



## **Northcott Prairie Post**

Our Family Connection

December 20, 2024

Dear Bison Community,

This last week before break has been a busy one!

It was lovely to see our community bring the Christmas spirit to school! It was great to see the festive red and green attire and hats, cozy socks, holiday sweaters and of course pjs! Also, a big thank you again to all who contributed to the Northcott Holiday Hampers.

The PE teachers and the students pulled a fast one on the rest of the building ... there was a flashmob Wednesday! This means a song suddenly played over the intercom and our students started to dance the choreographed dance moves they had practiced. The rest of us were definitely surprised!

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we welcomed special guest readers to our school for Stories and Hot Chocolate. All our classes visited the Learning Commons and had a story read to them while sipping hot chocolate and nibbling cookies. Thank you to: All the guest readers, parent volunteers, student leaders, school council, Gordon Foods and Mr. Russ and Mrs. Steadman for the amazing work they did organizing this event!

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to thank you for your partnership and support throughout the year. This has been a time of growth, learning, and connection, and your involvement has made a tremendous impact on our school community.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, the holiday break is a time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the company of loved ones. I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to slow down, reflect on the joys of the season, and create meaningful memories with family and friends.

On behalf of our entire staff, I wish you a safe, restful, and joyful holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities that await.

Warm regards,

Devon Sawby, Principal



December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025  
Winter Vacation

January 6, 2025  
Classes resume

January 23, 2025  
Family Numeracy Night – 5:30pm



### **Avoiding the Holiday Reading Slide**

Wow, we cannot believe that the winter break is upon us. As students are away from the routines of the classroom for 2 weeks, we have included ideas to make reading a part of the break. Have you checked out the [Airdrie Public Library's webpage](#) for upcoming offerings? If you have never visited before, this is a great time to check it out and choose some good books or other items to bring home. Be sure to also see the Calgary Public library's list of [Indigenous books on storytelling](#). They have wonderful suggestions for everyone.

For our students, be sure to choose books you can read by yourself, books you can read with help, and books you can have someone read to you. Students have worked hard to become an independent reader and writer during the fall, we don't want you to lose your stamina. When you're reading, remember to check for understanding. Family members can help with this by asking questions about the story. Happy Reading!



### **RVS Addictions Awareness Event 2025**

Please join RVS on Jan. 14 for an addictions awareness event and community resource fair. Presenters will address addiction and substance use concerns.

**Date:** January 14, 2025

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Rocky View Schools Education Centre; 2651 Chinook Winds Drive S.W., Airdrie  
(Wildrose meeting rooms)

**Audience:** RVS parents/guardians. Due to the content of the evening, we request that children and youth do not attend.

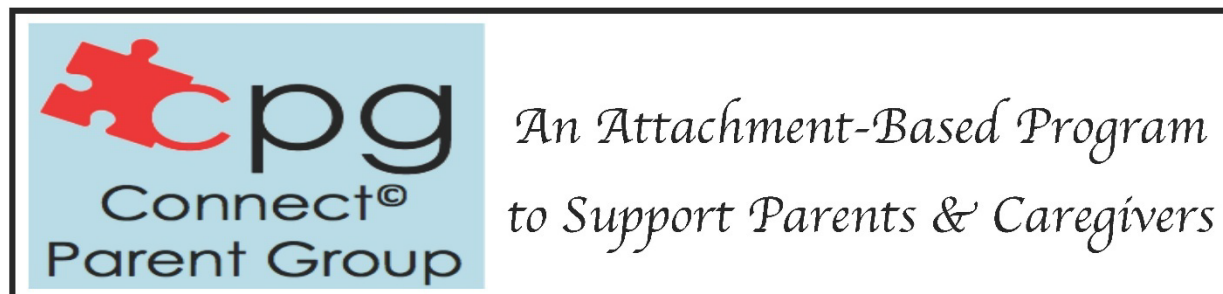
There is no cost but sign up is required. Please visit the [RVS website](#) to learn more and register to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



### **NPS Family Numeracy Night**

Northcott Prairie's first annual Family Numeracy Night will be held on January 23 at 5:30pm. We will have fun games that will support student numeracy skills from grade 1 through 8 – so something for all!

To plan and prepare a kit to use and then take home, please fill in this form:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/JDR1dKwiEc> so we can ensure we are ready for you!



***Do you ever feel that your child doesn't listen to you? Do you feel pushed away?  
Do parents matter?***

Actually, there is very good evidence that strong relationships with parents protect children from risk during adolescence and help them thrive! We call that **ATTACHMENT!!**

Connect<sup>®</sup> is a **FREE** 9-week program to support parents of children and teens. Parents meet in groups of 10-16 with two trained group leaders for 1.5 hours per week.

Co-developed over the last 10 years by the Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre and Simon Fraser University, the program focuses on the core components of secure attachment to promote children's social, emotional, and behavioral adjustment. Connect<sup>®</sup> helps caregivers understand basic attachment concepts which can then be applied across a broad range of situations and relational concepts.

Each session provides parents with an attachment perspective on parent-child relationships and child/adolescent development. Parents watch role-plays, do exercises and discuss ways of responding to challenging behavior and problems. After each session, parents receive handouts with key points to remember when applying the principles to their own parent-child relationships.

#### **Virtual Session**

January 24th until March 28th

Monday's from 6:30pm until 8:00pm

No Classes February 21st, 2022

Need more info? Please call your Connect facilitators  
Kelsey Brown 825-733-6490 or Helen St.Pierre 587-223-0374





Orders are due 5 days before lunch. No Exceptions.

Lunch on Friday means orders are due on the Sunday before @ 11:59PM

Visit [healthyhunger.ca](http://healthyhunger.ca) to register your student and receive update notifications.

If there is no school on a given Friday, Healthy Hunger lunch will be on the Thursday.

If your child is away from school on a Healthy Hunger lunch day and you wish to pick up their order from the school, you must phone the school (403-945-4155) before 10 AM of delivery day.

Lunches for students who are away are given away or disposed of.



Bison Athletics

[Link to our Bisons Athletic calendar](#)

Thursdays are Herd Day! Show your school spirit by wearing school merch or our school colours (navy blue and grey) every Thursday.

**Please report all student absences and late arrivals using Safe Arrival:  
1-833-244-5565**

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