

December 2019 Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, December 3

- Report Cards available online
- Hot Lunch- Dinos- State & Main

Wednesday, December 4

- Final swim lesson for Grade 3 & 4 students

Thursday, December 5-

No school for students: Staff Learning a.m.

- Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 6 - No School-

District PD Day

Friday, December 13-

Red and Green Day

Wednesday, Dec. 18-

Hot Lunch- Opa

Thursday, December 19-

Christmas Concert

Friday, December 20-

Pajama Day

- Students are dismissed one hour early @ 2:25

January 6, 2019-

First day back after Christmas Vacation!

January 13, 2019 -

Online Kindergarten Registration begins @ 8:15 a.m.



Look who's been sent to the office:

The following students have been sent to the office to show Mr. Good their good work: Ava Clermont, Connor Hickey, Samantha Lau, Sydney Pillman, Matthew Edel, Kashton Lindgren and Olivia Calder.

Principal's Message

The month of December is always such a happy and exciting time in an elementary school. It is always so heartwarming to see all of the students picking out gifts for their families at our annual Christmas market. One of my favourite moments of each school year is the end of market day when students are carrying all of the presents that they picked out for their families onto the bus. They are so excited to get home and put them under the tree. One of our goals with the Christmas market is for students to focus on giving and being kind to others. That is why at the market they are not allowed to pick gifts for themselves (although students often ask) only for family members. As well, all of the donations that we receive through the market go to benefit others. A portion of the funds are added to our school benevolence fund each year which is used to help families at our school in need. Another portion of our funds goes to the Lindsay Thurber High School Christmas Hamper Program which delivers hampers to families in need all over Red Deer. In addition to the market we will have many other special events planned for students and families throughout December.

I would like to take this time to wish you and your family a safe and fun holiday season, we look forward to working with all of you in 2020.

Chris Good, Principal



Christmas Hamper- If you are aware of any families in need, please contact our office so that we can provide support.

Christmas Concert- BW's Christmas



Concert will take place on Thursday, December 19. We will be having two performances- one in the morning and one in the evening. Both concerts will

be divided into three sections. There will be time between each set for parents to come and go. We encourage parents to consider viewing the morning performance. The evening performance will also be live streamed if you are unable to make it.

Times for morning and evening concerts are as follows:

Morning: K-1 9:15
Grades 2-3 10:00
Grades 4-5 and choir 10:45

Evening: K-1 6:00
Grades 2-3 6:45
Grades 4-5 and choir 7:30

Christmas Market- Our 6th Annual BW Christmas Market took place on Monday, Dec. 2 & Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. The students were so excited to make their purchases, and we are pleased to be



raising funds to help families throughout Red Deer. **Thank you** for the donations of thousands of items for the market. We had more than 50 parents or grandparents volunteer their time to help students shop and wrap over 2,000 gifts. Proceeds from the market will support our school Benevolence fund and over \$1500.00 will be donated to the Lindsay Thurber High School Christmas Hamper Project. They support dozens of Red Deer Public School District families during the Christmas season. We raised over \$2200.00 this year. All leftover items were sent to Central Middle School to support their middle school store. It really is one of the most wonderful events of the year, thank you so much for supporting it!

Kindergarten Registration -

- Registration for both our English and French Immersion



Kindergarten Programs will begin on Monday, January 13th. Children who

were born in 2015 are eligible to register. Full day is offered in both English and French. Click here to register:

<http://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/Kindergarten.php>



Lost & Found items-

Our lost & found boxes are bulging!!! Please stop by to make sure that none of the items belong to your

children. All lost & found items will be donated to the Clothes Line on December 7th.

Festival of Trees

Congratulations goes out to our school choir for their excellent performance at the Festival of Trees on Friday, November 22th. A big thanks to Mr. Niemetz and Mrs. Coghlin for all of the time he has committed to getting our choir organized and ready for their performance.



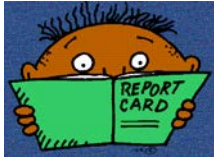
Christmas is not as much about opening our **PRESENTS** as opening our **HEARTS**.

Candygram Sales

Candygrams are being sold

to support Team Lewis from December 9-13. Mrs. Baile's students will be selling them every morning, starting at 9:05 in the Gathering Area. Candygrams are 25 cents each. Students can purchase them for their friends or they can take them home for family members.

Report Cards and Parent Teacher



Conferences - The first report card of the year for grade 1 - 5 students, was available online through your child's eportfolio on

Tuesday, December 3rd. We will not be sending a paper copy home. Report cards are an important part of the assessment picture here at EBWS and we know this update will give parents, teachers and students the opportunity to continue to build pathways for student success. Conferences are being held on Thursday, December 5th from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.. To book your child's conference please go to

<https://qoo.gl/VU8DqB> and enter the code **VSX8V**



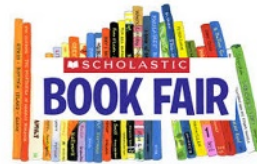
RSVP Please!

Thank you to all the parents who have logged in and created your parent

portal accounts through Powerschool! In prior years, you have been able to access your child's report card through your parent portal. This year field trip permission slips, swim fees and grade 5 camp fees will be paid for through your parent portal. Yearly, all schools have asked parents/guardians to verify their children's student record information. This is a requirement through RDPDS and includes verifying phone #'s, email addresses, physical addresses, medical and FOIPP information and emergency contacts. In the past we have sent home paper copies of this verification. **Please note - paper copies are no longer being sent.** Instead to verify, parents need to log in to their parent portals through Powerschool and complete the process through the RSVP. All information verified by you, will be sent to the school confirming that you have completed the process.

What's happening at the Library!

Scholastic Book Fair



December 3-7
Books for all ages!
Open during library hours

After School Awesomeness: Christmas Card Crafting

Tuesday, December 10

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 7 to 12 (under 9 with an adult)

Give the Gift of Reading

Thursdays, December 12 & 19

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 3+ (under 9 with an adult)

Come to Santa's workshop and pick out a book for FREE to give to a family member or friend for Christmas. You can wrap it too! Supplies are limited.

Polar Express Party

Sunday, December 15

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

All ages (under 9 with an adult)

All aboard! Come in your PJs and board the train as we enjoy activities, crafts, and a yummy snack.

I'm Not Bored Board Games

December 28 & 29

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

All ages (under 9 with an adult)

Come and share some relaxation time while playing exciting board games. We promise you won't be bored!

Check our website (www.rdpl.org) or to ask at the library. :)



Winter Skating Program

Skating After Christmas-CSA Hockey Helmets mandatory

Skating is part of the Alberta Physical Education curriculum in the Alternative Environments section of the program. It is the intention that ALL children at Ecole Barrie Wilson will be involved in skating after Christmas holidays as part of Physical Education.

Physical Education Safety Guidelines requires that all students MUST wear a CSA approved hockey helmet for all ice skating activities. Bicycle helmets are not permitted as they are not deemed to be safe.

In addition, children MUST wear mitts or gloves and snow pants while skating.

Helmets and ice skates make wonderful Christmas presents for children as Red Deer has an abundance of skating facilities such as outdoor rinks, Bower Ponds and indoor arenas. *Be sure that the helmet has a sticker that says CSA approved.*

Classroom skating begins the second week after the Christmas break, and runs until the end of February/beginning of March weather and ice permitting. Please check your child's agenda and/or their teacher's web page for skating times.

Please be advised that if your child rides the bus, they are required to have their skates in a canvas type bag for safety reasons.

Also, if you have any skates or helmets that you would like to donate to our school, please drop them off at the school's main office.

*******If you can help tie and/or untie skates during your child's skating time***** Your help would be GREATLY appreciated!!**

Thank you and we look forward to our skating time!

Mrs. McKeage
Physical Education Teacher

