



The

# Scoop



Viking School

February 2020

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## From the Principal's Desk

February is here and Semester 2 has started.

Semester 2 has now started; High school exams and semester 1 courses are now complete and we are into the second half of the year. Secondary report cards were distributed on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you did not receive your child's report card, please contact MaryAnn Newby at the school: [mnewby@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:mnewby@brsd.ab.ca)

As you may know, after over 30 years of teaching Mr. Richard Samson retired at the end of January. Viking School is very thankful to Mr. Samson for his many years of excellent service to our school and we wish him the very best in retirement. To replace Mr. Samson, Mr. Vita Wong has joined our staff. Mr. Wong comes to us from Tofield School and has a background in Physical Education and Science. Mr. Wong will be taking on most of Mr. Samson's teaching assignment in addition to Physical Education 20/30 (in place of Construction 10/20) and Math 20-1/-2. Science 9, Math 9 and Science 7 will taught by Mrs. Roth (Ms. Kennedy) in semester 2. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Wong to our staff and school community. We are very happy to have him join our teaching staff.

The second round of our DeSimone Farms Fruit Sale fundraiser will take place in February. Secondary students will be taking orders starting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the deadline for orders will be February 21<sup>st</sup>. Delivery will take place in late March/early April. Funds raised will be used for curriculum enhancement at the secondary level (subsidizing field trips and bussing, bringing in guest speakers and performers, and purchasing technology, etc.).

The Alberta Government is again seeking parent input with their annual accountability pillar survey. The parent survey is scheduled to be fielded between January and February 2020. These surveys are mailed from Alberta Education and returned directly to Alberta Education or **may now be completed online**. The survey includes parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10. If you have a child in one of these grades you should have received a survey in the mail. We would appreciate you completing this survey as it gathers a variety of information that is included in our results report from Alberta Education.

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**VSPC Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 12th at 5:30 pm**  
*Viking School Home Ec Room—Everyone Welcome*

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



**No School on February 13th, 14th & 17th**  
Teachers Convention and Family Day Provincial Holiday  
**No School February 28th –Staff Collaboration Day**



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For our students who are bussed to school, I would like to remind parents and students about Battle River School Divisions Winter Apparel Policy (AP 552), which reads, in part:

“Transported students are required to wear appropriate winter footwear and outerwear and to carry with them suitable winter headwear and gloves/mitts from November 1 through to March 31.”

Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately during this time of year for their own safety and well-being.

This year our annual ski trips for students in grades 4-9 will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Students in all other grades will have regular classes. There will be no classes for grades 7-9 on the 20<sup>th</sup> as grade 7-9 teachers will be accompanying the students on the trip to supervise. Students in grades 4-6 who do not go on the trip will be expected to attend school on February 20<sup>th</sup> and will follow a modified schedule.

Teachers Convention will take place on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> this year (slightly earlier in the year than usual). Schools will be closed on these days.

Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink to stand up to

bullying. We will also have a special guest speaker on Pink Shirt Day: Alison Springer. She will be providing two presentations, one to our secondary students at 10:00 am and one to our elementary students at 12:30pm. Thank you to our Mental Health Capacity Building team for coordinating this event.

Please come and join us at our next School Council meeting which is on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Home Economics room.

*Mr. & Mrs. Madsen*

**JUST A NOTE FROM STUDENT COUNCIL**

# School Spirit Day

**Feb 4—Western Day**

**Wear Pink for Anti Bully Day**

**Wednesday, February 26th**

## **NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REGARDING ADVERTISEMENTS from**

### **Battle River School Division**

As you know, our schools are important community gathering places. As a result, businesses and individuals may try to take advantage of our spaces to distribute promotional materials of various kinds at schools or school events. In some cases, permission is sought and obtained prior to the distribution, in other cases, the promotional materials are not authorized.

We are writing to advise you that our School Division and Schools do not, and indeed cannot, endorse products or services which may be advertised at our facilities. Our Board, administration, teachers and all staff must be focused on meeting the educational and related needs of our students and community. We cannot, and do not investigate the merits and quality of any service or product offered that may have been promoted at a school or event.





# Career Counselling

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Check out the Post-Secondary events this winter on the [High School Plus](#) site. Details and links to the various events can be found on the calendar toward the bottom of the homepage.

Apprenticeships	myPass	Financial Support - Trades
<p>Do you enjoy hands-on work?</p> <p>An apprenticeship in a trade is an excellent opportunity to carve out a career pathway. The Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) allows you to start your apprenticeship in high school. Student can earn up to 1000 hours in their trade and 40 credits.</p> <p><b>Welcome to Tradesecrets</b> Your source for information on Apprenticeship &amp; Industry Training</p> <p>Check out the <i>Tradesecrets</i> site in your <i>High School Plus</i> website under <i>Work Transitions</i> and <i>Trades</i> for a vast number of resources connected to the trades including a chart showing high school requirements.</p> <p>In the <i>Tradesecrets</i> site check for a lists of the trades available in Alberta (<i>Trades &amp; Occupations</i> box and then <i>Trades &amp; Occupations List</i>).</p>	<p>Students are reminded to check their completed courses, marks, and credits in their <i>Detailed Academic Report</i> inside their Alberta Education <i>myPass</i> account. Progress toward high school completion should also be checked using the <i>Credential Checklist</i> tool in their <i>myPass</i> account.</p> <p>If you are in grades 11 or 12 and are not able to access your <i>myPass</i> account, please see the office or your career counselling to get set up. If you are in grade 10 and don't have an account, please know the school will be connecting you to this valuable resource soon!</p> 	<p>Students working in a designated Red Seal trade can apply for a <b>Canada Apprenticeship Loan</b> for up to \$4000 interest-free for each period of technical training to cover costs such as tuition, living expenses, tools and equipment.</p> <p>The <b>Canada Apprenticeship Incentive Grant</b> is also available to registered apprentices who need support in getting started in a Red Seal trade. Recipients may qualify for up to \$1000 per year for a maximum of \$2000. Applicants may be eligible for the <b>Canada Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women</b>, for qualified trades featuring low female participation, for up to \$3000 per year to a maximum of \$6000.</p>  <p>Look for more opportunities in <i>Financial Assistance in the Trades</i> in <i>High School Plus</i> under <i>Work Transitions - Trades</i>.</p>



Do you have a plan of action as you start semester two? For example, consider creating daily flash cards from each day's learnings and then review these cards weekly. This may avoid cramming and stress at the end of the unit and the semester.



**Just a reminder that we are continuing to collect original Boston Pizza receipts.**

**Thank you to everyone who has brought in receipts. Boston Pizza refunds 5% of the total which is used for educational enhancement projects.**





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](http://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.*

Everyone deserves to feel safe at school.  
Together we stand against bullying.

Wear pink on  
**February 26, 2020**  
and show your support!





Students enjoying Mentorship time.

The Junior High Viking Vixens basketball team had a fun and successful weekend attending the Mid Season Shootout tournament on January 24-25th in Ryley. They won the Consolation Championship after a 56-36 victory over Round Hill.







New toys to play with!  
Thanks to Mrs. Potgieter for  
her donations.

## TREE OF CARING 2020

The Viking students will again be having a "Tree of Caring" this month. **The "Tree of Caring" is an opportunity for school students to raise funds for the Viking Healthcare Centre to purchase items for the benefit of children and/or babies.** Over the last 23 years, the proceeds from the project have gone to the purchase of special stethoscopes for babies, a fetal heart monitor, a jaundice meter, thermometers, renovations in the children's ward, TV/VCR in Pediatrics, baby bassinets, temporal thermometer, SP02 Monitor, Interosseous Infusion device, cardiac cables, blood pressure accessory unit, stuffed animals for patients, as well as a palliative care bed and several other initiatives. **The money raised, this year, will go towards the purchase of new nursing pillows for new moms and their babies.**

The "Tree of Caring" will run from the 3rd to the 27th of February.

**Students can purchase 4 different sized hearts for \$ 0.25, \$1.00, \$5.00 or \$20.00 to hang on our tree.**

**Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile project**



## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS -MARCH 19, 2020

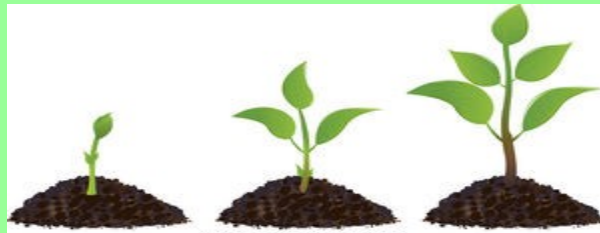
Information regarding booking appointments in next month's Newsletter

# ELEMENTARY FUND RAISER A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Our total profit that goes directly to Elementary educational enhancement projects, such as performances and more, was an amazing \$.00. We appreciate all of the community support for this fundraiser, along with our local greenhouse, Helen's Vegetables and Flowers for providing outstanding plants.

**The expected delivery date, to the School, this year is May , 2020 .**

Thank you to all of the sellers and purchasers who supported this project



## What is kindness?

Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.

Everyday we hear stories about people trying to make the world a better place.

Together we can make the world a little bit kinder for all of us.

It all starts with one person... You!

## Kindness helps you and others by:

Enhancing positivity  
Changing your perspective  
Creating a sense of community  
Helping us feel connected to others  
Reducing stress  
Improving mood and self-esteem

## Just one act of kindness a day can help:

Reduce stress, anxiety and depression

Kindness releases feel-good hormones in your body so you and the person you helped:

Feel calmer, healthier and happier

More loving and loved

More energy, less aches and pains and more confident

## Simple ways to spread kindness:

- Volunteer
- Help a friend or neighbour
- Ask someone how they are feeling
- Offer support and encouragement to others
- Say good morning and smile
- Make someone laugh
- Be generous with compliments
- Leave a kind note for someone special

Kindness is contagious and doubles when you share it!

## MORE RESOURCES

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Pa ge13769.aspx> Search "be kind"

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/the-science-of-kindness>



# I C.A.R.E.



Congratulations to our I C.A.R.E. Award recipients:

December 2019	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Cooperate with others	Hailey Gabrielle	Rowan Sorenson	Jayden Bird	Cooper Quinton
Accept Responsibility	Barrett Tkaczyk	Breece Erickson	Keely Chomik	Johnathan Tkaczyk
Respect People and Property	Zoe Nieman	Jaxon Parr	Cohen Buttner	Rosa Lynne Radford
Engage in Learning Activities	Miles Weisgerber	Cooper Quattek	Grayson Leblanc	Emma Nieman

December 2019	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Cooperate with others	Jandro Potgieter	Kora Lefsrud	Ryi Wakefield
Accept Responsibility	Lincoln Hollar	Logan Brooke	Macy Morken
Respect People and Property	Jordyn Hakes	Emma Lawes	Wiley Cumming
Engage in Learning Activities	Kaitlyn Girczyc	Kelton Pollington	Jorja Harray

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January 2020	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Cooperate with others	Jack Sorenson	Emily Amundson	Angelina Bauersachs	Allison Nordstron
Accept Responsibility	Taylen Place	Ian Hill	Luke Squair	Jaxson Weisgerber
Respect People and Property	Easton Morken	Casey Pedel	Olivia Nordstrom	Christian Blyan
Engage in Learning Activities	Paul Belleza	Conley Dockstader	Trinity Morken	Brooklyn Lee

January 2020	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Cooperate with others	Olivia Erickson	Kaybree Hudson	Kyra Pollington
Accept Responsibility	Aja Anderson	Cassidee Morken	Xavier Arndt
Respect People and Property	Alyssa Fornal	Miller Quinton	Charlean Dubeau
Engage in Learning Activities	Sterling Cumming	Alex Klein	Leighton Mytz



Rabbit Hill Ski Trip  
For Grades 4-9  
Thursday, February 20th





# Pink Shirt Day

A fundraising event by:  
The Society of Friends of  
Viking School Parent Council.

*"We encourage  
everyone to  
practice kindness  
& wear pink  
to symbolize  
that you do not  
tolerate bullying"*

**Feb. 26, 2020**



**Option  
1  
\$13**

Shade of pink  
may vary.  
Cash or  
Cheque  
accepted.  
Donations  
accepted!



**Option  
2  
\$13**

\$2 from every shirt ordered  
will stay with Viking School.

Order deadline Feb. 10, 2020

**Wear your shirt on  
February 26, 2020**

Youth sizes \$13: XS, S, M, L, XL

Adult sizes \$13: S, M, L, XL, 1XL

\$15 (2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL)

**Contact  
Kimberly Girczyc  
780-385-0585 to order!**

## Did you know?

Through fundraising  
our group has donated  
in the past 3 years  
over \$43,000 to Viking  
School!

Chromebooks, new  
stage and other items!

Thank you to the  
community for  
continuing to support  
us and our school.



# Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
**To:** All Schools  
**From:** Medical Officers of Health, Alberta Health Services  
**Subject:** Overview of Wuhan novel Coronavirus

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## Overview of the novel Coronavirus

As has been reported extensively in the news, Chinese health authorities have identified a novel coronavirus (referred to as 2019-nCoV) as being responsible for a respiratory outbreak, with most cases linked to the city of Wuhan, China. The situation is rapidly evolving so the numbers will change daily. Isolated cases of confirmed 2019-nCoV respiratory illness have been reported in several countries including the United States and Canada.

It is important to remember that there are a number of common respiratory viruses currently circulating in Alberta and globally, such as influenza. The most likely cause of a respiratory infection in either a staff member or a student will be one of these viruses.

There are no confirmed or probable cases of the novel coronavirus in Alberta at this time. For an update on cases in Canada visit <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>.

**As this is an evolving situation, further updates can be found on the AH and AHS websites at:**

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>

## What you should know:

- Health authorities in China and around the world have taken a comprehensive range of containment, prevention and control measures, and are continuing to investigate the suspected source of exposure, while isolating cases and tracking close contacts to prevent spread.
- There have been no reports of any cases involving Canadians overseas.
- AHS is carefully monitoring the situation and will be able to respond effectively should there be any cases in Alberta. This would include necessary follow up and notifications to anyone deemed to be at risk from contact with a confirmed case.

## What you should do:

- If you know of individuals with specific concerns related to potential exposures or related symptoms, please advise them to call Health Link - 811 for assessment and health advice.
- Schools should continue to follow current processes for monitoring and reporting of unusual cases of illness and clusters of illness using their established Zone Public Health contacts.
- Regular hand washing and respiratory etiquette (covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing) will protect staff and students from spreading respiratory viruses.
- You can visit the Public Health Agency of Canada website and the additional resources below for more information related to the illness and outbreak.

## Additional References:

- Public Health Agency of Canada update on Pneumonia of Unknown Cause in China  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>
- WHO <https://www.who.int/csr/don/12-january-2020-novel-coronavirus-china/en/>