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Message From the Principal

I am reminded about how much I love this time of year, when I see the festive decorations begin to transform a space. I truly appreciate the time that staff take to ensure that our school feels welcoming and festive. We have added a touch of magic to the front entrance office area of our school. To me, the decor brings about a feeling of joy and connectedness.

The school has been a busy place over the month of November. We hosted Parent-Teacher conferences. If you missed the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to phone or email staff to set up a meeting. It was exciting to hold our Annual Remembrance Day Service in person once again this year. Thanks to everyone who participated in the event.

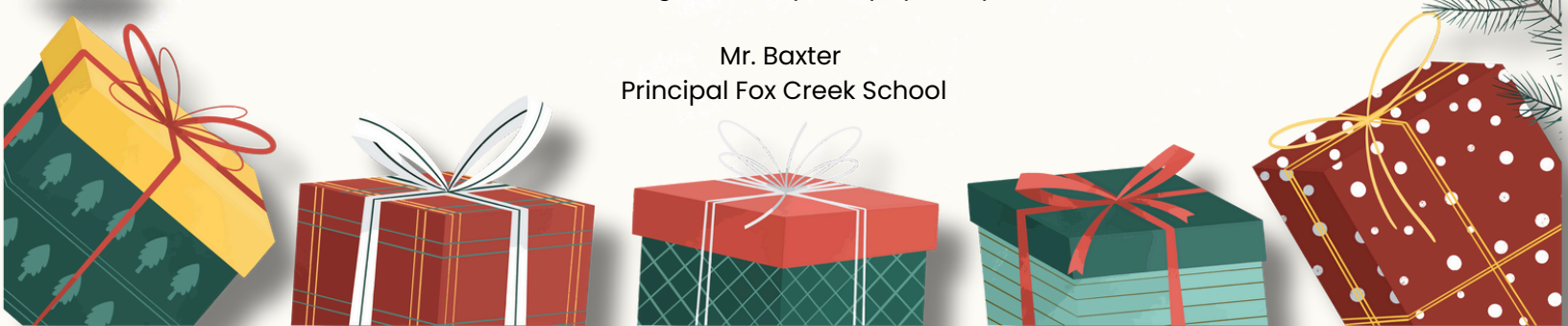
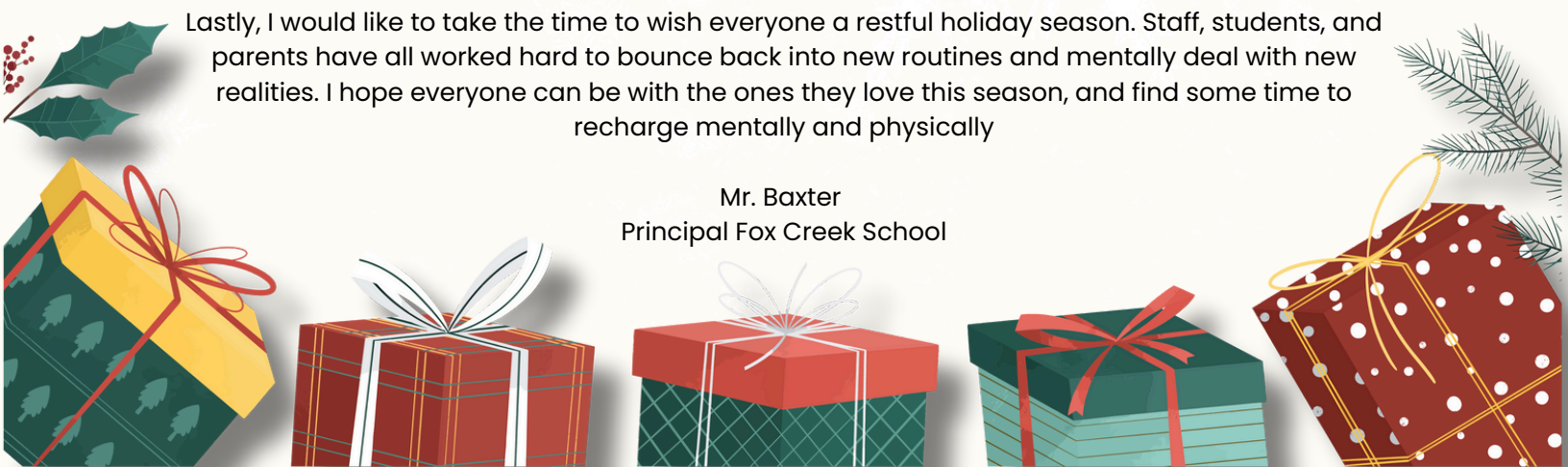
The School Council will be hosting a lunch for all our students on December 16, which will consist of turkey and all the fixings.

As we prepare for the Holiday Season, our staff and students are working hard planning our Elementary Christmas Concert to be held December 18 @ 7 pm in the gym. This concert will highlight our Kindergarten to Grade six students.

We appreciate your continued effort keeping your child home when they are sick. We are starting to see our attendance improving so hopefully we have weathered the worst of the sickness going around the community.

Lastly, I would like to take the time to wish everyone a restful holiday season. Staff, students, and parents have all worked hard to bounce back into new routines and mentally deal with new realities. I hope everyone can be with the ones they love this season, and find some time to recharge mentally and physically

Mr. Baxter
Principal Fox Creek School





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Save the Date

- Dec 2 – 6 Tinsel Town
- Dec 6 & 7 Jr. Basket Ball away Tournament
- Dec 11 @ 9am Wren Acorn Classroom Champions
- Dec 13 & 14 Sr. Basketball away Tournament
- Dec 16 School Council Christmas Dinner
- Dec 18 @7pm Elementary Christmas Concert
- Dec 21 – Jan 5 Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL



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Elementary Assembly Highlights!



Seven Sacred Teachings

Miss B shared the Creation Story | The Seven Sacred Laws

SPARKS

Congrats to this month's SPARKS winners: Brayden, Sophia, Aubrey and Jaxx! Each received a \$5 gift card from Rexall.

School Council Updates

Snack Cart: Dec 2nd

Tinsel Town: Dec 2nd - Dec 6th

Christmas Dinner: Dec 16th

Congrats to the School Council sub-store winners: Maddy, Georgina, Logan, Kyrah, Kinsley, Ava, Echo and Gage who each earned a \$5 certificate.

CHAMP TEAM

The CHAMP team led us through some great mindful movement exercises

Christmas Concert: Dec 18th

Winter Safety Reminder

We discussed dressing for the cold, sledding rules, snowball etiquette, and when it's time to come inside.

Classroom Champions

This year, we're excited to be part of a community called Classroom Champions, where everyone is striving for goals and learning how to overcome obstacles while being kind to others and ourselves. Classroom Champions will connect us with an elite athlete mentor, who will guide us on our path to achieving big goals.





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2024/2025 Basketball Schedule

Junior Basketball Schedule

- Tournament @ Westlock - Dec 6/7 - Bus + Hotel
- Fox Creek @ Holy Trinity - Dec 11 - Bus leaves at 1:30 pm
- Fox Creek @ Hilltop (Boys Only) - Jan 8 - Bus leaves at 3:00pm
- Tournament @ Onoway - Jan 10/11 - Bus + Classroom
- Frank Maddock @ Fox Creek - Jan 15 - Game starts @ 4:30pm
- Tournament @ St Joes/Hilltop - Jan 17/18 - Bus + Come back and forth
- Tournament @ Bezanson - Jan 24/25 - Bus + Classroom
- Valleyview Hillside (Grade 6/7) Tournament *If we can* - Feb 1 - Parent Drivers
- Onoway @ Fox Creek - Feb 12 - Game starts at 4:30pm
- Fox Creek @ St.Joes - Feb 19 - Bus leaves at 3:00pm
- GCAA Championship Tournament Girls @ Holy Trinity | Boys @ Frank Maddock - Feb 26 -TBD
*Leaving early morning
- Zone Championships Girls @ Thorhild | Boys @ Fox Creel - March 7/8 - Bus or Parent Drivers + Hotel



Senior Basketball Schedule



- Frank Maddock @ Fox Creek - Dec 10 - Game starts @ 4:30
- E.W Pratt Tonesha Walker Invitational - Dec 13/14 - Bus + Classroom
- Holy Trinity @ Fox Creek - Jan 14 - Game start @ 4:30
- Fox Vegas Home Tournament - Jan 17/18 - *Players need to help score keep
- Fox Creek @ St. Joes - Jan 28 - Bus leaves at 3:00pm
- Tournament @ Gerard Redmond - Jan 31/Feb 1 - Bus + Hotel
- Fox Creek @ Onoway Sr - Feb 4 - Bus leaves @ 2:00pm
- Mayerthorpe (girls) @ Fox Creek | Swan Hills (Boys) @ Fox Creek - Feb 11 - Game starts @ 4:30
- Tournament @ Hilltop/St. Joes - Feb 14/15 - Bus + Come back & forth
- Fox Creek @ Hilltop Sr - Feb 18 - Bus leaves @ 3:00pm
- GCAA Playoffs @ TBD *Higher Seed Hosts - Feb 25 - Game starts @ 4:30pm
- GCAA Playoffs @ TBD *Higher Seed Hosts - March 4 - Game starts @ 4:00pm
- GCAA Finals @ TBD *Higher Seed Hosts - March 11 - Game starts @ 4:00pm
- Senior Zones @ Grand Trunk - March 14/15 - Bus+Hotel

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Sports Highlights

With Volleyball season ending, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work, teamwork, and unforgettable moments this year. Whether it was the big wins, the tough losses, or the friendships formed along the way, this season has been one to remember.

A huge thank-you to our players, coaches, families, and fans for your unwavering support and energy on and off the court.

Here's to an incredible season and looking forward to what's next!



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The CHAMP Team is thrilled to bring the Roots of Empathy program to our Grade 5 classroom! This is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression - including bullying - among primary and elementary school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.

Our special "little teacher," Baby Alexander, visits every month, making each session memorable. The program began in October and will run through June. We're excited to see the positive impact it has on our students!



Shoutout to some of our senior students who willingly braved the cold to shovel out all the sawdust from the Shop's collection bin. Hard work and teamwork at its finest.



Left to right Bradeyn, Joshua, Chaz, and Reid,



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Art Supplies Wish List

Recycled items (for sculpture)

- Egg cartons, toilet rolls, paper towel rolls, wrapping paper rolls
- Thin foam shapes and sheets, thin pink styrofoam sheets/pieces
- Thin wire, varied spools of wire
- Family size large round clear plastic salad containers (tops and bottoms)
- Clear totes of varied sizes with lids.
- Little crafting materials, packages
- Locking Exacto knives
- Ziplocs (sm - XL bags)

Printmaking

- Panty hose (clean used and new)
- Round looms
- Used frames: 4x6", 5x7", 8x10", 10x12" and up to 18x24" (with or without glass)
- Printing making ink, and fabric printing ink
- Fabric paint
- Lino tiles, pieces and rolls
- Mini paint rollers, old and new paint brushes, including house painting brushes, rollers and trays
- Counter top heat press or cicut heat press
- Silkscreens

Fabrics

- Wax, bees wax
- Fabric dye in a box (all kinds), shibori dye
- Irons
- Looms
- Wood clothes pegs
- Yarn, embroidery thread, new packs of embroidery needles
- Stuffing (soft sculpture and pillows etc.
- Light cotton fabrics (ex: quilting)
- Silk
- Clean white flat sheets



Drawings

- Aerosol hairspray
- Plexiglass (varied shapes and sizes including sheets)
- Sketchbooks

Painting

- Canvas and gessoed canvas
- Acrylic paint
- Golden medium GAC 900
- Modge Podge
- Gel medium, self leveling gel
- Inner wood frames (to wrap canvas around)



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Fear-Less Triple P

Do you have a child that struggles with anxiety? Do you question your parenting? Need to know when to push, when to back down, how to comfort your child? Fear-Less is for YOU!!!



This **FREE**, 6-session course, designed for parents of children ages 6-14, will explore:

- Causes of anxiety
- How parent responses contribute to anxious behaviors
- Practical tips & strategies to promote resilience & coping skills

This course is offered **VIRTUALLY** from the comfort of your own home. Participants will require access to a reliable internet connection and a device with supporting camera and microphone. Course materials and links will be provided upon registration with Guest Services.

December 3-17 and January 14-28

Tuesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm

Course ID#: 9539



For more information regarding the course, please contact Michelle Robinson at 780-778-8755.

Bridge to Teacher Program for Tradespersons

Northern Gateway Public Schools is looking for an individual interested in transitioning from the trades into teaching, via Alberta's Bridge to Teacher program for tradespersons. This is not an opportunity for immediate employment but for future employment (2026).



Full Details

[Click here](#)



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Useful Websites

[School Cash](#)

[School Newsletters](#)

[Power School Parent Portal](#)



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.



 [School Spirit Shop](#)