 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning to a thrilled audience. In the afternoon, staff hosted our annual Math Convention where students were able to rotate through three 30 minute fun math sessions at their grade level. On January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, classes worked on STEM projects related to fairy tales. Students in buddy classes had to figure out how to save Rapunzel, build a bridge over the Three Billy Goats Gruff, keep Humpty Dumpty from getting hurt when falling off the wall and many more!

### CVS Events for February

- 1 **CVS Talent Show**
- 2 **Awards Assembly/ School Dance**
- 7 **Science Fair**
- 8-9 **No School for Students: Teachers' Convention**
- 12 **National Random Acts of Kindness Week**
- 13 **100<sup>th</sup> Day**
- 14 **Valentine's Day/ School-Wide Candy Grams**
- 19 **STAT: Family Day (No School)**
- 23 **Staff Blanket Exercise**
- 28 **Pink Shirt Day**



## École Mountain View School

January was a very busy month at Mountain View!

Our boys' and girls' basketball teams resumed practices in preparation for games. Unfortunately, weather caused the postponement of their scheduled games. They have several upcoming games, including January 31<sup>st</sup> at PGMS in Edson. Games for February include road trips to Summitview Middle School in Grande Cache on the 5<sup>th</sup>, away games at Crescent Valley School on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, as well as a home game against PGMS on the 14<sup>th</sup>. They wrap up the season at the GYAC tournament on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our Nordic Ski program continued in January, and finishes up in February. Each of our Grade 1 through 7 classes had a full day at the Hinton Nordic Centre learning how to balance, fall, get up and classic skiing. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students who otherwise may never experience this lifetime sport.

We held several mental health awareness activities in January. During the week of January 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, our classes took part in many classroom lessons and discussions to promote the importance of mental wellness. Topics included discussions about proper sleep, nutrition and physical activity to help maintain wellness. Our Student Wellness Action Team (S.W.A.T.) continues to lead playground activities each day at lunch recess. This group of students in Grades 4 to 7, had the opportunity to celebrate their hard work, dedication and leadership through a session of games along with some treats sponsored by the Hinton Dairy Queen.

We celebrated student achievement several ways in January. Our January 11<sup>th</sup> Awards ceremony recognized students for exemplifying virtues during the months of November and December. Homeroom teachers described how students went beyond expectations for modelling the virtues of service, tolerance, peacefulness and joyfulness. Students were also recognized for enthusiasm in learning French in our Grade 4 to 6 French as a Second Language classes as well as in kindergarten through Grade 7 in our French Immersion classes.

Students who completed the first 100 days of our 200 Days of Reading Program were invited to a pool party to celebrate their commitment to reading recreationally for at least 15 minutes a day for 100 days since the beginning of the school year. Thanks to King Drugs for generously sponsoring this program.

## Harry Collinge High School (HCHS)

Welcome to the second semester at Harry Collinge High School. For our senior high students, they begin a brand new set of classes on February 1<sup>st</sup>. For our junior high students, only their option classes change. February also brings some new faces to the staff of HCHS. Please welcome Mr. Mark Scott who joins our staff to replace Mrs. Cederstrand who is delighted to bringing their family's second child home very soon. Also, please join us in welcoming Ms. Lindsay Anderson who comes to us to take over for Mrs. Everitt who is looking forward to the arrival of their first child.

We also want to wish the very best to Mrs. Carol Mercier who begins her retirement on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Mercier has always been a valued staff member who consistently went out of her way to ensure that students had the necessary support to be successful. We encourage parents of Grade 10 students to complete the provincial Accountability Pillar Surveys which were mailed to homes earlier in January. The information gathered from these surveys is important for school improvement and we appreciate the time you take to provide it.

### HCHS Events for February

7	Early Dismissal for Students @ Noon	14	Valentine's Day
8	Report Cards Sent	19	STAT: Family Day (No School)
8-9	No School for Students: Teachers' Convention	20	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
12	National Random Acts of Kindness Week	28	Pink Shirt Day
13-16	Sr. High Palisades Field Trip		

## THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

January has seen a flurry of activity with students completing courses and preparing for exams. We were fortunate to have Andrea Gunner from Mental Health Services come in to talk with our students at TLC Edson about exam anxiety and healthy ways to manage stress. At TLC Evansburg, staff and students have had several discussions about the importance of fuelling the brain properly when studying for tests by eating healthy and drinking lots of water. TLC Jasper students and staff are working to foster positive mental health during these hectic times. They have been focusing on healthy eating, and taking fresh air and activity breaks throughout the day. TLC students and staff are all looking forward to February and the resumption of our 'Try-It Tuesday' programs, especially Hockey Hooky at the Oil Kings game on the 27<sup>th</sup>. As well, with 'Random Acts of Kindness Week' happening the same week as Valentine's Day, we have some activities planned to help us spread some good cheer in the community - stay tuned!

TLC Jasper youth are very excited to be attending the moccasin workshop in Hinton in February.

TLC Evansburg school is looking to having the Rupertsland Institute visit the Evansburg TLC. The Rupertsland Institute will be giving a presentation to us near the end of February in which they talk about career opportunities for Métis students.

Marcel Arnaud from 'Careers: The Next Generation' will present to TLC students in Edson on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Careers program focuses on the trades in Alberta. All TLC students will be invited to attend this event which is also open to parents.

At the beginning of December, we said goodbye to one of our teacher's 'locks' with a fundraiser to bring awareness for cancer research, and raise money for local charities to help those in rural areas to make any appointments involved with their fight against cancer. Overall, \$1,700 was raised and will be passed forward to help the cause. We greatly appreciate our more 'clean-cut' math and science teacher, and hope that the money raised will help make a difference.

# JASPER

## Jasper Elementary School (JES)

A reading inferno is burning brightly at Jasper Elementary School. The students have enjoyed our Dr. Seuss theme this year. We are not sure what it is about read-a-thon that ignites such desire in the students and staff, but when children see their teachers and parents reading for the love of it, they too are caught up in the magical spell. It has been fun to say that we are ob'SEUSS'ed with reading this month!

Thanks so much to the Jasper Park Lodge for hosting JES at Mildred Lake on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had a great afternoon of skating. The weather was warm, and the ice was perfect. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who came to help tie skates and skate with the children. We could not have managed without our parental support!

In February, we will enjoy the wintry splendour and all that beautiful Jasper National Park has to offer. With the fresh snow and our new cross-country ski equipment classes will be able to try the centennial park trails. Many classes are continuing to practice their skating skills at the arena this month. Students in Grades 3 to 6 will be heading to Marmot Basin for ski and snowboard lessons as part of the physical education curriculum.

### JES Events for February

- 1-2 Field Trips to Marmot Basin
- 5-6 Field Trips to Marmot Basin
- 7 Early Dismissal for Students @ 12:05pm
- 8-9 No School for Students: Teachers' Convention
- 12 National Random Acts of Kindness Week/  
School Council Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day/ PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- 15 Healthy Snack Sales
- 16 Early Dismissal for Students @ 12:05pm
- 19 STAT: Family Day (No School)
- 23 No Kindergarten for Students
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

## Jasper Junior/Senior High School

January was an exciting month at Jasper Junior Senior High School. All of our junior high and senior high students had the opportunity to expand their physical education classes with a week of swim lessons at the local pool. Our basketball season also kicked into gear with our school entering junior and senior teams in both tournaments and games. Our Grade 9 and 10 students were also lucky to have their French exchange partners come for a week from Quebec to visit Jasper. These students will then be heading to Quebec City for a week (February 13-21) to enjoy everything the capital city of Quebec has to offer and will be hosted by their exchange partners.

High school students were busy at the end of January writing final exams. Most of our grads felt they did well on this round of diploma exams and are eager to find out their actual results.

### JJSHS Events for February

- 6 Parent/ Teacher Interview
- 8-9 No School for Students: Teachers' Convention
- 12 National Random Acts of Kindness Week/  
School Council Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17-24 Grade 9 & 10 FRIM Students to Quebec
- 19 STAT: Family Day (No School)
- 21-23 Grade 7 & 8 Skiing
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

