



## Important Dates

### Semester 1:

September 5 to January 30

### Semester 2:

February 1 to June 27

### Quarter 1:

September 5 to November 8

### Quarter 2:

November 14 to January 30

### Quarter 3:

February 1 to April 17

### Quarter 4:

April 18 to June 27

## To Run or Not to Run

### *School Bus Transportation in Inclement Weather*

When the safety of transporting bus students is at risk because of severe weather conditions, the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the Director of Transportation Services, may choose to suspend school bus services and, in extreme cases, close schools. Procedures used in this process can be found in [Administrative Procedure 750: Severe Weather and Emergency Closure](#).

### *It's Always Your Call*

The final decision to send a child to the bus stop or to school always rests with parents, even though buses and schools may be operational. Don't forget to dress warmly!

**Please note: Except in very special circumstances, NGPS schools always remain open on school days.**



## BUSES: Running or Not

**HOW DO WE DECIDE?**  
The Director of Transportation makes the decision based on:

- Weather Conditions
- Scouting the Roads
- Highway Cameras
- Communication with Bus Drivers/Contractors

**HOW DO WE NOTIFY?**

- Social Media
- NGPS.ca
- BusPlanner App

**DECISION IS MADE BETWEEN 6:00 AM - 6:30 AM**

**-40°**  
Temperature Readings from Environment Canada @ 511 Alberta

**Your Choice**  
It is always your decision whether or not to send your child to school during extreme weather conditions.

## Message from the Principal

Hello, everyone!

The weather has gotten cooler with the approach of the Christmas season, soon the snow will be on the ground to stay. Three months have flown by with so much accomplished.

October ended with a fun Halloween day for the students. I would like to thank all the teachers and parents for a very successful Halloween costume parade. Leadership also sponsored a Halloween dance with great attendance.

In November, we had a tremendous Remembrance Day ceremony, directed by Mrs. Scobey and Mrs. Dinel. It was really special to see the stellar participation of the students in this important ceremony.



We also held a very successful two day internship with the TELUS World of Science outreach team, Science in Motion. If you look at our social media posts you will see many pictures of our students enjoying the activities put on for them during those two days.

With volleyball season ending, I would like to thank all our coaches for the countless hours they put in coaching so our students had an enjoyable volleyball season. I also want to take a moment to thank the parents for their active participation with the volleyball teams. Without you transporting your kids to games and picking them up from practices, the season would not have happened.

I want to thank the Travel Club for organizing hot lunches, and Mrs. Baxter for keeping the fridges stocked so our students have snacks throughout the day. I would also like to recognize all the hard work the School Council put forth with organizing both a very successful Tinsel Town and the Sub Store relaunch.

The School Council is organizing their first ever Turkey Dinner for students and staff on December 18th @ 12:00 p.m.

Thank you to all the parents who attend the School Council meetings. Your input into decisions made at school is very valuable.

Parent Teacher Interviews for Grades 7 to 12 will be held on December 13th from 5:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Please check our website and social media for information on how to book an appointment.

December 20th is going to be a busy day at school as elementary students complete preparations for their annual Winter Concert in the gym at 7:00 p.m. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on December 20th.

Our last day of classes before the winter break will be December 22 and our first day back to class will be January 8th, 2024.

Wishing you all the best in 2024.

*Ian Baxter*  
*Principal, Fox Creek School*





# Online Spirit Wear Store is Now Open for Business

We are pleased to launch our new online School Spirit Wear Shop.

Please see the attachment for directions on how to order directly from our [webstore](#).

**Fox Creek School Booster Club Spirit Wear 2023**  
You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go online to <https://foxcreekschoolspiritwear.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline:

Atc™ ES Active Baseball Tee (1 Colors)

Atc Youth ES Active Baseball Youth Tee (1 Colors)

Tri-mark Men's Pepto Softshell Jacket

Tri-mark Women's Pepto Softshell Jacket

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Online Store Deadline:

Gildan Heavy Blend™ Youth Hooded Sweatshirt (1 Colors)

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Gildan Softstyle® T-Shirt (1 Colors)

Gildan Youth Softstyle T-Shirt (1 Colors)

ATC Adult Everyday Cotton Long Sleeve Tee (1 Colors)

ATC Youth Everyday Cotton Long Sleeve Tee (1 Colors)

Gildan Heavy Blend Sweatpant (1 Colors)

Gildan® Heavy Blend™ Youth Sweatpants (1 Colors)

Fersten Eureka Hat (2 Colors)

AJM International Board Toque (1 Colors)

AJM Acrylic Cuff Toque Beanie (1 Colors)

Gildan® Heavy Blend™ Crewneck Sweatshirt (1 Colors)

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## Science in Motion

Fox Creek School students were able to participate in in-person sessions with the TELUS World of Science outreach team, Science In Motion.



Jenny and Josh were with us for two days helping us learn a variety of subjects. Some grade levels attended a session on Robotics; others were able to attend a session on roller coaster science, construction, or go into the Mobile Planetarium. We were also fortunate enough to have a For The Love of Chemistry

assembly for our high school students and a Bite Sized Science assembly for our Grades 4-6 students.



We thank Chevron Canada for supporting Science in Motion and sponsoring the TELUS World of Science sessions in our small rural community. These opportunities that all children should be able to participate in, would be very difficult to access without the special support we receive.

## Study Guides, Grades 3 - 12

Fox Creek School with Castle Rock Research has arranged for students to receive a special discount on study guides for Grades 3-12 in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.

These print and digital resources are aligned to the Alberta curriculum, and are all updated to reflect the 2023-24 curriculum. They are a great support for all students, including those taking diploma exams representing 30% of their final marks.

Check out the options and visit <https://schoolorders.solaro.com/1202> to place your order between **December 4 and December 8**. Orders will be individually packaged and shipped to the school for pick up by your students within a week of closing.

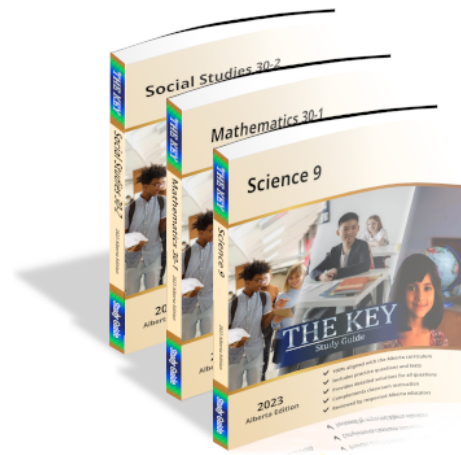


### The KEY Study Guides, \$25.00 per copy (\$34.99 retail)

- Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies editions have been updated for the 2023-2024 school year

- New Pre-Test/Post-Test sections (Pre-Tests assess skills from the previous grade, Post-Tests reflect course content in which students must demonstrate proficiency)

- Grade 12 Math and Science resources have been updated to include questions from recently released Diploma exams.



### Student Notes and Problems (SNAP) Workbooks, \$25.00 per copy (\$34.99 retail)

Instructional content, practice exercises and unit assessments covering the breadth and depth of select Science and Mathematics courses.

### Problem Solved and Class Notes, \$17.00 per copy (\$24.95 retail)

All of the questions from the respective SNAP workbooks are presented along with the detailed solutions. Included are excerpts that focus students on the explanatory notes for each topic.

### SOLARO – \$25.00 for an annual student license (\$200 retail)

- 1-year access to up to 10 courses across grades 3-12 in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, available 24/7 online or on mobile devices
- Offers more courses than are available in print, 10x the practice questions compared to print, plus tests and additional study tools.

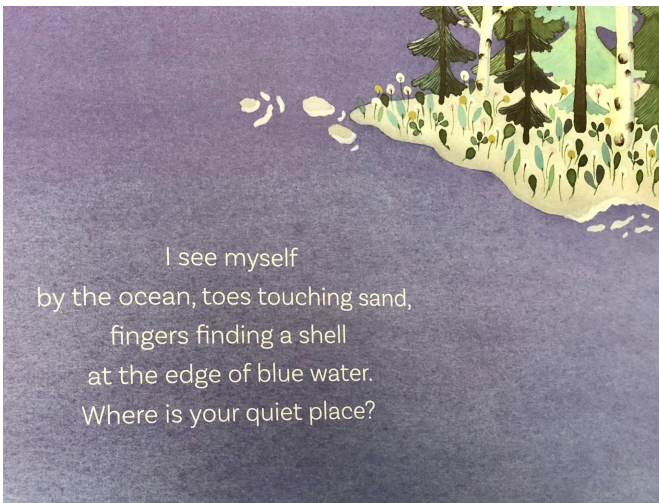
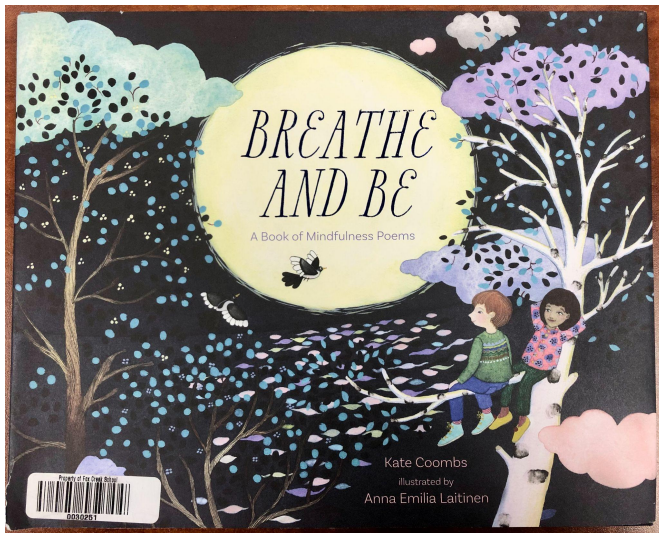




# ..... Elementary .....

## Breathe and Be

During our November assembly, Mrs. DeCiccio read from the lovely book *Breathe and Be*, written by Kate Coombs, and illustrated by Anna Emilia Laitinen. Here is a sample of the book's beautiful text and images.



Don't forget - earn **Spirit Points** for dressing up!



## SPARKS Awards

Safety  
Pride  
Accountability  
Respect  
Knowledge  
Self-Control

Each month, Rexall provides \$5 gift cards to students who have been recognised for demonstrating positive behaviours.

November's SPARKS award winners were Ayden MacNeil, Evalina LaRose, Everly Herle, and Gage Bartlett.



## School Council posters

Posters sponsored by the School Council were presented to Aubrey Gautreau, Everly Herle, Annika Palmer, Brinley Ritchie, Liam Flahr, Madison Vignal, Evalina LaRose, and Kane Zwicker.



  
 YOU ARE INVITED TO  
 \* FOX CREEK SCHOOL'S \*  
*Winter Concert*  
 DEC. 20 2023  
 7:00PM  
 FOX CREEK SCHOOL  
 GYMNASIUM  
  
 FOOD BANK ITEM ADMISSION  
 Cash raffle tickets on the BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE  
 Limited school wear will be available for purchase  
 by cash or check.



# TinselTown



The elementary students and teachers send out a big thank you to the Fox Creek Ice Kings hockey team for helping us with TinselTown shopping and wrapping last week.

The players showed up two days in a row to help out and make sure the students had presents wrapped to give to their families.

We really appreciate all your help.



Thanks, Ice Kings, we loved having you here!





**Important Events  
Until Winter Break!**

Nov. 27- Dec. 8- Food Drive Donation competition

Nov. 28, 29, 30 - TinselTown

Nov. 29 - Fire Drill and Elementary Assembly

Dec. 13- Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews

Dec. 18th -School Turkey Dinner Hosted by School Council

Dec. 20- Winter Concert @ 7PM  
Pembina Hot Dog Day

Dec. 21 -Elementary Assembly @ 2:30 PM

Dec. 22- Last day of school before Winter break  
PJ Day and Popcorn Day

Jan. 8- First day back after break

PUT ON YOUR  
PJ'S AND JOIN  
THE FUN!

**PAJAMA  
DAY!  
DEC. 22**

**CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY BEFORE THE  
HOLIDAYS IN YOUR COMFY COZY WEAR!**

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, Dec. 13

Virtual RCMP Presentation: Online Safety for Youth with The White Hatter  
Secondary Parent-Teacher Interviews

### Friday, 15 December

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

DRESS UP FOR  
SPIRIT DAY POINTS

**UGLY  
CHRISTMAS  
SWEATER  
DAY**

CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY BEFORE  
DECEMBER 15

### Monday, Dec. 18

Turkey Dinner hosted by School Council

### Tuesday, December 19

Playschool Christmas Concert

### Wednesday, December 20

NGPS Board Meeting  
Hot Dog Day  
Elementary Winter Concert

### Thursday, December 21

Elementary Assembly

### Friday, December 22

Last day of school before winter break  
Pajama and Popcorn Day

### Monday, January 8

First day back after winter break





## Grade 3

The Grade 3s are grateful to the Fox Creek Ice Kings for showing up to do the heavy lifting after the counting of over 150 items for our local food bank. The Ice Kings have partnered with the Grade 3 class in an event to show good citizenship.



This event continues until December 8th. The class that collects the most items gets free tickets to the next Ice Kings home game and a pizza lunch provided by the team.



## Library Learning Commons

Grades 1 to 6 students will be decorating SADD bags. These bags are part of a 'no drinking and driving' campaign. Messages about not drinking and driving will be delivered to students at age appropriate levels, then they will decorate their bags. You can find more information about this at <https://www.saddalberta.com/>



This short video explains how drinking affects the brain.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x6HUNtnXUw>

Students will watch this commercial about drinking and driving, and how drinking reduces your hand-eye coordination.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pGktOGTlkw>



## Support Services

Just a reminder from the RCMP that these Support Services are available and are great resources.



## Kids Help Phone

- **Kids Help Phone** – 1-800-668-6868 or text to 686868
- **Indigenous Help** – 1-855-554-4325
- **Black Youth Helpline** – 1-833-294-8650
- **Hope For Wellness Line** – 1-855-242-3310 or use their chat function
- **Canadian Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line** – 1-866-925-4419
- **Trans Lifeline** – 1-877-330-6366
- **Sexual Assault Txt Line** – Text HOME to 741741



# ..... Secondary .....

## Fox Creek Basketball

### Senior Boys

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Sundays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Senior Girls

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Junior Girls

Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

### Junior Boys

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 3:30-5:00 pm

## Basketball Skills Camp

Registration January 3 & 4, click [here](#) for more information.



# SKILLS CAMP

**JANUARY 3, 2024**  
@ THE GREENVIEW REGIONAL MULTIPLEX

**GUEST COACH - BILL BRADLEY OF NWP**

**Grades 7 - 9** 9am to 12pm  
**Grades 10 - 12** 1pm to 4pm



REGISTER BY DECEMBER 1:  
FINDING US ON FACEBOOK  
VALLEYVIEW CUBS BASKETBALL  
EMAIL AT [VVCUGARCUBS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VVCUGARCUBS@GMAIL.COM)  
SCANNING THE QR CODE

## Basketball Games

### Friday, December 8, Saturday, December 9

Junior tournament at High Prairie. *Bus will leave at 1:00 p.m.*

### Tuesday, December 12

Senior away game at Frank Maddock in Drayton Valley. *Bus will leave at 1:30 p.m.*

### Thursday, December 21 (if possible)

GCAA Onoway at Fox Creek

## Well done, Flames!

Congratulations to the Senior Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams on a great tournament this weekend.



The girls had a hard fought bronze medal game and came home with a 4th place finish.



The boys made it to the final and had an extremely close game, 75-72, coming home with silver medals.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews



Parent-Teacher interviews for Grades 7 - 12 have been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 13, 2023** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To book an appointment please go to <https://schoolinterviews.ca> and enter the event code **utux6**.

## Western University's National Indigenous Scholarship Program

Western University's National Indigenous Scholarship Program is live and applications are now open.

Deadline: March 14th (11:59pm EST)

For more information about eligibility requirements or to apply please visit [the program website](#).



## Maker's Day

On Friday, December 8 please join some of our leadership students who will be showcasing their talents at Maker's Day.

The event will run from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Scout Hall and it is free for all ages. There will be snacks and refreshments as well as a door prize give away for those who attend.

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY'S  
NATIONAL  
INDIGENOUS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Western

**Awarded annually to five incoming Indigenous undergraduate students** (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) studying full-time at Western's main campus based on their outstanding academic excellence and meaningful and impactful contribution toward Indigenous communities. Two scholarships will be awarded to incoming students applying from Canadian high schools, and one scholarship to an incoming Indigenous student applying from a postsecondary institution. Recipients must meet the minimum academic averages for their programs, and will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, creative and innovative thinking, and previous or intended contributions to Indigenous communities (including, on and off reserve and as well as urban settings).

**Scholarship Values**

- 3 awards at \$50,000 each to incoming Indigenous students applying from Canadian high schools\*
- 2 awards at \$50,000 to an incoming Indigenous student applying from a postsecondary institution\*

\*\$20,000 for year one, \$10,000 for years two to four based on ongoing registration  
\*not applicable to second entry programs

**How to Apply**

To apply to the National Indigenous Scholarship Program please go to the following link:  
[studentservices.uwo.ca/  
NationalIndigenousScholarship/  
Students/NSIntroPage.cfm](https://studentservices.uwo.ca/NationalIndigenousScholarship/Students/NSIntroPage.cfm)  
Deadline: March 14<sup>th</sup> Annually

For more information please contact our Indigenous Financial Aid Coordinator Donna Noah at [dnoah@uwo.ca](mailto:dnoah@uwo.ca) or (519) 661-2111 ext. 86437

Indigenous Initiatives

# January Final Exams

Students will be heading into exams shortly after they return from Christmas break. The first exam will be written on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Please check the schedule below to confirm dates, times, and locations of exams.

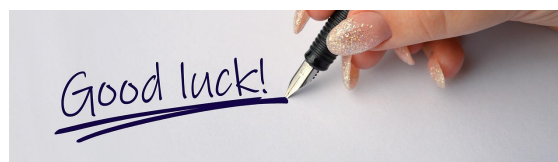
## GRADE 9 PAT Schedule - January 2024

| Date                            | Time                                     | Subject                             |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, January 17<br>Part A | 9:00 am - 11:00 am<br>9:00 am - 10:20 am | Grade 9 LA - K&E PAT - Room 38      |
| Friday, January 26<br>Part B    | 9:00 am - 11:00 am                       | Grade 9 LA - K&E PAT - Room 38      |
| Monday, January 29              | 9:00 am - 10:15 am                       | Grade 9 Science - K&E PAT - Room 32 |

## HIGH SCHOOL Final Exam Schedule - January 2024

| Date                  | Time            | Subject                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| Wednesday, January 10 | 9:00 am - 12:00 | English 30-1/30-2 Part A - Computer Lab |
| Monday, January 22    | 9:00 am - 12:00 | Math 30-1/30-2 - Room 12                |
| Tuesday, January 23   | 9:00 am - 12:00 | English 30-1/30-2 Part B - Room 12      |

| <b>Wednesday January 24</b>  | <b>Last Day of Classes</b> | <b>Grades 10 to 12</b>            |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday January 25  | 9:00 am - 10:15 am         | Chemistry 20 - Room 32            |
| Grade 7 to 9 have regular classes all week. Only exception will be Grade 9s when they write their PAT Exam | 9:00 am - 11:00 am         | Social Studies 10-1/10-2 - Room 4 |
|  | 9:00 am - 11:00 am         | Math 20-3/30-3 - Room 1           |
| Friday, January 26   | 9:00 am - 10:15 am         | Math 10C - Room 36                |
|  | 9:00 am - 11:00 am         | Social Studies 20-1/20-2 - Room 4 |
|  |                            | Math 10-3 - In Reach              |
| Monday, January 29   | 9:00 am - 11:00 am         | CALM - Room 39                    |





# How To Reduce Test Anxiety



**Positive self-talk...**  
 "I can do this!" "I know the material"  
 "I have practiced this"  
 "I am smart and capable"

**Visualization...**  
 Close your eyes and picture yourself doing well on the test. This will boost confidence!

**Muscle relaxation...**  
 Begin at your toes. Tighten and clench them for three seconds, and then release. Work your way through all the muscles in your body until you've tensed and relaxed them all.

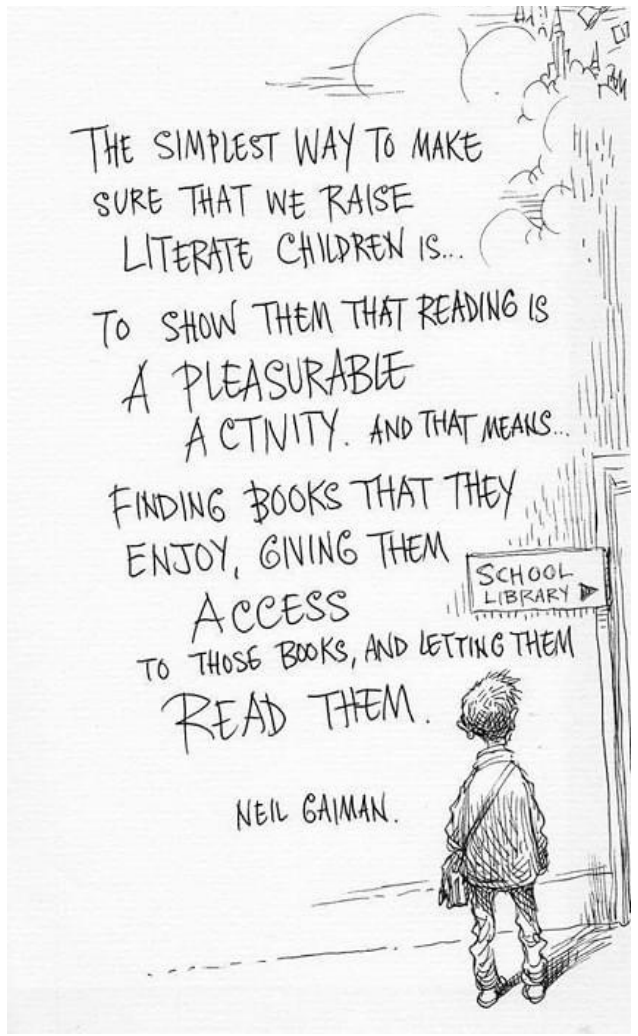
**Deep Breathing...**  
 This is a great anxiety reliever. Sit up straight and put your hands on the top of your head. Breathe in a full breath through your nose for five full seconds. Hold that breath in for five seconds. Then breathe out for seven seconds. Repeat until you feel better.

**Get silly...**  
 There are many silly methods to relax before a test.

- Think of something funny (What if your whole class showed up for the test in their underwear!)
- Get out all the wiggles – dance, shake, and move around.
- Raise your hands up above your head! It will help you to feel victorious.
  - Force a smile or laugh. This will help you feel better.



Explore one of Canada's top five universities with this one-of-a-kind weekend away. More information is available at this [link](#).



**A UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA EXPERIENCE** like no other...

Explore one of Canada's top 5 universities with this one-of-a-kind weekend away.

- Who: 20 selected grade 11 students from across Canada
- When: May 24 - 26, 2024
- Where: University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Your adventure will include transportation reimbursement (up to a maximum based on location) and accommodations.

**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA** APPLY BY JANUARY 31, 2024 AT [uab.ca/getaway](http://uab.ca/getaway)

**10 Lessons I Want to Instill in My Kids**

- If you made a mistake, apologize.
- If you're thankful, show it.
- If you're confused, ask questions.
- If you learn something, teach others.
- If you're stuck, ask for help.
- If you're wrong, fess up.
- If you love someone, tell them.
- If you trip, get back up.
- If someone needs help, help them.
- If you see wrong, take a stance.