



Friday, February 10th

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Thank you [@widahlwoodcraft](#) for donating this beautiful piece of art that will adorn the columns of our Student Gathering Area shortly.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found items such as jackets, ski pants, hoodies, mitts, gloves, water bottles, etc. have accumulated since the Christmas break. During Parent/Teacher Conferences we ask that parents please look through these lost items. Any items that are unclaimed by Friday, February 17th will be gathered up and donated to Good Will. Due to the lack of storage at the school, every 2nd month we will be donating all unclaimed items to goodwill so please take the time to check the lost items which is situated outside the Learning Commons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Springbank High School Announcement: Gr. 9 Phoenix Challenge

Springbank Community High School is moving to cohort our incoming grade 9 classes next year in order to support students and provide more of a transitional support system as students move from middle school to high school. As part of this endeavor, we are also planning a series of week long, cross-curricular learning opportunities that will take place in late September or October. All grade 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in one of the five experiences. In answering the guiding question, "How can we learn from our past to better understand the present and serve the future?", and in conjunction with celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday, we are planning three different field trip venues that students can participate in. The first is a trip to Halifax, the second is a trip to the mountain environment, and the third is a series of field trips to venues in and around Calgary. The purpose of the field trips is anchor the learning experiences and provide unique activities that will guide our students' learning as they investigate the guiding question and to draw on these experiences as students journey through the various curricula throughout the remainder of the year. We hope to provide many authentic and real world learning activities that will promote student engagement but also to give students to investigate unique areas of Canada and broaden their understanding of "our own back yard".

Jeff Chalmers (Principal) and Greg Rankin (Assistant Principal) will be attending the next school council meeting to share more details about this initiative and to connect with parents of our upcoming grade 9 class. Additional information will also be shared during the registration and enrollment process later on this spring. We look forward to connecting with our new students and their families and sharing this exciting learning opportunity.

Bake Sale

Collaborative Conferences

Collaborative Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 15th and Thursday, February 16th between 4:00 and 7:00PM. Teachers will be meeting **individually with both students and parents** during 10 to 15 minute meetings which are to be scheduled online at <https://bpeak.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf> beginning Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00 PM. Families are asked to arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to their conference time to view samples of student work which will adorn the hallway. We look forward to seeing you.

Learning Commons Update

The month of February is a terrific opportunity for children to learn to “fall in love with a good book.” The Learning Commons has a great selection of books to meet every child’s preferences as well as the ability to order books, for our collection, based on student suggestions. Student literacy is also promoted through special events, two of which will take place this month. The Scholastic Book Fair will be held during the week of February 13th. The hours of operation will be Tuesday to Thursday during noon hours and Wednesday and Thursday 3:00 until 7:00 pm. World Read Aloud Day is on Thursday, February 16th. More information can be found at <http://www.litworld.org/wrad/> . On that day we will be treated to two whole-school read alouds from Mr. Pols and Mrs. Magee! Wishing everyone a month of love and literacy – happy reading everyone!

Update: University of Calgary Student Nurses

Greetings from the University of Calgary student nurses! The eight of us: Kelsey, Jackie, Taylor, Zarif, Josh, Alex, Megan, and Shannon would like to share with you what we have been active in this week and to clarify our purpose within the community. We have been working with community members to identify how factors such as physical environment, recreation and leisure, communication, and health & social services are related to health in Bragg Creek and Area. Over the coming weeks we will work with Banded Peak students, staff, and the larger community to determine the community strengths that protect your health and stressors that could threaten health and wellness. We hope to work with Banded Peak students, staff, and parents to implement ideas that positively effect your health. For example, Banded Peak integrates health and wellness into student life very well. Programs such as Ever Active schools, comprehensive school health, the integration of the outdoors with learning, between grade interactions, numerous student clubs, and appropriate student support are strengths. Right now we are engaging with the community to see how we can build on these strengths and will keep you informed on our activities on a weekly basis.

Our group is in the community all day Monday and Tuesday afternoons. We encourage you to contact us with any questions or opinions you may have. Please email our instructor Shannon Parker at parkers@ucalgary.ca for more information.

Morning Drop Off

A friendly reminder to all families that students are not to be dropped off at the school prior to 8:20 in the morning unless they are attending a practice, a club or are Before School Care. There is not adequate supervision for students at this time as teachers are preparing for the school day. Your cooperation with this is very much appreciated. If you would like information on Before and After School Care please contact Margie Smallwood at 403.949.2292. Thank you.

School Council Meeting/Playground Committee

Our upcoming School Council meeting will be **Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30** in our Student Gathering Area. Preceding our School Council Meeting we will be hosting a Playground Committee Meeting which will begin at 5:45. Any community members interested in attending are invited to meet in the Student Gathering at that time. Remaining school council meetings will take place on March 29th, April 26th, and May 24th. If you would like to read more about the happenings at Council please refer to their page at <http://bpeak.rockyview.ab.ca/school-council>

Collaborative Conferences Food Sign-up

Dear Families of Banded Peak,

Our second and final set of Collaborative Conferences are scheduled for February 15 & 16. This is an extremely busy time for teachers and school staff. It has been a long standing tradition for parents to volunteer food dishes to form a pot luck so a hot meal is available for teachers and staff. Please find attached a link to sign up for this easy volunteer opportunity at our school. If you should have any questions, please feel free to email me directly at bobamber@shaw.ca. Thank you.

Amber Kariatsumari

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48abad28a3fb6-school>

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