



Northcott Prairie Post

Our Family Connection

January 17, 2025

Dear Bison Community,

Well, we welcomed the cold winter weather today! Should the temperature with the windchill be -20 degrees, we will stay inside for recesses. Please ensure that your child always comes to school prepared for the weather.

January is a great month at school as we come back from break, we are rested and ready to learn! Students and staff are completing the Alberta Education Assessments, our grade 8s are showcasing their Renaissance projects, we have grade 5s presenting their Café projects and Grade 6s are writing their thoughts about improvements for Airdrie in the Mayor for a day contest.

Our Jr A basketball athletes are practicing hard and will compete in their final tournament next Friday.

Stay warm this weekend!

Devon Sawby, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 23
Family Numeracy Night – 5:30pm

February 3
2025-2026 Kindergarten registration opens

February 5
Grade 2 & 3 Music Concert 6PM

February 6
School Council Meeting 6:30PM
All NPS parents & guardians are welcome!

February 7
School Council presents: “Cupid’s Glow Party” Family Dance
6:00-8:00PM

February 11
100th day of school!

February 17
Family Day holiday - School Closed

February 18 & 19
Vacation days – school closed

February 20 & 21
Teachers’ Convention – no classes for students

February 25
F3 = Fit, Fun, Family!
6:30 – 8:00PM

February 27
4th Annual Read-A-Thon Kick off Assembly



Dare to Care – parent log in

At Northcott Prairie School we work to ensure our herd is safe. In collaboration with our own NPS PBIS (positive behaviour intervention supports) program, we have purchased the Dare to Care Virtual Program to support the expected behaviours we are looking for. This program includes content that has been developed to engage and motivate students through a combination of teaching, storytelling, and activities and requires no additional preparation or work for classroom teachers.

Holding true to the belief that ALL stakeholders in a school community must be engaged in creating a climate of respect, the Dare to Care Virtual Program provides learning modules for Kindergarten - Grade 2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6, and Grade 7-9. Additionally, the Virtual Program includes three parent/guardian education modules and extensive professional learning modules for administrators, teachers, and support staff.

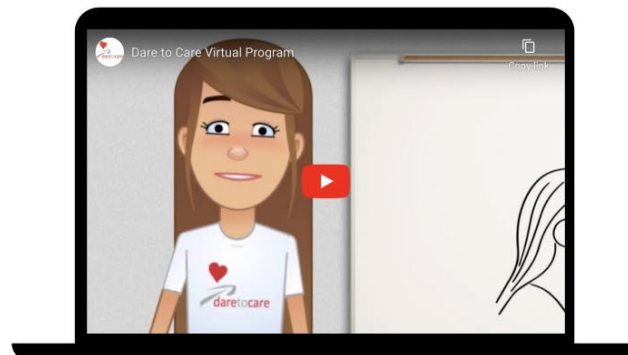
Why Dare to Care

Evidence-Based

Our award-winning program was developed by a former school counselor using best practices in the areas of bully prevention, discipline with dignity, trauma-informed education, and community building.

Proven

Content has been continually updated and refined over 24 years and delivered to well over 1,000,000+ students



Holistic

We give your entire school community – parents, teachers, support staff and children – a common language around bully prevention and help them understand their role in creating a climate of respect and kindness

Turnkey

Teachers are thrilled that there is no additional preparation or work required to facilitate the program in their classrooms.

Affordable

Our not-for-profit makes 365 days of unlimited, on-demand use for a school or organization available for just \$900 Canadian (approx. \$675 U.S.) for the school-wide K-6 program and \$1150 Canadian (approx. \$860 U.S.) for the school-wide K-9 program. Our student, parent and professional development modules can also be purchased separately [HERE!](#)

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As a parent or guardian, you also play an important role in supporting our community. To register and log on to the online modules, please click the link below:

<https://daretocare.thinkific.com/bundles/northcott-prairie-school>

If you need support with logging in, please email Mr. New at dnew@rockyview.ab.ca.



Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS)

RVS had originally planned to communicate more information to families this week, however this information will be delayed until the end of January.

At the school level, we have started conversations with Muriel Clayton to ensure the transition for our grade 6 and 7 Coopers and Morningside families is smooth. Once we have specific information, we will let you know.

For our **grade 8 students**, it is our understanding that all NPS grade 8 students will be grandfathered in, and you will be able to stay at NPS if you choose. One of the communications coming from the division will ask that you declare whether you are staying at NPS or if you are a Coopers or Morningside resident if your child will be going to Muriel Clayton. This really helps with planning so all grade 8 families will be asked to complete the form. Stay tuned for more information.

We know that this transition can be stressful, but rest assured we will send out updates as we receive them.



Every student needs a pair of indoor shoes!

Every student needs a pair of indoor shoes that stay at school and are appropriate for Phys. Ed. class.

Students are required to change their shoes when they arrive at school and before and after each recess. This helps keep our school clean and safe!

Crocs, slippers, and slides are not appropriate nor safe footwear for Phys. Ed. class!

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated!

**Northcott
Prairie School**

FAMILY DANCE

**Cupid's
Glow
Party**

**CAKE WALK
GLITTER TATTOOS
TINSEL HAIR
GLOW ITEMS**

**LIVE DJ
LIGHT SHOW
PHOTO BOOTH
CONCESSION
FACE PAINTING**

**FRIDAY
FEB 7
6-8PM**

**PURCHASE
TICKETS BY FEB 3 ON
SCHOOL CASH.
CASH ONLY CONCESSION.
STUDENTS MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ADULT.**

**TICKETS:
\$5ea or
\$20/ family**

Celebrating students' work!

This month, we're thrilled to celebrate the amazing work of the Grade 8 students at Northcott Prairie who brought science to life with their impressive 3D models of the body's major systems.

From the intricate pathways of the *respiratory* and *circulatory* systems to the detailed designs of the *digestive*, *excretory*, and *nervous* systems, each project showcased their hard work, creativity, and deep understanding of human anatomy.

Featured is the work of Aisha R., Chanel M., Clairra O., Ethan S., Georgiana K., Jett E., Lilly F., Lily P., Rylie R., and Sherbir K. These models not only highlight the students' scientific knowledge but also their ability to communicate complex concepts in visually engaging ways.

Well done, Grade 8s!





Parts of the Excretory System and Their Functions

- 1. Nephron: The basic unit of the excretory system, consisting of a glomerulus (a cluster of capillaries) and a renal tubule.
- 2. Glomerulus: A cluster of capillaries where blood is filtered.
- 3. Renal Tubule: A tube that carries the filtered blood (urine) away from the glomerulus.
- 4. Collecting Duct: A tube that carries urine from the renal tubules to the bladder.
- 5. Bladder: A sac-like organ that stores urine until it is ready to be excreted.
- 6. Ureter: A tube that carries urine from the bladder to the outside of the body.
- 7. Kidney: The organ that filters blood and produces urine.
- 8. Urethra: A tube that carries urine from the bladder to the outside of the body.



Student drop off and pick up

For the safety of all, please adhere to traffic signs and laws, be courteous to other drivers and watch for pedestrians!

Do not park on the grass!

Do not stop or drop off students in crosswalks or the staff parking lot!

Do not block driveways of our school neighbours!

Set your alarm a few minutes earlier and walk to school! The fresh air and time with your child is lovely!

Remember that school doors open at 8:00 and classes START at 8:10! Be on time!

Everything is fine on Old Macdonald's farm until the cow tries to sing...

February 5, 2025
6:00pm

Donations of NEW winter gear (mittens, hats, socks) will earn an entry for VIP seating

Northcott Prairie School

Presents
The Grade 2s and 3s
Musical

E - I - E - I
oops

by John Higgins
and John Jacobson



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 kindergarten through grade 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!



*An Attachment-Based Program
to Support Parents & Caregivers*

***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© 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© 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 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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School email: northcottprairie@rockyview.ab.ca

School website: <https://northcott.rockyview.ab.ca>