



Friday, September 23rd

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“Picture Day will be on Thursday, September 29th.”

New Staff to Banded Peak

Banded Peak School would like to welcome Ms. Kelsey Stevenson who will be joining our team on Monday, October 3rd. Ms. Stevenson is a native of Nova Scotia and will travelling by car to Alberta next week. A graduate of the University of King’s College in Halifax and St. Francis Xavier University, Ms. Stevenson has both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education and comes highly recommended to Rocky View Schools and Banded Peak. She is currently working for the Halifax Regional School Board and has focused her career working with middle school and high school students in the areas of Language Arts and Social Studies.



Banded Peak Outdoor Learnapalooza!

Banded Peak staff and students would like to recognize the amazing individuals and organizations that

worked with us throughout the day on Wednesday, September 21st. Without their support, their knowledge and their passion our “Outdoor Learnapalooza” would not have been the success that it was. A big thank you to Dr. Lynn Moore (entomologist), Hal Eagletail, Rick Arthur, and the many presenters from Green Calgary, Alberta Search and Rescue, Junior Forest Rangers, Mount Royal University, Puzzle Permaculture, MEC, CPAWS, Camp Kiwanis, and Rocky Mountain Adventure Medicine.

Grade 5-8 Cross Country Running Team

First Race is ON on Tuesday, Sept 27th at Muriel Clayton Middle School in Airdrie starting at 4:30pm. Mr. Bailey is emailing the race info to all athletes who have confirmed with him on Friday afternoon. Please get your confirmations back to him by email before Sunday this weekend.

There will be **NO** run club training on Monday this week due to the race on Tuesday.

Training will be back on on Monday, October 3rd – new runners welcome if you want to train and then join us for the race here at Banded Peak on Oct 12th (more details to come).

School Council Meeting

On Tuesday evening School Council held their first meeting to discuss the happenings within our building.

We were very pleased to see so many people in attendance and truly encourage each of you to come out, provide your insight and contribute to the ongoing conversations. Each month staff will be showcasing and discussing different strengths of the school from literacy, to outdoor education, to physical literacy.

Meetings run between an hour and an hour and a half. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

A special thank you as well to our Council Executive: **Chair** – Trisha Gizen, **Vice Chair** – Kristyn Schmidt, **Secretary** – Kerrie Jones, and **Treasurer** – Christina Sukovieff

Council meetings will be held on *October 19th, November 23rd, January 25th, March 29th, April 26th, and May 24th (Annual General Meeting)*

Boys and Girls Junior “A” Volleyball Team

Good luck to our Grade 7/8 Athletes who will be participating in their Divisional Seeding Tournaments on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Go Grizzlies!

Parent Handbook

Banded Peak has updated our Parent and Student Handbook. Information can now be found under the “Resources” tab on our homepage or at <http://bpeak.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/resources>

Grade 5/6 Student Initiative (Zachary P)

On September 30th I will be going to Malawi, Africa with a group of optometrists (including my Dad) in order to provide eye care, medications, and glasses to those who don't have the necessary access or funds. My role is to work some of the screening equipment, measure how well they can see, put in eye drops to dilate the pupil, keep statistics from the trip, and spread caring and good will. Most of the people we will help have never seen an eye doctor before. The group I am going with is called Canadian Vision Care. I am also going to an orphanage called Sara's children. I am hoping to collect:

- *Old glasses or sun glasses*
- *Old or used suitcases*
- *Boy's shirts and shorts under the age of seven please*
- *Hats for men, women and children*

Learning Commons Update

We are well into the routine of visits to the Learning Commons and weekly book exchanges for our younger patrons. It is such a pleasure to read a story to the grade 1 and 2 students and have the occasional book talk with the grade 5 and 6 students. If you have a Young Adult (YA ages 12 to 18 years) reader in your family, an awesome literary resource is the website, Goodreads. Their monthly newsletter features interviews with popular authors, best books of the month, quizzes, contests, motivational quotes from authors and so much more. It's a handy resource to help parents navigate the world of YA novels.

A new feature of the Learning Commons this year is the addition of "Maker Spaces" for the grade 1 and 2 students. The broad definition of a Maker Space is an area where people gather to use available resources to make and create. The possibilities are endless and Maker Spaces look different in different places. Maker Space activities are infused with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) as a central focus in the creation process. Maker Spaces also help to develop 21st Century competencies in skills and knowledge in our students. Last year, the grade 5 and 6 Library Club students successfully participated in a variety of directed Maker Space projects. A number of the completed projects are now showcased in the Learning Commons. The Maker Spaces for the grade 1 and 2 students consist of a Maker Space with a directed activity as well as three centres which offer opportunities for exploration and discovery with various building sets. These students will have one day per week in the Learning Commons to listen to a story and check out books and the other day will be devoted to Maker Space activities. The students have displayed a great amount of enthusiasm for the Maker Space so far!

Just a "heads up" that the fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held in conjunction with Collaborative Conferences on October 26th and 27th. Please support the Book Fair as it is an important fundraiser for the Learning Commons. Thank you!

As always, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kemp if you have any feedback regarding the Learning Commons at pkemp@rockyview.ab.ca.

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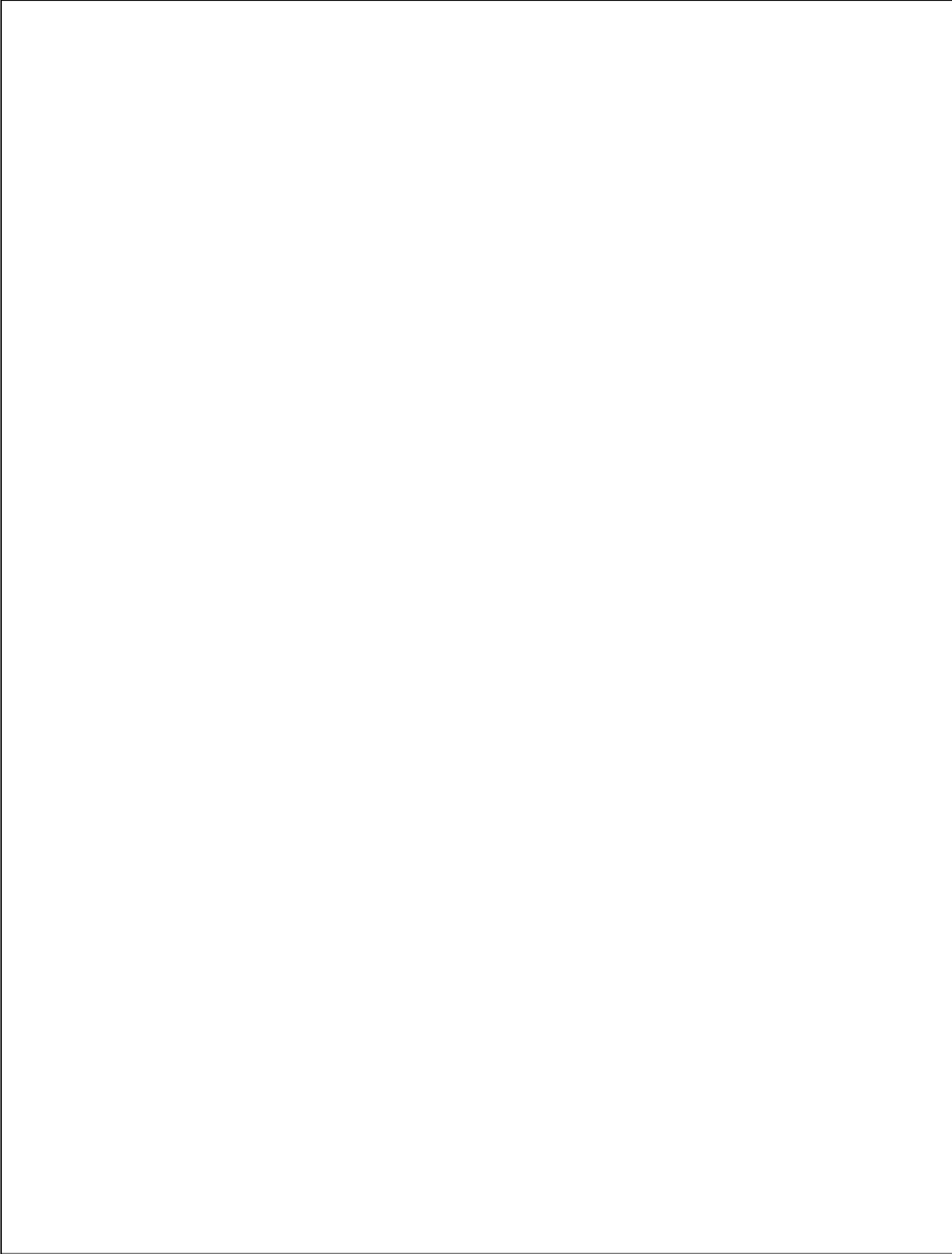


Banded Peak School has opened both Facebook and Twitter accounts. These accounts will be used to highlight some of the exciting events and activities taking place in our School Community. They will also be used as a medium to connect with our community at large and expand our professional learning network. Please consider following us Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bandedpeakschool> or on Twitter at [@bandedpeakrvs](https://twitter.com/bandedpeakrvs).

Reporting an Absence

Parents are encouraged to call the Absence Line (extension 2) to report your child absent or late. It is the best way to ensure that the office is informed of the absence and, as a result, you will not receive an automated phone call. Emails to the classroom teacher or the office are discouraged as they may not be read or shared in a timely manner.

Community Programs/ Events/ Learning Opportunities





- [27th Jr A Girls Volleyball Seeding Tournament](#)
- [28th Jr A Boys Volleyball Seeding Tournament](#)
- [29th 5/6KF Elbow River Watershed Field Trip](#)
- [29th LifeTouch Photos](#)
- [30th Grade 6 Soccer Tournament](#)

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