



THE BRIEF

Canadian Rockies Public Schools' Board Meeting Digest
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Annual Education Results Report Celebrates Student and Staff Successes!

Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) Board of Trustees approved the division's 2022/23 Annual Education Results Report, Nov. 22, 2023. Fostering a cycle of continuous improvement, the report has been reviewed by trustees, senior administration, and school leaders, with the results set to inform CRPS' Education Plan for 2024/25. Notable highlights include CRPS' three- and five-year student completion rates which outperform provincial averages, with commendable achievements for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students, and English as an Additional Language learners.

CRPS has mirrored provincial trends in Provincial Achievement Tests, with Gr. 6 students showing notable advancements in Language Arts and Sciences, both at acceptable levels and standards of excellence. Diploma exam results also stand out, with CRPS students surpassing provincial counterparts in the majority of subjects at both acceptable and excellence standards.

Significant strides in creating a welcoming educational environment are reflected in the increase in parent and student satisfaction. Furthermore, there's been a marked rise in the recognition of student voice, the relevance of classroom instruction, and the perception of active citizenship among students. A noteworthy 95 per cent of teaching staff express satisfaction with access to mental health resources, although reports of anxiety and depression in Grades 7 to 12 remain high. Finally, literacy resources from the Learning Interruption Grant have effectively supported students' progression to grade-level proficiency.

The report will be posted to the division's website under "About Us / Plans and Reports" on Nov. 30. ■

CRPS Phases Out Summer School for Expanded In-School Flexibility

Due to a steady decrease in demand by students for Summer School and the expansion of in-school flexible learning opportunities, CRPS will discontinue its Summer School program starting in 2024. Since 2017, CRPS has offered students the

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opportunity to catch up on credits, explore new subjects, or simply embrace a love for learning, moving to an online format in 2020 necessitated by the pandemic. Over the last few years, Summer School enrollments have gradually declined, from 67 CRPS students in 2020 to 18 students in 2023 completing credits.

CRPS is committed to providing robust learning opportunities during the regular school year, which now includes enhanced flexible learning options. These options have been well-received by students, reflecting a shift in preference towards year-round, integrated learning models. For students interested in summer programs, CRPS will assist them in finding suitable online courses offerings. CRPS' Outdoor Learning Centre's Summer CALM program will continue, with registration beginning on Dec. 1. ■



Kindergarten Registration Begins November 30!

CRPS online registration for its 2024/25 Kindergarten programs opens Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. Children born between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2019, are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. CRPS provides diverse Kindergarten options, including full-day and half-

day programs, French Immersion at Elizabeth Rummel School, and a full-day nature immersion, Waldorf-inspired program at Alpenglow School. Kindergarten students' days are balanced with play, exploration, and focused learning time. Outdoor play-based learning serves as an important basis for our programming,

encouraging students to interact with their natural surroundings to bolster curriculum-based learning. CRPS also maintains a sharp focus on literacy and numeracy, helping children prepare for their elementary years. Programs fill up fast. Be sure to register your child, Nov. 30! ■

CRPS Tidbits

Important Calendar Date

The Board of Trustees' next regular meeting is set for Jan. 24, 2024, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Central Board Office in Canmore.

Alpenglow Winter Concert

Alpenglow School will host an enchanting Winter Concert, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. in the Canmore Collegiate High School theatre. A highlight for Alpenglow families and friends, this annual event will feature an array of performances, showcasing the talents of its students. A special treat this year is the Gr. 5/6 class's play, anticipated to be a heartwarming and memorable performance. The concert promises an evening of joyous melodies and community spirit.

Banff Schools Holiday Concert

Banff's spirit of community and celebration will shine bright this holiday season with a 'Banff Schools Holiday Concert' on Dec. 13, 2023. Students from Banff Elementary School (BES) and Banff Community High School (BCHS) will unite to present a

heartwarming repertoire of seasonal music. This collaborative production, featuring both song and instrumental performances, promises to fill the Jenny Belzberg Theatre at the Banff Centre for the Arts and Creativity with a testament to the vibrant, artistic talents of Banff's youth. The evening will host two performances: Gr. 1-12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by Gr. 2-12 from 7-8 p.m. Tickets will be available through the Theatre's box office. BES and BCHS families will be informed closer to the date on how to reserve their free tickets.

CCHS Winter Concert

Canmore Collegiate High School (CCHS) invites the community to a musical extravaganza on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the CCHS Theatre. This annual concert showcases the exceptional talents of CCHS's concert and jazz bands. The evening will commence with a special performance by Lawrence Grassi Middle School, setting the stage for an enchanting hour and a half journey through harmonious melodies. The grand finale will feature the CCHS Jazz Band, promising a toe-tapping, soul-stirring experience. Friends, family, students, and the general public are all welcome to this celebration of music.

Exshaw School Winter Concert

On Dec. 14, from 5 to 6 p.m., Exshaw School will be alive with the sound of music, as it hosts its main event of December – a captivating winter concert. This annual musical extravaganza showcases the talents of Exshaw's students, featuring a diverse range of performances. The school's auditorium will transform into a concert hall, offering a festive and heartwarming atmosphere. This event is not just a display of musical prowess but also a celebration of the hard work and dedication of Exshaw's talented youth. A must-see for music lovers and supporters of local talent.

LGMS/ERS Winter Melodies

Mark your calendars for the heartwarming Winter Musical Concerts at Lawrence Grassi Middle School (LGMS). On Dec. 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Gr. 5 and 6 students will shine in the spotlight, followed on Dec. 13 by Gr. 2 and 3 students from Elizabeth Rummel School joining LGMS' Grade 4 students for an enchanting evening of festive tunes. Hosted in the gym, these performances celebrate the hard work and musical development of students. Prepare to enjoy a medley of harmonious winter selections.

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