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Principal's Corner

On April 30th, we will have our last School Council meeting for the year at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons. We really welcome your input and attendance. The meeting is usually an hour or less long. We hope to see you there.

Our second parent-teacher interview night is on April 11th. This is an in-person session and we will also be having our Grade 9 high school orientation meeting with parents in our Learning Commons. Remember that you can book an interview with a teacher through our website. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the of-

fice. Most high school students have completed their course registration for next year. If your student has not done so, please ensure that this happens as soon as possible. I use course enrollment numbers to determine the number of sections required for each course and what may be delivered through the BTPS distributive learning option, so this information is very important as I have already begun planning for the next school year.

During the month of March and April, our school has had the good fortune of being able

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Around the School

Students had the chance to play Bingo during lunch on March 21



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Want to know what is happening in the school?

Follow our Pirate Crews Instagram:
[@jrrpiratecrews](https://www.instagram.com/jrrpiratecrews)

Website:

jrrps.ca
School Calendar
<http://jrrps.ca/Calendar.php>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>
App
<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



Principal's Corner Continued

to welcome two education practicum students (one from the U of A and one from the U of C) and two educational assistant practicum students from Lakeland College to our classrooms to work with our teachers and students.

April is also a very busy month with regards to other activities going on. Our Grade 10 students will partake in a 2-day St. John Ambulance training course and will get standard first aid certification. We started this course in Grade 10 many years ago and can boast that we have over 100 standard first aiders in our building at any given time, as all staff also take the training. The Grade 10 class will also be participating in Try-a Trade in Lloydminster at the end of April. It is a very popular event where many trade and service companies set up display and information booths at the Lloyd Exhibition grounds for students to visit and ask questions about the particular trade the company has to offer.

As we move into the Easter break and have only three more months left in the school year, I really want to take the opportunity to thank and commend the students and staff for what they have accomplished this year so far. The commitment of everyone to the overall learning culture to the school really makes this a great place to attend and learn at. I can confidently say that based on the feedback I get from visitors and guests we have to our school. But I also acknowledge the strong parent base and support our parents provide to the students, staff, and the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Easter everyone.

Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest

The 12th Annual Buffalo Trail Public School Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest provides an opportunity for students in BTPS to be involved in an event that will display their public speaking abilities. The competition is meant to acknowledge the importance of public speaking as an essential skill for today's youth.

Date: Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Place: J.R. Robson School – North Training Center

Entry Deadline: April 17, 2024. If interested in participating, please see Mrs. Scully

[Category Information & Submission Form](#)

Yearbook 2024

J. R. Robson's '23-'24 yearbook is already under construction. As usual, the hard-cover book will feature the current year's memorable moments in 68 full-color pages. There are 3 ways to order:

- Visit the [Friesens Store](#)
- Scan this:



ALL Graduates of 2024 will automatically receive a book of their Grade 12 year! (Grade 12s do not have to order one.)

There are also a few copies remaining of the '22-'23 book available for purchase at the office for \$40 each.

Counsellor's Corner

April is always packed full of events, even though it is very short. For those students and staff who are heading to Italy/Spain, we hope you have a great trip and cannot wait for stories and pictures when you return. We hope each of you have a restful vacation so you are ready for the remaining part of the school year. It will go by very quickly.

The **Annual Superintendent's Public Speaking Competition** will be held on **Friday, April 30, 2024**, at J. R. Robson School from 9:30 to noon. This means J. R. Robson will be hosting a speak off the week we get back from Easter vacation. Here is the link to the topics: <https://www.smores.com/b2j30> Students who want to participate in the school speak off event, please email Mr. Bates or Mrs. Scully to confirm registration. We do not want to miss you. Public Speaking is not easy to do, so for those who give it a try, you are already winners. Good luck to all competitors.

For **Grade 10 students**, First Aid courses will be offered in April. You have each been signed up to take a course on one of the following dates: **April 18/19, April 23/24, April 25/26 or May 7/8**. For these two days you will be in the **Training Center** learning about first aid. Make sure you check in with your teachers to get homework as regular classes also continue. Upon successful completion of your course, you will receive a high school credit and possess a valid first aid certificate if needed for summer employment. Thank you to Mr. Doherty for teaching our students the ins and outs of first aid.

For **Grade 9 students**, an information meeting will be held on **Parent Teacher Interview night April 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm**. During the meeting, Mrs. Scully will explain the criteria for the Alberta High School Diploma, graduation requirements, course sequencing and course offerings at J. R. Robson.

For Grade 12 students, Student Loan applications are found online starting in early May. Use this link to access the website:

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/>. You will require a valid Alberta Digital ID to access the online system. <https://account.alberta.ca/login> **The Alexander Rutherford applications are also available on this website. In order to receive funding you must apply at least one month prior to your attendance at a post-secondary institution.** If you take a year or two off before attending post-secondary school, as long as you qualify, the funds are available to you, so make sure you apply. For information on how to apply, use this website: <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/>. Students who have created an Apply Alberta login are encouraged to use your **PRIVATE email address** as your school address will disappear after June 30. The same login, password and email will be used to apply for your Rutherford Scholarship and Student Loan site so use one that is familiar to you, hopefully you will remember the password.

For **Scholarships applications** - please check on our school website <https://jrrobson.btps.ca/> Choose MENU - STUDENTS - SCHOLARSHIPS

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Scholarships are also available through the Alberta Scholarship Program. More information on how to apply for these scholarships are available here: <https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/high-school-apprenticeship-scholarships/>

Grade 10 and 11 Students: Registration for the 2024-2025 school year should be completed. Mrs. Scully and Mrs. Polishuk, on behalf of Mrs. Hart, have sent out links to student email accounts. Parents are asked to review their child's course selections and have the registration completed by March 31, so we can begin the timetable scheduling process. **Please remember the timetable is built around your course selections, so you will need to make your selections wisely.** Assume you will not be able to make any timetable changes once you select a class. If you or your parents have questions regarding regis-

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Counsellor's Corner Continued

tration, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Scully kelly.scully@btps.ca or Mrs. Hart monique.hart@btps.ca via email or phone 780-853-4177 to ask questions.

Grade 10 students will be participating in TRY-A-TRADE in Lloydminster on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 12:00 - 3:15. Students will be receiving a permission slip when we return from Easter vacation. This is a good opportunity to see the trades in our local community and make connections with potential employers.

For students enrolled in Work Experience, RAP or Green Certificate, please continue to submit your hours, any midterm and final evaluations you may have to complete.

Your VIBE coach, Ramona and Your SEC coach, Amy are here and willing to work with students at lunch time. Pop by and say hi! They always have something interesting to discuss or do.

May you take time to recharge your batteries, get outside and have a good celebration with family and friends. Wishing your family a very Happy Easter!

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**APRIL IS A REMINDER
THAT LIFE IS A BEAUTIFUL,
EVER-RENEWING CYCLE.**

- E.E. CUMMINGS



Vermilion Marauders Spring Football

Vermilion Marauders spring football, open to grade 8-11, **starts in May.**

Please contact Lorne Maier for registration form:



lorne.maier@btps.ca

Hot Lunch Donations



January 15, 2024

JR Robson
Vermilion, Ab

ATTN: Hot Lunch Program coordinator

In celebration of our business being operational for 15 years, we are celebrating by donating to organizations that are important to us. We currently have businesses in Dewberry, Elk Point, Lloydminster and Vermilion.

To mark this occasion we have chosen four schools, one in each of our communities we operate in. We have chosen your school and would like to see the money put towards your "Hot Lunch program"

Thank you for all you do for these programs ☺

Darren and Lee Selte
Selte Fuels Inc.

Thank You!

And once again, thank you to Cornerstone Co-op for their continued support of our meal programs.

Explore, Create, Achieve



The Grade 7's have been busy learning about bridge structure and designing plans. Their blueprints were then printed on our 3D printers. They were able to make improvements on their model and print a second time. They also calculated a rough cost analysis. Civil engineer, Ryan Martin (pictured) gave his feedback midway through the unit as well as during the judging. Mayor Greg Thronson joined Mr. Martin to judge the bridges. Thank you to Mayor Thronson and Mr. Martin for supporting this learning.



Below: Grade 8 students enjoyed a Mental Health walk



Spring Fundraiser

In support of our Pirate Crew activities.

Please find the order form attached to this newsletter.

Collection days for paper orders will be April 11th and 25th.



Marauder Adventures

Right: J.R. Robson grade 9 P.E. was able to squeak in a week to learn cross country skiing. A big thank you to Chuck, Keith, and Katy and the provincial park for setting the trails at J.R. Robson for the kids to enjoy!



Above: JRR PE 10/20/30 got to experience Sledge Hockey again before spring hits and the ice is taken out. A HUGE thank you to Rex and the town of Vermilion for allowing us to use the ice all year for not only Sledge Hockey but for all our ice games units!

Right: Mrs. Scully tries her hand at calf roping during Western Dress-Up Day. Thanks to Branded Western Wear



for the use of their roping machine.

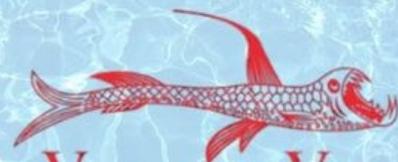
VERMILION SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2024 OUTDOOR SEASON
REGISTRATION OPEN!

U5 -U19 categories



For More Information
<https://vermilionsoccer.ca/>



VERMILION VIPERS

AGM

Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:00pm
Vermilion Agricultural Society Office
5510 College Dr. (behind curling rink)

Join us to learn more about competitive swimming!

Registrations open to new swimmers March 15

Summer swim season runs May 1 - August 18

Email: vermilionvipers@gmail.com

Website: www.gomotionapp.com/team/assavvsc/page/home

Facebook: Vermilion Vipercs Swim Club

June 2024 Exam Schedule

Date	Exams
Monday, May 13	ELA 9 Part A
Wednesday, June 12	Social 30-1 Part A Social 30-2 Part A ELA 9 Part B
Thursday, June 13	Math 9 Part A
Tuesday, June 18	Math 9 Part B
Wednesday, June 19	Social 30-1 Part B Social 30-2 Part B Social 9 ELA 10-1 Math 10C Math 20-1 ELA 8 ELA 7
Thursday, June 20	Science 9 Biology 20 Science 14 Science 24 Math 8 Social 7
Friday, June 21	No exams written on this day. Regular Instruction Day
Monday, June 24	Chemistry 30 Social 10-1 Science 10 ELA 20-1 Social 8 Science 7
Tuesday, June 25	Physics 30 Math 20-2 Social 10-2
Wednesday, June 26	Science 30

Youth Wellness Clinic

Treating Mental Health Within Our Community

IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH ANXIETY,
DEPRESSION, OR ADHD YOU AREN'T ALONE.
WE CAN HELP.

For individuals up to 24 yrs of age, we can help identify and manage your mental health concerns.

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:

kalynapcn.ca/all_programs/youth-mental-wellness/

OR SCAN HERE



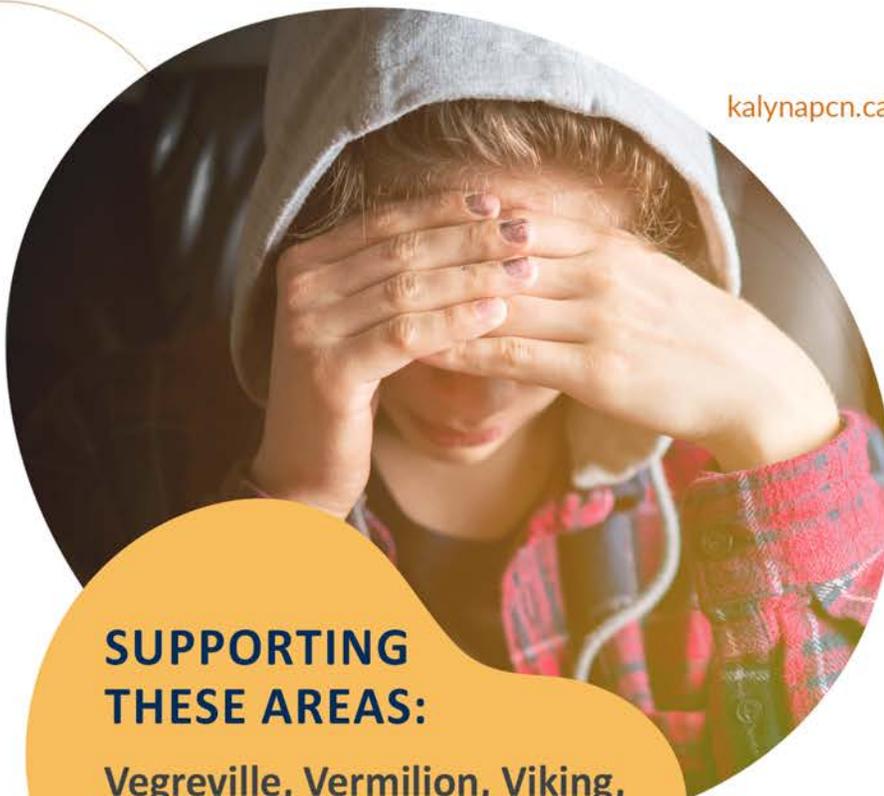
BOOK AN APPOINTMENT:

780-853-6966

**SUPPORTING
THESE AREAS:**

Vegreville, Vermilion, Viking,
Killam, Tofield, Mundare,
St. Albert, and Daysland

**PrimaryCare
Network**
KALYNA COUNTRY
f www.kalynapcn.ca





Summer Research Program

Student Applications Open:
March 6 - April 3, 2024

Program Runs:
July 3 - August 14, 2024



Grade 11 Women and Gender Diverse Students

Are you looking for a unique summer job opportunity? Apply to the WISEST Summer Research Program, a 6-week paid research internship. The SRP will give you hands-on research experience and a chance to discover STEM careers and your place in them.

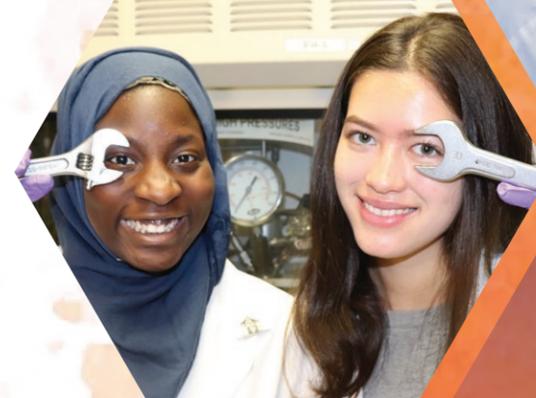
Indigenous and rural students are encouraged to apply!

You Can Expect To

- Contribute to trailblazing research.
- Join a supportive community of STEMInists.
- Connect with successful STEM professionals.
- Become familiar with academic life at a post-secondary institution.
- Broaden your perspective about innovative STEM careers that solve the biggest challenges facing society.

The program will run in person at the University of Alberta campus (Edmonton), a residence program is available for out-of-town students.

WISEST exists to establish diversity in the STEM fields. We strongly encourage applicants with varied lived experiences to apply.



For more info and to start your online application visit: www.uab.ca/WISEST

Is my child ready for technology and social media?

It is important to know that there is no right or wrong answer. What works for one family may not work for another. Even within the same family, each child is unique.

Research suggests that it is important as parents to focus on healthy relationships and communication before a child is ready to enter the world of social media and technology.

Some tips to build strong connections with your kids:

- Be available to provide attention and time
- Validate and help manage your child's feelings
- Learn about and get involved in what interests them
- Set limits

There may be benefits to technology when it is used in a healthy way. Such benefits can include:

- Developing interpersonal and communication skills
- Socializing with peers
- Develop skills such as musical, artistic, etc.
- Encourages learning
- Increased understanding of technology advancements, which are inevitable in a young person's future

Using mindfulness to manage tech & social media overload

Notice how using social media makes you or your child feel. Sometimes people compare themselves to others which may create feelings of inadequacy.

Be aware of how much time you and your child spend on social media, what apps they use, interactions that take place, and how you or your child feels afterwards.

Take breaks from social media and technology to do other things like going outside or spending time with family and friends.

Develop healthy digital habits for using technology and social media

- Balance screen time with other family activities
- Discuss online activities with one another
- Have regular conversations about social media
- Create a safe space for your kids to approach you if they have concerns
- Talk about how social media can impact emotions and feelings
- Talk about what is real and what is edited

MORE RESOURCES

[Kids & Tech: 12 Tips for Parents in the Digital Age - HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org/healthy-living/parents/parenting/parenting-tips/12-tips-for-parents-in-the-digital-age)
[5 Ways To Form Stronger Attachment With Your Children - Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute \(ctrinstitute.com\)](https://www.crisisandtraumainstitute.com/resources/5-ways-to-form-stronger-attachment-with-your-children)

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642



Free Tax Clinic

Get your benefits and credits



If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers can do your tax return for you!

Where: Vermilion Public Library 5001 49 Ave. Vermilion AB

When: Drop off services starting March 1 to April 30, 2024



Go to vplibrary.ca/taxes
or call 780-581-2413 for more information

Volunteers are not employees of the Canada Revenue Agency



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April 2024 - Hot Lunch

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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Easter/Spring Break - No School

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**Sausage &
Perogies**

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Pizza

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**French
Fry-Day**

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15

**Chicken
Fried Rice**

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**Booster
Juice**

17

**French Fry
Wednesday**

18

Subway

19

22

**Burger &
Onion Rings**

23

24

**Nachos
& Cheese**

25

**French
Fry-Day**

26

29

**Spaghetti &
Meat Sauce**

30

ORDER FORM



12" PATIO PLANTER

An upgraded blend of our top performers set to thrive in full sun. It's the ticket to springtime paradise right in your own space! *Mixes vary.*



12" HANGING BASKET

Say hello to our latest flower mixes! These hanging baskets are perfect for sunny spots, blooming with color & trailing plants. *Mixes vary.*



11" STRAWBERRY BASKET

Enjoy the treat of fresh, homegrown strawberries all summer. Blossoms in white or pink, these everbearing varieties are beautiful & delicious!



2G PATIO ROSE

Floribunda roses in 2-gallon patio pots with bamboo arches are bred to bloom year after year. Potential colors range from light pink to red.



10-PK GERANIUMS

These easy-to-grow bedding plants available in red, white, or pink, stay resilient again pesky intruders like deer & rabbits. 10x 4" pots.



10-PK PETUNIAS

Elevate your gardens and baskets with the popular, cascading Wave Petunias, available in purple, white, or pink. Don't miss out! 10x 4" pots.



10-PK MARIGOLDS

Orange marigolds promise more than just a pop of color - they're also great companions for various veggies. 10x 4" pots.



INDOOR FOLIAGE TRIO

Welcome the cascade of a trailing Pothos, the vibrant pop of color from a Tradescantia, & the elegant stature of a Dieffenbachia! Display beautifully in 3x 6" deco pots.

Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.



10-PK HERBS

An assortment of our finest herbs! Varieties may include: Basil (Sweet & Thai), Thyme, Chives (Onion & Garlic), Mint (Mojito & Peppermint), Oregano, Parsley, & Rosemary.

Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.



10-PK VEGGIES

Savor the goodness of having homegrown veggies in your garden! Varieties may include: Romaine, Kale, Cucumber, Squash, Zucchini, Tomatoes (x4) and Peppers (x2).

Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.

Online orders can be placed until Saturday, April 27th. Collection days for paper orders will be April 11th and 25th. Please see order form attached.

Flowers will be delivered to us May 13th. Pickup will be May 14th (with the possibility of May 13th depending on the time delivery occurs).

J.R. ROBSON



NON GMO FRIENDLY POT

Please keep in mind:

Baskets and planters are grown in a variety of mixes, plants/colors/pots will vary from photos.

Herb and Veggie packs may contain duplicates and substitutions.

10-packs are sold as one item, and cannot be mixed/matched. Specific colors cannot be selected for the roses.





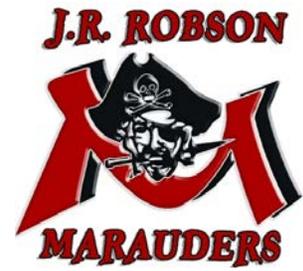
Orders can be placed through a student or online through our website:

<https://jrrobsonhighschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Collection days for paper orders will be April 11th and 25th.

Online Orders may be placed until the website closes April 27th.

Delivery to us will be May 13th. Pick up from the school will be May 14th with the possibility of May 13th depending on time of delivery.



Student: _____

Classroom: _____

Any questions contact kristi.barnes@btps.ca

Name and Phone Number	12" Patio Planter \$39	12" Hanging Basket \$39	11" Strawberry Basket \$28	2G Patio Rose \$46	10 Pack 4" Geraniums \$40 Cannot mix and match in flat Red White Pink			10 Pack 4" Wave Petunias \$40 Cannot mix and match in flat Purple White Pink			10 Pack Marigolds \$33	Indoor Foliage Trio \$40	10 pack Herbs \$37	10 pack Veggies \$37	Total Cost

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!! We can only accept **cash and cheque** for paper orders. Please make cheques payable to J. R. Robson.