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At Sarah Thompson School we nurture relationships, agency, belonging, and inclusion to cultivate academic success and personal wellness for everyone.



Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser

Our Heart and Stroke 'Jump Rope for Heart' fundraiser is back! We had our kick-off assembly last Friday where some very talented students and staff entertained us with their impressive jump rope skills. All this month, classes will focus on increasing their understanding of heart health through conversations and skipping in gym. In addition, throughout the month staff will be nominating students who demonstrate excellent resiliency and participation when skipping in gym class for a chance to win additional prizes. Information explaining the process of donating was sent home today. Last year our goal was \$2000, and we raised \$2730! This year's goal is \$2500. To encourage students in their fundraising efforts we have a few fun initiatives that are sure to get kids excited! For instance, if we raise \$1500.00 the top selling students at the time of reaching \$1500 will be able to give Mrs. Yersh a make-over for the day, at \$2000.00 select teachers will be covered in silly string, at \$2500 select teachers will get a pie in the face.... and if we exceed what we raised last year (\$2730) Mrs. Sidorenko will provide all students with ice cream sundaes! Let's continue to show our Sarah Thompson School Spirit and raise as much money as we can for this very worthy cause!! You can donate here: Sarah Thompson School

Pink Shirt Day!

Congratulations Noah V. in 2B for being the winner of our Pink Shirt Day Logo Contest! If you would like to order a 'Pink Shirt Day' t-shirt donning this year's wonderful logo you have until tomorrow Feb. 4th! Please log onto SchoolCash to place your order.

All students are encouraged to wear pink on February 26th in support of Pink Shirt Day! And even though kindness and acceptance are components of our daily teaching and conversations with students at STS, we will take this day to collectively come together as a school and show our support in making the world a better place.

February is Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2025 is **Black Legacy and Leadership:** Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations. Students at STS will once again, be learning and participating in various activities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.



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Valentine's Day Dance

We are very excited for our first ever 'Family Dance' happening on Friday February 7th from 1:30-3:30... and it's all thanks to FoSTES! If you would like to join us, please RSVP through <u>SchoolCash</u> and remember children **must** be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please see the poster below.





Parking Lot Reminders

Once again, we ask you to follow all traffic signs and abide by posted parking signs when dropping off and picking up your child(ren). During peak times if you are dropping your child(ren) off in our Kiss-n-Drop loop at the front of the school you must NOT 'park' there to walk your child into the school. This loop is for a quick good-bye to keep traffic flowing. If you need to walk your child to their doors or speak to someone in the office, we kindly ask you find a spot to park in our short-term parking or on the street. In addition, there is absolutely NO double parking (waiting) permitted in the loop; if you cannot safely park your vehicle so that the passenger door is located on the side of sidewalk you cannot wait there. Let's work together to keep our kids safe!

Real-time tracking with new bus app

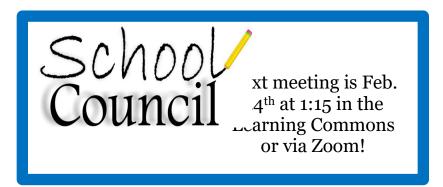
RVS is excited to be transitioning to a new tool, WheresTheBus, to provide parents/guardians and schools with timely arrival and location information for our fleet of contracted buses. WheresTheBus is free, secure and easy to use. This tool uses GPS and tablets installed on school buses to track and report the real-time location of the bus and estimated arrival times, allowing you to check where the bus is and see when the bus arrives at your child's stop and at school. It is free and you may opt-out of the program at any time.

Please note, due to bus shortages and route substitutions, there may be occasions where tracking on your bus is not up-to-date. RVS is working with our contractors to ensure the accuracy of our WheresTheBus data.

WheresTheBus will replace the current Bus Status App, which will no longer be available effective March 6, 2025.

To create your account, you will need your student's PowerSchool number which can be found by contacting your school. More information about WheresTheBus including how to create your account, use the app and frequently asked questions is available on the RVS website.

For assistance with WheresTheBus, please submit a ticket through the <u>RVS Transportation Portal</u>.





Click <u>Trellis Commons</u> to learn about all the exciting events happening in the area!

Click here for FREE
Parent & Caregiver
Education Sessions
(MHCB Stepping Stones
to Mental Health)

Click here for more information on Community Resources!



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Tue

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Sarah Thompson Schedule

A digital copy of February's Newsletter can be viewed on our website at sarahthompson.rockyview.ab.ca.

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February 2025

26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Milk	Milk	Subway Lunch	Milk	Milk AM Kindergarten	
2	3 Milk 2025/26 Kindergarten Registrations starts today!	4 Milk	5 The Track Lunch	6 Milk	7 Milk PM Kindergarten Valentine's Family Dance 1:30-3:30pm	8
9	10 Milk	11 Milk	12 Pizza Hut Lunch	13 Milk	14 Milk AM Kindergarten Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Family Day No School —	18	19	20 Teachers Convention	21 Teachers Convention	22
23	24 Milk School Council Meeting @ 1:15pm	25 Milk	26 Coco Brooks Lunch Pink Shirt Day	27 Milk	28 Milk PM Kindergarten	1
2	3 Milk Scholastic Book	4 Milk	5 Harvey's Lunch	6 Milk	7 Milk AM Kindergarten	8
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