

PERCY BAXTER NEWSLETTER



June 16-20

Principal's Message:

We wrapped up our second week of the incredible cultural exchange, with two student groups from Ontario hosted here in Alberta, while at the same time, two groups of our own students were being hosted in Ontario. These four exchanges were all part of a powerful shared experience involving over 90 Percy Baxter Grade 8 students and over 90 students from Sauble Beach and Owen Sound.

During their time in Alberta, our Ontario guests—and our own students—participated in a wide variety of adventures, from the mountains to our own backyard. Some highlights included hiking through Jasper, riding the Jasper SkyTram, visiting Edmonton, and spending time at West Edmonton Mall. Locally, students also toured Hard Luck Canyon, explored hiking trails around Whitecourt, examined our local ecosystem at the Whitecourt ecosite, and engaged in discussions about Alberta's forestry industry—a vital part of our community's identity and economy.

We also held our second Alberta-style pig roast, complete with all the BBQ fixings—a fantastic way to bring students, staff, families, and guests together for an evening of food, community, and connection. Moments like these highlight exactly what this exchange is all about: sharing experiences, building friendships, and creating lasting memories across provinces.

Meanwhile, 48 Percy Baxter students flew east to Ontario, experiencing the warm hospitality of Owen Sound, Sauble Beach, and many wonderful sights and cultural attractions—then wrapping up their journey at Canada's Wonderland and Vaughan Mills Mall.

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This cultural exchange is part of a new annual tradition designed to celebrate our Grade 8 students in a meaningful and memorable way. Planning for next year's experience is already underway, and we're excited to keep building on what has become an incredible growing experience for our students.

On top of that, this past Monday, our Grade 7s had an awesome time on their own day trip to Edmonton and spent the day at the Snow Valley Ariel Park—a fun way to celebrate the end of the year together.

Looking ahead, on June 23, our Grade 6 students will head to Edmonton for a full-day educational trip to the Legislature Building. With 120 students attending, it's shaping up to be another great memory-maker.

A big thank you to our Grade 6 teachers and School Council for their support in making this trip possible.

As the school year winds down, so will our breakfast program. Next week, we'll be using up all remaining items to clear out the freezers for summer. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came in each morning to help—your time and care made a real difference.

All lost and found items will be laid out on tables in the breakfast area next week. Please remind your child to check for any missing items before the end of the year.

Looking even further ahead, we're excited to build momentum in our fine arts, rigorous academic focus, and physical wellness programming. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with such dedicated individuals this year, some of whom are transitioning to new roles both within and outside our division. When team members leave, it can often feel sad and challenging. I believe these transitions will inspire meaningful personal and professional development, and I wish nothing but the best for those seeking new opportunities.

At the same time, I look forward to the fresh energy coming to Percy Baxter. We have the opportunity to collaborate with individuals who not only bring their skills but are also truly enthusiastic about being part of our school community.

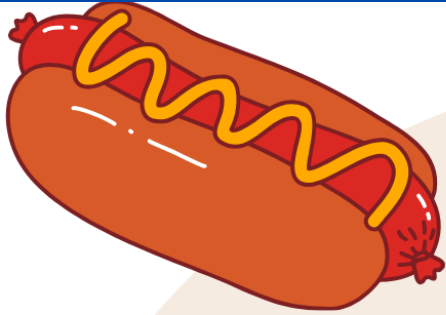
Our goal remains clear: to be the best middle school we can be, rooted in a rich, inclusive, student-centred approach that prepares students to become fluent learners, trained to excel beyond their perceived potential and truly reach their real potential.

During our Open House on June 18, we will share more about our new programming and vision for the future. Some of our new staff will be present to introduce themselves and provide a glimpse of the exciting opportunities ahead.

Warmly,
Vince Dikaitis
Principal, Percy Baxter Middle School

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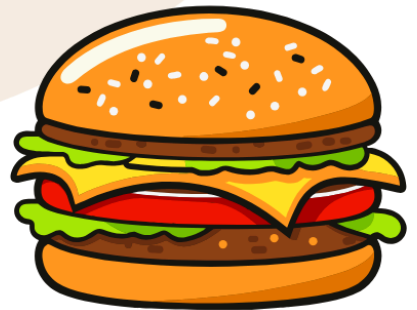




**PERCY BAXTER CULTURAL
EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER**

HAMBURGER HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

**TUESDAY JUNE 17 AT
LUNCH**



**HOT DOGS \$1
HAMBURGER \$2
CHEESEBURGER \$2.50
FREEZES \$1**

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June 2-6

This Week and Next

18 JUN, WED

- Grade 8's visit Hilltop PM
- Homeroom Wars
- IGA Mink Creek Hot Lunch
- 4pm PBS Open House

19 JUN, THU

- Grade 6 Fun Day

20 JUN, FRI

- Grade 6 ELA PAT Exam Part B
- Grade 8 Field Trip
- Term 3 Ends

23 JUN, MON

- Grade 6 Year End Excursion

24 JUN, TUE

- Grade 6 PAT Math Part A
- Wear your Hobby Spirit Day

25 JUN, WED

- Term Assembly

26 JUN, THU

- Last Day for Students

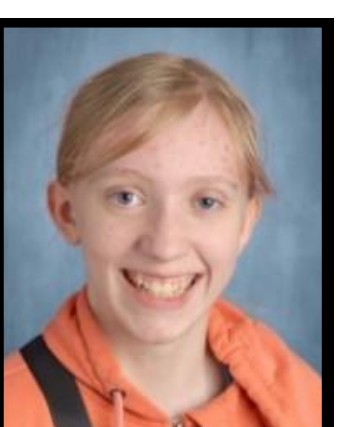
Important Links

- [Facebook Page](#)
- [Google Calendar of Events](#)
- [Website](#)
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Students of the Month:



Donation Request:

We are seeking donations of Lego, gently used toys, and books to support our students in creative and engaging learning opportunities. If you have any items you'd like to donate, please reach out to us. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference! Thank you for your support and generosity.

2024/2025 Bell Schedule



TIME	BLOCK
8:53	Bell
8:55-9:05	TAGS (Attendance calls generated)
9:05-9:55	BLOCK 1
9:55-10:45	BLOCK 2
10:45-10:50	TRANSITION BREAK TO NEXT CLASS
10:50-11:40	BLOCK 3
11:40-12:10	RECESS BREAK
12:10-12:40	LUNCH BREAK
12:40-1:30	BLOCK 4 (Attendance calls generated)
1:30-1:35	TRANSITION BREAK TO NEXT CLASS
1:35-2:25	BLOCK 5
2:25-3:15	BLOCK 6 Dismissal