



Welcome

by Simon pols | Sep 16, 2015 | Uncategorized

Welcome to our **Banded Peak Parent Blog**. Through the posts, links, photos and resources provided to you this year it is our hope that you will feel further connected to the happenings within the school, the school division and throughout the community. The information available on this site is viewable on SmartPhones, tablets and computers. Should you have any questions related to what you read or observe on our Blog please do not hesitate to contact the school at 403.949.2292 or via email at spols@rockyview.ab.ca.

Friday, March 31st

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An enormous thank you to Brian Widhal of *Widhal Woodcraft*, Roger from Rocky View Schools, and our wonderful Fine Arts Team who helped make this possible. Now to name our new addition!

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Grade Six Provincial Achievement Test Schedule:

- May 11th: Language Arts Part A (120 minutes)
- June 19th Language Arts Part B (60 minutes)
- June 20th Math Part A and B (NEW): The Grade 6 Mathematics Part(ie) A and B is administered over 75 minutes. At the teacher's discretion, students can take a break/recess between Part(ie) A and B and teachers have flexibility regarding the length of the break.
- June 22nd Social Studies (60 minutes)

- June 23rd Science (60 minutes)

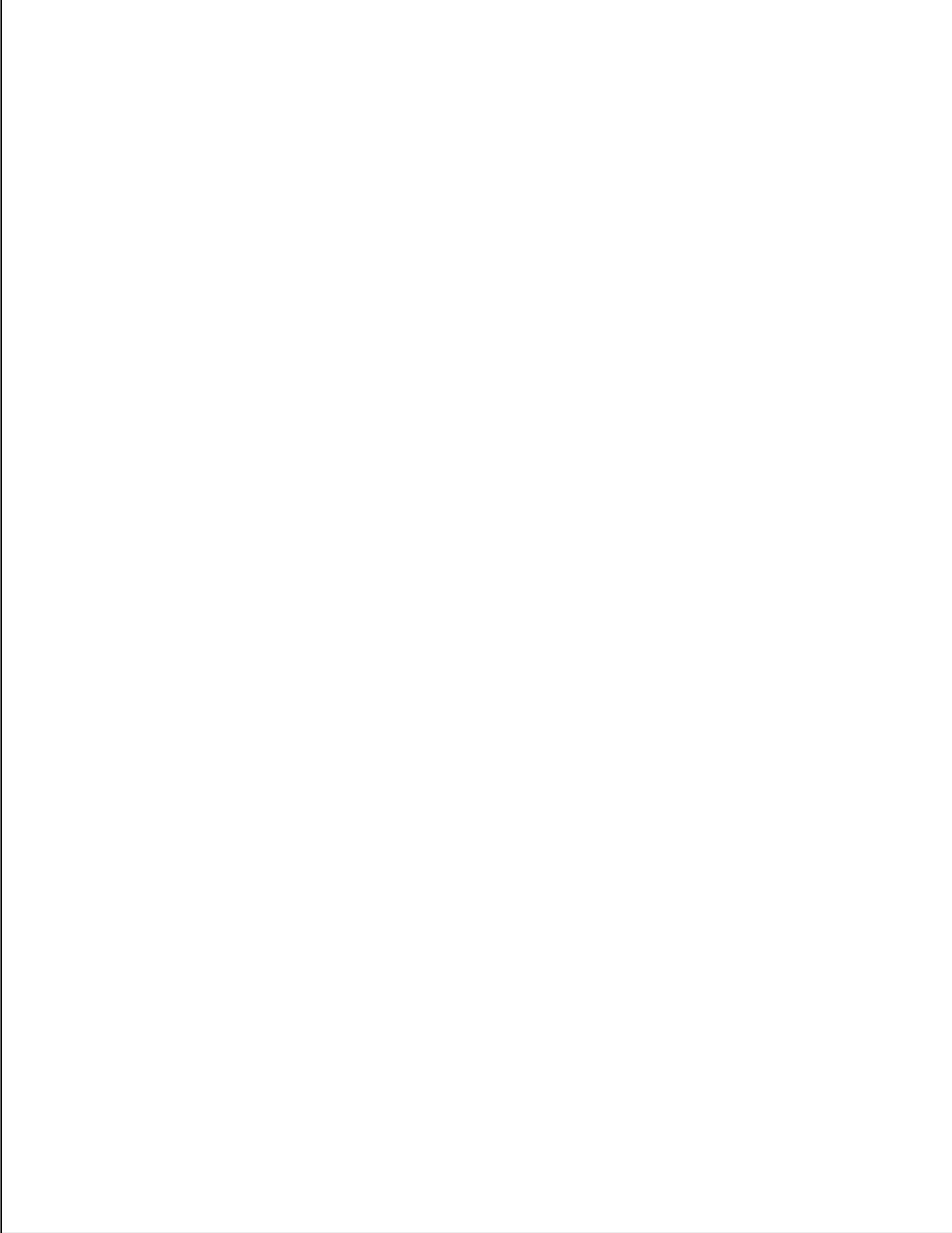
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Square Dancing





Friday, March 24th

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As many of our staff attended the Memorial Service for Carmen Harford on Thursday, two of our substitute teachers (Ms. Fellowes and Ms. Siegfried) mobilized the student at Banded Peak. On behalf of the staff we would like to thank everyone for their kind words and ongoing support.

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Fun Lunch: This month's Fun Lunch is Little Caesar's Pizza. It will be held on Friday, March 31st. Ordering is now open. Please place your order www.healthyhunger.ca prior to Sunday March 26th; late orders cannot be accepted. Thanks for supporting your School Council!

Classroom/Sports/Club Photos: will be taking place on Thursday, March 30th.

University of Calgary Student Nurses: *This week, our group finished up hand-washing lessons with the grade 1/2's. We really enjoyed the time spent interacting with the classrooms, these children are amazing and have a lot of knowledge regarding germs and ways to keep healthy. Just a reminder, we will be sending home information sheets for parents next week regarding the information that was shared. Next week, we are hoping to talk about nutrition for a grade 3/4 class and to have an open discussion with the grade 7/8's about what activities they find enjoyable and what they would like to see in their community.*

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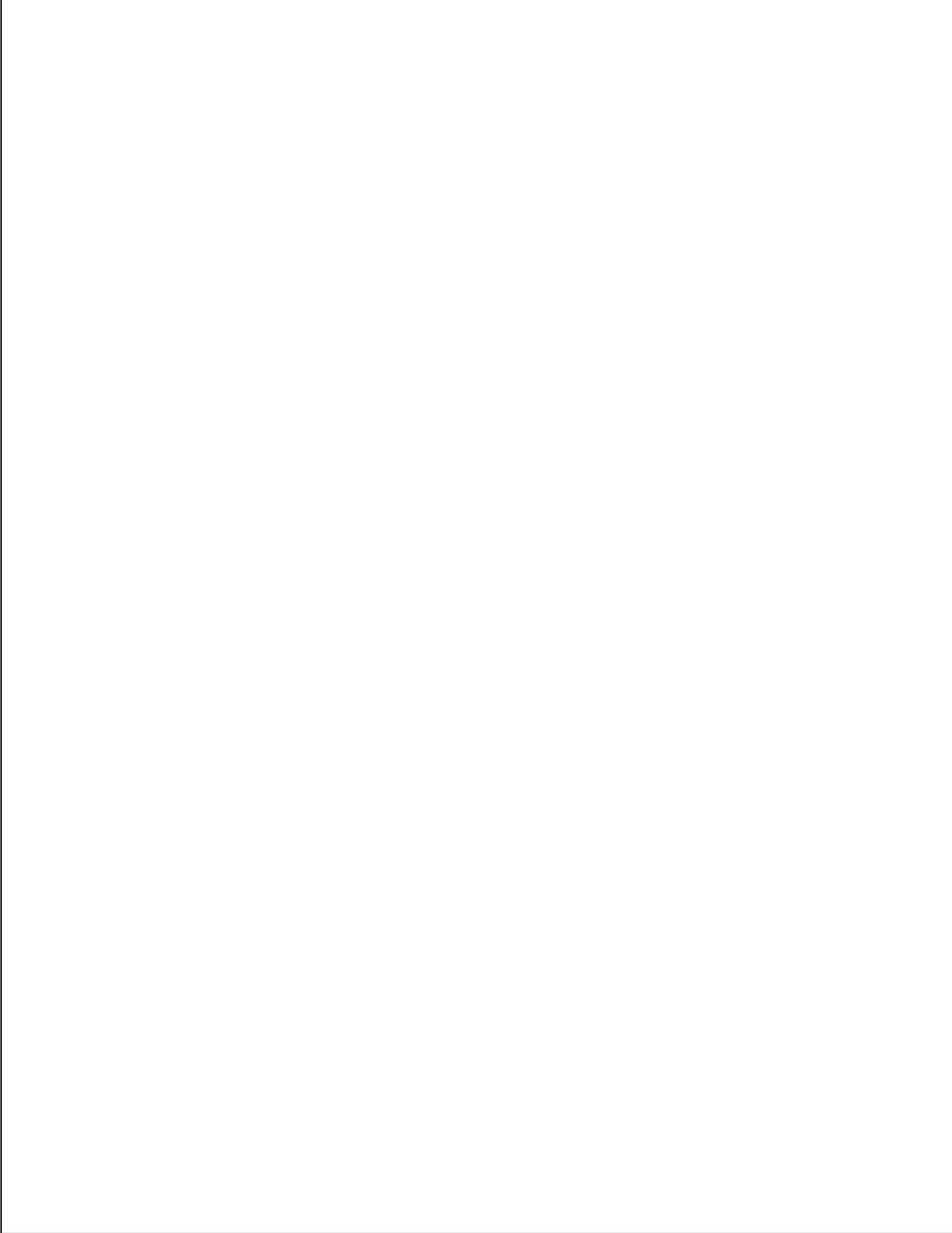
Learning Commons Update: We are excited to announce that the furniture order has been placed for our new Learning Commons. While the furniture won't arrive for a few weeks yet, work will begin soon on our transformation. We will begin boxing up our books, removing our shelving, painting, and putting in new floors beginning April 7th; with much of the work being done over the Spring Break. Stay tuned for ongoing updates and pictures.

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Mrs. Fairhead has been working on completing the Banded Peak Tipi which will be erected later this spring. The design includes our house colours, our house colour mascots, and will have the handprints of each of our students. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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Friday, March 17th

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A reminder that there will be a Professional Learning Day on Monday, March 20th.

Carmen Harford: We would like to thank our school community for the support they have offered the staff and students at Banded Peak in the wake of Carmen Harford's passing. Carmen, a beloved former teacher, passed away on March 14th following a battle with cancer. **Her memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at 2:00PM at Eden Brook Funeral Home.** Carmen touched the lives of many of the staff at Banded Peak and the surrounding community schools. As such it is anticipated that many of our staff will be in attendance at the service. Parents and students should expect a number of substitute teachers in the building for all or part of the day.

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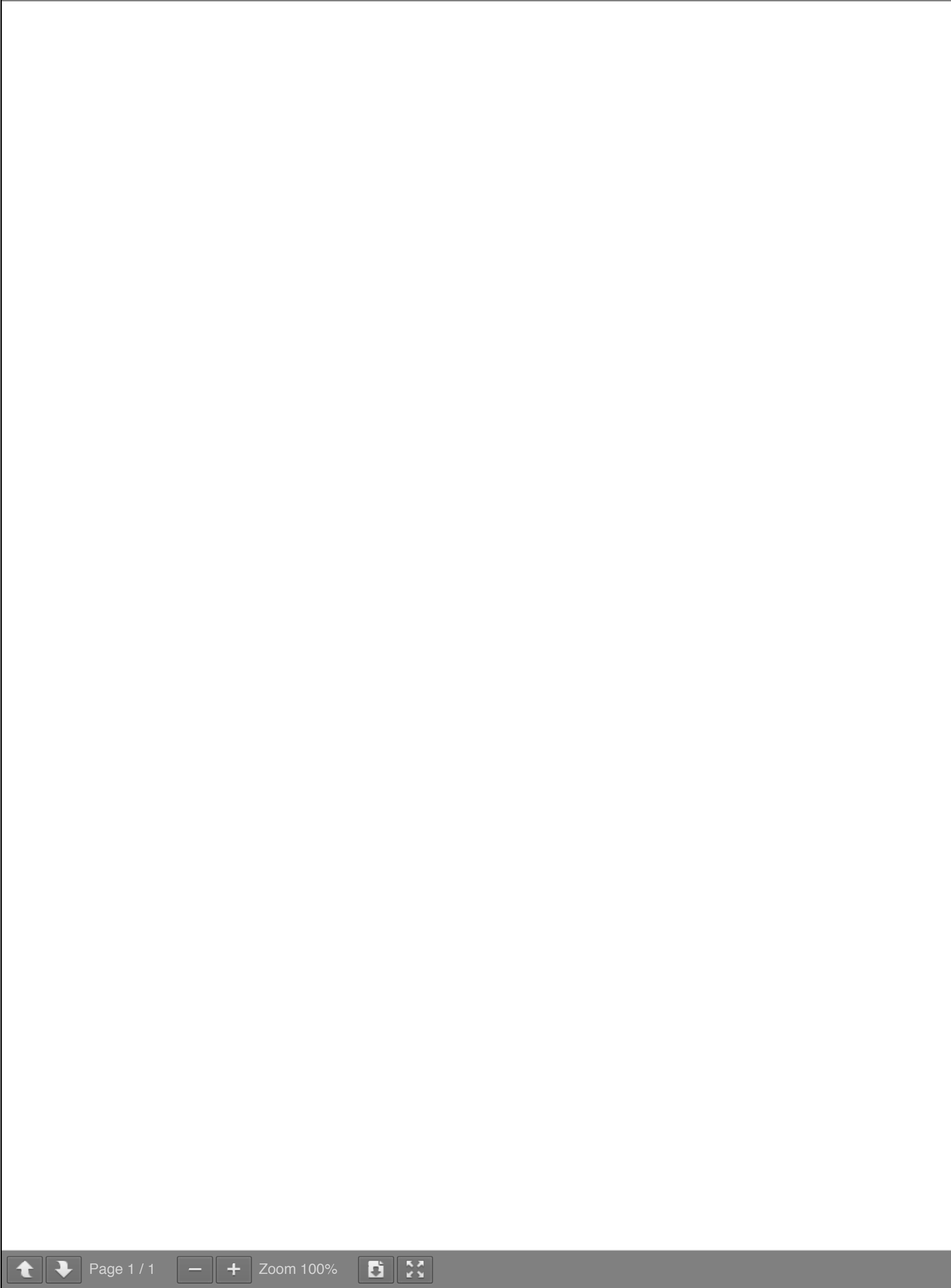
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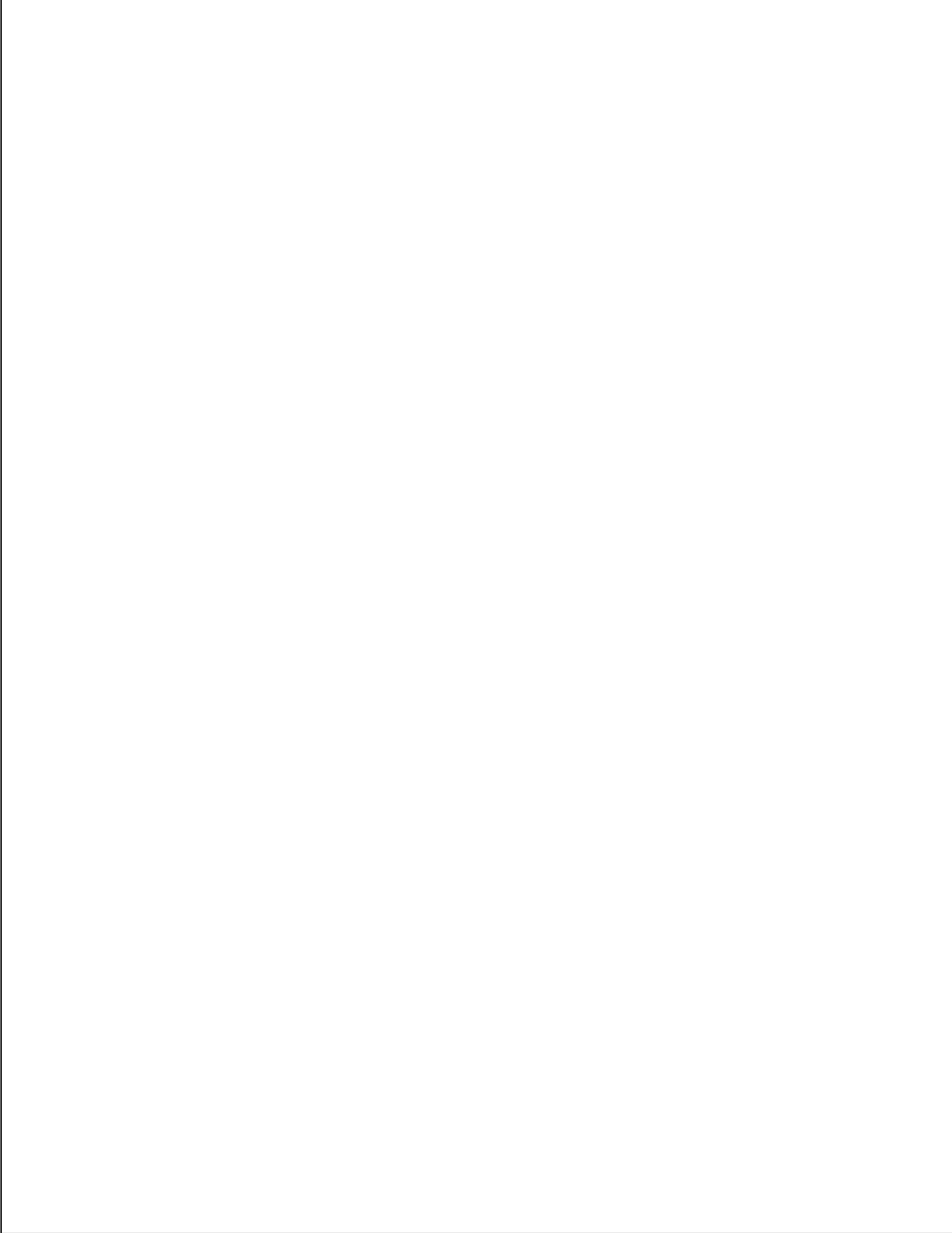
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Growing Learners

As we mentioned in our previous blog post, our grade 1/2 team has received two grants for over \$4600.00 to support their “Growing Learners Project”. They are currently working with Rocky View Schools to design and construct the garden beds. They are looking for gardeners, experts or anyone willing to help their growing learners. If you feel that you are able to assist them with this project or have questions about their work please contact slmasiuk@rockyview.ab.ca . For more information on their project please visit <https://cochranenow.com/local/banded-peak-receives-funding-to-connect-with-nature>

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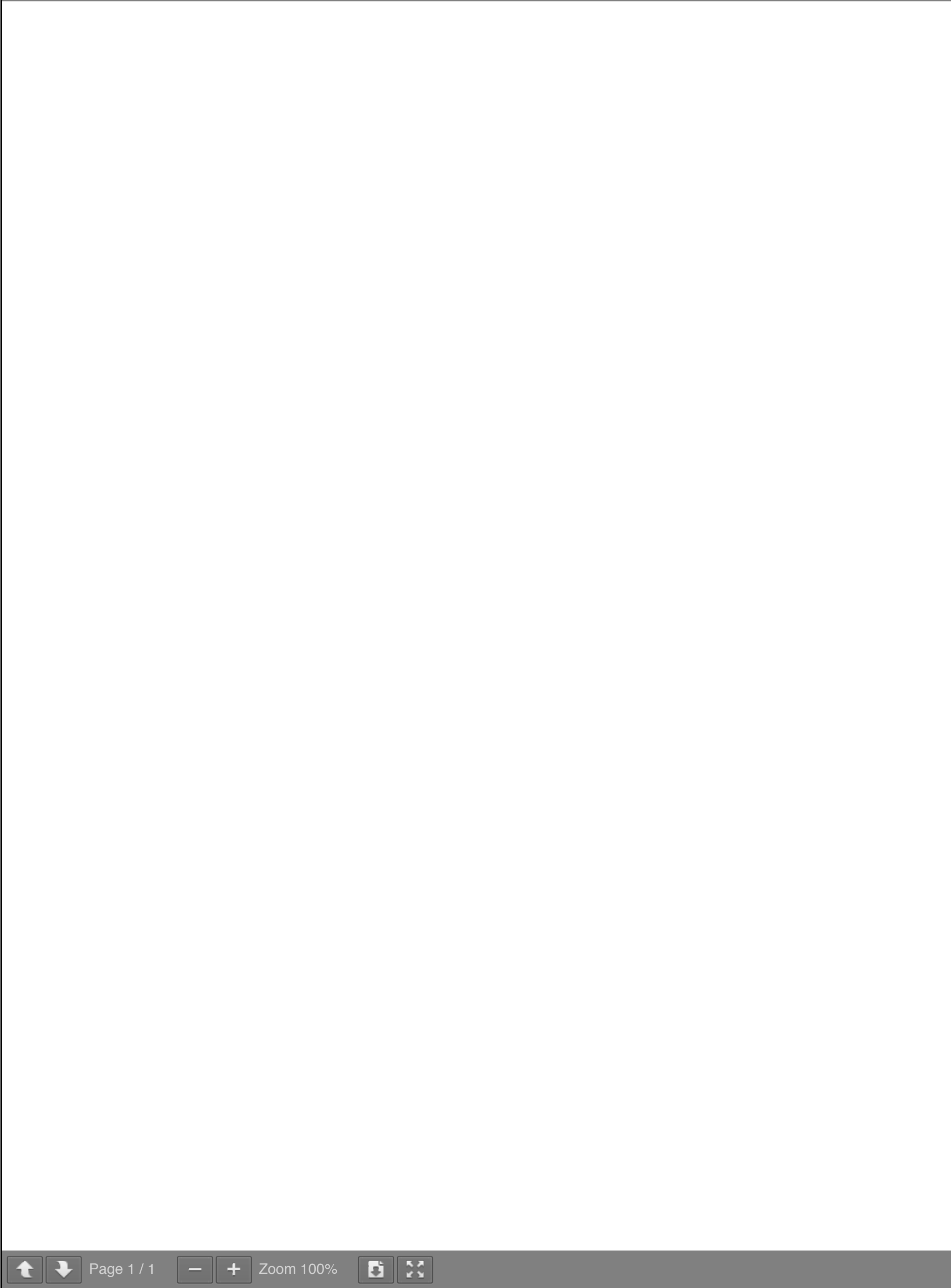
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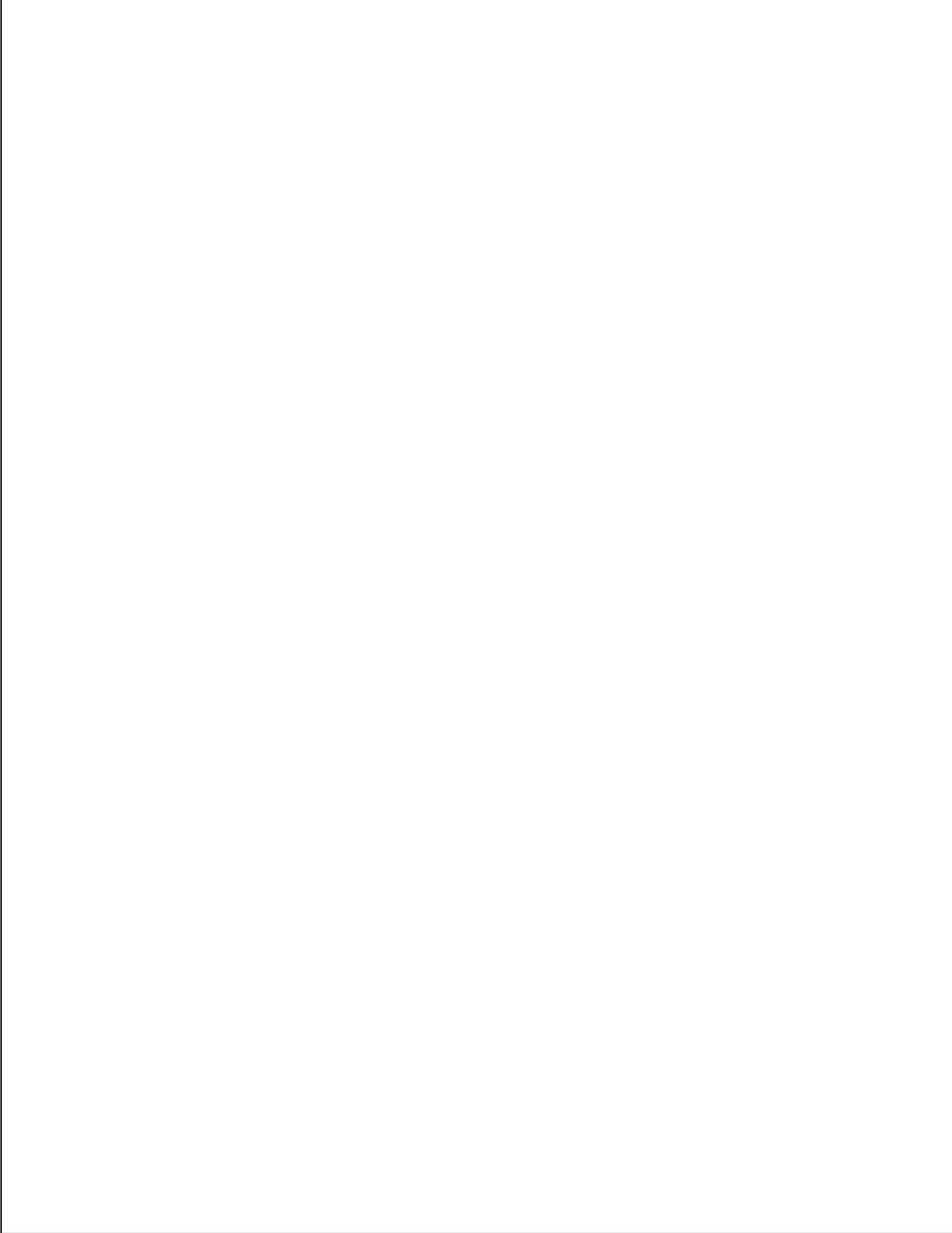
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Congratulations to our Grade 1/2 Team who recently received the Toyota Evergreen Grant for their “Growing Learners Project”. In addition to the \$2050.00 received through this grant, the team also received \$2000 from the Whole Kids Foundation to support the construction, materials and maintenance cost of their new Garden Beds!”

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Collaborative Conferences

Thank you to everyone who attended our Collaborative Conferences this week. We hope that you found your time at Banded Peak valuable and that each of you were able to both celebrate the success of your children and hear directly from your child/children’s teachers. As this format is new to us this year we would welcome your feedback. You may write spols@rockyview.ab.ca with any insight you may have. Thank you.

Update: University of Calgary Student Nurses

This week we have been continuing to spend time at Banded Peak participating in student activities. We particularly enjoyed yoga on Monday morning with the grade 3/4s. We found the children were focused and enjoyed this relaxing way to start out the week. Our group is very appreciative of our time in Bragg Creek and area and are still in the process of looking at opportunities for growth in regards to health and wellness. We are 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

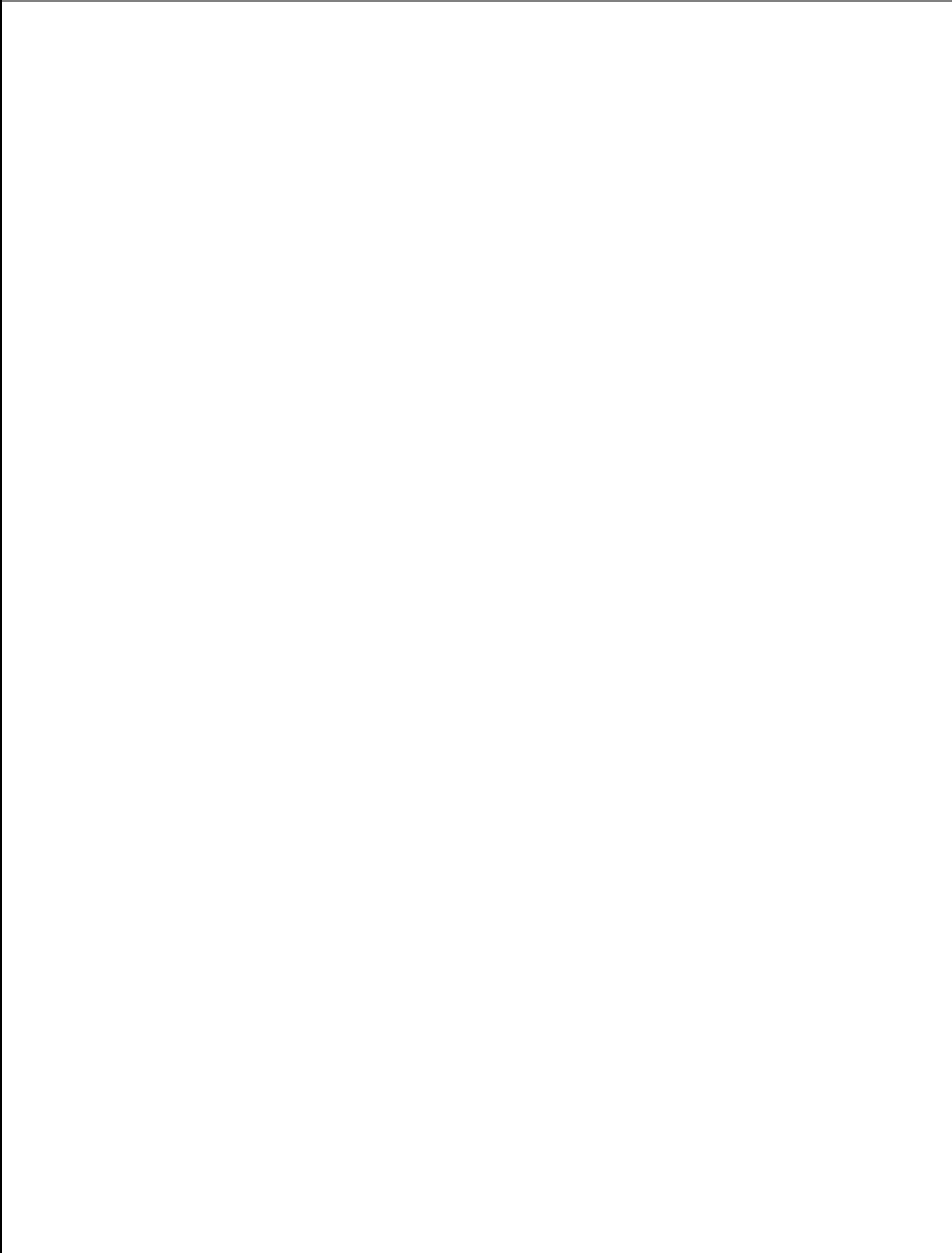
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Collaborative Conferences Food Sign-up

The staff at Banded Peak would like to extend an enormous thank you to the parents who provided food for our Collaborative Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday evening. We very much appreciate the time you took to prepare such amazing treats.

Accountability Pillar Survey (Grades Four and Seven Parents)





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Bake Sale



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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.

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Accountability Pillar Survey (Grades Four and Seven Parents)



Friday, February 3rd

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Students in Grade 7/8 work on their drawings and 3D models for their Architectural Challenge – these projects will be on display in our Student Gathering Area during Collaborative Conferences on February 15th and 16th.

Hot Lunch

This month Creeker's in Bragg Creek will be providing our Hot Lunch. Scheduled for Friday, **February 17th** students will be able to purchase Mac n' Cheese, Ceasar Salad and a choice of Chocolate or White Milk for \$9.00. The deadline to purchase a Hot Lunch is **February 9th**. Orders and payments this month will be taken on **SchoolCash Online**. If you have any questions or require some assistance please contact Mrs. Smallwood. Thank you.

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Fine Arts Day

Thank you to our staff, our volunteers and above all the tremendous artists who all worked together to make Fine Arts Day such a tremendous success. Throughout the day students worked with a number of artists ranging from a florist to an opera singer, from an improve coach to painters, from a hip hop dancer to cartoonist. Students were also witness to two exhibits on the front lawn; one a black smith and the other a chainsaw artist who is in the process of finalizing a Grizzly Bear which will be donated to the students at Banded Peak.

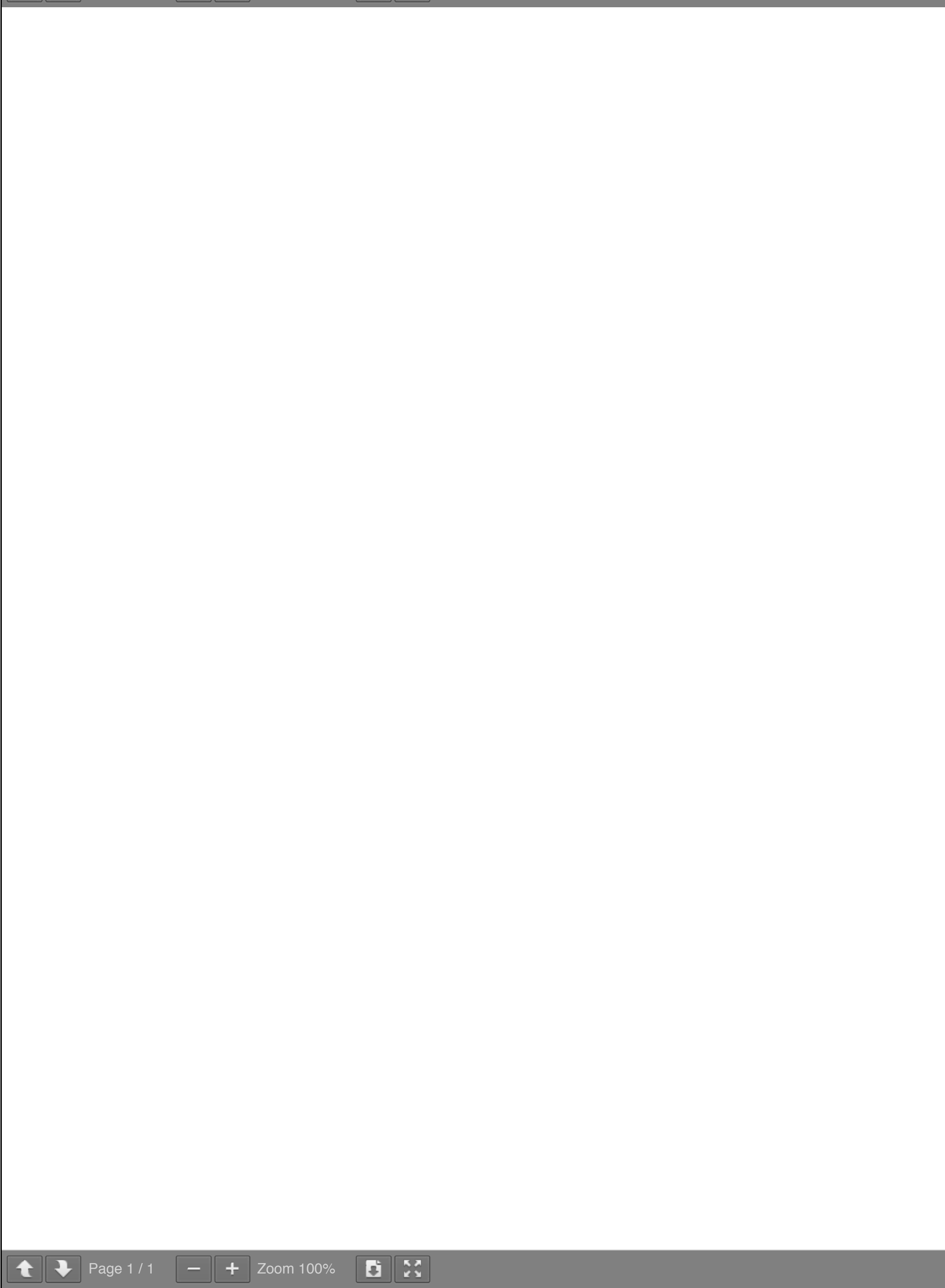
Hot Lunch

Any families who have not already ordered a hot lunch through [Healthy Hunger](#) are reminded to do so prior to Sunday evening's deadline. Hot lunch will be Jugo Juice and will be held on Friday, January 27th.

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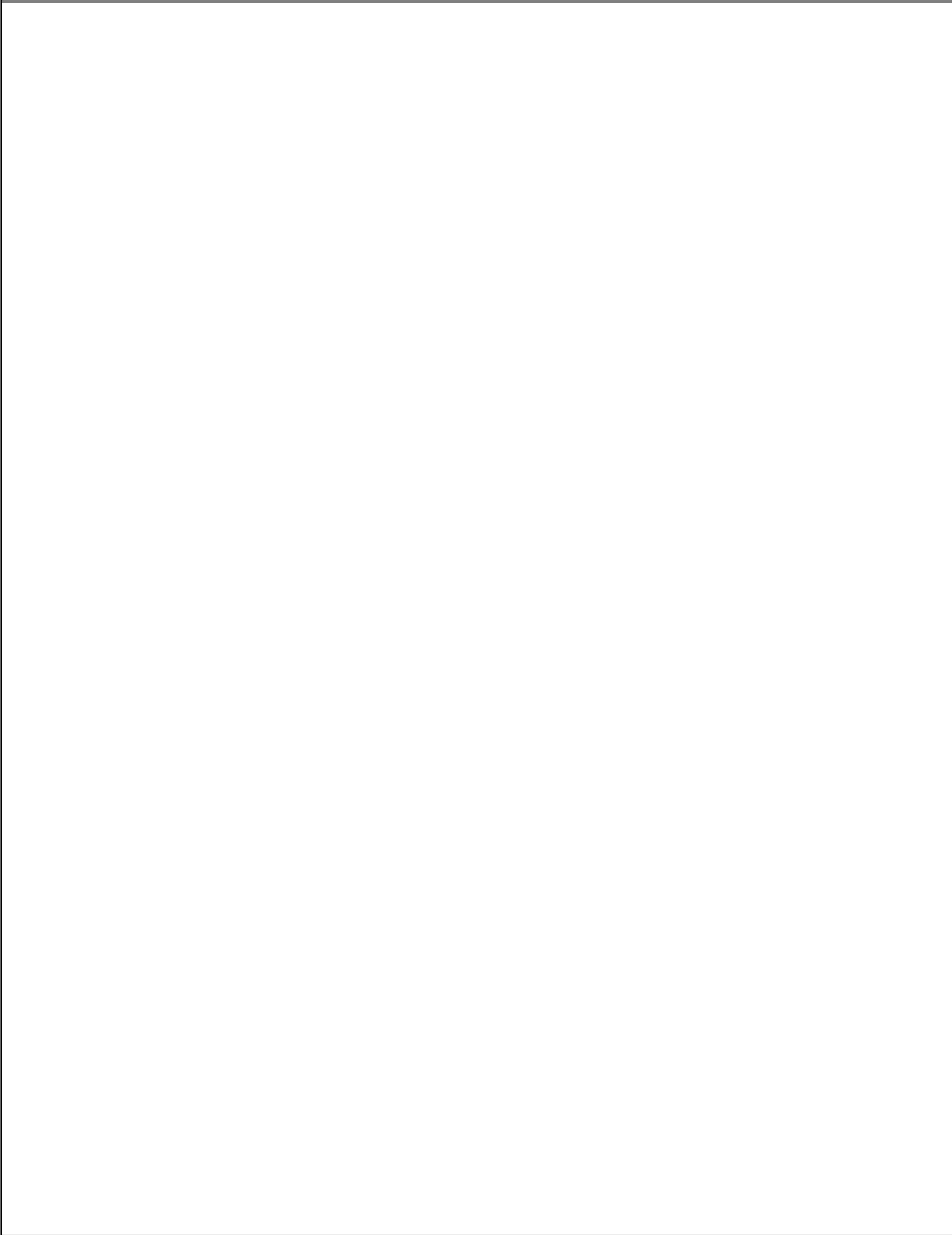
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