

# The Paw Print



*R.I. Baker Middle School*

## February 2023 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

During one of our last assemblies, I spoke with students about getting involved with your school and trying out a new activity or club. Something we pride ourselves on here at Baker is that we offer many opportunities for students to get involved. We try to create something for everyone. I thought I would name a few so possibly parents could encourage their children as well.

Athletics - Volleyball, basketball, badminton, track and field, cross country  
Arts - Band, handbells, drama production,  
Clubs - Guitar club, art club, chess club, student leadership council, GSA, 3D printing, intramural sports, indigenous garden club and more!

If you have an idea for a club that you would like to see at Baker, let us know! Chances are there are other kids out there that would attend. If you have interest in any of the above existing activities or have an idea for a new one, let us know. We would love to help you get more involved in the great things going on at R.I. Baker Middle School.

*Mr. Preb*



**Important Dates**

**Feb 1** - Taco in a Bag

**Feb 8** - KC Pub Lunch

**Feb 10** - Gr 5/6 Valentines Dance

**Feb 14** - Valentines Day

**Feb 15** - Subway Lunch

**Feb 17** - Pink Shirt Day

**Feb 17**-Winter Active Day

**Feb 17** - Gr 7/8 Valentines Dance

**Feb 20-24** Reading Week  
**NO SCHOOL**

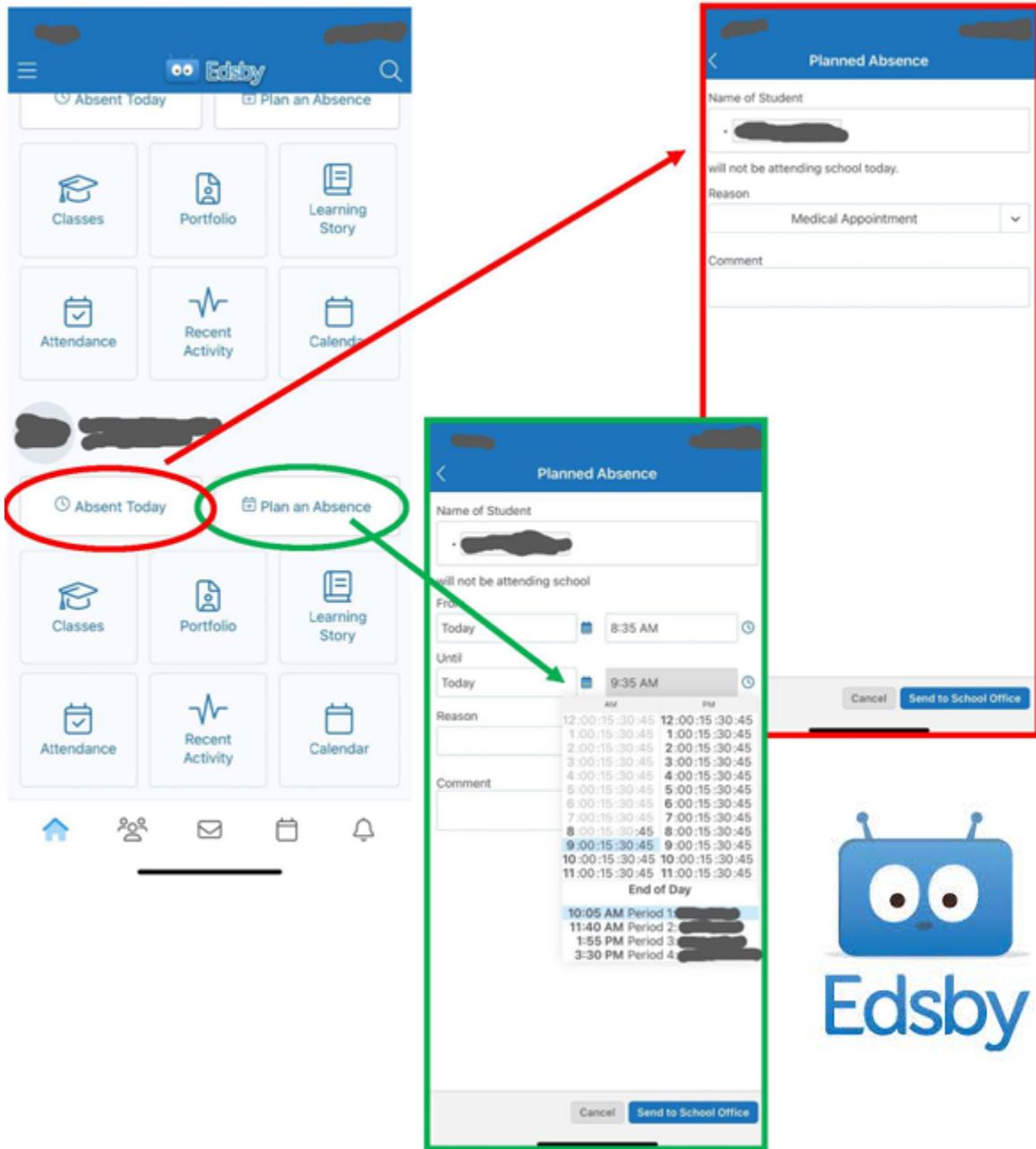
**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY** ♥

# Daily School Reminders

## Entering Absences in Edsby:

When entering an absence through Edsby, you have 2 options. If you select **"Absent Today"** your options are to choose the absent reason, and enter a comment (*optional*). The absent times will be automatically set to *"Beginning of Day"* to *"End of Day."*

If you select **"Plan an Absence"** you get also get the option to select a date (*or range of days*) as well as specific times, or periods. You may select the current date – it does not need to be a date in the future. You may select a time from the drop-down list or type in a specific time.



## 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!



## 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.schoolcashionline.com>

## PINK SHIRT DAY

**Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday February 22, 2023**  
**Due to our February Reading Week break, RIBMS will wear PINK on **Friday, February 17, 2023.****



### 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***

## RIBMS Canteen Price List

### HOT FOOD

Pizza	\$3.50
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Corn Dog	\$2.00
Taquito	\$1.50
Nachos	\$3.00

### SNACKS

Beef Jerky	\$2.00
Hot Rod	\$1.00
Chips	\$2.00
Trail Mix	\$2.00
Corn Nuts	\$2.00
Boom Chicka Popcorn	\$1.50
Fruit Roll Up	\$1.00

### DRINKS

Water	\$1.00
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
Sparkling Ice	\$2.00
Iced Tea	\$2.00

### CANDY

Mentos	\$2.00
Caramel Sucker	\$0.50
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$1.00
Chocolate Ice cream Cup	\$1.00



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



### Canteen Schedule:

**Mondays - Grade 6**

**Tuesdays - Grade 7**

**Wednesday - Grade 5**

**Thursday - Grade 8**



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2022-2023 Year books are now available to purchase. The cost is \$35.00 and the deadline is May 12, 2023. Go to your School Cash account to purchase one today!

# March 15 & 16, 2023 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

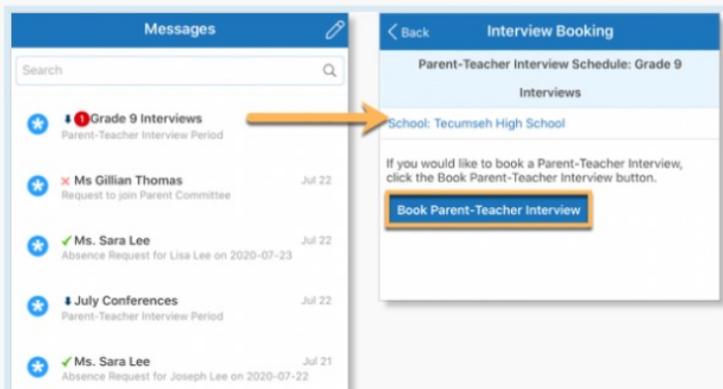
## \*\*NEW: Book your times with your EDSBY account!\*\*

Parents **NEED** to have an EDSBY account set up in order to access the opportunity to book Parent Teacher Interviews.

Please contact the Office if you need help getting this account set up.

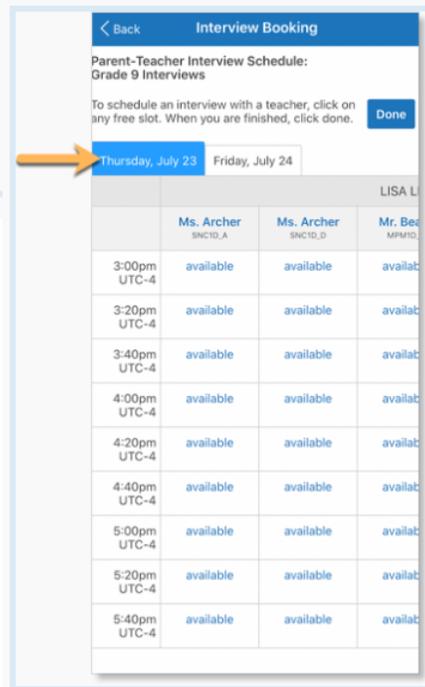
When it's time for parents to schedule an interview with their children's teachers, a message will be sent to their Edsby mailbox.

Click the envelope in the Navigation Bar to access your mailbox.

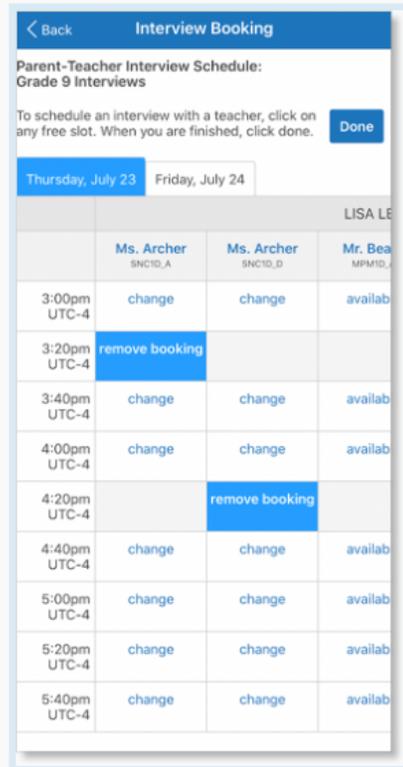


Open the message and click Book Parent-Teacher Interview.

You will see the children the interviews apply to and the available time slots for each of your children's teachers. If the interview period runs on more than one day, use the tabs to select between interview days.

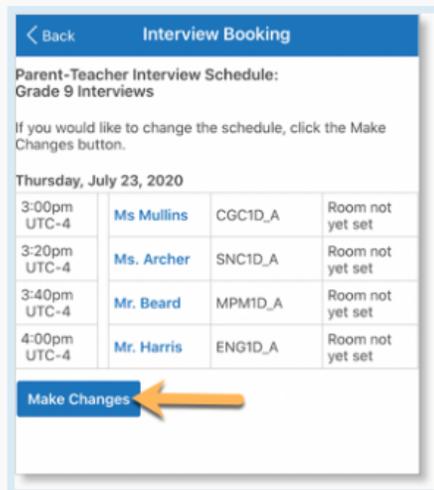


Edsby enables parents to choose exact time slots they want and enables parents to know in real time if the slots are available. Slots that are already booked and unavailable will be blank. Slots available will be labeled accordingly. Click on available slots to book them.



You can also remove your booking or change it to another available time.

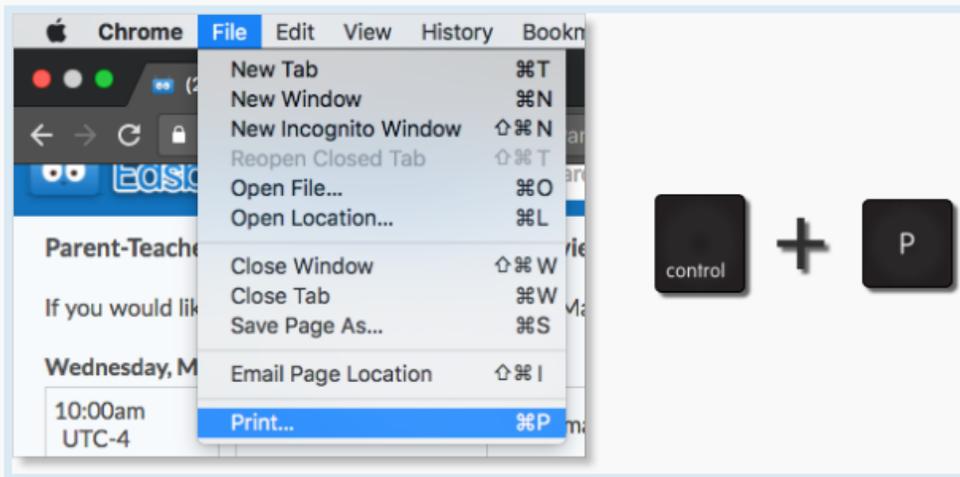
When you are finished booking, click Done. You will have a summary of your interview schedule in your mailbox.



If the interview period has not yet been closed for editing by an administrator, parents can make changes to their interview schedule by clicking Make Changes.

## Printing the Schedule

Parents can print their interview schedules by clicking File and then Print or by typing Ctrl+P on their keyboard.



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## A Rundown of Bears Athletics

Basketball season has been going strong in 2022-23! We've had a lot of skill development and even taken home a few plaques and top finishes! Congratulations to all teams on a very successful year so far, here are some highlights!

**Senior Girls** - Skills competition winners at Wilson Tournament, 3rd at RIB Tournament

**Senior Boys** - 3rd place at FLVT Tournament, 1st at RIB Tournament

**Junior Boys** - 3rd place at DA Ferguson Tournament



# Badminton Open Gym Tuesday, February 7 3:30-5:00



## Badminton Try Outs

### Thursday, February 9th:

Grade 6 - 3:30-4:30

Grade 7 - 4:30-5:30

Grade 8 - 5:30-6:30

### Tuesday, February 14th:

Gr 6 Girls - 3:30-4:30

Gr 6 Boys - 4:30-5:30

Gr 7 Girls - 5:30-6:30

### Thursday, February 16th:

Gr 7 Boys - 3:30-4:30

Gr 8 Girls - 4:30-5:30

Gr 8 Boys - 5:30-6:30

See Mrs. Goertzen or Mrs. Kabi for more information!

## 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 numbers. Students are encouraged to work on their multiplication facts to help them with division and all aspects of math. We will then move onto Patterns in Mathematics where we identify and use patterns to solve problems.

**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 finishing up our Electricity unit and then moving on to Weather, where we look at how different weather conditions are created, how to measure different aspects of weather and how weather affects our lives.

## Grade 6 Pod

**LA:** We will be finishing up our reading of short stories with a focus on some comprehension practice, as well as writing effective paragraphs. Emphasis will be placed on proper format, detail examples, writing skills, and editing skills. We will also be working toward an exam of our terms, concepts, and reading comprehension skills, most likely toward the end of the month. More details will be forthcoming and there will be advanced notice for the exam. Students can continue to review their “Elements of a Short Story” notes and terms.

**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 later this year.

**Science 6:** We will continue to learn about concepts from our Air & Aerodynamics unit as we begin the month of February. By the middle of the month, we will be moving into our Flight unit, and there is a lot of overlap between these two units. 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. There will be a focus on the four forces of flight, especially the force of LIFT and how this is part of Bernoulli’s Principle. This unit will allow students to participate in a variety of hands-on activities and experiments. Please continue to check Google Classroom for all materials used in class, as well as slide shows, videos and other resources available for review if your child misses school.

**Social Studies:** This month, students in social studies are working through the chapter on Provincial Government. This will be especially interesting this year as we are gearing up for a provincial election in May. With that in mind, we are making plans to participate in the “Student Vote” where students will have the opportunity to cast their own ballot and make a choice as to who they think should represent us in the Legislature in Edmonton. Of course this doesn’t count in the official results, but it will be fun to compare our results with those of actual voters in our constituency.

### Grade 6 Staff Bouquet

A well deserved thank you to Mrs. Huscroft for organizing the treat, decoration and card sale for all students in December, allowing R.I.Baker to donate the proceeds of this sale to our local food banks at such a needy time of year.



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## Grade 7 Pod

**LA** -This month students will be continuing on in our first literature study of *The Giver*. We will also be focusing on study skill and review of our content from the beginning of the year in preparation for our midterm exam. Dates for the midterm will be sent out shortly!

**Math** - Students are wrapping up our unit on Adding & Subtracting Integers. Once the Integers unit exam is complete, we will be spending some class time reviewing the information we have covered in our first 3 units of the school year in preparation for our first Midterm Exam. The Midterm Exam will be written over 2 class periods, and it will be scheduled between Monday, February 13 and Wednesday, February 15, depending on each class’ timetable. Students

should spend time reviewing their notes and assignments from their first 3 Math units to prepare for their Midterm Exam.

Students will also start working on our next 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.

**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 effect it had on Canada as well as the Canadian Confederation. Materials will be posted on Google Classroom as we cover them.

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## **Grade 8 Pod**

**Language Arts** -We are just wrapping up our Word Collectors mini-unit where we are looking at the etymology of words. We have taken this time to look at common prefixes, suffixes, and roots of words to better decipher new vocabulary. Following this will be our LA midterm, a culmination of everything we've looked at since September. February will bring a new mini-unit on Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse, where we'll be studying film techniques, character development and plot structure.

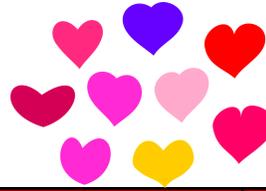
**Math** - Our focus for the month of February will be finishing up Chapter 4: Patterns & Relations. This chapter involves students analyzing linear relations through equations, graphs and tables of values. Next, we explore solving equations. This is an extension of Math 7 and again, we will utilize algebra-tiles to help us understand all of the steps required to solve different equations. **Also, within the month of February, the Math Midterm will take place. This will cover Chapters 1 - 4.** Once this is completed, we will move into Chapter 5: Pythagorean Theorem.

**Science** - In science we are continuing with our Mix & Flow of Matter unit. The materials we use- including natural and manufactured ones- often take the form of fluids. Students learn that such diverse substances as air, natural gas, water and oil are fluids. In further investigations, they discover that many common household materials are aqueous solutions or suspensions in which the main component is water. Students learn that the properties of individual fluids are important to their use, including such properties as density, buoyancy, viscosity and the fluid's response to changes in temperature and pressure. The particle model of matter is used to make a conceptual link between the nature of matter and the specific behavior of fluids.

Students will also be writing their science midterm exam prior to the reading break so watch google classroom for study material and dates.

**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).

# February 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1 Taco in a Bag Lunch</b> 	2	3
6	7	<b>8 KC Pub Lunch</b> 	9	<b>10 Gr 5/6 Valentines Dance 3-4:30pm</b>
13	<b>14 Valentines Day</b> 	<b>15 Subway Lunch</b> 	16	<b>17 Pink Shirt Day</b> <b>Winter Active Day</b> <b>Gr 7/8 Valentines Dance 3-4:30pm</b>
<b>20 NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Family Day</b> Reading Week Break	<b>21 NO SCHOOL</b> Reading Week Break	<b>22 NO SCHOOL</b> Reading Week Break	<b>23 NO SCHOOL</b> Reading Week Break	<b>24 NO SCHOOL</b> Reading Week Break
27 March Hot Lunch Order Deadline	28			

# March 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1 A1 Pizza Lunch</b> 	2	3
6	7	<b>8 Via Cibo Lunch</b> 	9	10
13	14	<b>15 Parent Teacher Interviews</b>  <b>Edo Lunch</b> 	<b>16 Parent Teacher Interviews</b>	<b>17 St Patrick's Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Division PD Day 
20	<b>21 World Down Syndrome Day</b> <b>Funky Sock Day!</b> 	<b>22 Taco in a Bag Lunch</b> 	23	<b>24 NO SCHOOL</b> Site Based PD
27	28	<b>29 Coaldale Bakery Lunch</b> 	30	31

## MARCH HOT LUNCH - DEADLINE February 27, 2022 - 2022/2023

Student Name (R.I. Baker Middle School)

Hot Lunch is DUE February 27 @ 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!

A1 Pizza - March 1

Via Cibo - March 8

EDO - March 15

? - March 22

? - March 29

### A1 Pizza - December 7

8" Personal Pizza

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

Via Cibo - March 8

All choices include Italian Doughnut

- Alfredo Pasta & 2 Meatballs [add \$7.75]
- Alfredo Pasta & Chicken [add \$7.75]
- Butter Pasta & 2 Meatballs [add \$7.75]
- Butter Pasta & Chicken [add \$7.75]
- Cesar Salad [add \$7.50]
- Cesar Salad with Chicken [add \$10.50]

EDO - March 15

Kids Meals Include Juice Box. ALL Teriyaki on the Side

- Beef with Rice & Veggie [add \$8.75]
- Beef with Yakisoba Noodles & Veggies [add \$8.75]
- Chicken with Rice & Veggies [add \$8.75]
- Chicken with Yakisoba Noodles & Veggies [add \$8.75]
- Lg. Beef with Rice & Veggies [add \$12.25]
- Lg. Beef with Yakisoba Noodles & Veggies [add \$12.25]
- Lg. Chicken with Rice & Vegetables [add \$12.25]
- Lg. Chicken with Yakisoba Noodles & Veggies [add \$12.25]

Taco in A Bag- March 22

- Taco in a Bag [add \$5.50]
- 2 Taco in a Bags [add \$11.00]

Coaldale Bakery - March 29

- Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap [add \$10.00]
- Potato Soup & Cheese Bun [add \$8.75]
- Sausage Roll [add \$3.50]
- Taco Chili & Cheese Bun [add \$10.00]

January 31, 2023

### **Dollahoost (Whooping Cough) Outbreak in Southern Alberta**

There is a Dollahoost (also known as whooping cough or pertussis) outbreak in Southern Alberta in the County of Lethbridge, Coaldale, Taber, Vauxhall, Grassy Lake and Bow Island. In these areas many kids have not gotten needles to protect them from sickness. Only 32% (about 1/3) of children aged two years old have had the 4 needles for Dollahoost that they should have by the age of 2. This is much less than other areas in Alberta. From those in this area with Dollahoost three of them were SO sick they had to stay in the hospital to get better. Young children are most likely to get very sick. If you think you or your child has Dollahoost, it is important to go to a doctor for testing and maybe for medicine. This can help stop others from getting sick. We think that there is more Dollahoost in the area, as many people with the sickness may not have seen their doctor or gotten tested when they did go to the doctor.

#### **Dollahoost (Whooping cough)**

- Is a bacterial infection of the lungs and airways, that spreads easily
- Is a very bad – even deadly – sickness, especially in children. In 2012, a baby in Southern Alberta died from Dollahoost.
- Children younger than one year of age can get very sick

#### **What does Dollahoost look like?**

- Illness starts with a runny nose, sneezing, fever and a little cough.
- Over about a week, the cough will become worse with many times of lots of coughing
- In younger children, these coughing times are usually followed by a “whooping” sound when breathing in. Throwing up after lots of coughing spells can happen too.
- Older children and adults may not get as sick but can get a cough for a long time with or without the whooping sound. They can still have times with lots of coughing too.
- The cough may last for two months or longer.

#### **Why is the sickness so bad?**

- You can get other things like pneumonia, seizures, brain injury and even die.
- Children younger than one year of age are most likely to need to go to hospital.
- Dollahoost spreads the most easily in the first three weeks after the cough starts.

#### **Treatment**

- A lab test can only tell if you have the sickness in the first three weeks after sickness starts.
- Antibiotic medicine helps stop the spread of Dollahoost to others if taken soon after you start getting sick.
- Antibiotic medicine will make the time less that you or your child must stay home.
- **If you or your child has Dollahoost, please stay home from school, work, church, and places where there are people like stores for 5 days after you have started antibiotics.** If medicine is not started, you must stay home for **21 days** after you start to feel sick.

#### **How can you keep your child safe?**

- 1) Regular needles is the best way to keep your child safe from Dollahoost and not make others sick. Parents should make sure their children have all the needles they need for their ages. <http://www.health.alberta.ca/health-info/imm-routine-schedule.html>

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- 2) In Southern Alberta, pregnant women can have the needle for Dollahoost at 27 weeks or later, because it will protect the mother and it will give the baby protection until it is old enough to get its first vaccines.
- 3) All adults, 18 years of age and older who have not had a tetanus needle in the past 10 years can get the needle against Dollahoost.
- 4) Tell your children to not share things like food, water bottles, or drinks.

Please call the Public Health office in your area to talk about what needles you have and need and/or make an appointment. The list of offices for needles in southern Alberta are on the last page.

**Contacts of confirmed cases with Dollahoost**

- Public health nurses will call people who have been with people that have Dollahoost.
- Not everyone that was around someone with Dollahoost needs to have antibiotic medicine. Only those people that can get sicker like babies and pregnant women that are in the last three months or their family members. Antibiotic medicine is NOT for all people that have been around those with Dollahoost.

**Call your doctor if you think that you or your child has Dollahoost.**

For health advice and information, call Health Link Alberta, 24-hours a day, **811**.

Sincerely,

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## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICES IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

COMMUNITY	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS OF OPERATION
<b>Bow Island (Provincial Bldg.)</b>	802 – 6 Street E. Bow Island, AB T0K 0G0	403-545-2296	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Brooks</b>	440 Third Street E Brooks, AB T1R 1B3	403-501-3300	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Cardston (Provincial Bldg.)</b>	576 Main Street Cardston, AB T0K 0K0	403-653-5230	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Coaldale (Hospital)</b>	2100 - 11 Street Coaldale, AB T1M 1L2	403-345-3000	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Crowsnest Pass</b>	12501 – 20 Avenue Blairmore, AB T0K 0E0	403-562-5030	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Fort Macleod (Hospital)</b>	744 – 26 Street Fort Macleod, AB T0L 0Z0	403-553-5351	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Lethbridge (Train Station)</b>	810 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 4L5	403-388-6666	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Magrath</b>	37 E – 2 Avenue Magrath, AB T0K 1J0	403-758-4422	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Medicine Hat</b>	2948 Dunmore Road SE Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8E3	403-502-8200	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Milk River (Hospital)</b>	517 Centre Avenue Milk River, AB T0K 1M0	403-647-3430	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Oyen</b>	315 - 3 Avenue E Oyen, AB T0J 2J0	403-664-3651	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Picture Butte (Piyami Health Centre)</b>	300 A Rogers Avenue Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0	403-388-6751	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Pincher Creek (Hospital)</b>	1222 Bev McLachlin Drive Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0	403-627-1230	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Raymond</b>	150 N - 4 <sup>th</sup> Street E Raymond, AB T0K 2S0	403-752-5430	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Taber</b>	4326 – 50 <sup>th</sup> Ave Taber, AB T1G 1N9	403-223-7230	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Vauxhall</b>	406 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue N. Vauxhall, AB T0K 2K0	403-223-7229	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

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