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ROCK STARS REVIEW

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE Ms. Sorensen, Assistant Principal

November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life
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The frenzy of fall has subsided. We have carved pumpkins, pulled out our cozy sweaters, and some of us took time to indulge in the children's Halloween candy, and now we get to take a deep breath of crisp air and settle into November. We would like to remind parents and caregivers of the importance of encouraging daily winter attire, suitable for our Alberta climate. We have many students who feel warmer attire is "not cool" anymore; however, we strongly disagree because living in this province is a choice and we are proud of the wonders snowfall brings. We rely on outdoor recess and teacher provided outdoor wellness walks to break up the school day to maximize essential learning time.

It was truly wonderful to see the students and staff dressed in their spooky Halloween costumes this year. We would like to thank everyone for understanding and supporting the adjustments made to this year's festivities to align with Alberta Health Services guidelines.

We would like to remind parents of the importance of attending Parent/Teacher interviews on the evenings of November 3 and 4. Please email or call your child's teacher if you have not yet heard from them regarding setting up a meeting time. The purpose of early interviews is to be proactive in regards to your child's learning and to have a conversation about their progress, strengths and areas for improvement. Parents and caregivers will also have the opportunity to sign up and ensure they are able to access their child's online assessment reporting through PowerSchool.

Lastly, we want to assure parents and caregivers that although there have been an abundance of changes to start up this school year that we have not forgotten the "light up" as Dr. Jody Carrington famously quotes. Percy Baxter School has a strong tradition and prides itself on school culture and the intrinsic ability to wrap-around each child. We promise that not a day goes by that we are not advocating and brainstorming creative ways to enrich the school environment for your child. We thank you for holding us up, while we hold your children all day. If you or your child are in need of anything please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our Administration Team



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Wanting to stay connected to Percy Baxter School? Look for updates and school news via the PBS Facebook page!



STUDENT POWER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Your PowerSchool information is the same as your Chromebook login information.

There is NO LONGER a PowerSchool letter.

Most students have already reset their passwords for the year. If you have not done so, please do that first.

If you have a password saved from last year, you must remove it. It seems to override the new password. Also, when going to Power School, please use the information below:

District Code: PSNT

Username: firstname.lastname

Password: what you have set up for this year

PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION

Your Parent Portal login is the same as last year. If you have forgotten you login username, require a password reset or you are experiencing sign in issues, please contact the school for assistance.

REMINDER NO SCHOOL

Nov 6 - Professional Development Day

Nov 9 - Non-Instructional Day

Nov 10 - Day in Lieu of PTI's

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day



IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

BROOKLYN PHILLIPO

JALISA O'DELL

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PERCY BAXTER COLD WEATHER POLICY

AT PERCY BAXTER WE STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT OUR POLICIES/PRACTICES MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS. IN COLDER WEATHER WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR DAILY PRACTICE PROMOTES HEALTHY LIVING AS WELL AS ASSISTS US IN KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE AND NOT AT RISK OF FROST BITE. WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE THE DAILY PRACTICE DURING THE COLDER MONTHS:

- * DOORS WILL BE UNLOCKED AT 8:30AM AND STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL.
- * ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO GO OUTSIDE DURING THE LUNCH BREAK IF THE TEMPERATURE (INCLUDING WIND CHILL) IS -24 OR WARMER. **IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS COME PREPARED TO GO OUTSIDE DURING THESE COLDER TEMPERATURES.**
- * ALL STUDENTS WILL BE KEPT INSIDE SHOULD THE TEMPERATURES (INCLUDING WIND CHILL) EXCEED -25°C OR WE DEEM THE WEATHER NOT SUITABLE FOR GOING OUTSIDE.

FOOTWEAR

Shoes must be worn at all times. Both an indoor and an outdoor pair of shoes(boots) are required year round. Students are expected to remove wet, muddy footwear before entering the school.



To Run or not to run



1 Who makes the decision and how?

Rhett Czaban
Director of Transportation



Highway Satellite Cameras



Calls to
bus drivers and
contractors

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Temperature readings
Environment Canada
511 Alberta



Scouting the Roads

2 Are the buses running?

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The decision is made between

06:00 am

06:30 am

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It's your decision!

Send to
School

Keep
Home

It is always your
decision whether or
not to send your child
to school when
weather conditions
are extreme.

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Dress warmly!



Don't forget to dress warmly.
See you at school!

4 How do we let you know?



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO OUR
SCHOOL:

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM — GARDENING EQUIPMENT

JENNY DIXON AND ANGIE OPHUS — CLOTHING

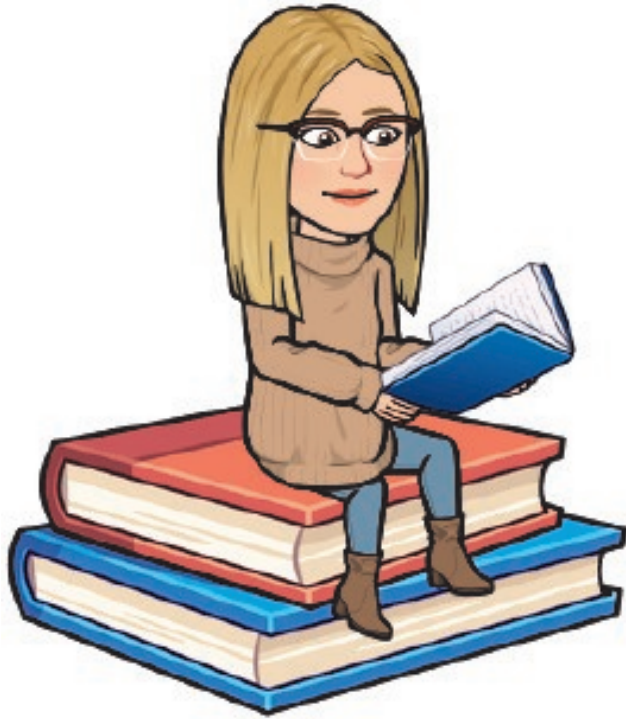
DIANE DICKSON —FACE MASKS

BEAUMONT ORTHODONTICS — FACE MASKS

WHITECOURT COMMUNITY LUNCH BOX – SCHOOL SUPPLIES



LIBRARY NEWS



The Learning Commons is now available online!!

Visit Percy Baxter's website
percybaxter.ca under the
Students and Parents
heading.

Check out what's new as
well as other books being
highlighted at our school.

A huge thank you to all of our staff and students who participated in our annual Turkey Trot "break the rules for charity". With your generous donations we were able to raise \$340.00 for each Tennille's Hope and the Terry Fox Foundation.





The Community Lunch Box Society through some amazing work of their Food Coordinator, Cheryle Trofimuk, working with our local school boards and schools and partnering with our local IGA, are now transitioning from providing food support to children in their homes, to providing food security back to the schools. Through the wonderful support of Doug & Sandy Andrews and their staff at IGA, they have offered to prepare breakfast and lunch packs in their Deli, meeting all the COVID-19 regulations and at a reasonable price. These food packages along with granola bars are now being delivered to local schools. Thank you to all involved who made this possible, helping us ensure children in our community are receiving the food support they need. We are truly grateful for all our community champions.

It Takes a Community

Our culture of kindness cannot exist without champions who help support our inclusive programs.

Here's a couple ways that you can support our society:

- Make a donation through our school cash online
- Donate bottles to one of their bins throughout the community

For more information email:
admin@communitylunchbox.ca



COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten to Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, child care or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

Screening Questions

1. Has the child:

(Choose any/all possible exposures)

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| Traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days? When entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada, individuals are legally required to quarantine for 14 days unless enrolled in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project | YES | NO |
| Had close contact with a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days? Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer, or direct physical contact such as hugging | YES | NO |
| If the child answered "YES" to any of the above: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure.<ul style="list-style-type: none">If the child is participating in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project, they must comply with the program restrictions at all times.If the child develops any symptoms, use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. If the child answered "NO" to both of the above: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proceed to question 2. | | |

2. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher | YES | NO |
| Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma | YES | NO |
| Shortness of breath Continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma | YES | NO |
| Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders | YES | NO |
| If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The child is to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms.Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation. If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proceed to question 3. | | |

3. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:

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| Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather | YES | NO |
| Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux | YES | NO |
| Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather | YES | NO |
| Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury | YES | NO |
| Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome | YES | NO |
| Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication | YES | NO |
| Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury | YES | NO |
| Headache Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines | YES | NO |
| Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye) | YES | NO |
| <p>If the child answered "YES" to ONE symptom in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary. If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended. <p>If the child answered "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home. Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started. <p>If the child answered "NO" to all questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child may attend school, child care and/or other activities. | | |

Please note: If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started/until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.

November 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-------------------|--|---|--|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 RETAKE DAY—am | 4 | 5 | 6 PD DAY NO SCHOOL | 7 |
| | | PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS VIRTUALLY/TELEPHONE | | | | |
| 8 | 9 NO SCHOOL | 10 NO SCHOOL | 11 NO SCHOOL  | 12 QUARTER 2 BEGINS RETURN TO SCHOOL | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

Events Calendar for: November, 2020



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| CLOSED | | French for Kids (4-5 pm) | | French Homework Help (4-5 pm) | | CLOSED |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| CLOSED | | French for Kids (4-5 pm) Sassy Stitches (5:30-8 pm) | REMEMBRANCE DAY CLOSED | French Homework Help (4-5 pm) Teen Book Club (6-7 pm) | | CLOSED |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| CLOSED | | French for Kids (4-5 pm) Death Café (6-7:30 pm) Adult Book Club (6:30 pm) | | French Homework Help (4-5 pm) Author Launch - Judi White (6:30 pm) | | CLOSED |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| CLOSED | | French for Kids (4-5 pm) | | French Homework Help (4-5 pm) Adult Colouring (6 - 7:30 pm) | | CLOSED |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| CLOSED | | | | | | |



NOTE: Changes may occur during the month. For our most up-to-date information, check out our Facebook page, or call (780) 778-2900