

The Paw Print



R.I. Baker Middle School

February 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

I would first like to express some gratitude for the parents who took the time to complete the school survey that was sent out before the Christmas break. This survey gave us many reasons to celebrate, and it also provided us with some areas we are going to improve on. The feedback we received was specific and thorough. Thank you.

As many of you know, in the fall we consulted with Blackfoot elder Mike Bruised Head, and he took us on a journey to find RIBMS a Blackfoot name. After many meetings with Mr. Bruised Head, we held a meaningful outdoor ceremony where we were granted our name: *Ikaiyii Pahsikooyoomahkaa*. This translates to “*Swift Running Bear School*”. From there, students and staff took what they learned in the ceremony and created a logo or image that best represented that. We examined all the submissions and stayed true to the common themes. We wanted to represent the ceremony, our region, and our school. Together with Adam Toth (graphic designer), Mr. Bruised Head, and of course our staff and students, we came up with something we are truly proud of.

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY** 

<u>Important Dates</u>	
Feb 1	- Celebrity Day
Feb 2	- Wally's Lunch
Feb 9	- Subway Lunch
Feb 11	- PD Day NO SCHOOL
Feb 16	- A1 Lunch
Feb 18	- Pink Shirt Day
Feb 21-25	Reading Week NO SCHOOL

Mr. Preb





Stay at Home Guide

When do I keep my child home?

The information in this visual guide was taken from Alberta COVID-19 links below on January 10, 2022. This guide is for students who attend Kindergarten to Grade 12 to simplify the requirements for public health measures and to understand how schools are making decisions around managing student illness.

My child is sick. How long do they need to stay home for?

<p style="text-align: center;">Core COVID-19 Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (above 38 °C or 100.4°F) • Cough (continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma) • Shortness of breath (continuous, out of breath, unable to breath deeply, not related to other know causes or conditions such as asthma) • Loss of smell or taste (not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chills • Sore throat/Painful swallowing • Runny nose/congestion • Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion • Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea • Unexplained loss of appetite • Muscle or joint aches • Headache • Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>My child has core symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test. Now what?</i></p> <p>If your child has ONE or more 'core' COVID-19 symptoms above or test positive, they must do the following before returning to school:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Receive two negative COVID-19 rapid tests taken 24 hours apart OR one PCR test result and no longer be presenting any symptoms, OR 2) Stay home for a minimum of 5 days if they are fully vaccinated or 10 days if not fully vaccinated (or longer if they still have symptoms). If fully vaccinated, and returning before 10 days isolation, a mask must be worn at all times for up to 5 days following isolation when around others in accordance with AHS requirements. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>This is my child. Now what?</i></p> <p>If your child has at least ONE 'other' symptom, keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school when they feel well enough to go. If your child does not improve or worsens after 24 hours, a COVID-19 rapid test is recommended.</p> <p>If your child has TWO OR MORE 'other' symptoms, keep your child home. A COVID-19 rapid test is recommended. Your child can return to school once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>How do I get my child tested?</i></p> <p>If your child has one or more 'core' COVID-19 symptoms above, we recommend you administer a rapid antigen test. Your school may have provided rapid antigen tests to you, and they are widely available at pharmacies.</p> <p><i>No proof of vaccination will be required nor proof of a negative test result. Household contacts of an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 are strongly recommended to quarantine.</i></p>	<p>What does it mean to stay home and isolate www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx</p> <p>COVID-19 self-assessment https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx</p> <p>Alberta Health Daily Checklist https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-alberta-health-daily-checklist</p>

Learn more by visiting our website: www.pallisersd.ab.ca

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Daily School Reminders



PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal

Please create an account so you can access your child's report card and attendance, anytime you want, from your device!

To successfully access the Parent Portal you will need to follow these steps:

1. Open an internet browser (Google) on your computer (this first step must be done on a computer, not a phone/handheld device)
2. Type **<https://ps.pallisersd.ab.ca/public>** into the address bar
3. If you haven't already done so, you will need to **Create an Account**. Fill in ALL the blanks under the **Parent Account Details** section. **Please choose/create your own unique Username and Password**. Please remember this information and keep it safe – this is what you will use to log in with at any later date.

****Please call the Office if you have not received your ACCESS ID and ACCESS PASSWORD**

****NEED TO ADD ANOTHER STUDENT?****

If you already have a PowerSchool account for an older student, please follow these simple steps

- “Adding” another student to your existing account works easiest and best from a person computer and not a hand held device.
- Click on “Account Preferences” in the lower left hand corner of the screen
- Click on the “Students” tab under the Account Preferences title
- The “Add Student” box will open up. You can now enter the student's name, Access ID & Access Password, and your relationship to the student. Click “OK”
- Your student should now appear in your account, and you can toggle between students, clicking on their names along the top menu bar.

RECESS EXPECTATIONS

R.I. Baker Middle School philosophy is that children need fresh air and exercise to enhance gross motor development, social skills and friendships. Exercise is overall good for the brain and body, especially this year! Our expectation is that all children need to be and are expected to be outside. This means that the students of R.I Baker need to come to school with appropriate clothing for our southern Alberta weather!





Students Missing in School Messenger

Many parents have indicated that they are having issues with School Messenger (that one or more of their children are not listed). For many parents/guardians we are finding that “*Refreshing the Contacts in the School Messenger App*” will add missing students back in.

TO REFRESH CONTACTS IN THE SCHOOL MESSENGER APP PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Click on the 4 little lines in the top left-hand corner.
2. Click on Contacts in the drop-down menu.
3. Click on the circular arrows in the top right-hand corner.

If this still does not work, or you have further questions please contact the school office at 403-345-3340. We still love to hear from parents!

Hot Lunch, School Fees & Extra Curricular Fees

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School Fees are now past due, please access your School Cash Online account to see what your students' fees are for the year.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact our office. There are payment options that can be discussed, but only if we are made aware of the situation.

Hot Lunch orders, Athletic Fees and Band Fees are all available through School Cash and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://palliserregional.schoolcashonline.com>

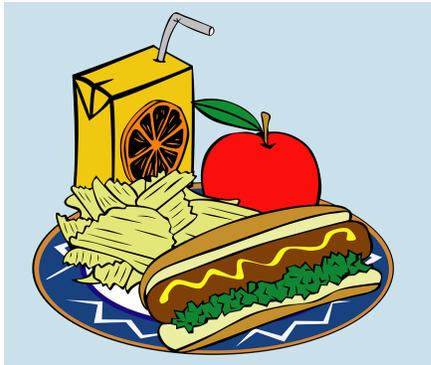
Thank you to everyone so far for cooperating with our COVID-19 protocols.

And if you haven't already, please be sure to

Thank our Custodians!

They have been working tirelessly to keep RIBMS clean and safe!





Canteen Schedule:

Mondays - Grade 6

Tuesdays - Grade 7

Wednesday - Grade 5

Thursday - Grade 8

RIBMS Canteen Price List

HOT FOOD

Pizza	\$3.50
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Corn Dog	\$2.00
Taquito	\$1.50
Mr. Noodle	\$2.00
Nachos	\$3.00
Fries	\$2.00
Poutine	\$3.00
Soup	\$2.50
Cheese bun	\$1.50
Soup/Cheese Bun	\$3.50
Caesar Salad	\$2.00

SNACKS

Beef Jerky	\$2.00
Hot Rod	\$1.00
Chips	\$2.00
Trail Mix	\$2.00

DRINKS

Water	\$1.00
Vitamin Water	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
Minute Maid Juice	\$2.00
Sparkling Ice	\$2.00

CANDY

Mentos	\$2.00
Caramel Sucker	\$0.50
Freezies	\$0.50
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$1.00



Warning does not apply to **BAKER BEARS!!**



What do the different colors mean?

- green items - nutritional value
- orange items - some nutritional value
- red item - no nutritional value

Thank you

to Mrs. Van Rijn, Mrs. Santangelo, Mrs. Houweling & Mrs. Pilling, and their students for their daily help in the canteen. Without their assistance our canteen would not be able to run.

March 16 & 17, 2022 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ONLINE REGISTRATION

As they were in the fall, this term's parent/teacher interviews will be online and by appointment only.

RIBMS is continuing to use the online appointment booking system for Parent Teacher Interviews, the system will be live MARCH 1, 2022. Please click on the link below and follow these simple instructions to book your PTI time slot:

<http://ribms.parentteacherconferences.net>

Click on the "Register" tab (top right corner)

Enter your Name, Phone Number, email address

Create a User ID and Password

Click "Register Now"

Click "Add a Student"

Enter Student's name

Click "Insert"

Click on your Students Name when it appears.

Follow the instructions given on screen. ****Please be sure to select the correct Date and Grade level****

Click "View Calendar"

Click on the Time Slot you would like for your interview

Click "Book Appointment"

Repeat the above steps for the number of students you have at RI Baker.

Once you have all appointments booked, Click on "Print Appointments" and you will have a hard copy of your child's appointment times.

Click "Log Out" (top right hand corner)

Once you have your appointments booked, the platform we will be using to chat with Parents is Google Meet. The invites, links and instructions for accessing these online appointments will be posted on our website closer to the interview dates. Please stay tuned for these important further instructions!



Notes from the Band Room



Grade 6 Band Retreat for February goes on Friday, February 4, from 1:00 - 3:00pm

Grade 7 Band Retreat for February goes on Friday, Feb 18, from 1:00 - 3:00pm.

Read all about it! - News from the Learning Commons



The Baker Book Club has begun! Students will have the opportunity to read selections chosen for the Rocky Mountain Book Award. What is the Rocky Mountain Book Award? The Rocky Mountain Book Award invites students and educators to participate in our readers' choice program. This program is designed to stimulate the reading interests of students in grades 4-7. The Rocky Mountain Book Award is an Alberta based program designed to connect young readers with exemplary Canadian

literature. Over the next several months, book club members will be able to read a variety of books and then have the opportunity to vote on their favorite book. The Book Club provides an extended opportunity to expose students to literature they may not typically read. Here is the link to the Rocky Mountain Book website if you are interested in seeing the selections chosen for this year.

<https://rmba.info/>



2021-2022 Year books are now available to purchase.

Go to your School Cash account to purchase one today!

A poster for Yearbook Day. At the top is a photo of a group of students. Below the photo, the text reads: "YOUR YEAR | YOUR MEMORIES | YOUR BOOK". The main headline is "DON'T GET LEFT OUT" in large, white, hand-drawn letters. Below that, it says "ON YEARBOOK DAY" with colorful confetti. At the bottom, it lists: "COST: \$31.50", "DEADLINE: April 30th", "METHODS: In-Office or Online", and a URL: "https://palliserschooldivision.schoolcashonline.com/".

YOUR YEAR | YOUR MEMORIES | YOUR BOOK

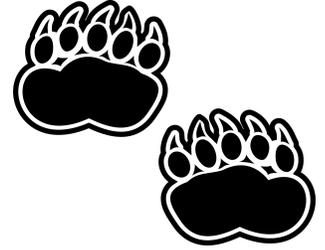
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A Rundown of Bears Athletics

We had a great start to our basketball season before we were put on pause. We continue to follow AHS and Palliser guidelines when deciding what activities we can participate in. Thank you for your understanding and continued patience.



Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is on February 18th, 2022

Why a Pink T-Shirt?

The idea came from two incredible Nova Scotia high school students in 2007. When a fellow student was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt, they decided to take a stand. They went out and bought pink shirts to give to fellow students to show their support for a boy who was being bullied simply for wearing a pink shirt.



Please wear pink and stand up against bullying



Breakfast & Snack Program

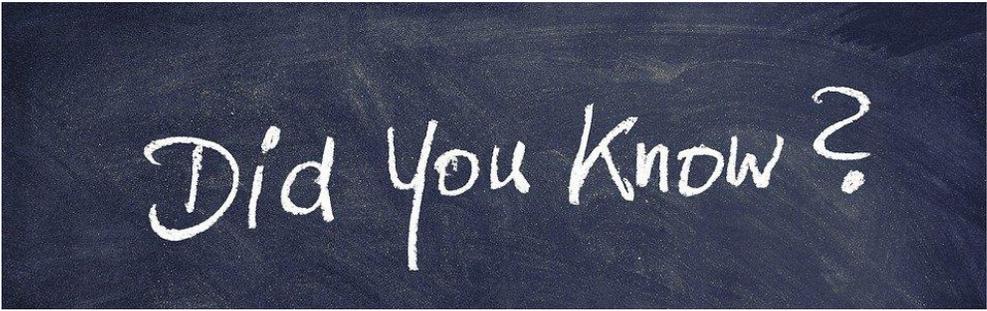
RIBMS gratefully received another grant from the **PC Children's Charity** to help us provide some healthy snacks for our hungry "Bears" (AKA our students!)

A variety of muffins, yogurt drinks and fresh fruit are provided daily and have been well received so far. Thank you **PC Children's Charity** for feeding our hungry minds!



feeding hungry minds





about all the awesome clubs that run at RIBMS???



For example:

Mrs. Netzel runs a Grade 6 reading/writing club on Tuesdays/Thursdays during the lunch recess

Mrs. Macklin runs: Chess Club on Mondays from 3:45-4:30
Art Club on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:30
Indigenous Garden Club - see Mrs. Macklin for more details!



Mrs. Pilling runs the Baker Book Club in the library on Fridays during the recess break
Mr. & Mrs. Smith lead the RI Baker GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) which generally meets a couple time a month.



These clubs are open to any students interested, just ask the staff listed for more information!

BASKETBALL CLUB

This year we had a Basketball Club for our students who wanted to continue playing basketball, but weren't playing on one of the Junior or Senior Teams. We had between 15 and 20 players come out each week and work on their skills, and also play some half-court games during lunch recesses.



To cap off our Basketball Club, we had an afternoon of Basketball, including shooting games, a 3-on-3 tournament, and a full court game.



We really enjoyed seeing our players develop over the 5 weeks of Basketball Club!

GameOn - R.I. Baker Middle School

GameOn is a mentoring program for boys (ages 9 to 14) that is designated to promote and provide information on healthy lifestyle choices such as healthy and balanced eating, life skills, physical and mental health, and topics around covid19.

When and Where?

Starting Monday February 28, during lunchtime from 11:40 am to 12:20 pm at R.I Baker Middle School for 7 continuous weeks.



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info.leth@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



Communication From Throughout the Grades



Grade 5 Pod

LA: A new year, and we are on to a new unit - story writing! We'll begin by examining the vocabulary and elements of a story, and then explore a particular story format called the *Stuck Story*, popular with authors such as Robert Munsch.

Math: We are continuing to work on division and will be looking at long division of 3 digit numbers by 1 digit number. Students are encouraged to work on their multiplication facts to help them with division and all aspects of math.

Social: We are finishing up our study of the Canadian Shield region and encouraging travelers to come to this wonderful region by creating travel brochures. Next up in our studies we will be looking at Canada's smallest region, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Lowlands region.

Science: We will be studying Electricity where students will look at building circuits and mechanisms using electricity, how to work with electricity safely, and how electricity affects our daily lives.

Grade 6 Pod

LA: We will be finishing up our reading of short stories with soema focus on some comprehension practice, and then moving on to writing our own short stories. Emphasis will be placed on proper format, creativity, writing skills and editing skills. Students usually love getting a chance to share their story writing skills. I can't wait to read them!

Math 6: We will continue to learn about improper fractions, mixed numbers, and ratios. Students will learn about number lines, modeling fractions, and equivalent ratios. Students will need to have their pencils, lined papers, and crayons for this unit, so please be sure to check if your child still has these supplies or if replacements need to be purchased. Please also double check that your child still has a basic calculator, which will be needed for the remainder of the year.

Science 6: We will continue to learn about concepts from our Sky Science unit as we begin the month of February. By the middle of the month, we will be moving on to our Air, Aerodynamics and Flight unit. In this large unit, we will be looking at the properties of air and how moving air impacts air pressure and flight, as well as learning about how birds, insects and aircraft can achieve flight. This unit will allow students to participate in a variety of hands-on activities and experiments.

Social Studies: This month, the students will be continuing their examination of local government. Hopefully it won't take us longer than a couple of weeks before we move on to the provincial government!



Grade 7 Pod

LA - Having finished our first literature study in January, students will now work on analyzing dystopian novels in small book clubs. Students will use the skills they learned through our whole class unit to analyze their dystopian book choice independently. They will show their understanding of the genre and work on speaking and listening skills through book club meetings with group members. Students will also complete their mid-term exam on February 9. Study materials will be posted on Google Classroom at least a week before.

Math - In February, students will be working on our fourth Math unit about Patterns and Relations. In this unit, students will explore and extend patterns, identify expressions and equations, describe linear relations, create and graph tables of values for linear relations, and analyze graphs to draw conclusions. We will also write our first Math Midterm Exam covering the concepts from all of the units we have completed so far this year. The Midterm Exam will be written over 2 class periods, on Tuesday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 9. Students should spend time reviewing their notes and assignments from their Math units.

Just a reminder that when students are sick or absent for other reasons, all Math materials can be found on the Google Classroom so that students can keep up to date with what we are learning in class.

Science - Students began the third unit, Planet Earth, in January and will be continuing this unit in February. In Science, students will be exploring and observing; rocks, minerals, the rock cycle, erosion and weathering, layers of the Earth as well as earthquakes, volcanoes, fossils and fossil fuels.

Social Studies - Students will be working through Chapter 6 & 7 which takes us through the War of 1812 and the effects it had on Canada as well as the Canadian Confederation. Materials will be posted on Google Classroom as we cover them.

Grade 8 Pod

Language Arts - At the end of January we started our Word Gatherers mini-unit where we are looking at the etymology of words. This will be followed by our LA midterm. February will bring a new mini-unit on Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse, where we'll be studying film techniques and plot structure. Following that, Mr. Finnie-- our practicum teacher from the University of Calgary--will be returning and taking over a good portion of the instruction. He will be leading the students in a unit on poetry and song.

Math - Our focus for the month of February will be finishing up Chapter 4: Patterns & Relations. This chapter involves students analyzing linear relations through equations, graphs and tables of values. Next, we will explore solving equations. This is an extension of Math 7 and again, we will utilize algebra-tiles to help us understand all of the steps required to solve different equations. Next up is Chapter 5: Pythagorean Theorem.

Science - We are starting our mechanical systems unit and students will have fun with our Rube Goldberg project. For this unit students will also require a basic calculator. This month we will also be having a midterm exam prior to reading week. We will be doing lots of reviews together but it's never too early to pull out the old units and refresh!

Social Studies (Mr. Smith) - We have begun our Aztec unit and students are enjoying the content so far. Similar to the Renaissance unit, we start by studying their origin stories as well as how they chose to organize their society. The focus of the unit is to see what happens when two similar worldviews collide (Spanish and Aztecs).

MARCH HOT LUNCH - DUE FEBRUARY 25 - 2021/2022

Student Name (R.I. Baker Middle School)

Hot Lunch is DUE FEBRUARY 25, 2022 @ 12:00 noon. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED
If your child is absent the lunch will be left in the fridge until the next day!

Wally's Lunch -MARCH 2

Taco in a Bag - MARCH 9

Coaldale Bakery- MARCH 16

KC Pub - MARCH 23

A1 Pizza - March 30

MARCH 2- Wally's Pizza

- Lasagna & Garlic Toast [add \$8.00]
- Chicken Fingers & Fries [add \$8.00]
- 2 - Lasagna & Garlic Toast [add \$15.75]
- 2 - Chicken Fingers & Fries [add \$15.75]

MARCH 9 - Taco in a Bag

- Taco in a Bag [add \$5.00]
- 2- Taco in a Bag [add \$10.00]

MARCH 16 - Coaldale Bakery

- Potato Soup & Small Cheese Bun [add \$8.25]
- Chili & Small Cheese Bun [add \$9.00]
- Pizza Bun [add \$3.00]

MARCH 23 - KC Pub

- Perogies & Sausage [add \$9.00]
- CHEESEBURGER & Fries [add \$9.00]

March 30 - A1 Pizza

- Cheese Pizza [add \$8.00]
- Pepperoni Pizza [add \$8.00]
- Hawaiian Pizza [add \$8.00]
- 2 - Cheese [add \$15.75]
- 2 - Pepperoni [add \$15.75]
- 2 - Hawaiian [add \$15.75]



Office phone: 403-345-6009

Phone/text/WhatsApp  : 403-915-3145

Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com

Website: communityclasses.ca

Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (located in the library)

Emergency First Aid CPR A & AED

In this one day course, students will learn to recognize and provide interventions for life threatening emergencies until medical aid arrives. Topics include: CPR and choking for adults, shock and unconsciousness, severe bleeding, head and spinal injuries, major medical conditions, and AED training and certification. Instructed by St. Johns Ambulance.

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022

Time: 9:00 – 5:30 pm

Where: Coaldale Public Library

Fee: \$125

Register by: March 7



Join an English class!

Shaughnessy
Picture Butte
Coaldale

Some classes offer childcare while you attend class.

Call/text/WhatsApp  : 403-915-3145
for more information.

Safe Food Handling Certificate

Instructed by Alberta Health Services. This fast paced, one day course prepares participants for the exam and certification required by Section 31 of Alberta's Food Regulation. Participants will learn about food safety topics including microbes, foodborne illness, food preparation and storage, and cleaning and sanitizing. Participants complete a 50 question multiple choice exam at the end of the course, and if successful, will receive a certificate and be added to the provincial registry. This course provides the same certificate as the 2 Day Food Safety Alberta Certification course. A good understanding of written and spoken English is recommended.

Date: **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

Time: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

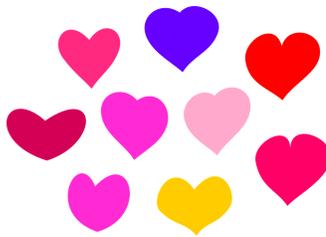
Where: Coaldale Public Library, 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale

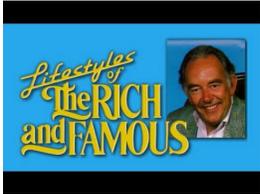
Fee: \$100

Register by: April 12



February 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>1 Dress Like Your Favorite Celebrity Day</p> 	<p>2 Wally's Lunch</p> 	3	4
7	8	<p>9 Subway Lunch</p> 	10	11 NO SCHOOL PD Day
<p>14 Valentines Day</p> 	15	<p>16 A1 Pizza Lunch</p> 	17	18 Pink Shirt Day 
<p>21 NO SCHOOL Family Day Reading Week Break</p>	<p>22 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break</p>	<p>23 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break</p>	<p>24 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break</p>	<p>25 NO SCHOOL Reading Week Break</p>
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March 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 Color Day - Dress in the same color from Head to Toe! Wally's Lunch 	3	4
7	8	9 Taco in a Bag Lunch 	10	11
14	15	16 Coaldale Bakery Lunch  Parent Teacher Interviews	17 St Patrick's Day  Parent Teacher Interviews	18 NO SCHOOL Division PD Day
21	22	23 KC Pub Lunch 	24	25 NO SCHOOL RIBMS PD Day
28	29	30 A1 Pizza Lunch 	31	