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Message from the Principal

Happy New Year!

A Few Words of Appreciation

A big thank you to Mrs. Scobey, K to 6 teachers and support staff for doing such a wonderful job on our Winter Concert. It was nice to have so many people in the gym for the performance. Thanks also to the students who were in the concert and to all the staff who played a role in ensuring that the concert would be a success!

Thanks to the School Council and Sponsors for supplying the school with such an amazing holiday dinner on December 16. The food was simply amazing, which students and staff truly appreciated.

Colder Weather - As the temperature drops, a reminder to all families that children should come to school dressed to play outside every day. Research has shown fresh air and exercise each day is important for children's developing brains and bodies. Hats, warm mittens, neck warmers, ski pants, and warm winter boots are essential. Please ensure your child has an extra pair of mitts and socks in their backpack and that all winter belongings are labeled with your child's name.

Final Exams - Please refer to the exam schedule within the newsletter for times and dates when exams are to be written.

School Council Meeting

Our next School Council Meeting is February 12 @ 7:00 pm in the Library Learning Commons

January marks the start of a new year and a new opportunity for parents to encourage their children to set goals for themselves throughout the rest of the school year. Unfortunately, some students are not motivated enough on their own to excel in school because they currently do not see the value of gaining an education. Therefore, it is imperative that parents stress the importance of their children receiving quality education by helping them set and achieve their academic goals in 2025.

Goal Setting

To begin the process of creating goals, start by asking your child what he or she wants to accomplish or learn throughout the rest of the academic year.

Creating a Plan

Next, help your child create a plan to achieve their goals by making a list of steps that can guide your child towards their accomplishments. Additionally, setting a time frame and creating smaller goals in order to achieve the bigger goals are also very effective.

Celebrating Success

Lastly, continue to celebrate your child's progress and achievements throughout their journey to achieving their academic goals. In doing so, your child can become more motivated to accomplish their future goals, knowing that their parents will support, encourage, and celebrate with them along the way.

I hope you found some time to relax and enjoy time with family over the break.

I hope that 2025 brings good health and happiness to you and your family. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Ian Baxter, Principal Fox Creek School

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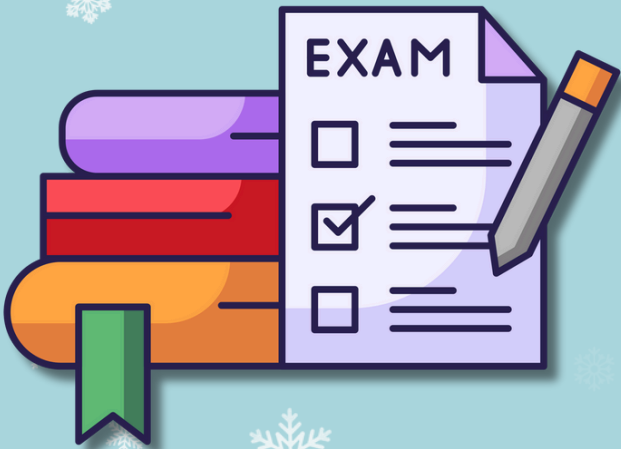
Exam Schedule

Grade 9 PAT Schedule

Date	Time	Subject
Friday, January 17 Part A	9:00 am - 11:00 am 9:00 am - 10:20 am <i>All students are provided with up to double the official scheduled time allotted as noted above if they require it.</i>	Grade 9 LA - K & E PAT 9 - Room 38
Monday, January 20 Part B	9:00 am - 10:15 am <i>All students are provided with up to double the official scheduled time allotted as noted above if they require it.</i>	Grade 9 LA - K & E PAT Room 38
Thursday, January 23	9:00 am - 10:15 am <i>All students are provided with up to double the official scheduled time allotted as noted above if they require it.</i>	Grade 9 Science - K & E PAT 9 - Room 32

High School Final Exam Schedule January 2024

Date	Time	Subject
Tuesday, January 14	9:00 am - 12:00 <i>All students are provided with up to double the official scheduled time allotted as noted above if they require it.</i>	English 30-1/30-2 Part A (Room 25)
Friday, January 17	9:00 am - 12:00 <i>All students are provided with up to double the official scheduled time allotted as noted above if they require it.</i>	Math 30-1/30-2 (Room 25)
Monday, January 20	9:00 am - 12:00	English 30-1/30-2 Part B (Room 25)
Wednesday January 22	Last Day of Classes Grades 10 to 12	
Thursday January 23	9:00 am - 11:00 am Grade 7 to 8 have regular classes till January 28 which is the semester end date. Only exception will be grade 9s when they write their PAT Exam today they are finished	Biology 20 Room 20 Social Studies 10-1 Room 4 Social Studies 10-2 Room 25
Friday, January 24	9:00 am - 11:00 am 9:00 am - 11:00 am	Math 10C - Room 20 Math 10/3 - In Reach Room 31 Social Studies 20-1/20-2 Room 4
Monday, January 27	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Science 30 - Office



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CHAMP Team

The CHAMP team has been working with Grade 7 students on the Big Life Journal



**Big
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This science-based journal helps tweens and teens develop a resilient, growth mindset so they can grow into confident, happy adults.

The Big Life Journal - Tween & Teen Edition helps tweens and teens to:

- discover the power of their brain and mindset
- understand they are in charge of their own lives and happiness
- turn their negative self-talk into positive and empowering
- practice setting goals
- learn to overcome challenges and setbacks

<https://biglifejournal.com/collections/journals/products/big-life-journal-teen-edition>

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Elementary Assembly



Elementary Assembly Highlights!

Seven Sacred Teachings

Ms. B shared Episode 2: Buffalo (Respect) | Seven Sacred Laws
SPARKS

Congratulations to this month's SPARKS winners: Logan, Nash, Amelia, and Dom! Each received a \$5 gift card from Rexall.

Holiday Lunch

A big thank you to the School Council for the delicious Holiday Lunch!

Sub-Store Winners

Congrats to our School Council Sub-Store winners: Ben, Oakley, Enzo, Julian, Lincoln, Kavi, Braxton, and Ava-Lee, who each earned a \$5 certificate!

CHAMP TEAM

The CHAMP team led us through a fun session of Gingerbread Breathing.

Winter Safety Reminder

We talked about staying safe this winter:

Dress warmly for the cold.

Follow sledding rules.

Know when it's time to come inside.

Classroom Champions

We had a discussion about our live chat with our mentor Wren Acorn.



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Holiday Highlights

Holiday Highlights!

- Lucas rocked the best shirt for Christmas Sweater Day, and each stocking was personalized with his teachers' names from Kindergarten to Grade 3!
- Our Kindergarten to Grade 6 students delivered an amazing performance – a big thank you to Lynda Liske for capturing the magic and to Freson Bros for the delicious snacks.
Link to watch : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20Q-IYIV234>
- A shoutout to our incredible School Council for organizing a fantastic holiday lunch prepared by Freson Bros, and to our local sponsors Rival, Rexall, Kodiak, Hagens, and Chiefs for making this event possible with their generosity.



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Lost & Found

We have several items that have been gathered in our lost and found. If any of them look familiar, please stop by to claim them.



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Sports Highlights

We've kicked off the basketball season with an incredible start!

Basketball Dominance:

Girls' Team: Took down Frank Maddock with a stellar 38-17 win!

Boys' Team: Secured an impressive victory with a 70-55 score!

Tournament Triumphs:

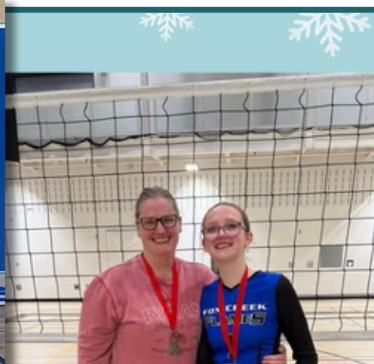
Senior Boys: Brought home the Championship from the High Prairie tournament after an intense overtime win vs. EW Pratt!

Senior Girls: Showed incredible determination and earned the silver medal in High Prairie!

Volleyball Spotlight:

A huge shoutout to Hadlee MacKay for representing Fox Creek at the Northwestern Polytechnic Volleyball All-Star Game!

Way to go Fox Creek athletes! Your hard work and dedication make us proud!



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Head Lice

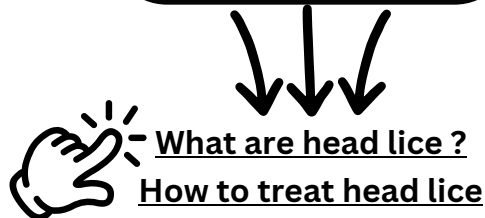
Head Lice Information

Although a head lice affliction is a social nuisance, it is not a disease or a health issue. Head lice shall be effectively managed through co-ordinated efforts between parents, school staff and the community in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of the student. Students afflicted with head lice shall not be restricted from attending school.

When head lice are identified the school principal/assistant principal shall inform the parents /guardians of the afflicted child. The parent shall be advised to attend to treatment as soon as possible and to share the treatment protocols with the child's immediate contacts. Denial of appropriate care may necessitate reporting to Alberta Health Services by school administration.

The treatment protocol website, as recommended by Alberta Health Services, is: myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/how-to-treat-head-lice.aspx Copies of the treatment protocols from this website are at the end of this newsletter. There is also a video on the website which you might like to watch.

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MOVE YOUR MOOD FEBRUARY 2025 FAMILY CHALLENGE



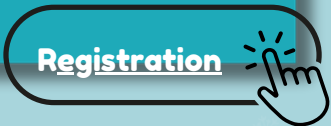
This FREE Family Challenge is open to all families of all ages across Alberta to join.

During the challenge you will learn ways to connect as a family by practicing mindfulness, moving your bodies, fueling your bodies, expanding your mind and building healthy relationships.

Register between January 6 - January 31, 2025. Your family will receive 4 weeks of challenge ideas. The first week will begin February 3rd, 2025.

Complete family challenges and submit a final evaluation for a chance to win fun family prizes!

To register click [here](#) or scan the QR code



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 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 Text Line** - Text HOME to 741741



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.

