

PERCY BAXTER NEWSLETTER



December 9-13, 2024

Principal's Message:

Another eventful week at Percy Baxter! As our December activities kick into high gear, we're busy organizing our cultural exchange program. We're finalizing participants, securing chaperones, and connecting with our partner schools to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Our Student Success Academy continues to grow, with a new group of students starting on Monday. We've also made updates to our Inclusive Education Program, aiming to make the process more accommodating for both parents and staff. We'll provide more details in the new year as everything comes together.

We're always happy to welcome parents to school activities, and this week is no exception! All week, we'll be celebrating fun Christmas themes:

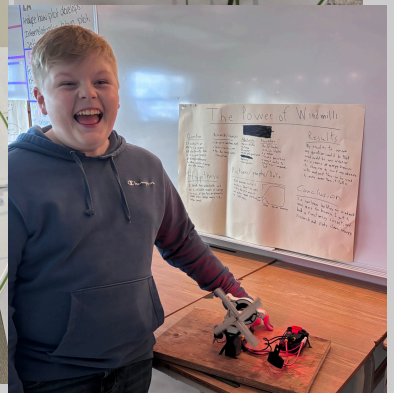
- Monday: Random Acts of Kindness
- Tuesday: Holiday Head Gear
- Wednesday: Winter Walk
- Thursday: Gingerbread House Contest

We'll end the week with an assembly at 10:00 AM to recognize our Citizenship Award recipients. Later that evening, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, we're hosting the Putting on the Ritz Winter Gala student dance. Parents are welcome to join, and all proceeds will support school activities. This event is proudly organized by our School Council.

Don't forget that Hot Lunch Wednesday is two pieces of pizza for \$5.

Have a fantastic week!





Important Dates to Note:

- Hot Lunch Pizza on Wednesday
- Term 1 Ends: December 6, 2024
- Term 1 Assembly: December 13, 2024
- School Dance December 13, 2024
- Power School Reports go home: December 19, 2024

Important Links

- [Facebook Page](#)
- [Google Calendar of Events](#)
- [Website](#)



Weather Reminders

Hello
WINTER

Reminder to please have your child dress for the weather.
Students will be outside for recess until we hit -25°C with a windchill



BUSES: Running or Not

HOW DO WE DECIDE?

The Director of Transportation makes the decision based on:

-  Weather Conditions
-  Scouting the Roads
-  Highway Cameras
-  Communication with Bus Drivers/Contractors

 **-40°**
Temperature Readings from Environment Canada & 511 Alberta

HOW DO WE NOTIFY?

-   Social Media
-  NGPS.ca
-  BusPlanner App

DECISION IS MADE BETWEEN

6:00 AM - 6:30 AM














  **Your Choice**

It is always your decision whether or not to send your child to school during extreme weather conditions.





CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN - PERCY BAXTER STYLE 2024 - Students

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Hockey Day at Percy Baxter! *Wear anything hockey related!</p> 	<p>4 Jolly Jeans and cozy sweater day!</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Candy Cane Sales</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Candy Cane Sales PLUS</p>  <p>"Decked out in Denim" Day!</p>
<p>9</p> <p>RAK DAY *Random Acts of Kindness Day - Do something nice for someone else!</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Holiday Headgear and Socks day!</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Winter Walk Weather permitting, each class will take a short winter walk and enjoy the crisp fresh air!</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>"Puttin on the Glitz" Otherwise known as Fancy Friday- Come dressed in your New Year's Best!</p> 
<p>16</p> <p>Red and Green Day!</p> <p>*Show your holiday spirit by wearing red and green!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CHRISTMAS/WINTER SWEATER DAY</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Pj's and Pancakes</p> <p>*Wear your PJ's and enjoy a tasty breakfast!</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Grinch Day</p>  <p>Hand out Candy Canes to Students!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Class Fun!</p>  <p>Whatever the class has planned!</p>

***PARENT REMINDERS:**

If anyone has any lego to donate to the school that would be wonderful. Our STEPS room now has a lego wall and we are in need of more lego so our students can build their projects.

*When pulling into the front parking lot at the school, please remember that it is a drop off zone. We ask that parents not park in the fire lane.

*Now that the weather is cooler, so is the school. Students should be dressed for the weather and prepared for any drills that may be scheduled.

*We have booked skiing dates for our students. Please watch for emails in regards to consent, registration and payment.

Which Grade will be victorious?

December 2 to 13

*Food, toys and toiletry items will be collected and points will be awarded.

*The grade with the most points will WIN!!!!

Points awarded as follows:

Cans or can shaped items = +1 point

Boxes (any packaged items) = -1 point

Special Days:

Dec 4th - baby food/formula = +10 points

Dec 5th - new unwrapped toys = +5 points

Dec 11th - any toiletry item = +2 points

How sneaky are you?

You can add boxed items to other grades boxes to make them lose points BUT you may not remove any items from any boxes. Caught removing items? -50 points



Below is a "wish list" of items for the local Food Bank.

- Cereal
- Canned vegetables
- Hamburger Helper
- Stovetop/Sidekicks
- Canned fruit
- Big soups
- Canned meat
- Pasta sauce
- Toiletries:
 - Deodorant
 - Razors
 - Feminine products
 - Shaving cream
 - Shampoo/Conditioner
 - Toothpaste/toothbrushes
 - Toilet paper



CHRISTMAS 2024



WHITECOURT

CHRISTMAS HAMPER



★ **52** ★
YEARS

Providing Christmas for those who need a little help

Application Location
WHITECOURT UNITED CHURCH
5201 - 50 Street

United Church is independent of the Whitecourt Christmas Hamper and cannot facilitate application questions. Please direct all inquiries to the Whitecourt Christmas Hamper email or Facebook page.

APPLICATION DATES

Thursday, November 28, 7 - 9pm
Saturday, November 30, 12 - 3pm
Thursday, December 5, 7 - 9pm
Saturday, December 7, 12 - 3pm

REQUIREMENTS

- Eligible to residents of Whitecourt, Blue Ridge, and Woodlands County east, central, and west.
- Alberta Health Care cards required for all adults and dependants.
- Proof of residency required (lease, utility bill, gov't issued ID with address).
- Only one attendee per family during application, with all the family knowledge required.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Every dollar is treated with care and stays within the program.

Drop off at **RE/MAX Advantage** on Main Street.

eTransfer to the Program's Treasurer mrsgundy@telus.net

DONATE TODAY

mrsgundy@telus.net

Accepting **new, unwrapped** toys, stuffies, family games, arts and craft kits, pre-teen & teen novels, hair tools, and local gift cards.

Please no food or toiletries

GIFT DONATIONS



DONATION BINS

Located at participating businesses **mid-November**

whitecourthamper@gmail.com



**Percy Baxter Middle School
Presents**

Putting on the Glitz

**Friday, December 13th
5:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

**\$5 admission
Formal Attire**

2024

WINTER FORMAL

Photobooth/ DJ /Glow Sticks

Canteen: Cotton Candy, PopCorn , Slushies, Pizza, Pop

This event is open to Percy Baxter Students only

2024/2025 Bell Schedule



TIME	BLOCK
8:53	Bell
8:55-9:05	TAGS (Attendance calls generated)
9:05-9:55	BLOCK 1
9:55-10:45	BLOCK 2
10:45-10:50	TRANSITION BREAK TO NEXT CLASS
10:50-11:40	BLOCK 3
11:40-12:10	RECESS BREAK
12:10-12:40	LUNCH BREAK
12:40-1:30	BLOCK 4 (Attendance calls generated)
1:30-1:35	TRANSITION BREAK TO NEXT CLASS
1:35-2:25	BLOCK 5
2:25-3:15	BLOCK 6 Dismissal



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