



The

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Viking School

December, 2019

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From the Principal's Desk

The ground is white and December is here...

An important reminder that the school day starts at 8:35/8:40 am (for elementary and secondary respectively). **Parents please ensure that your child is not arriving at school too early as supervision is not available before 8:30 am.**

Volleyball season is now complete and basketball season is getting into full swing with teams participating in practices, games and tournaments. Good luck to all of our players, volunteers and coaches throughout the season!

INTRODUCING...Viking School's new **I C.A.R.E. awards** for elementary students. We recognize that many of our students are living our "We C.A.R.E. Everywhere" vision every day at school and we believe that this needs to be acknowledged and celebrated. Starting in December we will be holding monthly assemblies to acknowledge students who are exemplifying our "We C.A.R.E. Everywhere" standards. Four students from each class (K-6) will be recognized each

month, one for each category of C.A.R.E.: Cooperate with others, Accept responsibility, Respect people and property, and Engage in learning activities. Students will be nominated by their class teacher for recognition. Information about the day and time of the first I C.A.R.E assembly will be shared a little later in the month. We will also be beginning a weekly I C.A.R.E. recognition program at the classroom level that will start in the new year.

Our DeSimone Farms Fruit Fundraiser wrapped up with order delivery in the third week of November. We raised over \$1000 to be used for curriculum enhancement for secondary students (guest speakers, workshops, field trips, technology purchases). Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success and congratulations to our top sellers who got the chance to pie Mr. Madsen for their efforts: Brenna Fornal; Victoria Reil and Kailyn Zarski, Halle Labreche and Luke Brooke.

A reminder that student assessment and

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VSPC Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th at 5:30pm

Home Ec Room—Everyone welcome

Viking School Christmas Concert - Tuesday, December 17th

Afternoon-1:00pm ~ Evening -6:30pm

Doors open at 6PM

WE "C.A.R.E." EVERYWHERE

attendance information is currently available online through Maplewood Parent Portal. This information is updated on an ongoing basis and provides current attendance information along student mark summaries. There is a link to the Parent Portal website on the Viking School homepage. If you have forgotten your username or password for the online system please email MaryAnn Newby at the school for that information.

For days of inclement weather (when busses do not operate) Viking Schools procedures remains the same as previous years: Regular classes for secondary students will be cancelled and a study hall will be set up with rotating teacher supervision. This will allow students a quiet place to work and teachers of various subject areas will be in the room throughout the day to provide academic support. The shop, home ec. room and gymnasium will not operate on these days for secondary students. For elementary students, classes will be combined as necessary and follow an alternate schedule for the day.

Cold and flu season is also now upon us and we ask that you do not send your child to school if they are exhibiting flu-like symptoms. If children are in attendance at school it is our expectation that they are well enough to participate in all regular school day activities including physical education. Students who are not well enough to attend school will not be able to attend extracurricular activities, as it is important for them to rest and recover.

The Annual Education Results Report for Viking School is now complete and was shared at the School Council meeting on November 20th. It will be posted on our website and can be found by clicking on 'About' and then 'School Plans and Reports'.

The final exam schedule for January has been set and is included in this newsletter.

The Christmas concert will be held on December 17, 2019 with performances at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm. To facilitate safe student transportation we ask that those who plan to attend the afternoon performance ensure their vehicles are removed from the parking lot before busses arrive at 3:10 pm or park somewhere other than the staff parking lot.

Please come and join us for the next School Council Meeting on Wednesday January 15th at 5:30 pm in the Home Ec. Room.

Christmas break will take place from December 20 – January 5. There is no school for students during this time and the school will be closed. Classes resume on January 6th.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr. A. Madsen

THANK YOU

Thank you to the students, parents and staff of Viking School for supporting the Viking School Scholastic Book Fair. Teagan Tessman was the lucky winner of \$25 worth of books from the Fair. Teagan's Grade 5 class also received \$25 worth of books as well.

Your generous support will help to put approximately \$800 worth of new books into our learning commons!



Mrs. L. Maxwell

Christmas Lights Parade!

Starts @ 6p.m.

Join us on Main Street
and enjoy the Christmas
Lights Parade and see
Santa Claus! Starting at the
Station Tea House.

Open to all businesses,
service groups, community
groups or individuals to
participate!

Friday, December 6, 2019 @ 6 p.m.

Public Skating at the Carena! 7-9 p.m.

Bring a Food Bank donation and get
a FREE Picture with Santa!

Sponsored by:

ATB Financial

FREE Public Skate!

Sponsored by:

Viking
ALBERTA

Hot Dogs and Pop

Sponsored by:

VISION
CREDIT UNION

Saskatoon
Jam singing
Christmas
Caroles in the
Carena Lobby!

Support the Viking
& Holden Area Food
Bank this Holiday
Season.

Non-perishable food
items accepted at
the Viking Carena
Lobby for the month of
November!



REMINDER

VIKING SCHOOL IS PARTICIPAT-
ING IN A BOSTON PIZZA FUND-
RAISER. SEND YOUR RECEIPTS IN-
TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND
OUR SCHOOL
WILL RECEIVE
5% BACK!



JUST A NOTE FROM STUDENT COUNCIL....

Spirit Days

Dec 16 -Christmas Hat Day

Dec 17 -Red/White Day

Dec 18 -Christmas Sweater Day

Dec 19 -Pajama Day

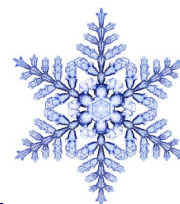
Merry Christmas!

The Viking School Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you ALL a safe and happy holiday season.

Merry Christmas and the very best to EVERYONE in the New Year!



School Closed Dec 20/19 - Jan 5/20 for Christmas Break



Class resumes on Jan 6th, 2020

2 DAYS ONLY! SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 2019 12-5PM
SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 2019

CUT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE



@ VERN & JAN HAFSO'S, 48302-RR120, VIKING, AB

BRING THE FAMILY AND CUT YOUR TREE TOGETHER!
5-6 FOOT TALL WHITE SPRUCE TREES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.
NEED HELP? THERE'S LOT OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH CUTTING & LOADING YOUR TREE TO TAKE IT HOME.

IN SUPPORT OF THE WALKING TRAIL PROJECT IN VIKING
THANK YOU TO VERN & JAN HAFSO FOR SUPPORTING THE VCWS PROJECT!

COST: \$50



HOT CHOCOLATE

TAG US ON FACEBOOK! @VIKINGCOMMUNITYWELLNESSOCIETY

Take Our Kid To Work Day

On Wednesday, November 6 the Grade nine class accompanied their parents to work for the national Take Our Kid to Work Day. Students spent the day shadowing their parents and learned what transpires on the job for their parents every day. We would like to thank all of the local and out of town businesses who accepted a student on this day. It was a valuable learning experience for the grade nines.

Mark your calendars for the New Year!

Bottle Drive– Sunday, Jan 5th, 2020

Proceeds to the Viking Grad Class of 2020

Town residents leave donated bottles on front steps for pick up.

Rural residents and Businesses - contact a grad student to arrange pick up.



Viking School Pop Sockets Fundraiser

Viking School Sports Council is excited to announce that all student-athletes will be selling custom pop sockets as a fundraiser. There are three pop sockets to choose from (pictured below). Each student-athlete is encouraged to sell as many pop sockets as possible. The funds will go towards team uniforms, equipment, banners, and subsidizing costs for our provincial athletes. Pop sockets will be limited so please submit your order form ASAP.

Each pop socket will sell for **\$7.00**. Please indicate the number of pop sockets that you would like to sell and include one cheque payable to Viking School for the correct amount. Once your order form and payment have been submitted, you will receive your pop sockets.

Additionally, please indicate the logo that you would like for your pop sockets.

Student-athlete's name: _____

of Vixens _____ # of Norsemen _____ # of Viking School _____

Total # of Pop Sockets _____ x \$7.00 = _____



Viking School Christmas Concert –December 17th

Afternoon-**1:00pm** ~ Evening -**6:30pm** (Doors open at 6:00 p.m)

We will be accepting a silver collection & donations of non perishable food items for the food bank.

Please feel free to make a donation, if you choose.





Want to pay from
the convenience
of your home?

USE ONLINE FEE PAYMENT

Battle River School Division is pleased to offer you the option of viewing and paying your fees online by credit card. Parents/guardians can view and pay fees for multiple students in a single transaction.

How do I use the Student Fee Online Payment System?

1. Log in to the BRSD website at www.brsd.ab.ca
2. Click on "Menu"
3. Click on "Families"
4. Click on "Online Payments & Ordering"
5. Click on "Online Payments & Ordering". Note: if you require additional assistance, a user guide is available on this screen.
6. Click on "Sign-Up" to create an account. You need an email address to sign up. A student ID number and last name for each of your students is required. The student ID number is located on the invoice above the total due amount.
7. At the fee summary page, click on each student tab to review fees. Any optional items that can be added to your shopping cart will be listed at the bottom of each student's page.

8. Other features include the ability to print a statement and/or receipt
9. When ready to check out, click "View Cart" followed by "Pay Now." You will be prompted to enter your payment type and required information.
10. You will receive a copy of your receipt via email (sent to the email address connected to your parent account).

Please monitor your online account as additional fees may be added throughout the year (i.e. second semester fees, field trips, sports fees, etc.)

Is there a cost to use the Online Fee Payment System?

No, there is no convenience charge assessed for online payments.

Who do I contact if I have questions about my child's information or fees?

Please contact your student's school.



Grade 9 and 11 Citadel Trip

The Grade 9 and 11 classes visited the Citadel on Dec 19th to see the performance of Six. The show was absolutely amazing! A huge thank you to the Viking School Parent Council who provided funding towards the bussing for this trip. It is greatly appreciated as without this funding trips like this would not be possible.



Remembrance Day Poster, Poem and Essay Contest

Above are some of the winners of this years Viking Legion Poster, Poem and Essay Contest. Everyone did a fantastic job and these students all attended the service held at the Viking Hall on Nov 11.

Viking School Parent Council: Hot Lunch Roster 2019-2020

"Hot Lunch" is a volunteer based program that offers families the opportunity to purchase lunch for their students on designated Tuesdays. **All profits raised** through the Hot Lunch program are **donated back to the school to benefit ALL students.**

Please find your child's name below, mark it on your calendar, and volunteer on your designated shift. If you are unable to attend, kindly find a replacement or switch with another parent. Confirmation of your attendance the Monday before your shift is greatly appreciated by calling **Melanie Zarski at 780-385-8454.** THANKS in advance for taking your turn!

December: Simply on Main (Stew/Soup) - 11:00 a.m. shift start

| 3rd | 10th | 17th |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Summer McNeill | Julie Anderson | Luke Brooke |
| Alex Klein | Cianna Beaumont | Keely Chomik |
| Lanaya Carrington | Amanda Petruk | Travis Voltner |
| Ryan Harray | Aiden Kittle | Andrew Bae |

January: Burger Queen (Pizza) - 11:00 a.m. shift start

| 7th | 14th | 21st | 28th |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Maddy Bird | Ethan Girczyc | Erik Anderson | Jamie Paterson |
| Brenna Fornal | Hannah Gosier | Dylan Haydon | Halle Labreche |
| Grayson LeBlanc | Barrett Tkaczyk | Austin Hogstead | Sadie Mizera |
| Nathen Erickson | Frances Cantel | Bailey Haeberle | Chandell Karl |

In case of inclement weather (where a majority of buses are not running), the hot lunch program will be postponed and students will need to bring their own lunch. Please check the school website and Facebook page for the new hot lunch date. Thank you!

PIE THE PRINCIPAL



It is not everyday that you get to throw a pie at your Principal!

Students were rewarded for participating in the Fruit Sale fundraiser with an opportunity to have a chance at throwing a pie at Mr. Madsen!

Thank you to everyone who sold or purchased fruit, and to Mr. Madsen for being such a good sport.








Career Counselling

December 2019 Newsletter

Skills Needed

According to a survey on behalf of Cengage in Fall 2018, the top **'uniquely human skills'** employers seek include: the ability to listen (74%); attention to detail & attentiveness (70%); effective communication (69%); critical thinking (67%); strong interpersonal abilities (65%); and being able to keep learning (65%).

Schaffhauser, D (Jan 2019) Employers Want 'Uniquely Human Skills', Campus Technology

| Post-Secondary | Career-Ready Programs | Scholarships |
|--|--|--|
| <p>Are you in the process of applying to a post-secondary program? If you are, it is imperative to continually manage your application through your program's portal.</p>  <p>You will be asked to complete steps to keep your application active, and if you miss out, your application may be withdrawn. Some examples may include submitting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ proof of enrollment ❑ first semester progress ❑ registered courses for the second semester ❑ and/or a tuition deposit. ❑ etc. <p>Questions about your application? Contact your institution or see your BRSD Career Counsellor.</p> | <p>Looking for work-ready programming? Career colleges in Alberta are one choice for innovative programs that are known to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ responsive changes to the labour market and industry needs ➤ flexible schedules with multiple intake dates ➤ small class sizes with opportunities to build strong relationships with the instructors ➤ industry related programming that has ties to employers. <p><i>Career Connections, 2018/19</i></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Check out Alberta Career Colleges on the ALIS website.</p> </div> </div> | <p>Scholarship applications are work! But the time spent in researching and applying for scholarships may help make a difference in the cost to the student for school.</p> <p>For enthusiastic scholarship writers, the holiday break may be an opportunity to focus on meeting the requirements for the many scholarships available to high school students. This could mean writing an essay, completing an application, organizing documents needed to meet award criteria or spending time volunteering.</p>  <p>Check out the <i>Post-Secondary Institution Scholarships & Other Scholarships</i> sections (and more!!) under the <i>Funding Your Education</i> tab in the High School Plus website to begin your search.</p> |

Enjoy your holiday break and take some time to have fun and do things that make you smile!

Your BRSD Career Counsellors, Lynda Kope & Carla Praticante

careercounselling@brsd.ab.ca

What are executive functioning skills?

- Executive functions are the skills that allow us to:
 - organize our behavior over time,
 - plan and organize activities,
 - sustain attention,
 - complete tasks and manage our emotions
 - These skills DO NOT fully develop until our mid 20's. Children need our support!
- **Why are executive skills important?**
 - Executive skills help to REGULATE BEHAVIOUR
- **How can parents support their children with development of executive functioning skills?**
 - Establish consistent routines
 - Use visual schedules and checklists
 - Use timers to aid in motivation to complete tasks
 - Use an agenda to track due dates of assignments, exam dates and assist with handing in homework on time
 - Use a highlighter to remember important information
 - Use a binder with dividers to assist with school work organization
 - Use different colored folders to support organization of school work
 - Use a 'reminder app' on a cell phone to support memory to complete tasks
 - Night before preparation for the next day's tasks
 - Practice, practice, practice
 - Feedback: REMEMBER 4:1
 - Give 4 positive comments for every critical comment or direction.
 - Be specific about what you are praising
 - Teach each skill – don't just assume that they will "just learn it"
 - Ask questions and cue to encourage them to think about what they're doing
 - What did we just do?
 - How did it go?
 - What would you do next time?
 - Praise and reinforce the attempt not the result!
- If you have further questions regarding your child's executive functioning, touch base with their teacher or contact Children's Rehabilitation Services at 780 608 8611



The grade 6 class of Viking School has greatly enjoyed having **Mr. Brett Jakubec** as a student teacher in their classroom! Mr. Jakubec has been completing his student teaching practicum at our school under the supervision of Mrs. Trudy Josephson, teaching all of the grade 6 subjects except French and math, as well as helping with the grade 4 PE class. Mr. Jakubec has a promising teaching career ahead of him. His last day with students will be Thursday, Dec 5th.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Student Council Food Bank Drive! Your participation was greatly appreciated.





**Alberta
Musical
Theatre
Company**

On November 25th the Elementary Classes were treated to a presentation of *Sleeping Beauty*. Fundraisers such as the Plant Sales in the Spring go to help fund presentations like this. The students were able to watch and participate in the performance which was enjoyed by all.





Viking School has had the **privilege** of hosting **Beatrice Hochwald-Page** for the past few months as part of the **Alberta/Quebec Exchange Program**. Beatrice has been living with Viking School student Victoria Reil and her family since the beginning of September. Beatrice leaves Alberta at the end of November. Beginning in February, Victoria will spend three months living in Quebec with Beatrice's family. The aim of the program is to provide a cultural and educational experience for the student while aiding the visiting student in improving their knowledge of English and French. While in Alberta, Beatrice had the opportunity to visit the Rocky Mountains and hang out in Jasper, shop and go to Galaxy-land in West Edmonton Mall, attend a Kodiaks game in Camrose, go camping in Arm Lake, attend the play *Six at the Citadel Theatre*, painted ceramics, and more. *This kind of experience is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It's an experience that neither Beatrice or Victoria will ever forget.*

VIXEN is Coming Back!

The first time I come to the place you call home
you quickly must give me a name of my own.



Keep an eye out for Vixen who will be returning to the school in December!



Thanks to Viking AG Foods for donating the proceeds from their Fall Coupon Book sales to Viking School Parent Council. \$573 was donated!



Ways to build assets during the holiday season:

The holidays are a great time to reconnect as a family. These small, but meaningful connections can help build assets in your child. The 40 Developmental Assets are building blocks that children and youth need as a foundation for growing up healthy!

Strong family relationships are the very heart of asset development. Here are some ideas to help your family grow closer and maintain a positive atmosphere at home.

Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Have your child teach you something new.

Get to know your children's friends and invite them along to one or more of your great holiday activities!

Go tobogganing, snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing.

Volunteer together.

Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Build a snowman together, then warm up with some hot chocolate.

Have a screen free day. Get active!

Talk about family traditions.

Walk around the neighborhood to look at festive lights and decorations. Make sure to say hello to the neighbors that you see.

Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Curl up together as a family and watch a favorite holiday movie.

Shovel your neighbors' driveway together.

Make holiday crafts together.

Plan and cook a meal together as a family.

MORE RESOURCES

www.sparcreddeer.ca

<https://keepconnected.searchinstitute.org>

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



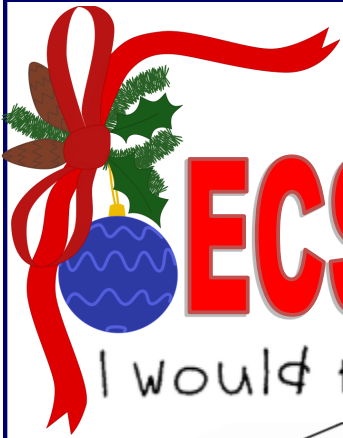

MyHealthAlberta.ca

Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642

 811 Health Link
Health Advice 24/7

 Alberta Health
Services



ECS Letters to Santa

I would really like it if you could bring me:

x-box

mountain bike

lego

nerf gun

"songa toy"

new power ranger toy

nerf gun
+ box
1e 90

a dog

triking dinosaur

phone



phone

set

deep yellow

a dog

tractor

toy set

boat



batman toy

book that

sounds

new christmas tree



max
lot of
back

American doll
rainbow kitty
teash x-box

teash x-box

adventure

lion toys

teash x-box

x-box

nerf gun

mountain bike

a dog

x box

brand new running shoes

Secondary DIPLOMA/FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE JANUARY 2020

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Monday, January 13 (Day 2) | 9:00 – 12:00 | English 30-1 Part A Diploma Exam (Computer Lab) | |
| | 9:00 – 12:00 | English 30-2 Part A Diploma Exam (Computer Lab) | |
| Tuesday, January 14 (Day 3) | 9:00 – 12:00 | Social 30-1 Part A Diploma Exam (Computer Lab) | |
| | 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. | Social 30-2 Part A Diploma Exam (Computer Lab) | |
| Tuesday, January 21 (Day 3) | | Last Day of Classes Grade 10 – 12 | |
| | | English 10-1-2 Part A Exam (In Class) English 20-1-2 Part A Exam (In Class) | |
| Wednesday, January 22 (Day 4) | 9:00 – 12:00 | Math 30-1 Diploma Exam (Room 408) | |
| | 9:00 – 12:00 | Math 30-2 Diploma Exam (Room 408) | |
| Thursday, January 23 (Day 1) | 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. | Chemistry 20 (Room 407) | |
| | 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. | English 10-1-2 (Room 406) English 30-1 Part B Diploma Exam (Room 163) English 30-2 Part B Diploma Exam (Room 163) | |
| Friday, January 24 (Day 2) | 9:00 – 12:00 | Social 30-1 Part B Diploma Exam (Room 407) | |
| | 9:00 – 12:00 | Social 30-2 Part B Diploma Exam (Room 407) | |
| Monday, January 27 (Day 3) | 9:00 – 12:00 | English 20-1-2 (Room 406) | |
| | 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. | Science 10 (Room 408) | |
| Tuesday, January 28 (Day 4) | 9:00 – 12:00 | Biology 30 Diploma Exam (Room 408) | |
| | 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. | Math 10-C (Room 407) | |
| Wednesday, January 29 (Day 1) | 9:00 – 12:00 | Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam | |
| Thursday, January 30 (Day 2) | 9:00 – 12:00 | Physics 30 Diploma Exam | |
| | | Science 30 Diploma Exam | |

