

Whiskers Weekly

Pot of Gold News: Therapy Dogs

Some of you may have noticed some furry friends in the building lately! Rainbow Creek is lucky to work with Chestermere Therapy Dogs again this school year. Since November several students have been participating in Listening Tails, a program designed to help children improve their reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to dogs. We are also pleased to offer Caring Tails, a program which takes a therapeutic approach to helping students through a variety of different situations. We are excited to be able to offer both these programs at Rainbow Creek!

Valentine Jellybean Dance for Gr 4 – 9

Fri Feb 10th 7:00 – 9:30

Rec Centre Main Hall \$7.00 at the door

For more information or to volunteer please email recreation@chestermercra.com

What and Why Do We Have Pink Shirt Day/Anti-bullying Day here in Canada?

Anti-Bullying Day, also known as Pink Shirt Day is a day when people wear a pink shirt to symbolise a stand against bullying, an idea that originated in Nova Scotia. It is celebrated on various dates around the world.

The original event was organized by students in Berwick, Nova Scotia, who in 2007 bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a ninth grade student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school.

This year at Rainbow Creek we will be recognizing Pink Shirt Day on February 28th. We will have a school wide assembly at 1pm in the gym. We have invited youth from the YELL program run by Synergy in Chestermere to come and share their personal stories and learning around bullying. Please encourage your child/children to wear pink on this day.

If interested Anti-bullying shirts can be purchased from London Drugs for \$10

Alberta Education Accountability Pillar

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Parent Education Sessions

Stepping Stones to Mental Health has partnered with Community Education Services to offer FREE monthly Parent Education Sessions in our community.

Parenting in a Digital World

Session will include:

- Living in a digital society
- Keeping our children safer in a fast paced digital society
- Understanding our children's activities online and the conversations we need to have with them at different ages and stages in their life
- Internet and smartphone safety tips for parents

Date: March 8, 2017

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran School

ABC's of Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities refers to a number of disorders which may affect the acquisition, organization, retention, understanding, or use of verbal or nonverbal information. This session will provide caregivers with an understanding of Learning Disabilities (i.e., what they are and what they may look like). Caregivers will also learn about strategies and resources to help support their children.

Date: March 21, 2017

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Location: East Lake School

To Register: <http://fcrc.ahs.ca/ces/>

For more information: email ces@ahs.ca or call (403) 955-4747

Spring Choir Club for Grade 4 and 5 Students:

About the club:

♪ Learn to sing in a fun and safe environment. Here we will work on more challenging music than our regular music classes. Students will also perform at the Spring Concert on May 11th.

Where:

♪ In the Music room.

When:

♪ Thursdays during lunch recess.

♪ Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday March 2nd.

Who:

♪ Anyone in Grade 4 or 5 can join.

Please e-mail Mrs. Werner directly if your child would like to join the club.

Thanks for your continued support of the Music program at Rainbow Creek Elementary!

Stacy Werner

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Upcoming Dates

Valentine's Day – February 14th - Dress in red/white or pink.

February 20-27: February break – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 28: Classes resume / Pink Shirt Day

[Wednesday, March 1: School Council at 6:30pm](#)

Monday, March 6: Class photos

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Check out our website: <http://rcreek.rockyview.ab.ca>

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