



# Bear Tracks

We strive for Champion Effort, Champion Attitude and  
Champion Teamwork



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## January 2018

### Principal's Prints

Happy New Year Everyone!

We have been back for over a week already but I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday full of rest and relaxation.

A big "Thank you" to Mr. Bosse and to Mrs. Becker for organizing the holiday concerts, as well as to the many staff who volunteered to be at the performances to ensure they were as "glitch free" as possible. We appreciate everyone's hard work in pulling those two performances together. Thanks as well to all the parents who were able to help us clean up the next morning.

On Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, Paul Davis did three presentations at the school on internet safety. One for students in grades 4, 5 and 6, one for students in grades 7 and 8 and one in the evening for parents. He shared his knowledge, experience and recommendations regarding social media, privacy and protecting ourselves. Thank you to FBES for their support with all of our guest speakers.

A quick reminder that we have our second round of parent teacher conferences coming up in the first week in February on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Our extra-curricular sports programs are in full swing again with our Basketball teams playing tournaments in January and February. Go Silvertips!

Have a great finish to January everyone!

Brad

# January



**K-8 Champion Readers**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Gionni N. - Ka.m.1	Paisley Glencross - Ka.m.2	Van Hudson - Kp.m.
<b>Grade One</b>	Milla Kalmbach - 1.1	Sebastien Savoie- 1.2	Hailey Tudor - 1.3
<b>Grade Two</b>	Bensen Miles - 2.1	Nneka Nwogwugwu - 2.2	Jacob Ziegler - 2.3
<b>Grade Three</b>	Nnenna Nwogwugwu - 3.1	William Raimondi - 3.2	
<b>Grade Four</b>	Max Becker - 4.1	Thomas Nugent - 4.2	Millie Bell - 4.3
<b>Grade Five</b>	Tate Peterson - 5.1	Amii Rajpal - 5.2	Savannah Stevens - 5/6
<b>Grade Six</b>	Kaleb Stefura - 6.1	Adyson Kelly - 6.2	
<b>Grade Seven</b>	Ian Hanson - 7.1	Saige Edwards - 7.2	Carson Nicoll - 7.3
<b>Grade Eight</b>	Kasi Trenke - 8.1	Ella Thompson - 8.2	

**K-8 Champion Writers**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Peter Baker - Ka.m.1	Hudson Sagan - Ka.m.2	Veer Sanghera - Kp.m.
<b>Grade One</b>	Maeve Townsend - 1.1	Angelina Gamble - 1.2	Quin Rakowski - 1.3
<b>Grade Two</b>	Hudson Kerkhoff - 2.1	Mia Kim-Fine - 2.2	Gabbi Rajpal - 2.3
<b>Grade Three</b>	Carter Jepp - 3.1	Ethan Ho - 3.2	
<b>Grade Four</b>	Hunter Sawatsky - 4.1	North McKee - 4.2	Jacob Kueber - 4.3
<b>Grade Five</b>	Preston Wampler - 5.1	Olivia O'Kranczy - 5.2	Colby Adams - 5/6
<b>Grade Six</b>	Grace Beach - 6.1	Sothearak Lor - 6.2	
<b>Grade Seven</b>	Natalie Kellner - 7.1	Aggie Baker - 7.2	Ashley Tarnowski - 7.3
<b>Grade Eight</b>	Jackie Chen - 8.1	Kiesha Basi - 8.2	

**K-8 Student of the Month - Champion of Character**  
**Theme: EXCELLENCE**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Allie May - Ka.m. 1	Brynn Fleming - Ka.m.2	Cali Tonin - Kp.m.
<b>Grade One</b>	Claire Fransoo - 1.1	Adora MacDonald- 1.2	Ovina Vining - 1.3
<b>Grade Two</b>	Lexi Nurcombe - 2.1	Jordy Tonin - 2.2	Hunter Anderson - 2.3
<b>Grade Three</b>	Himmat Bal - 3.1	Deklin Stratychuk - 3.2	
<b>Grade Four</b>	Maddie Tudor - 4.1	Anika Maan - 4.2	Maysa Nicoll - 4.3
<b>Grade Five</b>	Mylynn Nelson - 5.1	Claire Meyer - 5.2	Sienna Fugate - 5/6
<b>Grade Six</b>	Jimmy Heinzlmeir - 6.1	Luca Trinca - 6.2	
<b>Grade Seven</b>	Noah Visvanathan - 7.1	Riley Carey - 7.2	Robyn Low - 7.3
<b>Grade Eight</b>	Will Shea - 8.1	Faith Solecki - 8.2	



# Registration for 2018-2019

Registration for 2018-2019 has now began and is ongoing up to the first day of school.

**KINDERGARTEN:** Parents may enroll their child in Kindergarten for the 2018/19 school year through their designated school provided the child is five years of age by the last day of February.

**\*If Your Child is Receiving OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, SPEECH THERAPY or an IPP from your Preschool, PLEASE PROVIDE A CURRENT REPORT FROM THEIR THERAPIST.**

Registration packages are available for pick up at the school office. Parents also have the option of registering their child online:

**New Parents** - To register your child online, please create a new account via School Engage at <https://rockyview.schoolengage.ca/>

**Current Parents** - To register a new member of your family, go to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) login and access School Engage on the left-hand menu.

For assistance with online registration, call (403) 945-4115.

Please provide the following documentation at the time of registration (required from ALL applicants):

- Proof of the child's age & legal name. **A copy of the child's birth certificate is required. Canadian passports are no longer acceptable as proof of citizenship when registering new students (passports are acceptable for children who were born in another country, awaiting Canadian documentation).** Please note: the office staff are required to see the **original** birth certificate and a copy will then be made for your child's file;
- Current proof of residency: **A utility bill is preferred.** It should include house number and street address if you live in a town or city; the legal land description (section, township and range) if you live on a farm or an acreage. Note: Rural families, please bring your 911 address. Unfortunately, a driver's license is not acceptable.

Office hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



## Emergency Closure of Schools

### Parents of Students Attending Bears paw-Cochrane-Westbrook Schools

#### \*\*\*RVS Transportation Information Line for school bus route updates: (403) 250-0016

In compliance with Board policy, the following procedures will be followed in the case of emergency school closure and cancellation of bus service:

1. Notwithstanding these emergency procedures, **it is always the responsibility of the parent to determine whether or not it is safe for a student to leave for school under severe weather conditions as well as other times.**
2. Closure procedures due to weather will be initiated as early as possible and before students are picked up by the school bus in the morning. Once school begins for the day, school will not be closed because of weather conditions until regular dismissal time. Should it be deemed unsafe to dismiss students at the usual time, students may be kept at the school until it is deemed safe to depart, or until other arrangements have been made.
3. Decisions to close school because of inclement weather or other emergencies will be announced on radio stations, CBC Radio, CHFM Lite 96, 66 CFR, JACK FM, QR 77, Q 107, Country 105, CKMX 1060, CJAY 92 as well as CITY TV, AIR 106 (Airdrie) and Global News Morning Edition. This information will also be posted on the Rocky View Schools' website, RVS App, Facebook, Twitter, and available by telephoning the RVS Transportation information line 403.250.0016.
4. In the event that school is open but an individual bus driver deems it unsafe to drive his/her route, the driver will telephone rural parents. Parents will have the option of transporting their children to school but, unless otherwise informed by their bus driver, **must be prepared to pick up the children at the end of the school day.** Drivers may also alter or delay their bus routes in response to weather conditions. Rural parents will be informed through a telephone call from their bus driver of any planned delays or revisions to the bus routes. Urban parents will refer to the RVS website or RVS Transportation line – 403.250.0016.
5. There is a possibility that schools may be closed during the day because of power failures, heating, or plumbing or other emergency. Every effort will be made to hold the children at school. If circumstances warrant, children will be transferred to another location in the immediate area until regular dismissal time.
6. If the decision has been made by the Inclement Weather Committee to close the school before the day starts, it is the Parents' responsibility to make provisions for their children.





## Council's & FBES' Corner

Thank you to those who supported the GREAT ESCAPES 2018 VACATION RAFFLE. The first draw was held on January 8th. Congratulations to our winners: Erin Bilben won the trip and Erin Kalin won the cash prize of \$100. The remaining draws will be held each month through June. Good luck!

The next FBES meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22nd at 8:45 a.m. at the Bearspaw Glendale Community Centre in the upstairs meeting room. Please feel free to join us, we always welcome new faces.



Now that winter is upon us, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately to go out for recess on a daily basis (mitts, toques, snow pants).



### ***Are you looking for the Calendar??***

***Our newsletter no longer features the monthly calendar. Please refer to the Google Calendar on the front page of the Bearspaw School website at <http://bearspaw.rockyview.ab.ca> and click on the "Calendar" icon. This calendar is updated throughout the month.***