

# Beaverlodge Elementary News

A Special Place for You and Me!

May 2009

## Just a reminder . . .

- Please call the school if your child will be absent from school. The number is 354-2446.
- We ask that all visitors to the school please check into the office when you come into the school. It is very important for our children's safety that we know who is in our school at any given time. This would include parents picking up their children during the school day.
- **Remember that no parking is allowed in front of the school along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

**We thank you for your continued cooperation!**

## May Dates:

1, 15, 29 – CSW Days  
4 – Staff Meeting, Safety Patrol Training  
5 – School Council Meeting at 4:00 pm in the library. Child care is provided.  
8 – Hotdog Sale  
12 – Gr. 3 LA (Part A) PAT  
13 – Gr. 6 LA (Parts A) PAT, Lifetouch Spring Pictures  
14 – Gr. 6 Math (Part A) PAT, Sub Sale (**Money must be in by 9:00 am May 12<sup>th</sup>**)  
18 – Victoria Day  
20 – Gr. 3 Math (Part A) PAT  
22 – Hotdog Sale  
26 – Grade 6 Orientation to HRJH  
27 – Assembly @ 2:30 pm (**Theme is Wacky Hair Day**)  
28 – Pizza Sale (**Money must be in by 9:00 am May 26<sup>th</sup>**) **Important Notice: Pizza is now \$2.00 per slice**  
28 - Lorne Cardinal Presentation for Gr. 4-6 Students @ 2:30 pm

## Volunteers do make a Difference!

**April 20-24<sup>th</sup> was Volunteer Appreciation Week across Alberta.** Beaverlodge Elementary School is very fortunate to have many volunteers come into our school and share their precious time with us to enhance the learning experiences for all our students. Our School Council meets monthly to work with the administration and staff on matters directly affecting the teaching and learning in our school. Parents spend many hours in our school with Paired Reading, preparing classroom materials, helping with special projects in the school and sharing their special knowledge and expertise with our students. Throughout the year we have many special guests in our school who also volunteer their time to make presentations to our students and staff. We appreciate your efforts in helping us "Maximize the educational experiences of all our students". If you would like to volunteer in our school, please contact your child's teacher. They may have something that you can help out with. **At B.E.S. we celebrate the contributions of our volunteers at our Year-end Assembly in June.**

## Provincial Achievement Tests are on the Horizon

On May 12-14 & 20 our grade 3 and 6 students will once again be writing their Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) in Math and Language Arts. Students with Internet access can begin reviewing at home on [www.exambank.com](http://www.exambank.com). This website has previously released PAT questions that students can practice. The login information is as follows: username: pw.bes, password: blue.

**Parents, please remember that a little bit of preparation over time is better than a last minute cramming session and that a good night's sleep and good breakfast go a long way to improved student learning.** School Council will once again be providing snacks for the students on the morning of their exams. Good luck everyone!

## Spring Pictures

Our School Council has once again organized Spring Pictures for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Lifetouch will be taking the pictures and information will be sent home to parents.

## Canadian MedicAlert Foundation program - NO CHILD WITHOUT

The Canadian MedicAlert foundation launched the No Child Without program in 2005 to assist parents in helping their children obtain MedicAlert bracelets free of charge. If your child has a medical condition, this program may be for you. For more information, call 1-877-282-5378 or visit their website at [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). We also have information here at the school.

## A Huge Thank You!

Our library raised \$1,806.24 in certificate dollars during the second Book Fair of 2008-09 to use to purchase teaching/learning resources and new books for our library. Thanks to all our students, parents and staff for their continued support with our Book Fair. Special thanks to Mrs. Liland, Mrs. Bartsch and Gertrudis for all their help.

Ms. Alfa Campbell

## Inspiring Education Public Meeting

If you are interested in the future direction of public education in our province, you are invited to attend a public dialogue on May 6<sup>th</sup> in Grande Prairie. It is a chance for Albertans to voice their opinions and wishes for our education system in Alberta. For more information and to register to attend this session, visit the Alberta Education website at <http://inspiringeducation.alberta.ca/BecomeInvolved/tabid/61/Default.aspx>

**This communiqué may be of interest to you in light of the Influenza concerns that have recently surfaced in Alberta and around the world. There have now been two confirmed cases of Swine Flu in Alberta as of April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**News Release**

April 26, 2009

**Alberta on alert for swine influenza**

**Media Statement**

Edmonton... In light of cases of human swine flu reported in Mexico, the U.S. and Canada, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. André Corriveau, has put the province's health system on alert, and is asking Albertans to take precautions against the influenza virus and help stop the spread of infection.

"Although we have no cases of the new influenza strain in Alberta, I have advised all Medical Officers of Health in the province to increase surveillance, and implement protocols to minimize the spread of infection," said Corriveau. "Alberta and the other provinces and territories are working closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada to monitor for influenza activity related to the new strain reported in Mexico."

Staff will be taking appropriate steps to prevent the spread of infection to other patients, staff and the public.

"Everyone should take some simple precautions against the influenza virus, and help stop the spread of infection to others," said Corriveau. "We are asking anyone who develops a fever or cough and has recently returned or had contact with someone recently returned from Mexico or the southern U.S., to call HealthLink Alberta for advice before visiting a physician's office, medicentre or emergency room. **All Albertans should remember to wash hands frequently with soap and warm water.**"

**Albertans are reminded not to touch their eyes, nose or mouth after touching door handles and other surfaces that may harbour influenza and other viruses. Those with flu-like symptoms can help prevent the spread of illness by not touching surfaces directly, washing their hands frequently, especially after coughing, sneezing or blowing their nose. Other important ways to reduce the spread of influenza and other viruses, include: staying home from work and avoiding public places when ill, and coughing or sneezing into your sleeve rather than your hand.**

Anyone with a fever or cough associated with recent travel to Mexico or the southern U.S. can call Health Link Alberta toll-free 1-866-408-LINK (5465); in Edmonton, call 780-408-LINK (5465); in Calgary, call 403-943-LINK (5465).

We are working closely with Peace Wapiti School Division to develop a plan to deal with possible cases of this Influenza virus. **If your child is exhibiting flu like symptoms, please keep them home from school.** For more information, please check out the following websites:

- If you have questions related to the human swine influenza, contact the Alberta Health Services web site (information will be up on the web site late April 28 -[www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)) or to call Alberta Health Link (a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week nurse telephone advise and health information service) 1-866-408-5465.
- If you have questions about pandemic preparedness planning for organizations, information can be found on the Peace Country Health Web site at the following address:  
<http://www.pchr.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=568>
- You can learn more about influenza pandemic by visiting [www.health.gov.ab.ca/influenza/pandemic plan.html](http://www.health.gov.ab.ca/influenza/pandemicplan.html)

**Please complete this Milk Form for the month of May and return it to the school ASAP if you are purchasing milk monthly. May cost is \$12.00.**

Child's Name _____	Class _____	Amount _____
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**To encourage students to deliver the newsletter to their parents, we will be drawing for a large two topping pizza from Anna's Pizza. Please have your child return this slip to his/her teacher.**

**Student's Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature - \_\_\_\_\_**