



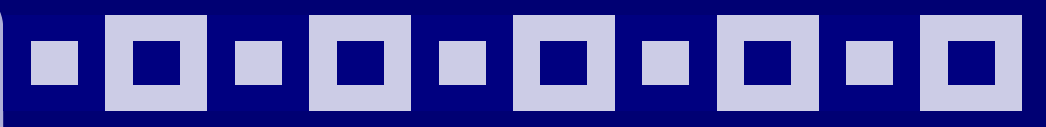


# February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cake Auction Night! 	2 Hot Dog Day! Principal's Lunch	3 NO SCHOOL!	4
5	6	7	8	9 Hot Dog Day! Pizza forms	10 NO SCHOOL!	11
12	13	14 Red/White/Pink Dress-up Day! Pizza Day! Jr. High Sock Hop!	15 Happy Valentines Day! 	16 PAC Lunch! School Swimming Ac- tivity! 1:00 & 2:00 pm Purple Pride—9:30	17 NO SCHOOL! 	18
19	20 Family Day!	21 NO SCHOOL!	22 NO SCHOOL!	23 NO SCHOOL!	24 NO SCHOOL!	25
26	27	28	29 PINK SHIRT DAY! 			



## Barnwell School Newsletter

February 2012

### School Business

Just a few things to mention as we head into the last half of the school year—where does the time go?

stay indoors if the temperature is below -20 including the wind chill factor.

each if you prefer to buy one at a time.

- Please check out the Lost & Found in the front hallway—there seems to be an abundance of items in there this year.
- It may not seem like winter this year, but just a reminder to dress your child for the weather. Our school policy is to



- Milk cards are available—\$20 for 20 milk or \$1.00

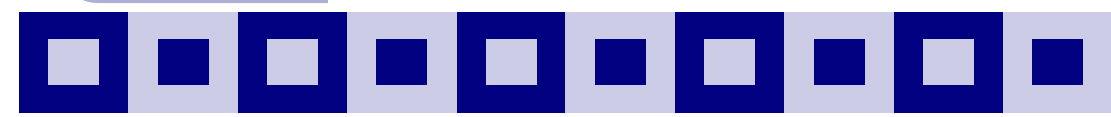
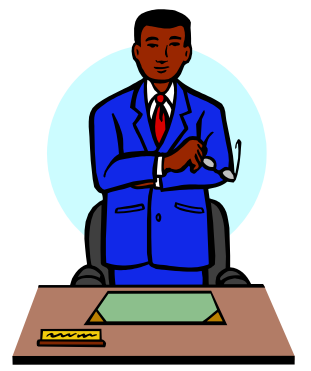
We try very hard to keep our website up to date and current—go check it out:  
[www.barnwellschool.ca](http://www.barnwellschool.ca)

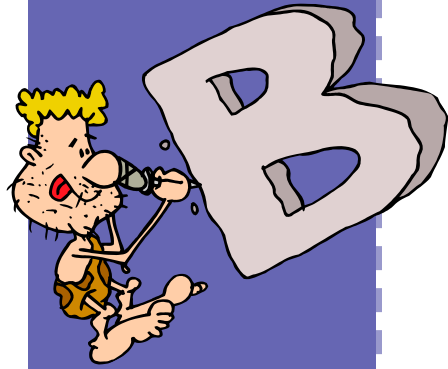
### Principal's message

As the principal of Barnwell School I would like to encourage you to talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns. Ninety percent of the time, if a parent talks directly to a teacher, issues are clarified and concerns are immediately addressed. If after discussing the concern with the teacher, you

do not feel satisfied with the outcome, it would be appropriate to contact the principal to further address the situation.

Communication between parents and teachers is essential if we hope to do the best we can for our students.





## December Purple Pride Awards

Responsibility	Making Difference	Principal's Lunch
K—Chloe Johnson	K—	K—Isaak Penner
1—Heidi VanBeers	1—	1—Cody McMahon
2—Maloree Rasmussen	2—John Bennett	2—Tyler Jensen
3—Judy Wolf	3—Jordyn McMahon	3—Brennan Clark
4—Quinn Bailey	4—	4—Katie May
5—Riley Johnson	5—	5—Britten Scott
6—Katelyn Rasmussen	6—	6—Paige Leffingwell
7—Amie Doucette	7—Jenna Nelson	7—Colten May
8—Jacob Wolf	8—Hayley LePard	8—Hayley LePard
9—Shaelyn Jensen	9—Sophie Shimbashi	9—Aaron Harris

P = Perseverance  
 R = Respect  
 I = Integrity  
 D = Determination  
 E = Empathy

## January Purple Pride Awards

Teacher's Choice:	Determination	Principal's Lunch
K—	K—Benjamin Gardner/ Brigham Porter	K—Benjamin Gardner
1—Cody McMahon	1—Lisa Camps	1—Heidi VanBeers
2—Avery Anderson	2—Josie Kabatoff	2—Jalyn Sprinkle
3—Braxen Scott	3—Joey Fabbri	3—Kevin Krizsan
4—	4—Brett Clarkson	4—Cody Stange
5—	5—Britten Scott	5—Tanner Platt
6—	6—Boe Clarkson	6—Dylan Johnson
7—Kaylee Jensen	7—Brynn Lund	7—Austin Kallio
8—Mackenzie Yunick	8—KaTessa Gross	8—Kristen Bodnarek
9—Jake Driedger	9—Tayler Platt	9—Maggie Nelson



## Barnwell Athletics:



### CAKE AUCTION

Barnwell School's annual Cake Auction Game will be held Wednesday, February 1st. Our Lady Trojans will be hosting the WR Myers Rebels at 5:00 and the boys will tip off at 7:00. Anyone wishing to donate a cake can. Please bring your cakes to the school by 4:15 on February 1st. The top 6 cakes that come through the door will be auctioned off between and at half time of the games. The rest will be used in our "silent auction" in the halls. This annual fundraiser is the one and only athletic fundraiser of the year. Our athletes do not go door-to-door selling things and still we have the nicest uniforms, best equipment and lowest athletic fees around! We greatly appreciate your

### Travel Club

The Barnwell School Travel Club will be making our inaugural trip to Rome, Tuscany, Paris, and the Riviera from Wednesday, April 4th—Monday, April 16th of this year. We have joined forces with the internationally-renowned

EF-Tours organization to provide the students at our school with this amazing opportunity.

Please stay tuned for information on potential future travel opportunities.

- Au revoir!

support during this event!

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Our young Trojan boys have showed a lot of promise this basketball season. With the guidance of Leif Erickson, Ashton Phillips and Jesse Johnson the boys have been able to fight and claw their way to some impressive wins. Thank you coaches (and Helen Erickson) for the time you've spent with these boys.

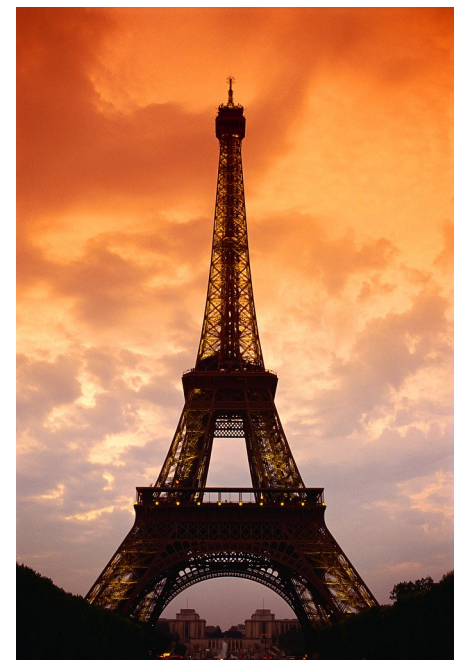
### GIRLS BASKETBALL

On the girls side of things the wins keep piling up. Mrs. Zanolli, Shelly Platt and Kara Gross have dedicated a tremendous amount of time to the girls program. Our tier 1 girls are one of the top teams in all of Southern Alberta.

Former ACAC standout Brooke Rasmussen has been a wonderful addition to the our Tier 2 girls program. Coach Rasmussen's girls are improving every time they step on the floor!

*Champions keep playing until they get it right.*

- Billie Jean King





### **PAC News -**

PAC Lunch for February will be on Thursday, February 16th!



**\*The next PAC Meeting will be held on**

**Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm.**

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**

### **Library Lowdown**



Thank you to Mrs. Jane Johnson who has come into our library a few times to help out. She has been entering books, into the computer, that we got at our Oct. Book Fair.

In January, I asked our Grade 6 girls to help me mac-tack our paper back books. Thanks for your help girls.

The fiction books are almost all mac-tacked.

The Non-fiction books are about half done (from the book fair).

As I order books throughout the year, this is an ongoing thing.

If anyone has an hour or two to spare, the library always has lots going on &

Can use your help!

Just phone & let me know when a good time is for you to come in & help.

Thanks, Mrs. Hansen



### **Office Memos:**

### **Student Union:**

In preparation for Valentine's Day, Student Council has planned several events. All students are encouraged to dress in their spirited Valentine's Day colours, with hearts and such to enhance their outfit for the day!

Starting February 6, through February 9, *Candygrams* will be on sale for all students to purchase. Buy a 'Kiss' for 25 cents and attach a friendly note for your friends. These

will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

Elementary classes will receive a little treat in the morning as Student Council has them participate in a quick activity in their classrooms.



In Junior High, students will be welcomed to participate in themed activities in the afternoon, including a dessert bar, matching activity, and sock hop. Students will be asked to bring \$3 each for their tickets, with monies going towards desserts, prizes, and activities for the day.

Watch for Spirit Week in March, and the 30 Hour Famine in April!

Just a reminder that there will be no school the week of February 20—24



## Grade 1 News



Time is flying by as we now enter the month of February. We have been pretty busy and that will continue. In LA we are continuing to build on our skills in phonics and reviewing the rules we have learned to decode harder

material. We are also working on making complete sentences. We will continue to work on place value up to 100 in math. In science we will continue to discuss boats and buoyancy. In social we now will be looking at the work that people do in the various communities that we are discussing. As it is Valentine's Day this month we will be having a party in the afternoon and the

students can pass their cards out after lunch. We will also be reaching our 100th day in February so there will be a lot to celebrate.

## Grade 2 News

Grade 2 Math students have been busy working at mastering their addition strategies over the past month or so. After finishing our measurement unit, students will focus on graphs and data collection. At home, families can assist their Gr. 2 students by continually creating opportunities for them to practice their addition and subtraction strategies.

We continue to have lots of fun in Language Arts! The children loved our unit on Robert Munsch! We read many of his stories and finished the unit by writing fabulous "Stuck Stories" that were modeled after Munsch's *Andrew's Loose Tooth*. I hope you all had a chance to look over the Munsch Folders that were sent home. We are sure getting to be great writers! Please continue to read each night at home with your child. Many students are reading chapter books now. I would encourage you to continue to listen to them read out loud every now and again!

Mrs. Bailey



READ—READ—READ

## Barnwell Art



Throughout the school, you will often see student artwork displayed and most often this work is in study of a master artist. This month, you will see portraits painted by Grade 1 & 2 with the focus being on Pablo Picasso's Blue Period. They are amazing! You will

also see some Valentine themed art by the Grade 3 & 4 students, based on American Pop artist Robert Indiana. In Grade 5 & 6, students have been studying and practicing the techniques of drawing, focusing on gesture and contour drawing and what you see in the hallways from these students is far beyond their level. This group has some fabulously talented individuals.

In Junior High, students are practicing using value (greyscale) in an original artwork. They are creating art with subjects of their choice, using only black and white media. Soon, you will see the products of these very talented students in all sizes, created with all media. Beyond this project, students will study master Surrealist artist, Salvador Dali, and use this knowledge to base their next artwork on. These dream based realities are always fun to view.

## BAND PROGRAM

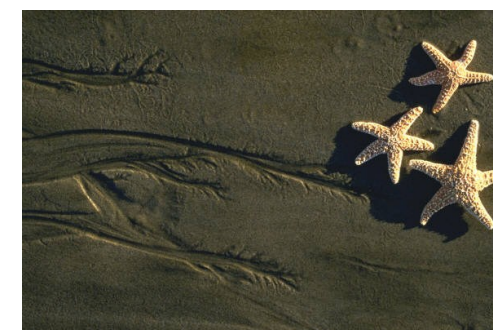
We would like to welcome Mr. Darrell Croft to our staff. He will be teaching the band classes for Mr. Clark who is currently on a sick leave.



## Safe & Caring

The Safe & Caring students will be traveling to Hays School on Thursday, March the 1st. We will be needing volunteer drivers to get us both to, and from this event. Please contact Ms. Forbes at the school if you can help with this in any way.

The Safe & Caring themes for the month of February are Leadership & making a difference. Please stay tuned for events and presentations that will help develop, and build upon these themes in our school.





## ATTENTION GRADE 9 PARENTS:

Now that the new year is upon us, it is time to turn our attention to planning the year-end class field trip. The most pressing item requiring our attention is the spaghetti supper. I would like to hold this event on Thursday, March 15, 2012. To accomplish this task, we will need parent volunteers to chair the different events that take place that evening. (kitchen / cooking, silent auction table, family fun-night activities, advertising...) Please contact me at the school if you would be willing to help in any way.

## Science Olympics:

The annual science Olympics competition will be taking place at the Taber Civic Centre on Thursday, March 22, 2012. Students are encouraged to see Ms. Forbes to receive instructions for this event. This competition is only open to grade 7-9 students.



Science Olympics

## Jr. High Phys. ED

The Jr. High Phys. Ed classes are going well. It is a pleasure to teach these classes when the students are active participants. I appreciate the notes from parents when inevitable bumps and bruises or coughs and colds occur.

Right now our Advanced PE option is basketball. Each student seems to be progressing nicely in their

skill development. On the Activities side of the coin, improvements in overall fitness and coordination have been made. We have spent some time becoming familiar with a skipping rope and everyone has shown a lot of improvement!

As spring approaches and basketball season winds down, birdies of the badminton variety will begin to fly.

For the month of March there will be an Advanced Badminton option. If your son or daughter is interested in developing their badminton skills, please encourage them to sign up for this class to get some extra reps!



*Gold medals aren't really made of gold.  
They're made of sweat, determination, and  
a hard-to-find alloy called guts.*

- Dan Gable



## Grade 3 News

The grade 3 class has been a very busy place. In Language Arts we have been working on writing paragraphs, reader's theatre, handwriting, spelling and reading comprehension. We continue to use the Raz Kids reading program in the computer lab. Once a week the kids have "reading buddies" in the gym with the grade 4, 5 and 6 kids. They read together and play educational games. In Math, we successfully finished the *Numbers to 1000* unit and have moved on to *Addition and Subtraction* strategies. The grade 4 students join us for Social Studies, Science, Phys. Ed and Music. We are studying Alberta's history in Social. In Science, we are building machines and vehicles that move. We are working



## Grade 4 News

The Grade 4 class has been very busy in the new year. They are all working very hard and are showing a lot of growth this year!

### LANGUAGE ARTS

In Language Arts the Grade 4s have been reading and writing fairy tales. Through their reading and writing they are now able to identify several key elements of a good fairy tale. These include characteristics of "good" and "bad" characters, setting, plot development through problems and solutions as well as including a touch of magic to help "move things along."

As a final wrap-up to the fairy tale unit, the Grade 4 cast will be working

on a short play. Roles will be assigned in the next few weeks. Please help at home by encouraging your child to memorize their lines!

### MATH

In January and now into February we have been/will be up to our eyebrows



in the "meat and potatoes" section of our Math year. Right now the Grade 4s have almost mastered their basic multiplication facts (1-9). Most of the class is able to recall these facts very quickly. If your son or daughter struggles with their multiplying facts PLEASE HELP THEM AT HOME! We will be moving on to multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit numbers right away and without a strong base of multiplying facts, your child will get very frustrated!

Next up after multiplication is division. Again, if the multiplication facts are strong, division is a piece of cake! If not...your child will struggle!

# Grade 5/6



The Grade 5/6 class has rung in the New Year with new ideas and new starts.

We are working on being Jr. Sleuths, reading mystery stories and then writing our own "10 Minute Mysteries". We have also started a

## "Things are looking up"

The Reading Genre for January is Mystery/Action, February is Realistic Fiction and March is Historical Fiction. Students should make sure they are current with their genre reading so they don't fall behind.

In Social we presented our "Utopia"

focus on newspaper articles and functional writing. The editor of the Taber Times, Garrett Simmons, visited us and provided us with interesting facts on writing articles.

classrooms. What exciting ideas they came up with. We had a quick review and brief, in-depth study on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms before we began our new unit, structure, functions and decision making of Alberta's local and provincial government.

We 'flew out' of "Air and Aerodynamics" and "Flight" and are now into "Sky Science". So if your child is looking up, that's a good sign.

Math is just 'one problem after another'. All students work on problem solving, and mental math strategies throughout each unit. The 5 students are currently focusing on applying the basic facts to decimals, the Gr 6 students are focusing on graphing and plotting ordered pairs.

# Grade 8 News



The Grade 8 Language Arts class has recently completed a novel study on **Freak the Mighty**, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all students (well, except one). We've moved into a unit on essay writing and will continue to focus on strengthening our sentence variety in our writing. Our new unit, focusing on speech writing and presentation, will follow once we perfect our essays.

*The grade 8 math class recently finished the unit on finding the surface area of common polygons. They are current learning how to multiply and divide fractions, and how to solve fraction question involving the order of operations.*

The unit we are currently studying in science is Mix and Flow of Matter, Some of the areas of focus for this unit are: The particle model of matter, solubility, viscosity density, buoyancy, flow rate, and hydraulic & pneumatic systems.



We have begun to look at a case study of Renaissance Europe in grade 8 social studies, The goal of this unit is to determine the role that this time period has played on forming our current society. Most recently we have been looking at the contributions that the Middle Ages, the Crusades, and the Silk Road made to the emergence of the Renaissance period in 14<sup>th</sup> Century Europe.

In Language Arts, after completing our novel study on a local story,

# Grade 7 News

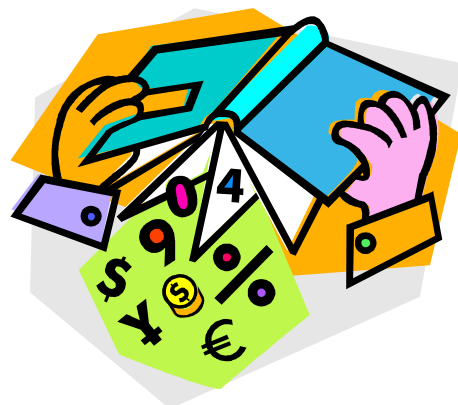
**Winners**, students are currently creating some very creative culminating projects. Beyond this, our new thematic unit titled **Innovations: Thinking Outside the Box** will focus on various forms of literature analysis and appreciation as well as essay writing and speech presentations. Students are still expected to read for thirty minutes, at least four nights a week. Active reading habits will ultimately improve skills across all strands of Language Arts.

The grade 7 class finished the percent unit 4 and the probability unit 5. We are currently working on fractions (unit 6). I would encourage all of the grade 7 student to review their multiplication tables. It would be a good idea if parents make it mandatory for their child to do 5 minutes of times table practice a night for the next 3 weeks. This could have a huge impact on your child's success in this new unit.

We are still investigating the concept of structures and forces in grade 7 science. We have been looking at different ways of classifying structures, and the different forces that can cause structures to fail.



In social studies we have learned about how the British and French became a part of this country. We are now learning about the political events that eventually lead to the creation of the country called Canada.



If you fail to prepare, prepare to fail.

- Unknown

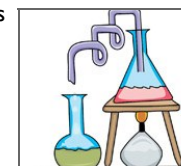
# Grade 9 News



We will soon begin an analysis of Immigration policies in our country. As well, we continue to keep our "eye" on various current events happening around our world, in an attempt to broaden our understanding of our place within it!

The Grade 9 science class is busy studying basic principles in chemistry. We have investigated some interesting chemical and physical changes, and are currently learning about the properties of various elements. We will soon turn our attention to an in-depth look at compounds,

We have been studying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in social studies. We will soon begin an analysis of Immigration policies in our country. As well, we continue to keep our "eye" on various current events happening around our world, in an attempt to broaden our understanding of our place within it!



The grade nine class finished learning how use scale factor and proportions to solve problems involving reductions and enlargements. The are currently learning how the illustrate, add, subtract, and simplify polynomials.

## Language Arts 9

In February we will be finishing up our novel study on *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, with an in-depth review of Lowry's themes and the elements of a novel. In preparation for the final test on the novel, I will be teaching the skill of essay writing, and students will write a persuasive essay as part of the test. To further develop persuasive writing skills, we are currently working on a debate unit that focuses on learning how to argue a point, how to research a topic, and how to think critically.

Once again I'd like to emphasize the need for students to be regularly studying literary terms, parts of speech, and vocabulary for upcoming test and quizzes, rather than leaving everything to the last minute. Students should also be reading on a nightly basis, not only to improve their reading comprehension, but to expand their vocabulary base and develop their writing skills.