



Northcott Prairie Post

Our Family Connection

March 21, 2025

Dear Bison Community,

What a busy week we have had!

Today is the last day for our grade 4 and 7 parents to complete the Alberta Assurance Survey. Our students and teachers completed the survey over the last couple of weeks. This is important data that we use to plan for next year, so thank you to all the families who have completed the survey.

Tuesday, we welcomed 7 student teachers from the University of Calgary. Student teachers bring excitement and new ideas to our school!

Tuesday, we also inducted three NPS teachers into the ATA. Our Association hosts a celebration every year to welcome new teachers to the team. We are honored to welcome Mr. Pyle, Mrs. Hussain and Ms. Ford as new members of the ATA.

This week marks the end of term two and so our grade 6, 7, and 8 students have finished their second set of options and started new options. In the next couple of weeks, options fees for term three options will be added to School Cash.

Our grade 4 and 5 students performed in their concert Thursday evening after two rehearsals for the rest of the bison herd. The concert featured songs, dances and fashion from the many cultures of families in our community because we are all family! The concert invited NPS' Jr. Band to play as an introduction to what is to come for our grade 4 and 5 performers.

Our Bison athletes are playing tonight. This is our Jr. B Basketball team's last tournament. Our girls are playing at Meadowbrook School, and our boys are playing at home. GO Bisons GO!

It looks like we are in for some better weather this weekend and into next week! Enjoy! Remember to keep reading and raising funds for the Read-A-Thon.

Devon Sawby, Principal



March 1 – 31
NPS Read-A-Thon!

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

March 26 & 27
Student-led conferences
4:30-6:30PM

March 28
No Kindergarten classes

March 28
Grade 6 Basketball

March 31
RVS PL Day – No Classes for Students

Generous Donation Received

Thank you to Mrs. Neva Woods for her generous donation of \$500 to our school library! Mrs. Woods is a member of the Northcott family after whom our school is named. She admits she has a soft spot when it comes to school libraries. Thank you, Neva, for your generous support this year and each year since our school grand opening.

How to make a donation or pay a pledge for the Read A Thon

Sign in to your [School Cash Online](#) account

Click on **Items**

Click on **Make a Donation**

In the **Message to School Board** box, type the name of your student and 'Read-A-Thon'

Student Led Showcases

Wednesday, Mar 26 & Thursday, Mar 27

We are looking forward to welcoming families into the school for Student Led Showcases. This format is different from our Parent Teacher Interviews. You will join your student as they lead you through activities designed to showcase what they are learning!

Don't forget to check out the gym and music spaces!

As well, our book fair will be in the Learning Commons upstairs. Our CDAs and learning support will also have tables set up in the front entrance!

Share Your Reading Place

Share your pictures of your reading place with us and we will share them with our school community. Send pictures to csteadman@rockyview.ab.ca On April 1st, we will draw a name out of those who submit their photos, from each of the following grade levels- K/1, 2/3, 4/5, 6/7/8. These students will get to pick a book of their choice from Scholastic, up to \$20.

Create a Reading Place and build your child's love of books and reading!

A special 'Reading Place' in your home is a fun way to encourage your children to pick up a book. Here's why and how you can create one in your home:

Why?

Building and being in a Reading Place is fun!

A freshly borrowed pile from the library – and a special place, can bring pizzazz and new fun to story time.

Book nooks ease the discovery of new books and refresh visits to old favourites

You can add in a mix of bookish things like magazines, comics and non-fiction books about topics they like too (frogs, planes, video games).

Building a Reading Place is a great way to bond and be a (secretly) cool parent

It shows your children that you value books and reading too!

How?

As a Reading Place 'builder' you'll need supplies

First think where your special area will be. Perhaps a window nook, a garden shed, under the bed . . . maybe a bean bag chair in a corner with lots of book treasures, or on top of the bunk beds.

The 3Bs for a great Reading Place: books, bookshelves (or boxes, bags or a suitcase) and a book light (or flashlight).

And, to make the reading corner special and appealing, it helps to add a little mystery. Can it be somewhere usually 'off limits'? Or, does it need a password to enter? Your Reading Place doesn't have to be a forever spot. It can be something you set up for a couple of hours after school.

Books are at the heart of any Reading Place

Visit the library regularly for new (to you) books to bring home. Consider a lending swap with family and friends. Find ways to bring lots of different reading materials into your Reading Place!

-Alberta Reads Network



Mr. Russ's grade 4 class 'Flash Mob Reading' in Ms. Steadman's office today to add minutes to their Read-A-Thon minutes!



Planned Network Outage

RVS school and division websites, along with network resources and cloud-hosted software including PowerSchool may experience intermittent outages on Saturday, March 22 due to technology updates and testing.

Congratulations!

Mrs. Hussain, a grade 5 classroom teacher was nominated for the Edwin Parr Award for RVS. This award recognizes excellence in teaching in first year teachers. Way to go, Mrs. Hussain!

[Click here for the RVS Press Release.](#)

Assessment at RVS: Understanding Provincial and Divisional Assessments

Rocky View Schools is sharing a series of articles on the division website regarding assessments: the process of gathering data about student learning. This information is intended to help provide greater insight into why and when assessments are done and encourage ongoing communication between teachers and families to support student success.

[Read the first in the series this month, touching on understanding provincial and divisional assessments.](#) Watch for more in this series throughout the spring.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey: Grade 4 and Grade 7 Students, and Families

Each year, Alberta Education administers an annual survey for students and families of grade 4 and 7 students called the Alberta Education Assurance Survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather important information about students' and parents' school experiences and will help to inform continuous improvement in our school, school division, and Province. To accompany this feedback, we are also looking for feedback from families. Grade 4 and Grade 7 families will

receive an email Monday, March 10 from Northcott Prairie School with the link to the survey, and a unique code for each family.

On this survey are several questions in the areas of:

- welcome, caring, respectful, and safe learning environments
 - student learning engagement, and
- parental involvement in their children's education

The above areas are all primary focuses for our work with students at Northcott Prairie School. For more information as to how we seek to meet students' needs in these areas, please take some time to reference our [NPS School Education Plan](#).

Your feedback is valuable! Survey closes on March 21, 2025.

F3 = Fit, Fun, Family

March 25 from 6:30 – 8:00PM

At F3 this month we explore...

Daito Ryu Aiki Jujutsu

This is a Japanese martial art form developed and taught by Takeda Sōkaku in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It emphasizes principles of "aiki" (harmonious energy) and is a form of jujutsu, a system of unarmed fighting and minor weapons techniques, developed as a means of self-defense. If you take part in martial arts or MMA or are curious about it, come on out to join in the fun!

Yearbooks!

2024-2025 Yearbooks are on sale now!

Avoid disappointment and order your 2024-2025 Northcott Prairie yearbook now!

[Here is the link to get your copy!](#)

Yearbooks are delivered in the fall and distributed then.

PBIS Update

Every year our school does an assessment of our community's understanding of our PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports) matrix. Divisional staff come to the school and speak with students and staff to see if they know what we believe in at NPS: respectful, caring, compassionate, safe and responsible herd members!

And the score from this year's evaluation is....90%!

This is amazing as it shows we have continued to improve on our score of 83% from last year even as we add new people consistently! Way to go Bisons!

Ask your child about our matrix and what our focus is for the months of March and April!

RUN WITH THE HERD

NORTHCOTT PRAIRIE BISON LEAD WITH THEIR *Head, Heart, AND Hooves*



We use our **HEAD** to be **RESPECTFUL** by:



FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS



**CARING FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT,
MATERIALS AND
PROPERTY**



We use our **HEART** to demonstrate **CARE** and **COMPASSION** by:



**LISTENING WHEN OTHERS
ARE SPEAKING**



SPEAKING KINDLY



**INCLUDING OTHERS,
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



We use our **HOOVES** to Be **SAFE & RESPONSIBLE** by:



**KEEPING OURSELVES,
OUR PEERS, AND OUR
ENVIRONMENT SAFE**



**KEEPING OUR HANDS,
FEET, AND BODY TO
OURSELVES**



**MOVING AROUND THE
SCHOOL SAFELY**

Weekly Wellness: Resource to check out



Book a visit to the **Little Red Reading House** and explore endless books and cozy reading nooks. You'll find books appropriate for every age and every reading level — and something to suit every child's interests!

Spend an hour exploring the thousands of books and many reading areas, and then choose a favourite book to bring home. This little house will inspire the reader in you!

<https://www.littleredreading.house/>
922 8 Ave SE, Calgary

Northcott Prairie School Society Luck of the Irish 50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Carly Guillemaud who won Northcott Prairie School Society's Luck of the Irish 50/50 draw on Monday!



Northcott Read-A-Thon Fundraiser



This is our biggest fundraiser at NPS. Students will read at school and at home over the month of March. They will collect pledges for reading. Then return the money raised to the school by April 9th. Students that raise money will be entered to win prizes as well as fun events planned in classrooms when classes meet their reading and fundraising goals.

Help support the school by reading with your child and helping them collect fundraising dollars!

- Read March 1-31, 2025
- Collect pledges and return money to school by April 9th/2025



What are we fundraising for?



- 1) Basketball Nets for tarmac
- 2) New Chromebooks



March 2025



Northcott Prairie School Presents

Disney
THE
LION KING ©Disney

April 9 @6:00pm

April 10@6:00pm

doors open 5:30pm

Concession - Cash Only



**Tickets Available on
School Cash**

Individual - \$5

Family - \$20

Under 3 - Free



Music & Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice

Book by
Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Additional Music & Lyrics by
**Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and
Hans Zimmer**

Based on the Broadway production
directed by
Julie Taymor



Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

The Book Fair will take place in the Learning Commons.
Dates: March 25 – March 28 from 8:20 – 2:30 and
March 26 and 27 during student-led conferences

Visit the Scholastic Book Fair website (<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/northcottprairieschool3>)

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!



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 Days!

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>