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Friday, March 8th, 2024 - Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird

Athletics:

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams as the seasons are winding down. We wish our Sr. Boys luck as they finished 1st in their league and PSC is hosting zones this weekend! We look forward to packing our gym today as PSC plays their first game at 2:30 PM!

We also want to recognize that the Badminton season has begun! High school students started this week. We are still looking for players if you would like to join, and our Jr. High students will begin in the coming weeks.

Passion Project: Classrooms collected older blankets and towels for our local animal shelter (Old MacDonald Kennel & Animal Services). The junior and senior high classrooms ended up collecting 71 towels and blankets for our passion project! Congratulations to Mrs. Kiist and Mrs. Lapointe's classrooms as they were able to collect the most donated blankets / towels!

Famine For a Better World: This past weekend we had 35 students from grades 9-12 participate in the PSC annual Famine for A Better World. Each student had a goal of pledging \$100 to donate to A Better World Canada, a non-profit organization based in Lacombe. The students raised \$3,430.00 for desks and a water catchment, which went to Mau Summit Primary School for Early Education in Kenya. These students fasted for 30 hours while completing their goal.

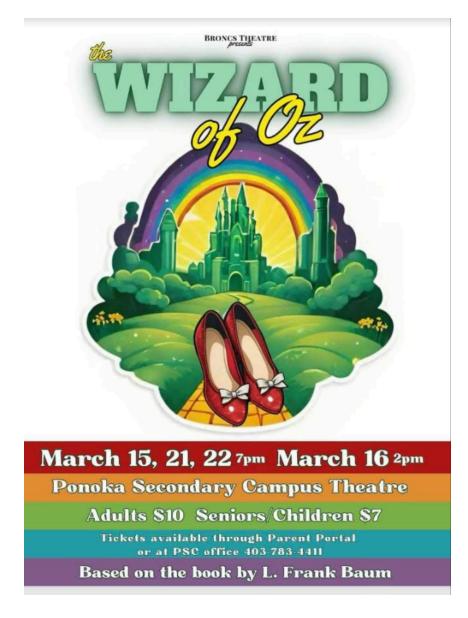
Eric Rajah, founder of A Better World Canada, spoke to the students about their impact and presented them with a plaque and photographs of the project that was funded by the 2023 Famine for A Better World at PSC. Congratulations to all of the participants! This will undoubtedly make a positive impact for the students at Mau Summit Primary School. Great job to our PSC students, and thank you to Mrs. Lapointe who organized this amazing event.



IPP Invite Night: We are having our second PSC IPP Invitation Night next week on March 14th, 2024. If your child has an IPP we will be calling you in the coming days to choose a time so that we can review your child's goals.

Spring Break: PSC will be closed for Spring Break from Saturday, March 23 to Monday, April 1st, 2024. Regular classes will resume on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024.

Broncs Theatre: Come join us for a Broncs Theatre production of **The Wizard of Oz!** You can purchase your tickets through our Parent Portal, or stop by the office! Get your tickets for March 15th, 21st or 22nd (starting at 7:00 pm) or for March 16th (starting at 2:00 pm). We are so excited and proud of our Broncs Theatre students, and are so thankful for Mrs. Street who is organizing this fantastic show!





Grad Info: We have attempted to use Instagram to communicate with our 2024 Graduates and their families again this year; however, our account has unfortunately been shut down again for the third time this year. We would like to invite Grads and their parents to follow our school Facebook account for regular updates and current happenings. We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.



Please follow us on Facebook with the link below. https://www.facebook.com/ponokasecondarycampus **Grad Flower Fundraiser:** Last chance to order . . . Grad Flower Fundraiser ends Sunday March 10th! Please consider helping support this year's graduating class by ordering a basket or two. <u>Parent Portal Login</u>



Class Rings: Jostens will be in the main hallway during lunch on Tuesday, March 12th to showcase their ring selection if any grads would like to look at their order catalog or discuss purchasing a grad ring.

Grad Parent Volunteering: Parent and student volunteers are needed during the week leading up to Graduation beginning Tuesday, May 28th to Thursday, May 30th helping move tables, chairs, staging and much more. Any volunteers with trucks and trailers would be greatly appreciated to assist with the transport. Parents who are interested in helping decorate at the Ponoka Arena Complex, please email the school at <u>psc@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u>.

Grad Retakes: Our PSC grad Retakes are fast approaching. Retakes are happening on March 14th. To book a sitting time please click the link <u>https://smartphotography.ca/book</u> and use access code **PSC2324**

Grad Slideshow: Parents and students are asked to submit between 3 and 5 school appropriate photos of your graduate to include in our slide show. Please email your photos to pscgrad2024@gmail.com.

Broncs World Tour: Our BWT departs for Amsterdam on Thursday, March 21, 2024. What an exciting experience for this year's group as they tour the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, and Italy.

Leadership Activities in March: On March 14th students are invited to WEAR GREEN in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. There will also be a Candy Jar Count and a Shamrock Hunt happening throughout the school. The Snack Shop will be selling Green Milkshakes for \$2.00 each.



Foundations of Industry: Semester two highlights a new course at PSC where senior high students experience first hand over 35 trades. Mr. Cripps has kids going to Eagle Builders, NAIT's Welding & Plumbing department, Edmonton Electrical, Manluk Industries, Almita in Ponoka, Foremost in Stettler, CLAC Apprenticeship Support Program, Bashaw Meats, Scovan, Alberta Millwrights, Interior Heavy Equipment Training Centre in Innisfail, Skills Alberta in Edmonton, Supreme Steel - Boilermakers Union, Alberta Pipe Trades College in Edmonton.



School Bus Registration for 2024 / 2025:

Who needs to register for Wolf Creek Bus Transportation for the 2024/25 school year?

- All urban (in town students Ponoka & Lacombe).
- All students new to transportation
- All students who are moving to a new address.
- All Cross Boundary students must re-register every year.

Who does not need to register?

- Rural students who have not had a change in address or school location. Unsure?

- If parents are not sure if they need to register, or are unsure which school they need to register at, they can reach out to <u>transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u>.

- What do you need to do to register?
- Street address if urban, legal land description and complete 911 address if rural.
- Applications are submitted online through the Parent Portal or SchoolEngage.

https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2

PLEASE NOTE: BUS APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 1st. THERE IS A \$100 LATE FEE FOR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 1st, 2024.

Parent Council Fundraiser: PSC's parent council is excited to support a mental health initiative by putting on a silent auction! If you have a donation you would like to give to help support this silent auction please click the link for a <u>donation request letter</u>.

High School Course Requests: Our admin team will be soon connecting with each PSC student who will be going into grade 10, 11 or 12 next school year. We will be speaking to students about what it takes to graduate, and will then collect their course requests. These are simply what courses each student would like to take next school year so that we not only have appropriate numbers to organize class sizes, but to also ensure we build schedules around what each student needs. Please expect this to happen before students leave for spring break!

Career and Post-Secondary Events:

Yesterday we welcomed Careers Next Generation into our school as they set up a booth in the school to help students apply for summer job opportunities.

RDP Career Expo: On April 25th, 2024 students in grades 9-12 are invited to RDP's Career Expo. Field Trip forms will be available in the office on March 11th. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is required to secure your spot, payable online through the Parent Portal. There are a limited number of spots available so please sign up early. Students will experience post secondary options from across the province, as well as visit with a number of industries and employers within central Alberta. See Mrs. Fessler for more information.

Discovery Day at Olds College: Wednesday, May 15th from 10 am to 3 pm. High school students are invited to explore our campus and learn about our innovative programs that are shaping the future of the ag industry. Discover new possibilities, meet faculty and students and ignite your passion. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to explore your potential at Olds College! Field Trip forms will be available in the office on March 11th. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is required to secure your spot, payable online through the Parent Portal. See Mrs. Fessler for more information.

Keep in the Loop: Easy ways to keep notified: <u>PSC Events Google Calendar</u>, accessing and reading the <u>Principal's Messages</u>, as well as following us on <u>Facebook</u>.



Bus Registration:

Cody "Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen." Conan O'Brien