

PERCY BAXTER NEWSLETTER



March 17-21

Principal's Message:

With one week left before spring break, we are quickly approaching the end of Term 2 and the start of badminton season as well as training for Spring Football Camp. To celebrate the end of basketball season, the school held a pep rally on Thursday to recognize our basketball program, culminating in a scrimmage in front of the entire school. It was an exciting game with some outstanding performances. As a former coach and scout, I can confidently say that we have some amazing athletes moving on to Hilltop.

Meanwhile, our Cultural Exchange Fundraising Group is working hard to ensure that our guests from Ontario experience the very best of Whitecourt and the surrounding area. We are excited to showcase our community and province, creating an unforgettable experience for them.

With that in mind, this Friday, two of our students will be running a canteen, selling a variety of ice cream, candy treats, and pop. Be sure to stop by and support them while enjoying some delicious snacks!

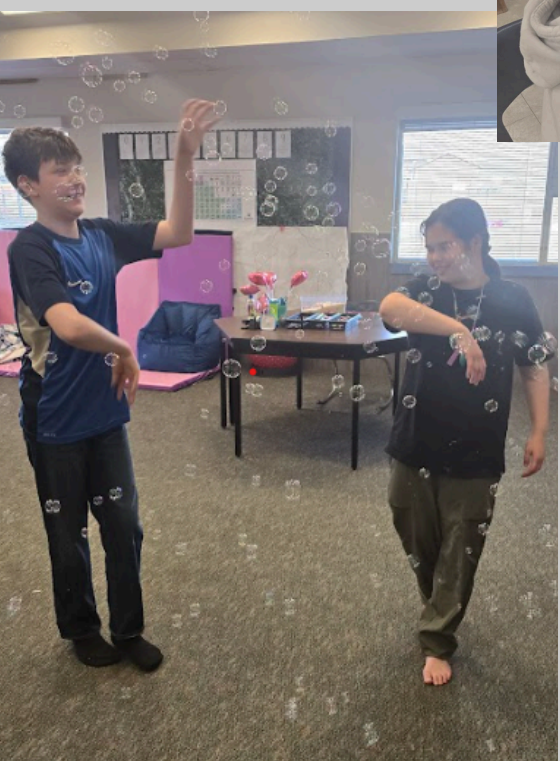
Our Student Success Programs are growing! Starting in Term 3, we will have Grade 7 and Grade 8 cohorts for Math, SEL (Social-Emotional Learning), and Fitness. We are also welcoming new students, with a strong focus on enrichment opportunities. We're seeing significant success in both math and literacy, and our fitness and sports programs are helping athletes become stronger and faster as they experience the gains of hard work and perseverance.

Looking ahead to next year, we are planning to expand our Student Success Academy program to include a Grade 6, 7, and 8 cohort for students who want to excel both academically and athletically. This initiative will focus on the psychology of success, growth mindset, and high-performance development. Rather than simply being an alternative program, which can carry a negative connotation, we are building an elite program that supports well-rounded student excellence.

On Friday, we will also be holding our Student of the Month Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend and join in the celebration!



Both girls and boys at the PBS Pep Rally.



Percy Baxter has a lot going on!
Having fun and working together; A beautiful picture painted by one of our talented students. Students showing off their high school theme costumes. Students learning math concepts hands on in the Student Success Academy

Dear parents/guardians:

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a world-class education for Alberta's children, Alberta Education will again be conducting our annual survey of grades 4, 7 and 10 students and their parents or guardians. The survey will gather important information about students' and parents' school experiences and will help to inform continuous improvement in our education system.

The survey will also be sent to all teachers in the province. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above – and their parents or guardians – will be surveyed.



Your input supports improvements in our education system

This year's survey will take place from February to March 2025, and we strongly encourage all eligible parents or guardians to participate and share your feedback on your child's or children's education.

Survey participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, including:

- welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments;
- student learning engagement; and
- parental involvement in their children's education.

Survey participants are not required to provide their names or personal details, and all survey responses are confidential.

By completing the survey, you are helping both Alberta Education and your local school authority identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. When the results are in, Alberta sends them to school authorities, who in turn share them with their local school community and use them to inform their annual education plans.



Surveys will be provided by your school

Completing the annual education survey is easy. Your principal or school administrator will provide you with a unique, single-use access code on behalf of Alberta Education that you can use to log in and complete the survey online confidentially.

- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate random access code for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested once the survey opens.
- Participants can skip questions for any reason and may opt out of the survey at any point.



Students fill out their surveys at school

Students are surveyed during the same time period as their parents or guardians, but they typically fill out their surveys at school.

- Like their parents or guardians, students are provided with a random access code to log in and complete the survey confidentially.
- Students can skip questions for any reason and may opt out of the survey at any point.

Additional details about Alberta Education's quality assurance measures and framework for monitoring performance in the education system are available at www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey

Please contact your school principal if you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in the survey.

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
- 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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bit.ly/wmba2025softball



Whitecourt Minor Ball

**REGISTRATION
NOW
OPEN**



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

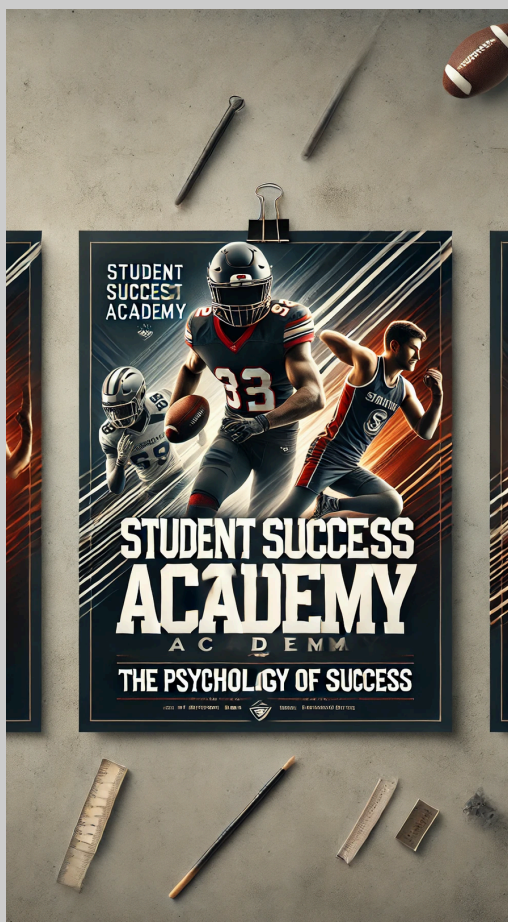
Challenger Ball
All Ages
Closes March 15



bit.ly/wmba2025baseball



Thank you to Drop you Drawers
Laundromat for washing the
players uniforms after the last
tournament.



Important Links

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



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



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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