

# West Park Post

December 23, 2022

## Principal's Message

In preparation for our winter break, there are many things that we are deeply thankful for over the past month.

It was wonderful to see so many parents connecting with teachers at parent teacher interviews. Collaboration and sharing of information between home and school make for a more successful school year for each child.

Coming back to our annual Christmas concert, gathered together to watch our children perform was a real highlight for everyone. Over \$600 was raised to help offset the cost of our venue.

We have welcomed new volunteers into the school. This has been so helpful in supporting our students along their learning path. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to your classroom teacher.

We are grateful to our School Council, who collaborated with our staff to ensure that 12 families have Christmas hampers for over the holidays.

Our Health Action Team, with the help of Mrs. Rascher and Miss Mawer, coordinated a number of activities over the past two weeks, including a smoothie day, the 12 Days of Christmas movement breaks, and an active assembly. We are fortunate to have such engaged and active leaders in our school!

To each and every one of our families, we wish you a holiday season of rich blessings and good health!


Sincerely,  
*Katharyn Blades*

## Mark Your Calendar

December 24 - January 8 - Christmas vacation



### January 2023

January 9	Students Return
January 9 - 13	Alien In-Line
January 10	Spirit Day - Toque Tuesday 
January 20	Staff Learning Day - NO School
January 24	Toque Tuesday
January 31	Toque Tuesday

### February 2023

February 7	Ski Loppet (grades 4 & 5)
February 17	Staff Learning Day - No School
February 20	Family Day - No School
February 21-22	Winter Break - No School
February 23-24	Teacher's Convention - No School

Did you know? RDPSD adopted a 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. email/text policy for staff to help eliminate non-urgent emails and texts on evenings and weekends, a focus on staff wellness on Staff Learning Days, and workplace wellness initiatives.



West Park Elementary School is located south of the Red Deer River on Treaty 7. The land north of the river is Treaty 6. These are the ancestral lands used by the Blackfoot, Stoney, Cree and Métis people who would come to this area for hunting and trading. We recognize and give thanks for the use of this land as an act of reconciliation.



Alien Inline will begin January 9, 2023 – the first day back from Christmas break.

**Here are some reminders:**

- All students must wear socks to school each day.
- If you have a CSA approved helmet at home, please bring it on your days in the gym.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Red Deer Public Schools is the **BEST CHOICE** for exciting learning opportunities for all children. This begins with Kindergarten!

We offer **ENGLISH** programming, Monday to Friday **HALF DAYS** only.

**Registration begins Monday, January 16, 2023**

Register online by visiting our website [rdpsd.ab.ca](http://rdpsd.ab.ca)



Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2023.

## WPE WOLVES T-SHIRTS

WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE  
AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
**\$12.00 EACH**



## Bus Zone

Please continue to exercise safety measures when dropping off and picking up students. Bus parking has returned to the north side of the school and is a no parking zone. We appreciate you helping us to teach our children about walking and playing safely.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## WEBSITE

West Park Elementary School continues to update our website <http://westparkelem.rdpsd.ab.ca/>. Don't miss out on important school info. Our yearly calendar is loaded directly from our school calendar and will show current and upcoming events.

### Connect also with:



[West Park Elementary Facebook Page](#)  
[School Council Facebook Page](#)

## SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS

**Patrollers are at the corner of 38 Street and 55 Avenue.**

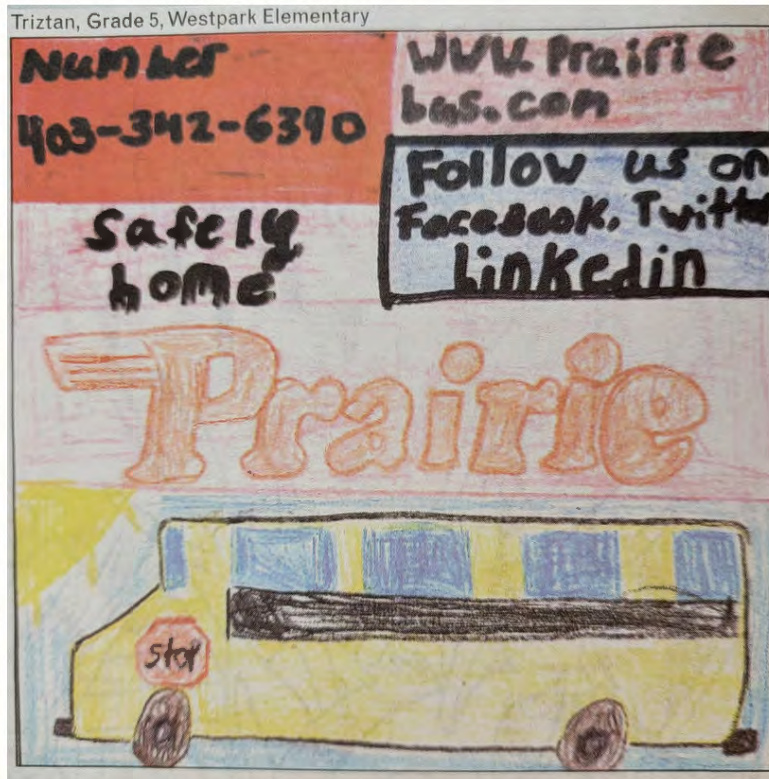
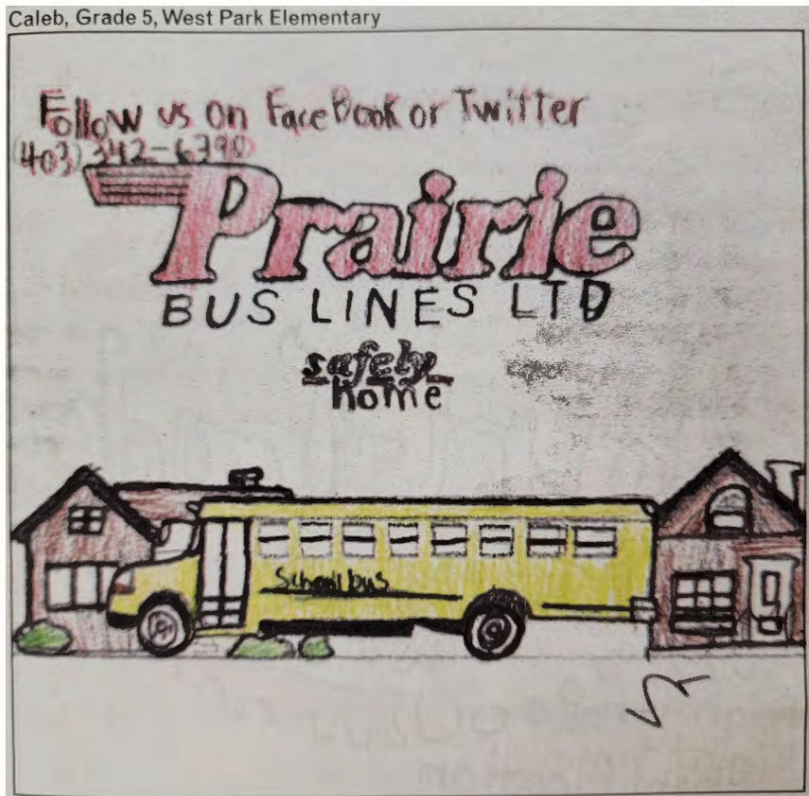
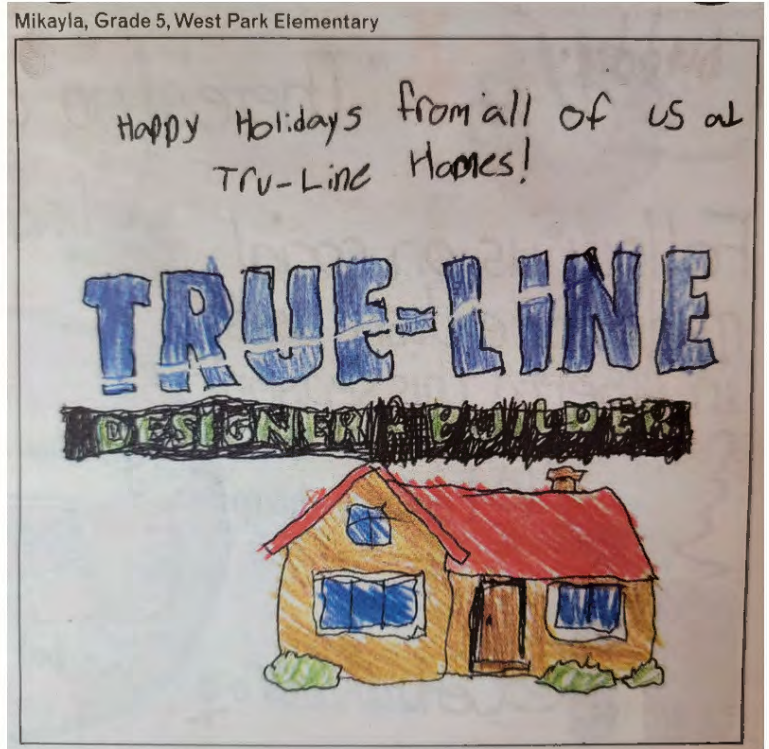
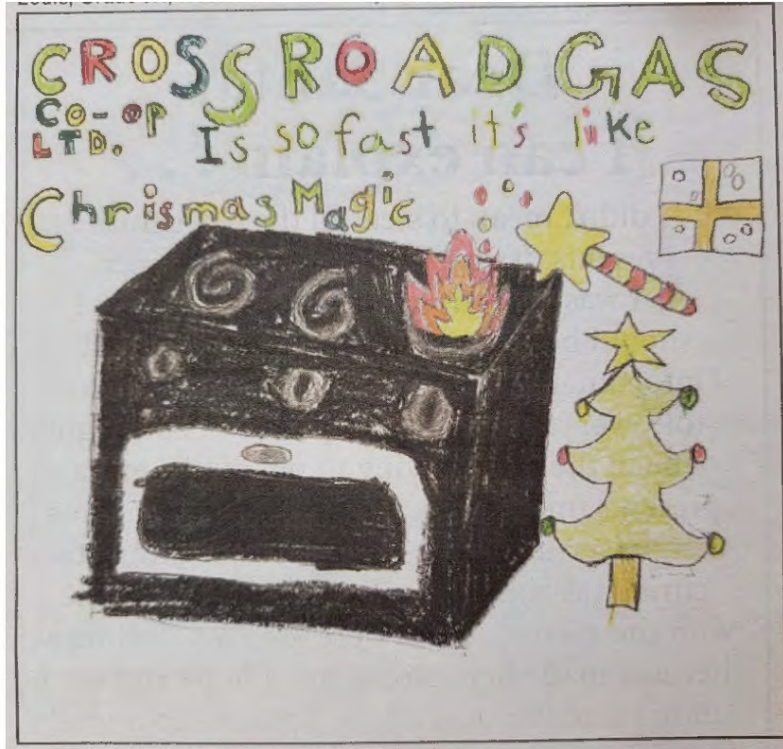
**Times: 8:41 – 8:56 a.m. and 3:35 – 3:45 p.m.**

***Please continue to use safe practices when dropping off and picking up your child(ren).***





# Creative Adventures - Red Deer Advocate Submissions from 5W





## West Park Elementary Bell Schedule

### Grades One – Five

Entry Bell: 8:56 a.m.

Classes Begin: 8:58 – 12:00 noon

Lunch Eating & Lunch Recess is  
between: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Classes Resume: 1:02 p.m.

Recess: 2:02 p.m. - 2:12 p.m.

Recess: 2:20 - 2:30 p.m.

Classes: 2:30 - 3.35 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:35 p.m.

### Pre-Kindergarten

A.M. 8:50 – 11:53 a.m.

P.M. 12:25 – 3:28 p.m.

### Kindergarten

A.M. 9:00 – 11:43 a.m.

P.M. 12:52 – 3:35 p.m.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Playground Supervision does not start until **8:45 am** and students should not be on the playground or school grounds before that time.
- Please ensure that your child has adequate food and snacks for the entire day.
- Entry Bell is at 8:58 a.m. and students should be at their respective doors at that time in order to enter their classrooms on time.
- The attendance line for reporting absences is 403-343-1886. This records your message so you may call it at anytime that is convenient.

*Thank you.*

## BUS Payment Plan

If you are on the payment plan for bussing - please make your monthly payment at the beginning of each month - either on-line or by cash/cheque at the office.

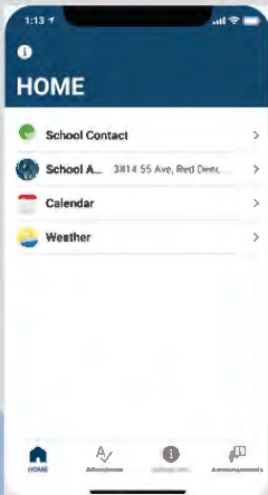


## Communication Tools

EVERYONE HAS A PHONE!  
INTRODUCING THE

## WPE School APP for Parents

A one-stop shop to keep you in the know!



Here's How:

- SCAN this QR Code, or
- [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the site, then click on your browser button to [download](#) to your home screen on your phone.



## Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our  
**TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE**

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information on student attendance, school events and other activities.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "YES" to our District's short code number # 978338.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one our messages with "STOP".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with all legislation, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone. \*Standard message and data rates may apply.





# Community Events

Red Deer Public will hold its community engagement from January 10 - February 6 around the day to day experiences for students and our Division priorities.

Visit [rdpsd.ab.ca](http://rdpsd.ab.ca) for more!



## Child Programs

at the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery



January 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### A DAY @ THE MUSEUM: DAY CAMPS

**January 20**  
Love for the Land  
9 am - 4 pm Pre-register

**February 23, 24**  
Museum Reflections  
9 am - 4 pm Pre-register

Camps available for ages 6-8 & 9-12  
\$40/day mag members  
\$45/day regular

### MAGSATURDAYS

Winter 2023 all ages drop in art Saturdays 1-4 pm

\$2/person mag members (\$5/regular)

### JANUARY

- 7 Make a Mosaic!
- 14 Relief Printmaking
- 21 Stringable Mobile
- 28 Textile Taxidermy

### CLAIM YOUR FREE MEMBERSHIP

Scan the QR code or visit [reddeermuseum.com/50th](http://reddeermuseum.com/50th) to claim your free Anniversary Membership! Enjoy discounted pricing on the programs listed here plus many more.



### MINIMAG art for ages 5 & under

Wed. 9:30-11 am

\$4/child mag members (\$5/regular); adults free

### JANUARY

- 4 Fireworks on Display!
- 11 Paper Family Quilt
- 18 A Waddle of 3D Penguins
- 25 Alphabet Soup

### CALL, CLICK OR COME IN!

Our galleries are open 10 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Saturday and are free to visit.



587.797.4040  
[reddeermuseum.com](http://reddeermuseum.com)



Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery  
4525 47A Ave Red Deer, AB T4N 6Z6



@MothersFirstRD



## January Self-Care Series for Moms!

Who is this for:

- any mom who has an infant up to the age of 2 years
- who is interested in learning more about self-care
- or wants to increase their self-care
- lives in Central Alberta

Access FREE, weekly pre-recorded education sessions provided by professionals on topics all moms need to hear!

Topics include, but aren't limited to:

- Creating Space for Self-Care
- Postpartum Mental Health
- A Slice of Sleep
- Massage for Mom and Baby

Opportunity to be entered into a draw to win one of FOUR prizes valued at \$150!

Go to [www.mothersfirstrd.com](http://www.mothersfirstrd.com) to access the registration sheet before January 21, 2023



## MOVE YOUR MOOD FEBRUARY 2023 FAMILY CHALLENGE



This FREE Family Challenge is open to all families and all ages.

During the challenge you will learn ways to connect as a family by: practicing mindfulness, moving your bodies, fueling your bodies, expanding your mind and building healthy relationships.

Register at [sparcreddeer.ca](http://sparcreddeer.ca) between January 23rd - January 31, 2023. Your family will receive 4 weeks of challenge ideas. The first week will begin Feb 6th.

Complete family challenges for a special MYM Medal and a chance to win fun family prizes!

This year's MYM Family Challenge is sponsored by the Red Deer Kinsmen Club.

Questions? email [move.yourmood@ahs.ca](mailto:move.yourmood@ahs.ca)

