



# IRIC

IRON RIDGE INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS

# EAGLE NEWS

February 2020

## FEBRUARY DATES

### UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5 - Hot Dog hot lunch

February 7 - No school - Staff  
Collaboration Day

February 14 - Valentine's Day Dance 2:20-  
3 pm

February 17 - Family Day - no school

February 18 - No school - staff in lieu day

February 19 - No school - Staff  
Collaboration day

February 20-21 - No school - Teacher's  
Convention

February 26 - Boston Pizza hot lunch

February 26 - Traveling Art Exhibit begins-  
Creatures

February 28 - School Assembly 11:55 am

## ROBOTICS

The IRIC Robotics team is getting ready for our final tournament at NAIT on February 1st. Teams will be competing with their robots against groups from across the province to perform challenges and solve problems. We have a great group of 4 teams this year and we are so proud of all their hard work. We would like to thank DOW Chemicals for their support, without it we could not make these extraordinary opportunities happen!



## "Quoted"

***"Let us remember:  
One book, one pen,  
one child and one  
teacher can  
change the world."***

***-Malala Yousafzai***



be extraordinary





# DID YOU KNOW?

**Curricular Links - Did You Know?** Parents can access from the Alberta Government: [My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource](#). This site provides an excellent overview of grade specific curriculum and additional resources to enhance its teaching. Alberta Education determines what students need to learn in provincial curriculum and teachers use their professional judgement to determine how students achieve the learning outcomes in the provincial curriculum.

**School Fees - Did You Know?** can be paid online anytime by accessing your parent portal. If you are having any difficulties, please call reception 403-885- 6100 at IRIC.

## I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL	I HAVE THE FLU
TEMPERATURE OF 100.0 F OR HIGHER	WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS	WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS	BODY RASH WITH ITCHING OR FEVER	ITCHY HEAD, ACTIVE HEAD LICE	REDNESS, ITCHING AND/OR PUS DRAINING FROM EYE	HOSPITAL STAY AND/OR EMERGENCY ROOM VISIT	ACHY BODY, PAIN, TIREDNESS, HEADACHE, DRY COUGH, SORE THROAT, RUNNY NOSE (may have vomiting, diarrhea or fever)

## I am ready to go back to school when I am...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, etc.)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.	Released by a medical provider, symptoms are gone.
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given your child permission to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.

Please note: Guidance from Public Health will be followed for outbreaks or unusual clusters of disease.

# Apply for Busing

New for the coming **school year 2020-2021**, all busing registrations\requests (for new or current students who now require transportation) **must be submitted through the Parent Portal**. If you do not have an account please contact your child's school to arrange this. We have provided two links that contain instructions to assist you as you work through this new process.

**WCPS students who currently use busing will only need to reapply if they are Urban and/or Cross-boundary students.**

Registration Instructions - Current Wolf Creek Students

Registration Instructions- New Students to Wolf Creek

- **Deadline for ALL 2020/2021 bus registrations is June 15, 2020**



Lacrosse AGM and Registration is February 3, 2020 at 6:30pm upstairs at the Arena in the banquet room, come and receive \$50 off your child's registration!



## LACOMBE LONGHORNS JR NBA & CLUB BASKETBALL

- Do you live in Lacombe, Blackfalds, Ponoka, Rimbey, or the surrounding area?
- Are you aged 5-18?
- Do you like basketball?
- This is for you
- A new program looking to start up and grow the game of basketball
- Looking to start in spring and be based in Lacombe
- If interested join the Facebook group
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2412704752389407/>
- Register at this website which is currently free
  - <https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/go/abbasketball/272>
  - Team Code is PKJA6782
- If any further questions you can contact me (Dixon Dunkle) by phone at 4036140918 or by email at [dtdark23@gmail.com](mailto:dtdark23@gmail.com)





# February P.I.R.I.S

Parents of  
Iron Ridge  
Intermediate Society

**March 16, 2020  
7:00PM**

## **IRIC Library**

P.I.R.I.S Annual General Meeting  
for all Parents.

Attend and learn about how this  
Parent Group helps IRIC with Projects  
Get involved with your Children's School.

Positions must be filled –  
Be part of the joy



We are sorry about the short  
Notice for the Christmas Bake  
Sale. Thank you to those who  
baked. Our Apologies.



Volunteers are needed for Bingo  
Email [pirisiric@gmail.com](mailto:pirisiric@gmail.com) to  
sign up or message us on FB!!  
4 to 5 hour shifts – 10\$ Meal  
voucher provided. Help raise  
money for IRIC!

The next dates are as follows:  
Wed, Feb 26 @ 4:30pm.  
Fri, March 27 @ 4:30pm  
Sat, April 11 @ 10:30am

## Hot Lunch Program for February



Hot Dog, Juice & Cookie

**Feb 5**



**Feb 26th**



Lunches to hit the spot and get rid of those hungry tummy "monsters"



Shout out  
To Blackfald's  
McDonald's Restaurant



For donating  
100 Cookies  
to the bake sale  
**Thank you!**

Enjoying eat in or  
take out at Boston Pizza  
and bring in your  
receipt to IRIC



Boston Pizza donates Money  
to Iron Ridge Intermediate  
Boston Pizza Operation Education  
helps fund projects and programs  
at Iron Ridge Intermediate

*Thank you from Your P.I.R.I.S Board of Directors*

# *Dear Parents*

PIRIS needs new Members.

This group of Parents were formed for fundraising efforts to help offset costs for the School when it was brand new.

Iron Ridge Intermediate needed a playground, it needed equipment for the gym and the music room, computers, iPads, It needed immediate funds.

## **Now it needs people.**

These same Parents are graduating to the Junior campus with their Kids, the time at IRIC is meaningful & short....3 years goes by fast!

It is actually fairly easy to join and does not take a lot of your time. There is an established, well laid out calendar of events that are already in motion, the retiring members of the Society are able to Mentor you. Brief meetings are held every other month.

Fundraising is still on going, it helps to offset the costs now for field trips, prizes for your children's efforts in spelling bee's, math-a-thons and other School fun activities.

Learning is always better in a fun, friendly, environment.

Without PIRIS Members, the Society cannot operate and could fold. We need people to coordinate volunteers for the Bingo Schedule, for Casinos, organize the 3 fund raising activities.

**Please, We Need Your Help!**

**Please come to the Annual General Meeting  
for PIRIS being held**

**7:00 pm March 16<sup>th</sup> at the IRIC Library.**





## Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus

**Our Mission:**  
**Empowering all Learners to be Extraordinary**

IRON RIDGE INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS  
101 Cottonwood Drive  
BLACKFALDS, AB. T4M 0M4  
PHONE: 403-885-6100 FAX: 403-782-8744

January 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and WCPS Staff:

Wolf Creek Public Schools' Board of Trustees is committed to listening to you, our important partners in education. We know our families have different stories and experiences, needs and access to resources when it comes to education, and it's those stories and concerns regarding public education in your community that we want you to share with us.

WCPS Trustees advocate on your behalf to Alberta Education and the Government of Alberta. Simply put, that means they open conversations with the government looking to address your concerns. To do that more effectively, and as we approach the next education budget this spring, it is crucial that we know your story first hand, so the Board can best represent and make a strong case for your concerns, for you and for your children.

Please find the attached advocacy sheet, with some brief information about current resource and support pressures on the division. On the reverse side is a form where you can write your story.

Please take the time to share your story and concerns about public education with us. The school board is meeting with Members of the Legislative Assembly on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will be taking your letters to the meeting. We invite you to fill in the attached form and return it to the school or go online for a fillable PDF that you can complete on your computer, save it, and email as an attachment back to us. The online form can be found at [www.wolfcreek.ab.ca](http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca). Click on Board Advocacy: Tell Us Your Story for the fillable PDF.

**Please ensure you return this to the school or school division office and we will then pass on your letters when the board meets with the local MLAs. Please return completed letters by no later than February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

Thank you for all you do to support public education in Alberta and across Wolf Creek Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Jayson Lovell,  
Superintendent and  
Della Lastiwka,  
Principal

**Our Vision:** At Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus we develop compassionate leaders  
who realize their potential and enrich the world.



Central Alberta Sexual Assault Support Centre  
A201, 5212-48 Street  
Red Deer, AB T4N 7C3  
T: 403-340-1124  
F: 403-340-1163  
Email: [casasc@casasc.ca](mailto:casasc@casasc.ca)  
Service for individuals affected by sexual assault offered at no cost.

January 9, 2020

The Central Alberta Sexual Assault Support Center (CASASC) with support from the Alberta Government will be presenting a program called NO SECRETS to all students at IRIC in February. CASASC provides counselling, advocacy and referrals to victims/survivors of sexual abuse, their families and significant others within Central Alberta. Their agency also provides free of charge education programs for those ages 4 and up.

The education programs provided by the Central Alberta Sexual Assault Support Centre are split into age appropriate programs.

The No Secrets Program designed for grade 4 students has a focus on safe and unsafe touches, body ownership, personal and physical boundaries, differences between safe secrets and unsafe secrets and knowing who to go to for help (trust circle). During this program, students will play games, watch a short video, be given "No Secret" pencils and "No Secrets" capsules. The No Secrets program extends to grades 5 and 6 adding information about body boundaries, healthy relationships and consent.

The program consists of 2 - 40 minute presentations over 2 days. With the sensitive delivery of the program students will:

- understand their right to set personal physical boundaries
- learn about the differences between safe and unsafe touches
- learn about safe and unsafe secrets
- be educated and empowered about consent using age-appropriate examples
- be provided with techniques to support a friend who is experiencing sexual harassment
- be given resources that are available for kids when they need help
- learn about the foundations of healthy relationships
- examine the relationship between choices and resulting consequences
- identify potentially unsafe situations in the community and develop strategies to reduce risk
- discuss and participate in activities about body ownership and body boundaries

\*This presentation is not sexual education; it is safety education.

Further information about this presentation may be directed to Admin or the SSW at IRIC.



### What is AP 132?



- **It guides decisions** for school closure, due to inclement weather.
- With **safety of students as the primary concern**, the **Superintendent and Transportation Manager make a joint decision, between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.**, on school closure and cancelling buses.
- **AP 132 has been followed for decades, and is applied consistently**, using Environment Canada conditions, and a network of contacts.

### When are buses cancelled & schools closed?



To ensure safety, AP 132 provides the following guidelines:

Note: Cancelling buses for a full day automatically closes affected school(s) for all students.

- **Ambient air temperature  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$**  = bus cancellation.
- **Air Temp between  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  AND wind chill factors in excess of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$**  = possible bus cancellation.
- **Dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility** = bus cancellation.
- **Buses may be cancelled, and schools remain open if conditions (such as fog or freezing rain) are expected to improve.** Buses would then run in the afternoon to transport students home.

WCPS schools have only been closed an average of **2.5 days per year** over the past 8 years, due to inclement weather.

Year	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Days Closed	6	4	0	3.5	1	1	1	4

**Did you know?**

### Why are schools closed when buses are cancelled?

To ensure safety, AP 132 provides the following guidelines:

- **If there are extreme weather conditions** to the degree that WCPS will not run buses, we also believe **conditions are not safe for students to be traveling to school**, and will close schools accordingly to ensure safety.
- WCPS' mandate is to provide a safe and caring school division. **Closing schools on these days ensures we are doing everything possible to keep students safe.**
- Despite many urban schools having fewer bus students, **many feeder bus routes travel from rural areas to urban schools.**
- **Not feasible to close one school and leave others in the same community open**, as weather impacts a region, and **families could have students in more than one school.**
- We have seen **tragic consequences when drivers venture on dangerous roads**, including in an Alberta school division in 2018, with a fatality of a teen driving to school.
- **Safety must remain a priority.**

**Did you know?**

✧ WCPS bus more than 4,100 students, 57% of our student population, over a total distance of more than 40,000 km per year.

✧ WCPS staff still attend their school sites, unless deemed unsafe to do so.

✧ WCPS plans for more than the required instructional hours to buffer in case of school closures.

**We know:** Finding childcare is challenging, and we truly appreciate parents making arrangements.





## BLACKFALDS HISTORICAL TRIVIA CHALLENGE JAN 9 - APR 30, 2020

**Learn about our community's history & enter  
to win a Blackfalds Experience Package!**

*(\$100 to spend at DDO Games & Hobbies, After the Grind & the Abbey Centre)*

### **Watch for the Question of the Week**

to be posted weekly on the Town website  
at [blackfalds.com/wadey-centre](http://blackfalds.com/wadey-centre) or

pop into the Wadey Centre on Thursdays between 1 - 4 pm  
to get both the weekly question and learn the answer!

**The more you play, the better chance  
you have of winning the prize!**

Participants will receive one entry slip for each question answered correctly.

Presented By



Wadey Centre  
4400 South St.  
Blackfalds, AB

For more info on the  
Historical Trivia Challenge  
or Thursday afternoon  
programs at the  
Wadey Centre,  
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# THE WADEY CENTRE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WED. 10AM-4PM & THURS. 1-4PM  
(effective Jan. 8, 2020)

New Thursday afternoon programs in 2020!

## JANUARY

- 9** Diet Fads: Facts & Fallacies
- 16** Learn to Make Hot Pads
- 23** Basic Excel & Family Budgeting
- 30** Homemade Valentine Cards (\$2 fee per card made)

## FEBRUARY

- 6** Learn to Knit / Crochet
- 13** Basic Food Safety
- 20** Learn to Play Cribbage Dice Games
- 27** One-Pot & Roll Over Meals

## MARCH

- 5** Beginning Quilts - Cutting Fabric
- 12** Pet Care for the Holidays
- 19** Social Media for Beginners
- 26** Writing for Beginning Readers

## APRIL

- 2** Easter Cookie Exchange Make Easter Eggs
- 9** Party Planning
- 16** Light Up Summer Menus
- 23** BBQ Meal Planning
- 30** Perennial Exchange Flower Bed Planning

For more information or to  
register for a program:

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## WADEY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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