

# PERCY BAXTER NEWSLETTER



March 4-8

## Principal's Message:

February always feels like a short month, but it was jam-packed with activities! We dedicated the month to kindness, celebrating random acts of kindness among students. Our Friday assembly highlighted these moments, reinforcing the importance of building a caring and supportive school community.

I want to send a big shoutout to the Legion for attending our assembly. It was an honor to recognize some of our outstanding students who won writing awards for the Remembrance Day celebrations. It's always great to see our community engaged in school events, and we truly appreciate their continued support.

Lately, I've been working with a group of students on developing a growth mindset, which includes holding yourself accountable, making commitments, and following through—even in the face of adversity. In one of our discussions, a challenge came up: some of my students decided they wanted to perform a rap in front of the school. For many of them, this is a big fear, and it sparked an idea—we need to face our fears together.

Now, I'm not a performer, not a dancer, and definitely not a singer, but if I'm asking my students to step outside their comfort zones, I have to do the same. So, I'm making a personal sacrifice—I'll be joining them! Will we be scared out of our minds? Absolutely. But if we're talking about growth mindset, this is it.

However scary this will be for us, the whole process is about preparing and stepping outside our comfort zones. We're going to implement the five key principles we've been working on consistently:

- ✓ Practice – We will rehearse until we're confident.
- ✓ Preparation – We will be fully ready when the time comes.
- ✓ Patience – We will be kind to ourselves as we improve.
- ✓ Passion – We will bring energy and commitment.
- ✓ Perseverance – No matter what, we will see it through.

Looking ahead:

- Grade 7 Field Trip to Eastlink – Our Grade 7 students will be heading to Eastlink for an exciting field trip. More details will be shared with students and families.
- Grade 8 Cultural Exchange Fundraising Meeting – Wednesday, March 5
- Grade 8 Exchange Meeting – Thursday, March 6

With Spring Break approaching, let's stay focused and make the most of the next few weeks. A big thank you to staff, students, and families for your ongoing support and dedication!



Percy Baxter has a lot going on!  
SSA Walk to the river, mentorship and  
Community Engagement



*Your opportunity to*

# **SPONSOR A STUDENT**

**AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**SUPPORTING THE GRADE 8 CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT  
PERCY BAXTER SCHOOL**

**WE ARE REACHING OUT TO INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES TO SPONSOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS FROM PERCY BAXTER SCHOOL WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN A CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH STUDENTS FROM FOUR SCHOOLS IN ONTARIO. THIS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE WILL HELP STUDENTS BUILD CONNECTIONS, DEVELOP CULTURAL AWARENESS, AND EXPLORE DIFFERENT PARTS OF CANADA!**

**The Exchange Program Includes:**

- Trips to Jasper & Edmonton
- Local industry tours
- Opportunity to travel to Ontario
- Engagement with students from across Canada

**How You Can Help:**

We're looking for sponsors to support students by covering costs not provided by the Federal government (flights and hotels). Your contribution ensures every student can participate, regardless of financial circumstances.

**Sponsorship Options:**

Full Sponsorship (1 student) = \$600  
Partial Sponsorship: \$20, \$50, \$100, \$200, \$300  
Any amount you can contribute!

## **HOW TO DONATE:**

- E-Transfer: Send to [minkcreekparents@gmail.com](mailto:minkcreekparents@gmail.com)
- Cheques made out to: Mink Creek Parent Society
- Cash donations dropped off at the Percy Baxter School

### **For more information please contact:**

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## Whitecourt Minor Ball

**REGISTRATION  
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**Competitive League**  
11UAA, 13UAA, 15UAA, 18UAA  
**Closes March 2**



**House League**  
5U Blast Ball, 7U Rally Cap,  
9U, 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U  
**Closes March 15**

**Girls' Softball**  
U9, U11, U13, U15U, U17, U19  
**Closes March 15**

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**Challenger Ball**  
All Ages  
**Closes March 15**

### Important Links

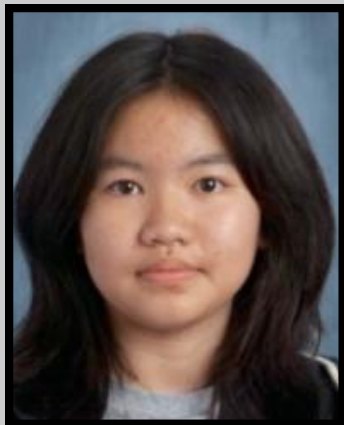
- [Facebook Page](#)
- [Google Calendar of Events](#)
- [Website](#)

### Cultural Exchange :

Prairie Gourmet Perogies fundraiser will be delivered Thursday March 13th at Whitecourt Appliance Warehouse ( 3501 35th St. Whitecourt) Pick-up times will be in the afternoon/early evening ( exact times to be confirmed closer to the date)

We are looking for grade 8 parents/students to help run the concession on March 8th at the school as a fundraiser for the Cultural Exchange. We will need help prepping the food as well as selling. Even if they can only spare an hour to help out that would be great. Contact Savannah Winder (780)779-8116 or [pbculturalexchange@outlook.com](mailto:pbculturalexchange@outlook.com)





## Donation Request:

We are seeking donations of Lego, gently used toys, and books to support our students in creative and engaging learning opportunities.

If you have any items you'd like to donate, please reach out to us. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

Thank you for your support and generosity.

# 2024/2025 Bell Schedule



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

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