### November 2024 Communication

# **Round Hill School News**

### All About Our Hall Lunches (by Ms. Lindstrand)

With a focus on integrating practical life skills, environmental awareness and fostering community connections, the school has developed a unique meal program that has been successfully running for three years. This program is designed to provide students with real-life experiences in planning, preparing, and serving balanced meals to their peers and community members.

Each year, junior high students at Round Hill School participate in the Alberta Food Safety Basics course, equipping them with essential knowledge on food safety and hygiene. With this foundation, students then take on the responsibility of planning nutritious, well-balanced meals. They begin by researching recipes that cater to diverse dietary needs and preferences, ensuring each meal is both health-conscious and delicious.

To source ingredients, students collaborate with local farmers, bakers, and grocery stores, strengthening their ties with the community and supporting Alberta's agricultural economy. The meals are prepared at the local community hall, where students work side-by-side with community volunteers, creating a supportive and collaborative learning environment through the intergenerational relationships that are created.

From start to finish, students are involved in every step of the process: planning the menu, sourcing ingredients, preparing the dishes, and ultimately serving the meals. Afterward, students manage the cleanup, emphasizing responsibility and teamwork.

This meal program is more than just a cooking class; it's an opportunity for students to gain hands-on, practical experience in food preparation and event planning. Beyond the kitchen skills they acquire, students also develop invaluable leadership and teamwork abilities. By working closely with peers, teachers, and community members, students learn to communicate effectively, solve problems, and manage resources efficiently.

At Round Hill School, the meal program represents a commitment to empowering students with real-world skills, fostering community connections, and promoting a holistic approach to education that extends beyond traditional classroom learning. Our next meal is on November 19th, please come join us!

#### **Halloween Celebration**

Our Halloween celebration was a great time! The weather was warm enough for the parade to be held outside, the costumes were amazing, and the Junior High students did a fabulous job of running the activities! I would like to thank all the teachers and support staff for their hard work to make Halloween at Round Hill School a terrific success! I also want to thank the parents, grandparents and community members for coming to watch the parade!

#### **Hot Lunch**

Our hot lunch program is already well underway. Thanks to Jaida Severson for organizing the Hot Lunch Program! Mrs. McManus will continue to send out notices of upcoming hot lunch dates on School Messenger. To order a hot lunch, please go to the student online pay system. Here is the <a href="Link">Link</a>. This is the only way we can accept hot lunch orders. If you are not sure how to order or need a refresher please click <a href="here">here:</a>
If you have ordered hot lunch and your child is absent, their lunch will be kept for the next day. If you wish to donate their lunch to another student who may be in need of a lunch that day, just give Mrs. McManus a call. Unfortunately we can not offer refunds.

Our next Hot Lunch is November 26th

#### **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bjorgum are getting the students ready for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. This Ceremony will take place on November 7 in the school gym, starting at 10:50. Please come out and join our students as we honour those who gave their lives to serve our country and honour those who protect our land today.

#### **November Assembly**

Our next assembly will take place on November 7th, following our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We hope to start around 11:15 and end just before lunch. Please come out and join us!

#### **School Council**

Round Hill School Council meetings are a venue where you can express your thoughts about what is happening at our school and get involved in the school! We do not do any fundraising through the School Council. This meeting is simply a chance for you to come and hear about what is going on in the school, BRSD, and the community. It is a chance to get involved! We welcome all parents and caregivers to join us. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 18 @6:30, The meetings are held in the science room at the school and last about 45 minutes to an hour.

#### Friends of Round Hill School Society

This Society is run by parents with the sole intention of raising money to support activities at the school. The meetings are held immediately following the School Council meetings. You can also get involved by emailing Karmen Bowal at <a href="mailto:karmenbowal@gmail.com">karmenbowal@gmail.com</a>. Over the year there will be many opportunities for you to help raise money for our students. Funds raised go directly to activities and equipment that directly impact the kids at the school!

#### No Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder that there will be no formal, paper copies of report cards this year. All of the schools in the Battle River School Division have transitioned to Real Time reporting. With PowerSchool, you can access your child's academic progress in real-time. This means you can stay up-to-date on their learning journey whenever you want. If you would like to sit down with your child's teacher and have a discussion, **Parent/Teacher interviews** are right after the November Break. On Thursday, November 21 we welcome you to come to the school and discuss your child's progress. Interviews will start at 3:30 and go until 8:00.

#### **Volleyball Update**

This year our Girls' Eagles Junior Volleyball Team was coached by Brooke Wilkie, and assistant coach Brandon Enyedy. Both of these coaches attend the Faculty of Augustana - U of A in Camrose, and have played volleyball for many different teams in their years. The girls' volleyball team traveled to Forestburg for their first game of the season. Sadly, they did not win but each and every one of the girls played an amazing game! The girls team played 10 league games and attended two tournaments. Unfortunately they didn't win any of their league games, but they had some very close games. Our team attended the Charlie Killam tournament. At the tournament, our girls team played 4 games. They played Tofield, Charlie Killam, OLMP, and Sedgwick. They placed fourth in the tournament, beating Charlie Killam. They also went to Forestburg for a tournament on November 2. The girls played 5 games, against Tofield, Ryley, and Forestburg. The Eagles came in second place! Everyone on the team has improved so much this year, thanks to our lovely coaches, and our team spirit. We can't wait to see our team return for next season, to see them improve even more. Let's Go Eagles!

-Submitted by the Round Hill Eagles Volleyball Team

#### **Basketball**

Now that volleyball is finished, we are in the process of starting up our basketball season! We will have a boys' team AND a girls' team this year. We have invited students in Grade 6 to come and play Junior Basketball because there are not enough interested students in junior high to make two teams. Mr. Tim Messick will be coaching the girls' team and Mr. Horbay will be coaching the boys' team. These teams will play in the Battle River Junior Basketball League. Letters and forms are being sent home this week with interested students and practices will start immediately after the November Break.

## Superintendent Message

October 30, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians of BRSD:

As we reach the end of October, I want to take a moment to share some highlights from our Assurance Report. Each year, Battle River School Division participates in the Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) survey, gathering input from parents and guardians of students in Grades 4, 7 and 10, along with teachers and students.

This feedback helps us gain valuable insight from the entire school community, guiding us as we enhance our programs and learning environments. Survey findings include key achievements that reflect ongoing commitment of our staff, students and community.

BRSD is proud to report that 86.8 per cent of teachers, parents and students are satisfied with their overall quality of basic education, and that 83.4 per cent of our teachers, parents and students agree that their learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful and safe. Another noteworthy achievement is BRSD's significant increase in three-year high school completion rates. Nearly eight per cent (from 75.6 to 83.5) was gained in just one year.

These commendable results reflect the diligence of students and staff in a collective effort to improve student academic goals in an inclusive, positive learning environment. This achievement, in alignment with our values, is a demonstration of exceptional effort and collaboration that makes BRSD so proud!

I have witnessed countless celebrations that showcase student opportunities in BRSD. I am sharing this <u>article</u> that was written for the fall edition of CASS Connection magazine. The story features student opportunities and the importance of preparing our students for future careers.

Here are some of our student voices. Many thanks to these students who shared their voices to help create radio and video messaging to share throughout our community.

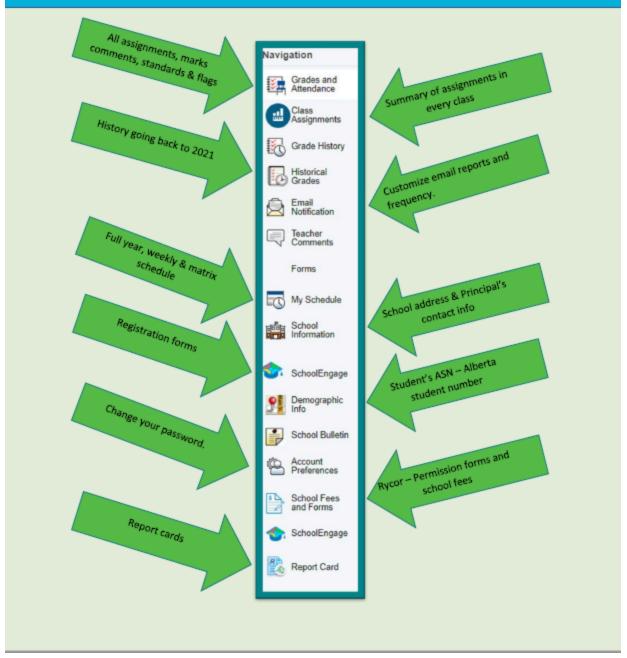
- Hay Lakes student, Teddi: <u>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</u> (Sept.)
- Viking students, Barrett, Luke and Isabella: <u>Terry Fox Run</u> (Sept.)
- Tofield student, Collin: <u>Awards Ceremonies</u> (Oct.)
- Ryley student, Georgia: Bus Safety Week (Oct.)

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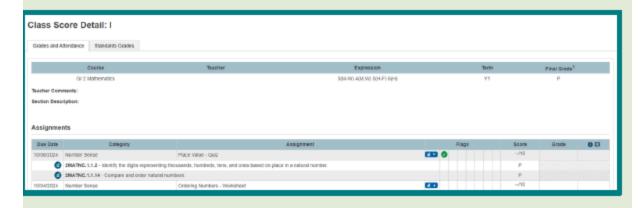
## **PowerSchool Parent Portal**

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# **School Event Calendar**

### November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Staff Meeting/PD/Collaboration - No School for Students	2
3	4	5 Hot Dog Day 12:00 pm	6	7 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45 am Assembly 11:15 am	8 Irving Farm Fresh Pickup 3:30 pm	9
10	11 Stat Holiday	12 Day in lieu of PT Interviews - No School 12:00 am	13 Schools Closed	14 Schools Closed	15 Schools Closed	16
17	18 Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Community Hall Lunch 12:00 pm	20	21 Elks Pizza Day P/T Interviews 3:30 pm	22	23
24	25	26 Parent Society Lunch 12:00 pm	27	28	29	30