



Percy Baxter
Middle School

ROCK STARS REVIEW

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE— Mr. Turcotte, Principal

It is hard to believe that another school year has passed so quickly! It has truly been a rewarding year – one filled with unprecedented accomplishments. Students are commended for their continued efforts and dedication to learning throughout the school year.

At Percy Baxter School, we are very fortunate to have a dedicated, caring, and hardworking team of professionals including our teachers, educational assistants, school secretary, custodians, and other school and district based support staff. These individuals work together to ensure that every child has the best educational experience possible. Staff at Percy Baxter School always go above and beyond to ensure students are exposed to a variety of activities to enhance and enrich their school experience. As a Principal I am inspired by my staff's ability to create and maintain high levels of connectedness and sustained caring and supportive relationships throughout the year, and for this I am grateful!

On behalf of the staff and students of Percy Baxter School, I would also like to thank our dedicated, committed, and tenacious School Council, who found innovative and creative ways to carry on with many important events including our Pizza Days, Booster Juice Days, Pop-Up Sales, and the casino fundraiser. PBS Staff wish to extend our sincere gratitude for the thoughtful staff appreciation gifts and lunches!

This year showed us we are truly an amazing school community! As we enter the final month of the school year, we wish to remind students of the importance of continuing to push themselves to grow academically and socially, making the most of our final days together this school year. With a number of exciting activities and events planned for the end of June, we are looking forward to creating lasting memories before parting ways to enjoy a well deserved summer vacation!



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2023/2024

**THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE
OPEN ACCEPTING NEW
REGISTRATIONS ON
AUG 28/2023**

**First day back to school:
Grade 6 only - Tues Sept 5
Grade 7/8 only - Wed Sept 6
All grades - Thurs Sep 7**

Registration forms are available
online @ <http://percybaxter.ca>

Summer contact: Please email:
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2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

| AUGUST | | | | | | | SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | |
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| DECEMBER | | | | | | | JANUARY | | | | | | |
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| JUNE | | | | | | | JULY | | | | | | |
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- August 30-Sept 1 Staff Planning & Development Days
- September 4 Labour Day
- September 5 First Day for Students
- September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 6 Staff Planning & Development Day
- October 9 Thanksgiving Day
- November 9 Staff Planning & Development Day
- November 10 Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 13 Remembrance Day "in lieu"
- Dec 25-Jan 5 Christmas Break
- January 8 First Day Back for Students
- January 31 Staff Planning & Development Day/Term End
- February 8 & 9 Onway to Fox Creek only - Teachers' Convention
- February 19 Family Day
- March 7 & 8 Valleyview only - Teachers' Convention
- March 8 Onway to Fox Creek only - Staff Planning & Development Day
- March 25 - 28 Spring Break
- March 29 Good Friday
- April 1 Easter Monday
- April 2 First Day Back for Students
- April 12 Valleyview Only-Staff Planning & Development Day
- May 16 Staff Planning & Development Day
- May 17 Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- May 20 Victoria Day
- June 27 Last Day for Students
- June 28 Staff Planning & Development Day



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June 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE DISNEY CHARACTER LUAU DANCE 7-10PM \$5 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 ZONES TRACK MEET | 7 GRADE 8 PARENT INFO NIGHT AT HILLTOP 7PM | 8 GRADE 7 TO FORT EDMONTON | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 BOOSTER JUICE DAY | 13 | 14 PANAGO PIZZA DAY | 15 | 16 GRADE 6 YEAR END FIELDTRIP | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 GRADE 8 TOUR/LUNCH @ HILLTOP | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 GRADE 6 SS PAT EXAMS GRADE 8 TO WEM WATERPARK | 27 GRADE 6 SCI PAT EXAMS | 28 YEAR END ASSEMBLIES 6 9:15 7-10:15 8-11:15 | 29 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL | 30 | |



JULY 2023

Parents MUST attend programs That are NOT run by the public library

SUMMER FUN

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | | | 1 Canada Day Park 2pm-6pm |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Mountain Bike Park | 5 Festival Park - National Injury Prevention Day | 6 Skate Park 10am-12am 2pm | 7 10am-12am 1pm-3pm Fire Hall | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 10:30-11:30 Public Library Ages 3-5yrs | 12 10:30-11:30 Public Library Ages 6-8yrs | 13 10:30-11:30 1-3 Public Library French | 14 10:30-11:30 Festival Park Hand out kits 1pm-3pm | 15 |
| 16 | 17 12:30-3:30 Evermore Yoga Studio Ages 6-8yrs | 18 10am-12pm 2pm-4pm Public Library Ages 3-5yrs | 19 10am-12pm 2pm-4pm Library Ages 6-8yrs | 20 10am-12pm Blue Ridge Splash Park 4pm-6:30 amLibrary Ages 9+ | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 12:30-3:30 Evermore Yoga Studio Ages 9-11yrs | 26 10am-12pm 4pm-6:30 Public Library Ages 3-5yrs | 27 10am-12pm 2pm-4pm Public Library Ages 6-8yrs | 28 10am-12pm Blue Ridge Splash Park 4-6:30 Library Ages 9+ | 29 |
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AUGUST 2023

Parents MUST attend program not run by the public library or yoga studio

SUMMER TIME

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 10am-12pm Festival Park - Mindfulness Nature Walk 1am-3pm | 2 10am-12pm Festival Park - Parents vs Kids day (physical Activity) 1pm-3pm | 3 10am-12pm Festive Park - Science Day 1pm-3pm | 4 Hand out kits Festival Park 10am-12pm 1pm-3pm | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 10:30-11:30 2:30-3:30 Library- Slumberkins Hero Camp Mission Age 3-5yrs | 9 10:30-11:30 Library Slumberkins Hero Camp Mission 2 Ages 6-8yrs 1pm-3pm | 10 10:30-11:30 Library French group All school age 4:30pm-6:30pm | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Festival Park- 10am-12pm | 15 10am-12pm Festival Park Make your own word affirmation puzzle 1pm-3pm | 16 10am-12pm Festival Park 1pm-3pm | 17 10am-12pm Festival Park- Hand put kits 1pm-3pm | 18 | 19 |
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