



## **Northcott Prairie Post**

Our Family Connection

May 15, 2025

Dear Bison Community,

The short weeks sure fly by!

Monday started with our Kindergarten to Grade 5 PBIS recognition assembly recognizing students who used their hearts to include others and students who used their hooves to keep themselves, others and the environment safe. Thank you to all those families who could make it out and I apologize for the confusion about the start time of the assembly.

We also welcomed Joel and Germain from Inspiration Republic to NPS on Monday. They spoke to our grade 1-4 classes and then our grade 5-8 students. Their message was informative and uplifting.

Our grade 7 and 8 band students headed to Red Deer on Tuesday to compete in the Alberta Band Association Festival of Bands. Our students played really well. They were judged on performance, sight reading and clinic. Amazing job to the band students and Mrs. Batchelor!

We recognized the Grade 6-8 students for their PBIS accomplishments on Wednesday by going class to class to share their accomplishments in front of their peers! Great job! We also reminded students that Gr 1-8 students will also be recognized in a final PBIS awards ceremony on June 25 – stay tuned for times!

Wednesday, we also had a visit from Muriel Clayton Middle School! Ms. Sellan and some other staff members came to introduce themselves to our students who will be transferring to MCMS in September with the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS) decision by RVS. The highlight of the presentation was definitely that there is a later start time, and they have an early release on Fridays! Some lucky students also received some MCMS merch! Mark your calendars to visit the Open House on May 21 at 6:00pm.

Today, our grade 7 Track and Field athletes headed to Ed Eggerer Park to compete with other grade 7 athletes from across Rocky View! Good luck to them all. Go BISONs Go!

A reminder to all families that it is a PL day tomorrow for staff so there is no school for students! As well, Monday is Victoria Day and there is no school for anyone!

Have a wonderful long weekend!

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Devon Sawby, Principal

## First Annual NPS Experiential Learning Week!

From May 26th to 30th, students in Grades 7 and 8 will embark on the first ever NPS Experiential Learning Week. Experiential Learning Week (ELW) allows students to engage deeply with a particular industry or field of interest. These unique experiences support students in developing workplace skills and assist them in making informed decisions on future career pathways. Each of these experiences will involve interactions and experiences with industry professionals (on and off-campus) as well as independent investigation and project work. Student work and discovery throughout ELW will be on display for our culminating ***Celebration of Learning***. Parents and community members will be invited to this celebration at **1:00pm on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

Students in grade 7 and 8 have been placed in **one** of 10 possible ELW options for the week. All students who completed the form were given one of their top 3 choices for the week. Given that students were placed based on preferences, we will **not** be accepting any requests for changes in ELW options, unless there are unique circumstances. Please also remember that students will have future years to continue exploring other ELW or career pathway opportunities.

Parents and Guardians of students in grade(s) 7 and 8 will be receiving an email in the coming days from their students' ELW teacher. In this email, families can expect to see details about the schedule for the week and specific information related to each unique experience. Further, parents will soon see associated ELW fees posted to their students' **School Cash Online**. If you have any concerns or questions about ELW, your student's ELW placement, or ELW fees, please reach out to the NPS office.



May 16  
RVS Professional Learning Day  
No classes for students

May 19  
Victoria Day  
School closed

May 20  
Grade 8 Track Meet at Genesis Place

May 21  
2025 – 2026 Kindergarten Orientation 4:30-6:00pm

May 26 to 30  
Experiential Learning Week (ELW) for grade 7 & 8 students

May 28  
Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) – English Language Arts part A

Experiential Learning Week  
Celebration of Learning  
1:00PM

June 5  
NPS Council Meeting 6:30PM

June 9 to 13  
Rainbow Week

June 12  
Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) – English Language Arts part B

June 13  
Grade 6 PAT – Math Part A

June 17  
Grade 6 PAT – Math part B

June 18  
Grade 6 PAT – Social Studies

June 18  
Volunteer Tea 1PM

June 19  
Kindergarten Celebrations

June 20  
Last day of kindergarten classes

June 20  
Indigenous Peoples' Day

June 23  
Grade 1 to 6 Field Day at NPS

June 25  
Last day of classes for grades 1 to 8

June 26 - 27  
Organizational Day

## **Register Now to Save on Transportation Fees**

Rocky View Schools (RVS) has opened transportation registration for the 2025/26 school year through SchoolEngage. Parents/guardians are encouraged to register by June 30 to receive a \$40 discount or by Aug. 1 to ensure bus service for the first day of school.

In response to rising costs, transportation fees have increased for the coming school year. A list of fees is available on the [RVS website](#). Families are encouraged to take advantage of the early registration discount to offset some of the transportation cost. Eligible families may also apply to have their transportation fees waived by completing a Transportation Fee Waiver.

The June 30 early registration discount of \$40 is extended to each of the first two Kindergarten – Grade 12 students in a family, with additional students receiving \$20 off if registering early. A minimum payment of 50 per cent is due at registration. Bus service may be cancelled up until Oct. 31 to receive a full refund for all fees paid.

Families are urged to register as soon as possible for transportation to ensure a smooth start to the fall. To guarantee service for the first day of school, registration must be received before Aug. 1. Students registered after this deadline may experience delays of two to three weeks before they can ride the bus.

A step-by-step guide to registration, fee information and more is available on the [Transportation section](#) of the RVS website.

## Literacy and Numeracy Reassessments for Grades 1-3

Some students in Grades Kindergarten-3 who have been receiving intervention support in literacy and/or numeracy will be reassessed on one or more [provincial assessments](#) in late May to early June.

Please note:

1. **Not all students** will be reassessed.
2. Final data will be returned to RVS in August; your child's next-year teacher will have access to the information to make informed decisions about intervention supports needed.

Thank you for your understanding and support in our ongoing commitment to support student learning. If you are unsure if your child is being reassessed please reach out to their teacher.

Read more about [understanding provincial and divisional assessments on the RVS website](#).

## Gr 1 to 6 Field Day at NPS

We are planning a field day for students in grades 1 to 6 for June 23. We need lots of volunteers to make it a success. Please click on [this link](#) to sign up to help! Please email Ms. Drake if you have any questions.

## Students Moving to Muriel Clayton

On **May 21** from 6:00 to 7:30PM, Muriel Clayton will be hosting an open house for students and their families moving to MCMS in the fall. This is your **ONLY** opportunity to see the school before the fall. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

On **June 10** at 6:15PM in the MCMS Learning Commons, there's an opportunity to meet MCMS Council.

## Are You Moving?

If you're moving and your child / children won't be attending NPS this fall, please [email](#) us and let us know!

Planning for 2025 2026 is well under way and this information is very helpful!

## 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.

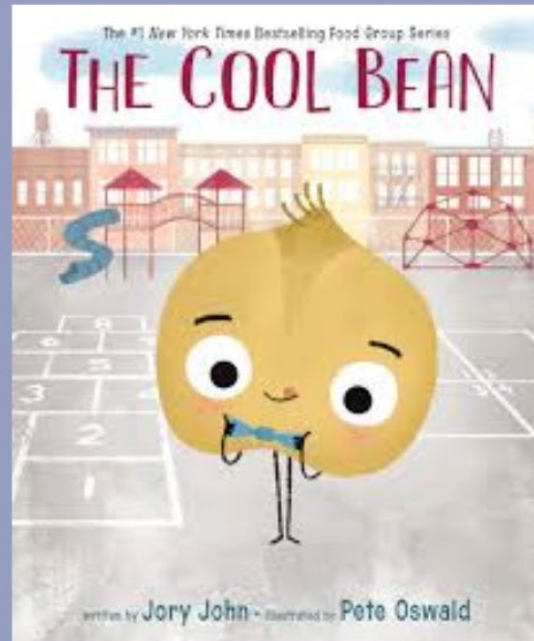
## Save-On Foods Receipts

Please save your Save-On receipts from the Cooper's Town Promenade location and bring them to the school. Our school council collects them, sends them in and the school receives money in return!

### Weekly Wellness:

“Everyone knows the cool beans. They’re sooooo cool. And then there’s the uncool has-bean . . . Always on the sidelines, one bean unsuccessfully tries everything he can to fit in with the crowd—until one day the cool beans show him how it’s done.”

### Recommended Read-aloud



### The Cool Bean

By Jory John



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](https://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.

## **2025 Elementary Schools Championships Hosted by Calgary Track & Field Club**

Foothills Track – 2431 Crowchild Trail N.W.

May 31, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$10 per event

Entry Deadline: May 20, 2025 @ 11:59 p.m.

Trackie Registration: <https://www.trackie.com/event/2025-elementary-school-championships/1019863/>

\*Heat Sheets, Tentative Schedule, Final Schedule & Results will be posted on Trackie Events oUered:

Grade 3: 60m, 150m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Ball Throw, 300m

Grade 4: 80m, 150m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Ball Throw, 400m  
Grade 5: 80m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump, 400m  
Grade 6: 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump, 600m  
Questions: Sam Read [sam.trackandfieldcoach@gmail.com](mailto:sam.trackandfieldcoach@gmail.com) or Kim Cousins  
[kecousins1@gmail.com](mailto:kecousins1@gmail.com)

## **Absences & website info**

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

School Address: 275 Hillcrest Drive SW, Airdrie, AB T4B 4C8

School email: [northcottprairie@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:northcottprairie@rockyview.ab.ca)

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