



June 2025 Newsletter

Principal's Message

As the last month of school approaches, we are starting to put together a plan for next school year already - which is hard to believe! There are a number of things that I want to put on your radar as next year approaches.

As I mentioned in an email earlier this week, our staffing is being reduced because of budget cuts. I don't want to get into all the details here, but we are losing a half-time teacher and some support staff hours. The result of losing the half-time teacher is we will no longer have a specific music teacher next year. We are trying to fill these gaps as best as we can and I hope that it doesn't affect our students and staff too much. Thanks to those who have reached out to ask questions and offer support.

As you recall, our report cards and interviews looked a little differently this year - we limited our written report card comments and had additional face-to-face opportunities to chat about your child's progress. The survey that I sent out about a month ago had a number of preferences from parents - most parents liked the extra interview dates (or were happy either way) and also shared that they would prefer a 20 minute slot instead of a 15 minute slot. So, we are going to try to accommodate that for next year by having interviews on Thursdays and Fridays (during the day). You can see the extra dates that have been set aside for conferences on next year's calendar (which is on our website and was emailed out to you).

I wanted to say a huge thank you to you, the parents, and to Mrs. Klassen. We had an amazing "Poetry and Popsicles" event last week. I am always impressed by the level of support from parents - it really does make the event! Thank you for helping your child memorize their poem and for showing up to watch them. Without parents coming, it wouldn't have the same cache for the students. Also, thanks to Mrs. Klassen for planning the event and getting things ready to go. This is the 2nd straight year we have done this event, and I think it's going to be a keeper for the next few years!

Please make sure you take a peek at the calendar for June - we have a number of field trips, fun events, graduations, and (for grade 6's) Provincial Achievement Tests. There are many events that couldn't happen without the dedication of our staff and all of our amazing volunteers. From hot lunches to trips to Pavan Park, mini-basketball to badminton, and fundraisers to attending assemblies - our students are so lucky to have so many amazing adults in our corner. Thank you, parents and staff, for all that you do for our students!

Lastly, for those of you wondering about grade configurations for next year, we usually make our class lists in August. I also don't honor requests for students to be in certain classes, as there are often too many variables - but I'm more than happy to chat about what might be best for your child!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out!

Mitchell Van Dyk



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Hot lunch chicken fingers and tots Grade 6 orientation at CPWS	3	4 Grade 5/6 Badminton 3:30-4:45 Grade 5/6 field trip to Lethbridge city hall	5 Run a country mile & Track and Field day	6 PD day no school for students	7
8	9 Hot lunch taco in a bag Grade 5 Scientists in school	10 Kindergarten class field trip to the Indian Battle Park School council meeting 4 pm	11 School Wide Assembly	12 Grade 3/4 field trip to the Keho lake Hutterite colony	13	14
15	16 Hot lunch hot dogs Grade 6 Language arts PAT part B	17 Grade 1/2 going to Pavan park Grade 6 Math PAT part A	18 Grade 5 class going to Evergreen Golf Center and Legacy Spray Park Grade 6 math PAT Part B	19 Grade 6 Social Studies PAT Kindergarten Grad	20 Mrs. Slusar's retirement assembly Kindergarten Orientation 9-11 drop in	21
22	23 Hot lunch grilled cheese Grade 6 field trip to Waterton Park	24 Grade 6 field trip to Waterton Park	25 Grade 6 Grad 9 am Kona Ice 10am Whole school swimming at Raymond pool Last day of school for students	26 PD day no school for students	27	28
29	30					



Ladders To Learning



Sunnyside Families- we are connected to an amazing community resource that supports students with getting school supplies. The Coaldale & District Volunteer Firefighter Association presents the second annual Ladders to Learning Program.

Worried About Cost?
Ladders Program Supports
Families With School Supplies

We are hosting our second annual, fun-filled family event to provide students from kindergarten through grade 12 with all the necessary school supplies to ensure a great start to their school year.

Join us
August 28, 2025!
Registration is Required.

School supplies,
snacks, prizes and more!

Any questions: contact your schools
Making Connections Worker
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Register Early!
Spots are limited.



Register at:
ladderstolearning.ca

Ladders-to-Learning
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Jennie Emery Elementary
R.I. Baker
Coaldale Prairie Winds
Sunnyside School
Kate Andrews/John Davidson
St. Joseph School Coaldale
Coaldale Christian School
Palliser Without Borders



2025 SUMMER PROGRAMS



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coalsrp@coaldalelibrary.ca

BOOK BUDDIES

Readers in K-3 are paired with older volunteer readers to encourage and develop literacy skills throughout the summer!

Tuesday & Thursdays
July 3 - August 20
11:00 am

TD SUMMER READING CLUB

Encourages reading with games, prizes and more!

Wednesdays
11am-12pm & 2pm-3pm
July 2-August 20
Ages: Completed K-Grade 7



Coaldale
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LIBRARY



Spend your summer
with us!

Registration starts June 2nd



Making Connections Worker updates

For the month of May, Sunnyside has focused on the word- Grit.

Student conversations this month revolved around what they have done this school year to show grit! Whether it's pushing through a challenge in class, setting a goal for themselves or encouraging others around them to keep going.

Grit is built in those challenging moments and what we do to face them.

Here are some moments of grit the students shared when reflecting back:

"I told myself to keep walking for running club, even if I was tired." -grade 3 student.

"At the start of grade 1 I didn't know how to read but now I do. And that was hard but that was probably grit." -grade 1 student.

"We should tell each other good things to help when it is hard. Like, good job or you can do it." -grade 4 student.

It has been incredible to see 'Grit' from our students this year and where they are now. We've seen it this month with setting goals for Run Club and pushing themselves to speak at Poetry & Popsicles!



Our final word of the month for this school year is celebrate. A great word to focus on for the month of June here at Sunnyside, when there is much to celebrate.

Community Resources:

Summer registrations: Coaldale Chamber of Commerce has listed activities for youth in the area <https://coaldalechamber.com/activities/>.

Ms.Ockerman- Making Connections Worker



Dear Families and Students,

As this school year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. It has been an incredible honor to serve as your music teacher these last two years, and I am so thankful for the joy, creativity and enthusiasm the students have brought into the music room every day.

While I am saddened to share that the music program will not be continuing next school year due to budget constraints, I carry with me fond memories of our time together-whether it was singing with full hearts, exploring rhythms, dancing with joy, or simply making music for the fun of it. Your children have been a source of inspiration and light, and I am so proud of the growth and confidence they have shown through music.

Thank you to the families who supported concerts, encouraged singing at home, and believed in the value of the arts. Thank you to the students who sang, played, moved and listened with open hearts and curious minds. You've made my job a JOY every single day!

Though the formal music program may be ending, I encourage you all to keep music alive in your homes and hearts. Sing together. Dance in the living room. Make up silly songs together as you drive in the car. Go to concerts. Listen deeply. Music is always there for us-connecting, healing and celebrating life.

With love and gratitude,

Mrs. Hass

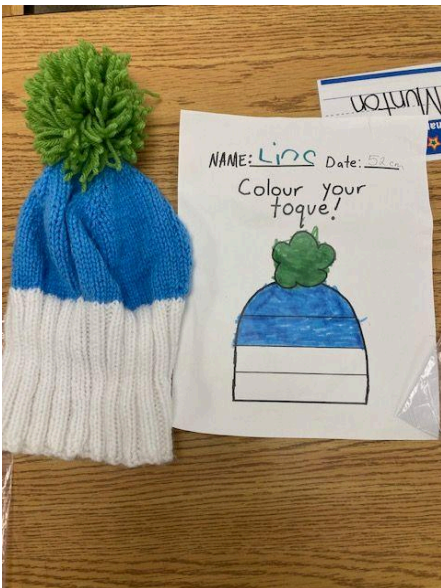
MAY EARLY LEARNING NEWSLETTER

May is such a beautiful month! Watching all the trees, tulips, and grass grow. We were busy this month with our special Mothers Day Tea, learning about the life cycle of a chicken, and a plant, as well as exploring outer space. We have also been spending some time in the greenhouse. What a beautiful atmosphere for school!



Kindergarten





Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Slusar

Pottery Class



Galt Museum



May Day Blooms



Helen Schuler nature centre



Robins Eggs



Fire engine tour



Bike Rodeo



Grade 1/2 Klassen Newsletter April

June Newsletter Grade 1/2 Klassen
The Galt Museum, Pottery Days, Other Highlights





What's Happening in 3/4J



What a Fantastic May! We are absolutely loving the weather (even the crazy rain!). We have had some amazing events like Popsicles & Poetry and Pottery Day! With that being said, here are some things we've done in each subject.

Math: After Fractions finished up, we moved onto Patterns and Algebra. Our student's really got that hang of this quickly and have done awesome at it!

Reading: We are loving the Wild Robot Escapes and how the story is unfolding! We are understanding the characters even better than the first back and relating to them on a completely new level!

Writing: We have begun our Fictional Storytelling unit, creating characters with likes and dislikes, and starting to create problems and solutions for our main character.

Social Studies: We have finished up our unit on the History of Alberta and are moving onto Celebrations of People within Alberta.

Science: We have spent time learning about constellations and how our Solar System looks and acts the way it does. We will be looking more at the Moon and how it affects us on Earth.

PE: With our Track and Field day around the corner, we have been practicing the different events, like Long Jump, Running, and some Tug O'War!



Grade 3/4 News - Mrs. Hudey



It's hard to believe that June is already here!

June is going to be amazing— great weather, spectacular events and celebrations throughout the entire month! Please keep an eye on the school calendar and join us for Run a Country Mile/Track Meet on June 5th, or the last day of school swimming in Raymond.

Here's a description of what we're up to this month!

Math- We just finished our fraction unit, and continue to practice fact fluency.

We will end the year with the smaller math units - geometry, measurement and data collection. Students have enjoyed predicting the temperature in the greenhouse!!

LA- This month we celebrated poetry with our annual 'Poetry and Popsicles' event. Students were challenged to select, memorize and present their poems. They did a fabulous job! Students have finished writing their expert book, and were excited to share their knowledge. We continue to work on persuasive writing, adding in a variety of vocabulary and transition words.

Science- We are wrapping up our Space unit, and moving on to Energy.

Social Studies - We continue to learn about the Stories, Histories, and Peoples of Alberta. Students have compared and contrasted lifestyles over time across Alberta.

- ★ Students have planted tomatoes and flowers in the greenhouse!
It's been fun watching the seeds grow!!
- ★ A huge congratulations to all the students that participated in running club!
Collectively we ran over 2000 laps!! Well done!!





Pottery Fun!! Thanks for a fun day!





GRADE 5 NEWS

June Newsletter

A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHER:

I consider it a privilege to have taught your child this year in Grade 5. Each student has shown tremendous growth. I've watched each student take on new challenges, deepen their understanding, and build confidence in their learning. From thoughtful classroom discussions to creative problem solving, they have truly shown what it means to be curious, capable learners, supporting one another through successes and setbacks. Our tiny corner classroom became more than just a place to learn—it became a community. I'm proud of all they have accomplished (Hello, Poetry Day!) and excited to see what lies ahead for them.

OUR LEARNING:



Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us at our Poetry & Popsicles Day! Students certainly showed GRIT, navigating the challenge wholeheartedly. I'm so proud of them!

In math, we are wrapping up our geometry unit, and will finish the year with measurement. In Science, we have studied Earth Systems, looking at weather and its impact on farming practices. We will move into Living Systems, where we get to explore how our bodies work, including muscles, circulation, digestion, and the respiratory system. In LA, we are wrapping up our Nonfiction informational units in reading and writing, and will finish the year with poetry and comics.

AROUND THE CLASSROOM:

June 4 - City Hall Field Trip

June 5 - Track & Field Day

June 6 - PD Day

June 9 - Scientists in School

June 18 - Grade 5 Field Trip to Evergreen & Spray Park

June 25 - Last Day of School & Swimming



May Newsletter - Grade 6

We made it to June! June is always an exciting, yet emotional month for the grade 6 class and teacher at Sunnyside. It tends to feel a bit like a rollercoaster!

LA: Students are continuing their poetry unit into June. They will have the opportunity to read and write various poems throughout the month. We are focusing on identifying and using figurative language in their novels and in their writing. Students will also be prepping for their PAT on June 17th.

Math: Students have finished up their Measurement unit, and will spend some time learning about Statistics and Probability. They will also spend time practicing their problem solving skills, which will include all basic operations and review concepts from earlier units in preparation for PATs on June 17th and 18th.

Science: Students are working through their final unit in Science: Earth Systems. We will hopefully have this unit wrapped up with a little time to review. Students will write their final on June 13th.

Social: Students are currently learning about the democratic systems of local and provincial governments. We are heading to City Hall on June 4th. Then they will work on reviewing for their year end final. They are working on reviewing the concepts of Democracy for their PAT on June 19th.

Important Dates:

June 2: Tentative Prairie Winds Tour

June 4: City Hall field trip

June 5: Track and Field

June 13: Science Final

June 16: ELA Part B final (reading)

June 17: Math Part A (basic operations)

June 18: Math Part B (problem solving)

June 19: Social PAT

June 20: Science final

June 23-24: Waterton
June 26: Grade 6 Farewell and swimming in Raymond

