



# February 2025

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## Principal's Message **Success at School**

As February arrives, we look forward to the second half of our school year. This is a great time to revisit routines and healthy habits. As I review our students' progress at Fairview, I always notice some things that demonstrate a lot about success. I think this month is a great time to share these thoughts with you:

1. The first is **Attendance**. We know that illness impacts attendance for health and safety reasons. It is a good time to review the importance of regular attendance at school. Most students who do very well at school academically, socially, physically, and emotionally will have great attendance. They are here almost every day, and they are here on time. Both of these things are extremely important for learning. A lot is learned every moment we are at school; everything from friendships to Science experiments to problem-solving to writing, reading, and Math concepts - attendance makes a huge difference in your child's progress in both learning and self-confidence.

2. The second is **Consistent Sleep Patterns**. Students who participate well in a classroom with confidence are actively engaged. I see this when I visit classrooms daily. Sleep affects participation every day. When a child sleeps 7-9 hours each night, their brain grows, making connections, repairing, and re-calibrating. A good sleep routine affects participation and learning well every day.

As we enter February, we have great days ahead in learning. Check out our calendar dates inside the newsletter for upcoming dates and events. Soon, report cards will be created for our third term of learning. Thank you in advance for ensuring that your young child has regular attendance, a good sleep, and is ready to actively participate at school, recognizing that we are all responsible for demonstrating respect for ourselves, others, learning, and property. Together, we make Fairview Elementary School a GREAT PLACE to be!

Yours in Learning,  
Teresa Tataryn, Principal

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### SCHOOL TRAFFIC

We are concerned about the increased unsafe traffic violations during pick-up and drop-off. It is important to teach, provide, respect, and ensure a safe environment for our children. Accidents, injuries, and sometimes death can happen when failing to obey Alberta School Zone laws. Over the next few weeks, you will note the presence of by-law officers to ensure these safety measures are in place. To avoid ticketing, please remember:

- 30km or lower speed limit
- You are not permitted to pass another vehicle traveling in the same direction.
- **PLEASE** use the crosswalk
- **NO** U-turns
- **DO NOT** walk between the buses

Thank you for your cooperation

### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please ensure that your children are dressed for the weather. Cold temperatures mean students need proper toques, mitts, snow pants, and boots! We do encourage winter boots every day at Fairview. If your family needs assistance with clothing, please contact Mrs. Erion at 403-343-8780.



### ATTENDANCE

If your child will be late or absent, **PLEASE CALL** 403-343-8780 and leave us a message.

STAFF PARKING LOT—We politely request that parents **DO NOT** drop off students in this area. We are working with our children to help them watch for cars and stay safe on the slippery roads and in our parking lot. Thank you for your support in keeping Fairview School a safe place for all our children.

### REPORT CARDS AND PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Report Cards will be available online on Friday, March 7th. Conferences will be on Thursday, March 13th. Look forward to a link sent out on Monday, March 10, 2025 to sign up for conferences.

Pink Shirt Day - We will be recognizing **Pink Shirt Day** on Wednesday, February 26th, here at Fairview School. Pink Shirt Day in Alberta began in 2007 when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. Since then, it has been recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying. We wear pink to help raise awareness of bullying prevention and continue to teach these lessons through Skill of the Week and our WITS (walk away; ignore; talk it out; seek help) scenarios. Remember, bullying is repeated, mean, cruel, hurtful behaviour done on purpose by someone with more power - it can be verbal, physical, social, and or online. Pink Shirt Day also highlights where to turn for help - the provincial bullying helpline is 1-888-456-2323 to get help anonymously in more than 170 languages.



World Read Aloud Day - February 5, 2025, is World Read Aloud Day. Fairview will be celebrating Reading all week! From Feb. 3 to Feb. 7, guest readers and fun activities will showcase our favorite books. Join Mrs. Tataryn online all week for a bedtime story and conversation! Just join the link at 7:00 pm [meet.google.com/zrs-ezxj-ycy](https://meet.google.com/zrs-ezxj-ycy)

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

Monday, February 3  
Monday to Friday, Feb. 3 - 7

Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

Monday, February 17

Tues. & Wed., February 18 & 19

Thurs. & Fri., February 20 & 21

Wednesday, February 26

- Recognition Assembly at 9:30 am
- World Read Aloud Week  
Bedtime Stories Online at 7:00 pm
- 100 Day Celebration
- Valentine's Day
- 3rd Annual Valentine's Dinner & Dance
- Family Day (No School)
- Winter Break (No School)
- Teacher's Convention (No School)
- **Pink Shirt Day**
- School Council Meeting at 3:15

## MARCH

Monday, March 3

Friday, March 7

Thursday, March 13

Friday, March 14

Wednesday, March 19

Friday, March 21

- Recognition Assembly at 1:30 pm
- Report Cards Available Online
- Parent / Teacher Conferences
- Staff Learning Day (No School)
- School Council Meeting at 3:15 pm
- World Down Syndrome Day
- wear **mismatched socks**



### Dental Outreach of Red Deer (DOoR)

Free urgent dental treatment is available for children 5-18 years of age who are having difficulty accessing dental care. Services are provided at the Red Deer Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre

For more information, please call 403-356-6302 and ask for the DOoR program.



# #Gowns4Grads Coming to Red Deer

Monday, February 17th  
to  
Thursday, February 20th  
10am to 4pm

Elks Hall  
6315 Horn Street  
Red Deer, AB



**+ Food Drive!**  
Bring a non-perishable  
food item



Suits, Shoes, Dresses and more  
at no charge to all  
2025 graduates!

**RED DEER MINOR BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE**

**LEARN TO PLAY PROGRAM (AGES 3-6)**  
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LOCAL ARENAS - SATURDAYS - MID-APRIL TO LATE-JUNE  
CBHA CERTIFIED REFEREES - LIMITED DENTAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

# YMCA YOUTH MENTORSHIP

at Bower-Kin Community Hall

**FREE**  
drop-in  
program  
for youth &  
teens ages  
8-18!



Games | Snacks | Activities

Hang out with our trained mentors in a safe and welcoming environment.

Every Thursday  
4:30-6:30pm

Bower-Kin Community Hall

85 Boyce St  
Red Deer, AB

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