ALCOMA NEWSLETTER



Dec 1 - JH Girls Basketball practice in Alcoma

Dec 3 - JH Girls Basketball practice in RH 3:30~5:30pm

Dec 4 - Hot Breakfast

Dec 4 - Brooks Bandits Visit

Dec 4 - Mini Volleyball in TIlley @ 4:00pm

Dec 8 - JH Girls Basketball practice in

Alcoma

Dec 9 - Photo Retakes

Dec 10 - JH Girls Basketball practice in RH

3:30~5:30pm

Dec 16 - Christmas PJ Day

Dec 17 - Christmas Concert

Dec 18 - Hot Lunch ~ Pizza \$2

Dec 19 - Last day of school before

Christmas Break

Dec 20 to Jan 4 - Christmas Break

Jan 5 - School Resumes

Kindergarten days: Dec 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 16,

18 & 19

Reminders

Alcoma Christmas Concert will be on December 17th in the Alcoma Gym at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Please see the 5th page for more detail.

Winter Break is from December 22 to January 2. Classes will resume January 5th.

Alcoma School 50/50 Cash Raffle is currently taking place. Visit https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/alc oma2025. Please share with friends and family. Jackpot so far is \$3,490!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 3 - Everleigh

Dec. 7 - Ember

Dec. 13 - Thys

Dec. 19 - Alex

Dec 20 - Oriana

Dec. 23 - Louis





CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



Mr. Irwin

Welcome to December!

We have been very busy in the junior high classroom. All of our students are diligently working to finish their current units before the break and have also been working hard on their Christmas concert preparations. Our junior high class continues to volunteer to the benefit of the school, often reading to younger students, helping with snowsuits, coaching, and running the concession stand. Merry Christmas!

Mr. Graham

Gr. 4-6 Student Teacher

In Grades 4–6, we have been learning about different strategies for division and have also begun working with factors. It has been great to see students' attention to detail and their effort when trying these new approaches.

In English Language Arts, students have been creating realistic fiction stories and practicing techniques to make their narratives more engaging. There have been many exciting developments, and we look forward to seeing where their stories go! It has been fantastic to see students taking risks and having fun with their writing.

We have also been working on a novel study. Students have been reflecting on character traits (such as inside vs. outside traits), the importance of setting, and how authors show instead of tell what a character is thinking or feeling. We have been trying to incorporate these same strategies into our own stories.

Mrs. Eubank

The children are excited for the month of December! They have been practicing their songs for the christmas concert and cant wait to perform for their families. Grade 1 to 3 will be creating lots of Christmas art this month. Grade 1 & 2 have been practicing their printing skills, while Grade 3's students are learning to use math cubes to help solve math equations.

Mrs. Davidson

In Kindergarten we have been working on saying the whole alphabet along with the sounds. Then we work on tracing and printing a different letter in our alphabet book. We are also doing our numbers from 0-10. We have learned about Remembrance Day and they did a great job of reciting a poem at the ceremony along with the Gr.1-3s. Well done everyone! We learned about community helpers and each of the kids told us what they want to do when they grow up to be a helper in their community. They are tracing their first name each day as well. In music we are starting to learn songs for the Christmas program. We are looking forward to hearing them perform on December 17th!

Golden Student of the Month!



Will Balog ~ Gr.3



Everleigh Thordarson Gr. 5



December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	n	4	5	9
	JH Girls Basketball Practice in Alcoma		JH Girls Basketball Practice in RH 3:30- 5:30	Hot Breakfast Brooks Bandits Visit Mini Volleyball in <u>Tilley @</u> 4PM	Kindergarten day	
7	00	6	10	11	12	13
	JH Girls Basketball Practice in Alcoma	Photo Retake JH Girls Bball Game TBD	JH Girls Basketball Practice in RH 3:30- 5:30	Alcoma Community Library Cookie Decorating Workshop @ 6:30		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Christmas <mark>Paiama</mark> Day JH Girls Bball Game TBD	Christmas Concert 5:30pm Door Open 6:00pm Start	Hot Lunch Pizza	Kindergarten day	Winter Break Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	6
4	5					
Winter Break Ends	School Resumes					



Christmas Concert

Join us for our Christmas Concert Play on December 17th in the Alcoma Gym. Doors open at 5:30pm and the play starts at 6:00pm.

Desserts for Concert

We ask each family to bring a dessert. Last Name Starting with:

A ~ F = Cookies (1 dozen) $G \sim R = Squares (1 dozen)$

S ~ Z = Plated Desserts

Winter Beak

 Last day of school before winter break will be Dec. 19th. We are off school from Dec 20th to Jan. 4th. School will resume Jan 5th.

ALCOMA HAPPENINGS



Remembrance Day Ceremony











Mini Volleyball

We have 18 students playing mini volleyball from grade 3 to 6. We play against Tilley and Rolling Hills.









Thank You's

- Thank you to Alcoma parents and Rainier community members that attended our Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Thank you to Mrs. Takeda on organizing Remembrance Day in such a short time! Well done!
- Thank you to Ashley Bilsky and Mr. Irwin for coaching mini-volleyball.
- Thank you to Lisa Friesen for the wonderful Hot Lunch and for the JH girls that helped serve. It was delicious!
- Thanks to all those who have helped with concession for volleyball season.





Christmas Concert

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If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Junior High Girls Volleyball

The JH Girls went to Zones in Bassano on November 14th and 15th. The Raiders tried very hard but were unable to make playoffs. We are proud of their efforts. Thank you Mr Irwin for coaching.

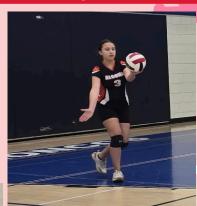














Community Events

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2025

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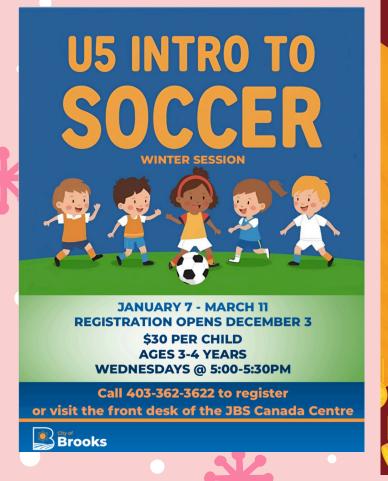


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AGES 10 & UP

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- Visual acuity (how well they can see)
- ★ Lazy eye, crossed eyes
- Nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism
- ★ Colour vision
- * Eye coordination, tracking and depth perception
- * Eye health







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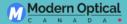
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is a program that ensures children starting kindergarten have the vision they need. The Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) provides partia coverage towards an annual eye exam for children under the age of 19. If required, kindergarten-aged students can also receive a free pair of eyeglasses through the Eye See...Eye Learn* program.

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How kindergarten-aged students participate*

STEP 1

Parents can find a participating optometrist at optometrists.ab.ca. Click on Find an Optometrist and check the box for Eye See...Eye Learn", then enter your postal code to find a doctor close to you. Call or go online to book an appointment.

STEP 2

See your optometrist for the eye exam. Have your health card ready. Through Alberta Health Care, there is partial coverage towards your child's annual eye exam up to the age of 19.

STEP 3

If required, kindergarten-aged students will receive a free pair of eyeglasses. Ask to see the frame selection available. The optometrist will order your glasses for you.

*Free glasses are covered by a one year manufacturer's warranty.



Who can participate?

Eye See...Eye Learn" is available to all kindergarten-aged students in Alberta. It's important to address eye health and vision problems before children begin school. Children are eligible to participate in the program from the July before they start kindergarten until August 31 of the next year before they enter Grade 1.

Eye exam coverage

The Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) provides partial coverage towards an annual eye exam for children under the age of 19. Eye exams are a painless, non-invasive process that could change their lives and help them reach their full learning potential.

Check with your optometrist to determine if there are any additional costs prior to your appointment.



- ★ Up to 80% of learning is visual.
- 🜟 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem.
- An eye exam detects health problems such as crossed eyes or lazy eye.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having learning or behavioural disabilities.
- The earlier an eye health or visual problem is identified, the more likely it can be corrected and the less likely it is to impact learning.
- Children often don't know they have a vision problem, as they believe what they are seeing is normal
- It is not uncommon for parents to believe they would know if their child has a vision problem. However, these issues can be hard to spot, particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.

