

# THE CHESTER RONNING CHEW



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Website at [www.brsd.ab.ca/school/cronning](http://www.brsd.ab.ca/school/cronning)

## Messages from Mr. Lansing

I'd like to wish a belated Happy New Year to all of our families as well as the larger Chester Ronning School community. Things have been very busy at CRS since we returned from the holidays, from numerous field trips taking place and the elementary basketball seasons getting underway to bus-route cancellations and Literacy Day, and the month of January has flown right by!

As we enter into February, I need to take the opportunity to share some staffing updates that will affect our school. Within our teaching staff, Mrs. Karlin Berg will be stepping away for a maternity leave, starting on February 10th. Mrs. Berg's impact at CRS can not be understated! To offer just a little understanding of how appreciated she is, here are what two students in 5B had to say about their teacher:

*"I love Mrs. Berg's class! She is kind and understanding and she cares about her students."*

*"Mrs. Berg has a kind personality. She is fun and quirky and she knows how to make learning fun!"*

We will all miss Mrs. Berg but we are so thrilled about her growing family! Fortunately, we will be welcoming Mrs. Carly Olson back from her own maternity leave, on March 2nd, who will be taking over the 5B homeroom for the remainder of the school year. We are also fortunate that Mrs. Mary Hendrickson will teach 5B in the interim. Mrs. Hendrickson will be well-known to many of you as a substitute teacher and from the five weeks that she covered in 4P before the Christmas break.

We also have a couple of changes within our support staff. We are excited that Mrs. Tara Mazur is returning on February 3rd to work with students, primarily in 4P. At the same time, we are saying goodbye to Ms. Christina Egert, who has done a fantastic job of supporting those students for the past few months. Please join us in offering our congratulations, our thanks and in saying farewell or welcome back to these wonderful educators!

Sincerely,

Mr. Reid Lansing  
Principal

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are taking registrations at our school for any student who is 5 by December 31, 2020 for our Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday Programs.

Families must be in our attendance area to register. We also need a copy of the birth certificate as part of the registration package. You can find the forms here

<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/learning/pre-k-and-kindergarten> or in our office. Please encourage any families in the community to register as soon as possible.

## PROJECTED ENROLMENT

A green form went home with students at the end of January. We need to let BRSD know what we think our student enrolment might look like next year. We would like to have those forms back in to the office by February 11 so we can start planning for next year!

## SKI-TRIP - GRADE 4

Information has gone home to parents. The fee needs to be paid online prior to attending the trip.

### January Calendar Dates:

- 30 – Assembly @ 9:30am.
- 31 – School is closed.

### February Calendar Dates:

- 4 – Gr. 5 basketball @Sifton; Gr. 4 basketball practice
- 5 – Winter Walk Day; Gr. 4 basketball game @CRS
- 6 – Early Dismissal
- 10 – Gr. 5 basketball practice
- 11 – Gr. 5 basketball game @CRS; Grade 5's go to the Winspear Center, ATB Bank day
- 12 – Gr. 4 Ski Trip; Gr. 4 basketball practice
- 13-17 – School is closed.
- 18 – Gr. 4 basketball practice
- 19 – Grade 4 basketball game @CRS
- 22 – Gr. 4 & 5 Basketball tournament
- 25 – ATB bank day
- 27 - Assembly

## **BASKETBALL**

Grade 4 and 5 basketball has started and we are so excited to watch our players learn and have fun at our school and play against other teams!

## **NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REGARDING ADVERTISEMENTS**

As you know, our schools are important community gathering places. As a result, businesses and individuals may try to take advantage of our spaces to distribute promotional materials of various kinds at schools or school events. In some cases, permission is sought and obtained prior to the distribution, in other cases, the promotional materials are not authorized.

We are writing to advise you that our School Division and Schools do not, and indeed cannot, endorse products or services which may be advertised at our facilities. Our Board, administration, teachers and all staff must be focused on meeting the educational and related needs of our students and community. We cannot, and do not investigate the merits and quality of any service or product offered that may have been promoted at a school or event.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

We would like to thank Mr. Alex Oliver for kicking off our literacy day on January 27 with a few stories.

We had several staff and students that dressed up in their favorite storybook character. It was a fun day full of literacy activity. We had a "Take 20", where everyone stopped what they were doing and read a book for 20 minutes, twice during the day. Students also had the opportunity to read in a tent with flashlights (which they all thought was cool). Every student received a book to keep in honour of Literacy Day. We encourage families to support students in reading for 20 minutes a day!

Happy Reading.  
Mrs. Green

## **OUR THERAPY DOG AT CHESTER RONNING**

Dylan, a former therapy dog at Chester Ronning School, is taking a break from the Therapy Dog Program and going back on the Conformation Show Circuit with a handler as well as going back into the Breeding Program. Booker will resume as our sole therapy dog for the students in both programs; Reading Tails and Special Learning with Booker. Children are continuing to progress at their own level and pace, developing their reading skills, playing games, taking him for walks, talking to him with or without devices and so on. We continue to see the positive effects of these programs into the home and classroom!

## **CHESTER RONNING'S WELLNESS TEAM**

Our Wellness Team comprised of students and staff, continue to plan activities and promote wellness within our school! They focus on promoting healthy eating, physical activity and collaboration amongst others. The Wellness Team selects our theme days every early dismissal, explores ways to make our assemblies more active, creates announcements with daily focuses following our Circle of Courage and helps with school-wide days, such as Pink Shirt Day.

## **WINTER WALK DAY**

Winter Walk Day will be on Wednesday, February 5th! At some point during the day, staff and students will get outside and enjoy some exercise and fresh air in our community, weather permitting. Please be sure to send warm, outdoor clothing that day. More information and permission forms to go off school grounds will be sent home shortly.

## **GRADE 5 PRESENTATION**

Battle River Power Coop will be doing a presentation to our grade 5 classes on February 25<sup>th</sup>!

# Receive School Alerts The Way You Choose

To make sure that you're receiving alerts in the ways that work best for you, Battle River School Division #31 has two methods to communicate with you,

1. You can take advantage of our SMS Text Messaging Service!

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. Once registered as a parent you will receive a text message from 978338 and in order to participate in this free service\* you just reply to the text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number: 978338. The test message will look like the following:

"Battle River Regional Division 31 messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/tm".

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

If you missed the text message you can just send a message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number: 978338.

\*\* Make sure that you have registered your mobile phone number with your child's school to take advantage of this service!

2. The second method is with the SchoolMessenger app:

- Set your communications preferences for calls, emails, texts, and more
- Receive all kinds of school messages (classroom and group updates, activity alerts, school and district notifications) in one single app
- Review your messages on any device – smartphone, laptop, etc.

Go to <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca> to download the SchoolMessenger mobile app for Android and Apple devices or use the web-based version from your internet browser. Make sure that you register your account on the Canada server.

With the new SchoolMessenger app, parents have 24/7/365 access to important school notifications such as bus cancellation, emergency alerts, etc.

Get started with the SchoolMessenger app today. Go to <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca> and sign up for your FREE account on the Canada server.

\*\* Make sure that you have registered your email address with your child's school to take advantage of this service!

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [www.schoolmessenger.com/tm](http://www.schoolmessenger.com/tm) for more info.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Camrose Softball Association registration is open. Register in person or online at [www.camrosesoftball.ca](http://www.camrosesoftball.ca)



2020 Camrose Music Festival Festival is April 6-9; Grand Concert is April 14; Entry deadline - February 1.

A poster for "Kids Climbing Lessons". The background shows a climbing wall with several people climbing. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font. At the top, it says "KIDS CLIMBING LESSONS". Below that, it says "BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, AND ADVANCED LESSONS WEEKLY FROM END OF JANUARY - MARCH". Further down, it says "@THE AUGUSTANA CLIMBING WALL" and "SIGN UP NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED.". At the bottom left is the "AUGUSTANA CLIMBING WALL" logo. To the right of the logo is the email "Email: augclimb@ualberta.ca" and "or go to:". At the bottom right is a QR code. At the very bottom, there is a URL: "https://www.ualberta.ca/augustana/athletics/campus-rec/climbing-wall/kids".

**What is kindness?**

Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.

Everyday we hear stories about people trying to make the world a better place.

Together we can make the world a little bit kinder for all of us.

It all starts with one person... You!

**Kindness helps you and others by:**

- Enhancing positivity
- Changing your perspective
- Creating a sense of community
- Helping us feel connected to others
- Reducing stress
- Improving mood and self-esteem

**Just one act of kindness a day can help:**

- Reduce stress, anxiety and depression
- Kindness releases feel-good hormones in your body so you and the person you helped.
- Feel calmer, healthier and happier
- More loving and loved
- More energy, less aches and pains and more confident

**Simple ways to spread kindness:**

- Volunteer
  - Help a friend or neighbour
  - Ask someone how they are feeling
  - Offer support and encouragement to others
  - Say good morning and smile
  - Make someone laugh
  - Be generous with compliments
  - Leave a kind note for someone special
- Kindness is contagious and doubles when you share it!

**MORE RESOURCES**

- <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page13769.aspx> Search "be kind"
- <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/the-science-of-kindness>

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

