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THE EAGLE EYE

Feb 12, 2025

CONGRATS TO OUR BTJHAA CURLING TEAM who placed 4th and will compete at the Finals in Vermilion on Tuesday, Feb 25th. All the best to our Edgerton Curling Team consisting of: Carter Leskow, Shelin Fries, James Waddell, Clara Hill and Allie Waddell. Go Eagles go!!

WINTER WALK DAY Due to extreme weather we had our walk in the gym on the 10th. Many thanks to our EPS Foundation who served Hot Chocolate and Hot Dogs for our lunch!

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS FEB 13, 14 & 15TH Teacher's Convention is on Feb 13&14 and Family Day holiday is Feb 15th. Enjoy the long weekend!

AFTER SCHOOL CURLING NEWS The curling season has flown by and our last day and curling windup is on Monday, February 24th. Please let Deanna know if you will be in attendance. Supper will be provided after we curl. Thanks to all students and parents who participated this season!

DRIVERS NEEDED to pick up Subway/McDonald's/Oasis on the following dates: March 20 (McDonalds), May 13 & 22 (Subway/McDs). Please call the school office or email terri.moran@btps.ca Many thanks to all those who have picked up and delivered our hot lunches in the past. We appreciate you very much and we thank you for your support!

ARE YOU MISSING A 9 x 13 PAN? There is a 9x13 pan left from our Senior's Christmas Luncheon. If you brought dessert to the luncheon, please check your cupboard for a missing pan.

"TAKE BACK THE SHOP" Interested in helping our community "take back the shop"? This topic has been on our minds for some time as a parent council. If it is not a feasible option for the school to utilize the space, why not look at it as a community space? If this topic strikes your interest, please join an independent committee in discussing a community partnership for activity enrichment. We will meet on Thursday, February 27@7PM. This could be a very exciting project, and we would greatly appreciate your input! All parents and interested community members are welcome to attend!

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS IS COMING TO EDGERTON SCHOOL!!
Please see the attached information.

Attachments:

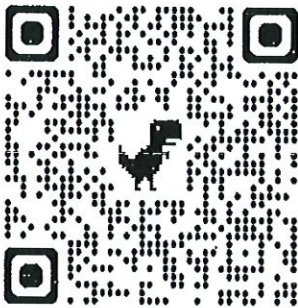
1. BTPS Community Engagement Session
2. Free Eye Exams for Kindergarten
3. Breakfast of Champions
4. Edgerton Minor Ball Registration Open
5. Vermilion & District Music Festival Info
6. HYRS Info
7. Lakeland College Info



Parents/guardians, students, staff, school council, community members, and all other stakeholders, are invited to join us!

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT 4-YEAR PLAN

Online Community Focus Groups



February 2025

Monday, Feb 3

Tuesday, Feb 11

Thursday, Feb 20

Wednesday, Feb 26

Link: meet.google.com/vkq-mjuq-dgs

**All meetings will be held online from
7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**

**Educational Stakeholders are invited & encouraged to attend a meeting that
best fits their schedule.**

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

As part of that commitment, BTPS continues reaching out to educational stakeholders assuring the educational program, sharing results, and seeking input on direction.

The 2023-2027 Education Plan highlights three priorities:

1. Supporting Learning Success for All Students
2. Fostering Safe & Caring Learning Environments
3. Building Strong Collaborations

The purpose of this engagement is to:

- share with stakeholders the highlights of the Year One Report
- check in on direction around strengths and challenges moving forward
- identify areas of focus for 2025-2026

We hope to see you online and share the exciting work of BTPS' staff and students!

Has your child had their annual eye exam? It's important to do before they start school!

Eye See...Eye Learn™

is a program that provides kindergarten-aged students with a comprehensive eye exam from an optometrist. There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. If required, kindergarten-aged students also receive a free pair of eyeglasses.



How kindergarten-aged students participate

Step 1 Parents can find a participating optometrist at optometrists.ab.ca. Click on Find an Optometrist and Eye See...Eye Learn™, then enter your postal code to find a doctor close to you. Call and book an appointment.

Step 2 See your optometrist for the eye exam. Have your health card ready. There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 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 from August until they begin grade one.



Eye exam coverage

There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. It's a painless, non-invasive process that could change their lives!

Did you know?

- 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.
- 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, because these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.

What is an optometrist?

Your optometrist (doctor of optometry) is a primary source for all your vision, eye health and eyewear needs. They have the knowledge, tools and equipment necessary to diagnose, treat, prescribe medications or refer to a specialist, if needed.

How well can your child see?



Eye See...™
Eye Learn!

You can't see the world through your child's eyes, but your optometrist can. During your child's eye exam, your optometrist will assess:

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



For more information about

Eye See...Eye Learn™



contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists
at 1-800-272-8843 or visit
optometrists.ab.ca/esel

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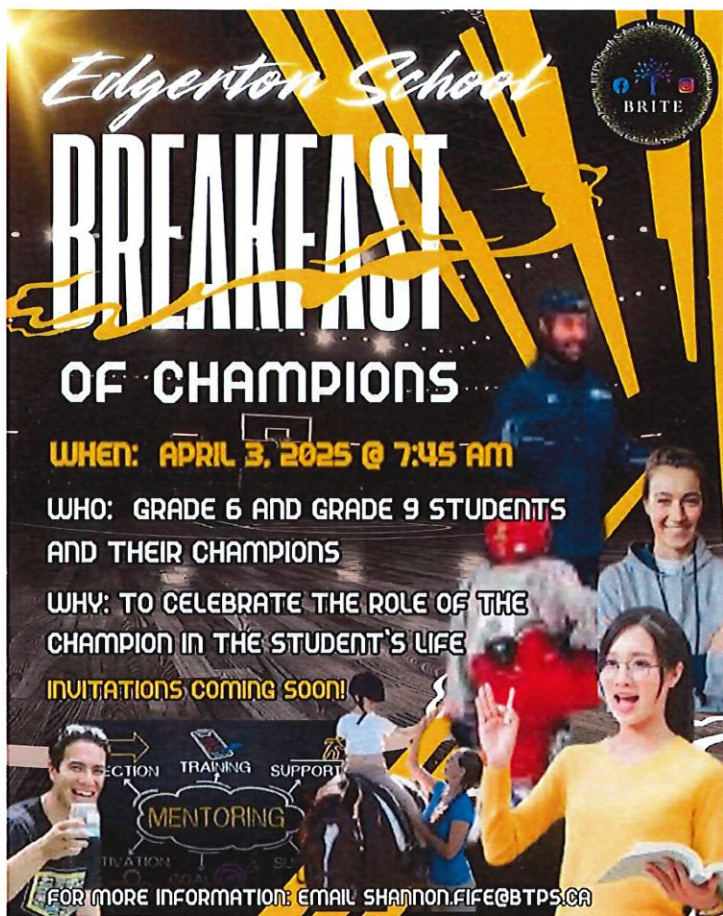


The Alberta Association
of Optometrists
gratefully acknowledges
funding support from the
Government of Alberta.



**Alberta
Association
of Optometrists**





New this Year! BRITE will be having a *Breakfast of Champions Event* *which* is in recognition of those who have made a difference in the life of a child. The Edgerton Grade 6 and Grade 9 students will be writing a letter to their “Champion” in appreciation, and will include an invitation to the *Breakfast of Champions* with their letter.

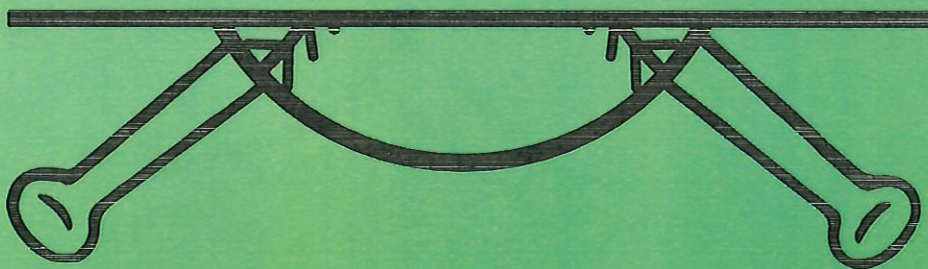
The event is located at the Edgerton School and will begin at **7:45 am**. It will be kicked off with a short talk on the importance of supporting children and being a hero/mentor in the community. Those invited will then have a chance to eat breakfast with the student that invited them and be given a small token of appreciation. The event will be wrapped up no later than 8:30 am so that everyone has a chance to get to school and work in a timely fashion.

The School Council of Edgerton has generously offered to help with the pancake breakfast. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help make this event a success. If you are interested in helping, please contact Shannon at shannon.fife@btps.ca.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN



EDGERTON MINOR BALL



**SAVE LATE FEES AND REGISTER BY
FEB 28/25**

<https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=f86dbb8c>

Contact: edgertonminorball@gmail.com

if any questions

VERMILION & DISTRICT *ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL*



MARCH 31–APRIL 6, 2025

FIVE DAYS SHOWCASING LOCAL YOUTH TALENT
AND A FINAL GALA CONCERT & AWARDS PRESENTATION

**INSTRUMENTS * VOICE * BAND * SPEECH ARTS
CASH PRIZES!!!**

No experience needed. Ask your teachers for more info or email
musicfesver@gmail.ca

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2025

www.vermilionmusicfestival.ca



HYRS



EXPLORE CAREERS IN HEALTH RESEARCH & INNOVATION!

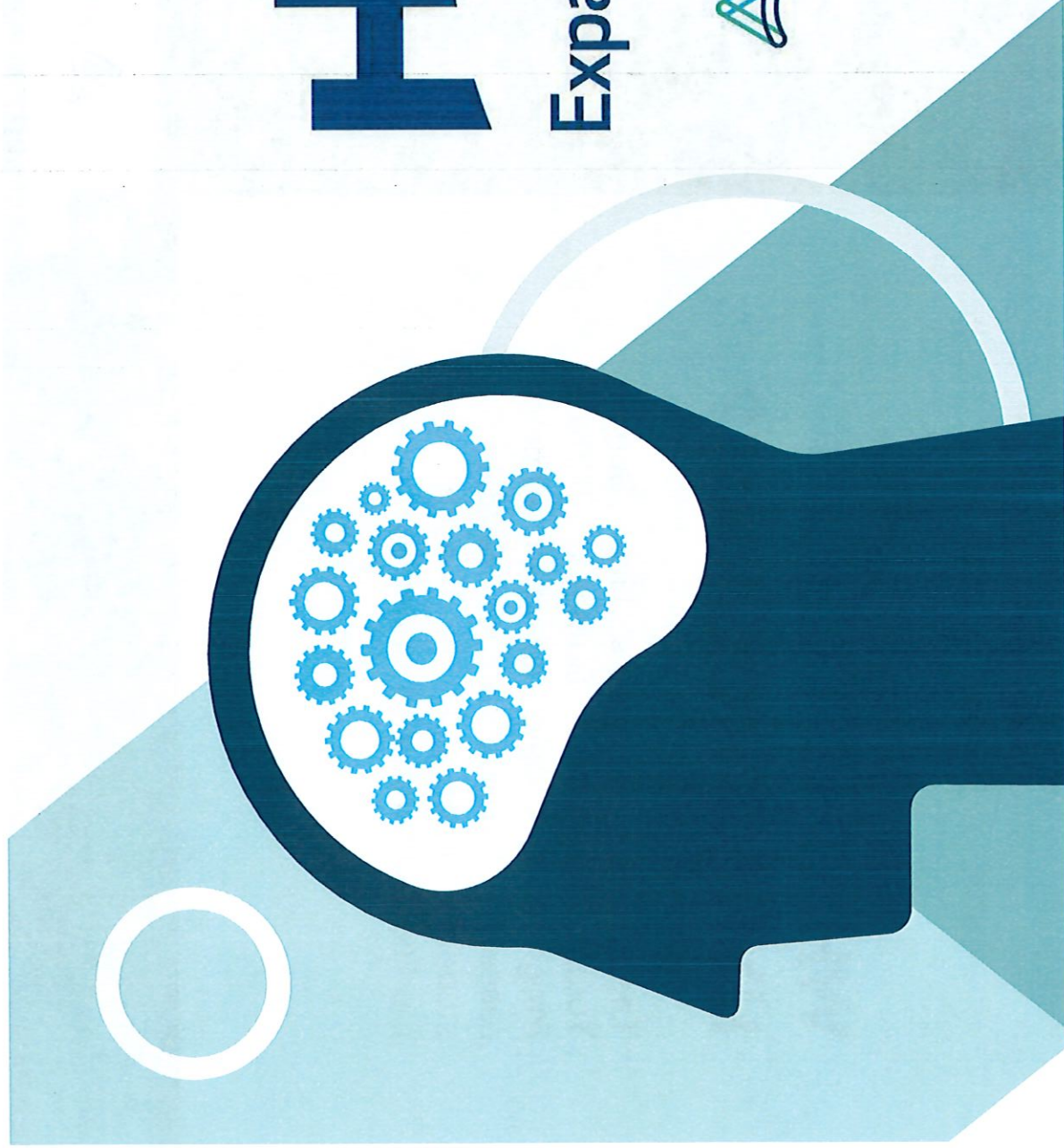
The Alberta Innovates High School Youth Researcher Summer (HYRS) program at the University of Alberta is accepting applications for Summer 2025!



Apply by March 14, 2025
www.uab.ca/hyrs

HYPS

Expanding Young Minds



WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?

- ❖ Gain first-hand experience working in a post-secondary medical research laboratory
- ❖ Explore a career in health research and innovation
- ❖ Learn under the mentorship of leading researchers and begin building your professional network



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WHAT DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS REQUIRE?

01

High School Transcript

To ensure that you have a combined average of $\geq 85\%$ in Mathematics 20-1 or 20-2, Biology 20, and one other Grade 11 science course

02

Personal Essay

To collect information about your interests and match you with a suitable placement

03

One Academic Reference

From your previous math/science teachers, to speak to your academic abilities

04

One Non-Academic Reference

From a mentor who can speak to your personal attributes and ability to successfully complete the HYRS program



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Questions?

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2025 PROGRAM INFO SESSIONS

SEE HOW LAKELAND'S
HANDS-ON APPROACH
DELIVERS REAL-WORLD
RESULTS:

- Explore your chosen program in depth at our Vermilion and Lloydminster campuses.
- Meet our expert instructors and connect with students.
- Learn about career opportunities and how we prepare you for them.



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OR TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL, LEARNING IN
ACTION STARTS HERE.

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Women's Hockey Playoffs

Feb. 28 - March 16
Russ Robertson
Arena

Men's Volleyball Championship

Feb. 20 - 22
Lakeland College,
Lloydminster Gym

Women's Futsal Championship

March 7 - 9
Lakeland College,
Lloydminster Gym

Men's Futsal Championship

March 7 - 9
Lakeland College,
Lloydminster Gym



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