

February
NEWSLETTER





Message from the Principal

Happy winter to everyone. I think the cold weather finally came with a vengeance. As we are snuggled in our homes and school, I want to share how hard our students are working as we enter the second half of the school year. The teachers have analyzed data so that it could drive all of their instruction. With this, students are receiving personalized instruction, project-based learning, student-organized learning environments, centers, and much more. Everyone is working hard to ensure that all students are feeling success and that they are ready to continue their learning journey.

A new year is exciting and so is a new semester. However, change can also be challenging and, combined with these dark days of winter, this is a time of year when many of us feel "out of sorts". School teams do their best to help ensure students who are struggling have access to the resources they need.

If you are worried about your children's wellbeing, please don't hesitate to reach out to their school for support. There are skilled counselors available to help and also community resource referrals that can be made if needed.

Take good care everyone. Have a great month!

Reminder of important dates:

- Tues., Feb. 18 – NGPS Board of Trustees Meeting
- Mon., Feb. 24 – Wellspring Youth Workers
- Wed., Feb. 26 – 9:00 am Elementary Assembly – PINK Shirt Day
- Thurs., Feb. 27 – Elem. Parent Teacher Interviews, Psychologist > Vince M.
- Thurs., March 6 – First Aid Training (Day 1 of 2)
- Fri., March 7 – First Aid Training (Day 2 of 2), Jr. Boys' Basketball Zones HOME – FCS Hosting (Day 1 of 2)
- Sat., March 8 – Jr. Boys' Basketball Zones HOME – FCS Hosting (Day 2 of 2)
- Weds., March 12 – Science in Motion (Day 1 of 2), Sr. High Citadel Theatre Trip
- Thurs., March 13 – Science in Motion (Day 2 of 2)
- Thurs., March 20 – YIELD Impaired Driving Presentation RCMP Gr. 7-12
- March 22 – March 30 – SPRING BREAK

Ian Baxter – Principal Fox Creek School



CHAMP

Classroom Champions

Classroom Champions empowers children to thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Through the mentorship and mindset of world-class athletes, we improve student engagement, build growth mindsets, and inspire positive classroom culture.

Fox Creek School's athlete mentor is Wren Acorn, a Canadian, world class speed skater who recently retired in 2024.

The Classroom Champions program is an evidence-based social and emotional learning curriculum.

We are excited to offer this program in Fox Creek School.

For additional information [Click here](#)



Elementary Assembly

Elementary January Assembly Highlights!

Seven Sacred Teachings Ms. B shared Episode 2: Eagle (Love) | The Seven Sacred Laws

CHAMP Team

This month the CHAMP team took a moment to recharge with two breathing exercises Warming Hands and Snowy Owl.

SPARKS

Congratulations to this month's SPARKS winners: Victoria, Gabe, Danika & Enzo! Each received a \$5 gift card from Rexall.

Sub-Store Winners

Congrats to our School Council Sub-Store winners: Brantlee, Sophia, Hudson, Liam, Karalee, Skylar, Elaina & Chesnee who each earned a \$5 certificate!

January birthday students were celebrated with special pencils and a cheerful Happy Birthday sing-along!



Sports

Fox Creek Basketball Teams Shine in Tournament Play!

Junior Boys Strike Gold!

Congratulations to the Fox Creek Junior Boys' Basketball Team on their Gold Medal finish in Bezanson! The boys took on Sexsmith, securing a thrilling 51-47 victory.

Double Gold for Senior Teams!

Both the Fox Creek Senior Girls and Senior Boys took home Gold Medals in their tournaments.

- The Senior Girls fought their way to victory with a 42-38 final against Onoway.
- The Senior Boys triumphed over Worsley in a 64-61 championship game.

Junior Boys Earn Silver!

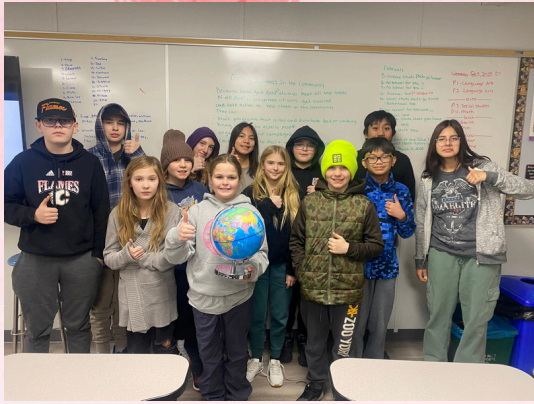
A well-earned Silver Medal for the Fox Creek Junior Boys, who played a tough final but came up just short in a 59-45 battle.

Junior Girls Dominate the B Championship!

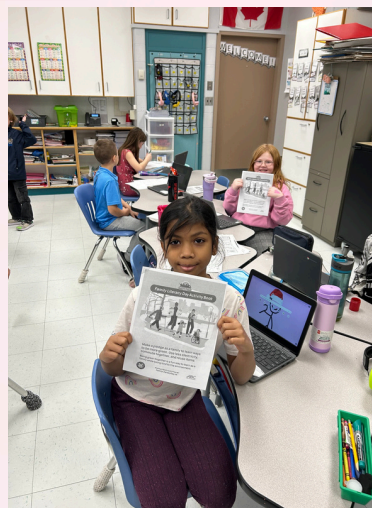
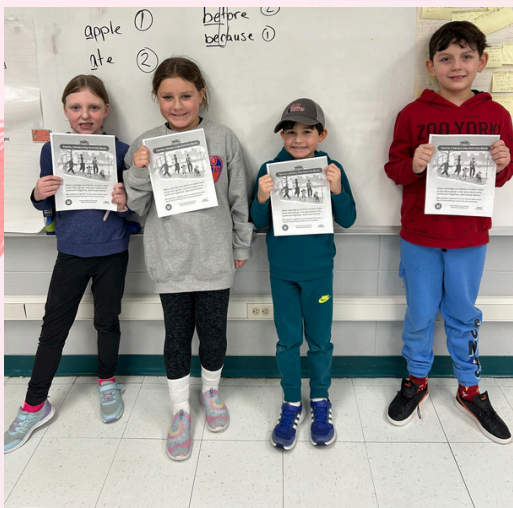
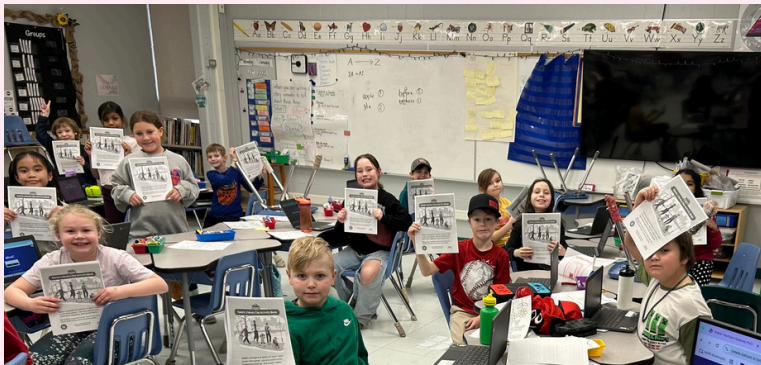
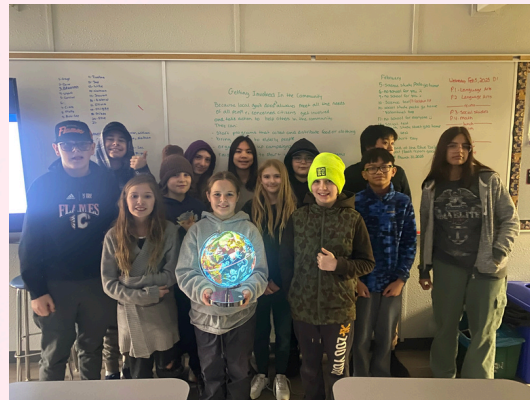
A massive shoutout to the Fox Creek Junior Girls Basketball Team for their incredible B Championship win! They played with heart and determination, defeating HRH in a 64-9 victory.



Highlights



Huge thanks to our School Council for the purchase of a new globe for Grade 6, complete with light up constellations!



Grade 3s are all smiles with their Family Literacy Day Booklets!

All elementary students received activity booklets as a way to celebrate this great day with their family.

FOX CREEK SCHOOL SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP

Ignite Your Spirit with Fox Creek Flames Gear!



Check out our website here



[School Spirit Shop](#)

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

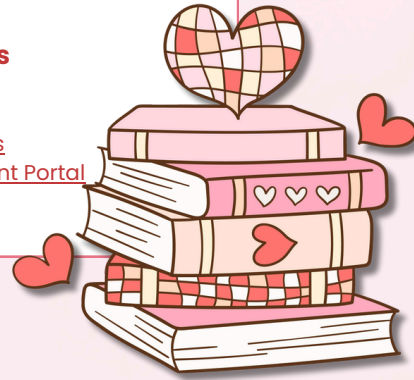


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Useful Websites

- [School Cash](#)
- [School Newsletters](#)
- [Power School Parent Portal](#)



NEW PROGRAM! GRADES 10-12

Learn what it means to volunteer and how it benefits you and your community

YOUTH VOLUNTEER BASICS

Get matched with a local volunteer board to learn Board Basics

February 24, 2025 | 4:00-6:00
at the Community Resource Centre



Snack Cart Dates

- March 17
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9



Payment can be made with cash or e-transfer to foxcreekschoolcouncil@gmail.com

It's time for Alberta students aged 14-18 to put on their director's hats and produce short videos for a chance to win big. This year we are linking up with the Focus on Safety Youth Video Contest and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, providing our Alberta winner a chance to compete at the national level!

Up to \$6,000 in cash prizes awaits three winners, including \$1000 for the school of the first place winner.

Deadline to submit a 2-minute video focused on Workplace Safety is March 2, 2025. For more information visit our SafeGen Video Contest Webpage.

Safegen Video Contest info:

<https://loom.ly/kAkrDHM>

Focus on Safety Youth Video Contest info:

<https://loom.ly/nuxaoPQ>

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
- 40°
Temperature Readings from Environment Canada @ 511 Alberta

HOW DO WE NOTIFY?

- Social Media
- NGPS.ca
- BusPlanner App

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

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



CAREERS

2025 SAFEGEN Youth Workplace Video Contest

\$6000 IN CASH PRIZES