

February 5, 2019



The EXPRESS

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2nd Annual Dragon Cup 3-on-3 Hockey Tournament

Time to sharpen your skates and foil your knuckles! Come on out to raise money for Iron River School!



February 9, 2019

8:00 a.m. - til it's over



Schedule to be sent Feb. 5th

\$40 per player

2 skaters and a goalie

Max 5 players per team

Ages 12 and up

Foam pucks

Street or ice hockey goalie gear

5 minute periods, 5 min OT, Shootout

1st Place- Trophy, \$400, gift certificates & other donations

2nd - Deep regrets, \$200, possibly other donations

3rd - Youtube link to "better hockey skills"

Please call, text, or email Dustin Blake to register before Feb. 3rd
780-573-0570

dustin.blake@nlps.ab.ca

**LIVE on the Outdoor
Iron River School
Skating Rink* ...**

2nd Annual Dragon Cup 3-on-3 Hockey Tournament

There will be a **concession** available for all players and spectators!



Don't want to play? **Come out and watch!!** Cheer on your favourite team ... or all the teams ... cheer loud and proud!!

Help support the Junior High Field Trip fundraiser!

Volunteers wanted to help the students in the concession, etc.

*depending on weather and players' choice, this MAY become a floor hockey tournament

Pay Hot Lunch & Milk Orders Online at <https://nlpsd.schoolcashonline.com> (or send a detailed note with payment)
School Cash Online **orders must be completed by 9:59 p.m.** on the due date.



Fried Chicken with white rice and veggies

- Orders DUE TUE., Feb. 12th

- Cost: 1 piece chicken \$3 or 2 pieces \$5

- Hot Lunch Date Thu., February 21

Pulled Pork and Bun with corn/veggies

- Orders DUE Wed., Feb. 27th

- Cost: \$5 each

- Hot Lunch Date Thu., March 7

Taco Salad in a Bag

- Orders DUE Wed., Mar. 13th

- Cost: \$5 each - Hot Lunch Date Thu., March 21



Mar. Milk Order ~ DUE Tue., Feb. 26

White: \$20.70 or Chocolate: \$21.60

April Milk Order ~ DUE Tue., Mar. 26

White: \$18.40 or Chocolate: \$19.20

May Milk Order ~ DUE Tue., Apr. 23

White: \$24.15 or Chocolate: \$25.20

With enthusiasm and support we challenge learners to achieve their highest potential and develop into responsible and caring citizens.

- Mission Statement



School Phone: 780-826-5617

School Fax: 780-826-7503

Email: ironriver@nlps.ab.ca

Principal: K. Draycott

Secretary: D. MacGillivray

Librarian: L. Procinsky (Days 2 & 4)

Websites:

Iron River School: <https://ironriverschool.ca>

School Cash Online: <https://nlpsd.schoolcashonline.com>





N.L.P.S.: <https://www.nlpsab.ca>

NLSD TV: <https://www.youtube.com/user/NLSDTV>



Transportation: <https://nlpsab.ca/Transportation.php>

<https://www.facebook.com/Iron-River-School-518678098342885/>

February 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Assembly School Spirit Day	2
3 	4 Crush-O-Grams on Sale (\$1ea) Day 2 Valentine's Charity Hearts on Sale (\$2 ea) Basketball Practice-NEW 3:30 pm	5 Crush-O-Grams on Sale (\$1ea) Newsletter Day Valentine's Charity Hearts on Sale (\$2 ea) NLPS Pink Shirt Orders Due 9:00 pm	6 Crush-O-Grams on Sale (\$1ea) Day 4 Valentine's Charity Hearts on Sale (\$2 ea) CANCELLED: School Council / PAC Mtg. 6:30 pm	7 Breakfast Moming - smoothies Crush-O-Grams on Sale (\$1ea) Valentine's Charity Hearts on Sale (\$2 ea) Sr. Basketball Game 4:00 pm	8 Crush-O-Grams on Sale (\$1ea) Day 2 School Spirit Day	9 3-on-3 Hockey Tournament 8:00 am 
10	11 Sr. Basketball Practice 3:30 pm Jr. Basketball Game 4:00 pm	12 Day 4 Sr. Basketball Game 4:00 pm Hot Lunch Order Due 9:00 pm	13 NO SCHOOL ~ PD Day	14 NO SCHOOL ~ Teachers' Convention 	15 NO SCHOOL ~ Teachers' Convention	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL ~ Provincial Family Day	19 Jr. Basketball Game 4:00 pm	20 Day 2 Basketball Practice 3:30 pm	21 Hot Lunch Day 11:39 am Sr. Basketball Game 4:00 pm	22 Day 4 School Spirit Day Community Winter Picnic 11:00 am	23 Jr. Basketball Tournament Sr. Basketball Wards
24	25 Basketball Practice 3:30 pm	26 Day 2 March Milk Order Due 9:00 pm	27 Pink Shirt Day Basketball Practice 3:30 pm Hot Lunch Order Due 9:00 pm	28 AR Celebration (100% Term 1 Goal)-NEW DATE Day 4 Sr. Basketball Practice (if qualified for Districts) 3:30 pm		

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Assembly Dr. Seuss Day School Spirit Day	2 Jr. Basketball Tournament Sr. Basketball Districts
3	4 Day 2	5 Newsletter Day	6 Day 4 Basketball Wind-up Party 3:30 pm	7 Hot Lunch Day 11:39 am Staff "Power Lunch" with the Superintendent 11:39 am	8 NO SCHOOL ~ Family Friday	9
10 "Spring Forward" 1hr time change 3:00 am	11 Day 2	12	13 Day 4 School Council / PAC Mtg. 6:30 pm Hot Lunch Order Due 9:00 pm	14	15 Day 2 School Spirit Day	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Book Fair 11:59 am	19 Day 4 Book Fair 11:59 am	20 Book Fair 11:59 am	21 Day 2 Hot Lunch Day 11:39 am Book Fair 11:59 am Student-led Conferences, Book Fair & Wellness Night 4:00 pm	22 NO SCHOOL ~ Day in Lieu	23

Do you know that if you go to the school website calendar <https://ironriverschool.ca/about/calendar>, you can add the Iron River School Calendar to your Google Calendar, subscribe to the calendar or download it to iCal? You can even add individual items to iCal! Check it out!

Iron River School Dragon of the Month

For the month of January was awarded to

COLTON BABB

In recognition of the following:

- Colton is an amazing student who will greet you in the hallway.
- He gives it his all in class and on the basketball court.
- Colton is often seen helping younger students in our school, even though he thinks he is not being noticed.



Congratulations to:

~ Carter Jansen ~
~ Colt Kunec ~
~ Jessi Mielke ~
~ Nolan Wakulchyk ~
winners of the December
and January Birthdays
t-shirt draws!

Pizza with the Principal

There were several Dragon scales with positive behaviours read during morning announcements last month. **Darci Kardash, Jessi Mielke, Kate Mielke & Alisha Nelson** were the four lucky **December and January winners** whose scales were drawn during the February 1st assembly to have “Pizza with the Principal”!

Congratulations to all the Dragons who continue to show positive behaviours.

Thank You For Supporting

Haying in the 30's
Cancer Support Society

Iron River School is participating in the Boston Pizza Valentine's Charity Program! Together, we are raising money for the local **Haying in the 30's Cancer Support Society**. Anyone can “purchase” a paper heart (**by Feb. 7th**) for a cash donation of \$2 each. In return for the donation, students will receive a paper heart to decorate as well as a gift voucher for a free kids meal redeemable at Boston Pizza Bonnyville (5406 Eastpoint Way). The hearts will be displayed inside the Bonnyville Boston Pizza restaurant. One heart will be drawn to win a pizza party for that lucky students class and a \$25 gift letter for their personal use!

Crush-O-Grams

\$1 each

The junior high students will be selling Crush-O-Grams for \$1 each in the jr. high hallway (by the booth) during lunch time.

Anyone can buy one or more to give away as Valentines. Each Crush-O-Gram is a can of Crush pop with a Valentine's note attached. The notes will be filled out at time of purchase.

The Crush-O-Grams will be delivered to all the recipients at the end of the day Tuesday, February 12th.





Sports at Iron River School

See Mr. Blake to sign up for sport events
and get practice info!

Basketball:

Practices Mon. & Wed. 3:30-5pm

Upcoming Jr. Games (Gr. 4-6)

(Game day is Monday unless stated otherwise)

Feb. 11: IRS @ Dr. B 1

Tue., Feb. 19: Dr. B 2 @ IRS

Sat. Feb. 23: Tournament @ CLMS

Sat. Mar. 2: Tournament in LLB

Upcoming Sr. Games (Gr. 7-9)

(Game day is Thursday unless stated otherwise)

Feb. 7: Dr. B 1 @ IRS

Tue., Feb. 12: Ardmere @ IRS

Feb. 21: IRS @ HEB 2

Sat. Feb. 23: Wards Tournament (B'ville)

Sat. Mar. 2: District Tournament for Ward
winners (Cold Lake)

Go Dragons!



Gr. 4-9 Parents: Accountability Pillar Survey

All IRS parents with children in Gr. 4-9 will receive a survey in the mail from Alberta Education. Please watch for it and complete it a.s.a.p. Thank you!

LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

AR Celebration

Term 1 Celebration - Feb. 28th

(date changed due to cold weather)

Students who reach 100% of their individualized goal for Term 1 will be able to attend the Tubing at Kinsoo Ridge AR Celebration Thu., February 28th!

Way to read Dragons!

Mrs. Procinsky



WANTED:

Parent Volunteer Supervisors

Thursday, March 7th

11:39-12:39

The staff has been invited to have a 'Power Lunch' with superintendent Rick Cusson. We will need supervision for each hallway & one person for the concession during eating time (11:39-11:59), outdoor supervision during lunch recess (11:59-12:19), and supervision for reading (12:19-12:39).

We will be asking the volunteers who signed up in the fall to see if they are available. However, if you are interested in helping, please call the school office (780-826-5617) to leave a message, or put a note in your child's agenda.

Any and all help would be appreciated so all staff can participate in the luncheon. Thank you!

Come Join Us . . . Child care will be provided!

February meeting date has been **CANCELLED**.

Next meeting is Wed., March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

NB: the Treasurer position needs to be filled for the Iron River School Association. Please attend the March meeting if you are interested!

Have you as a parent ever wondered what the Iron River School Association and the Parent Advisory Council

(PAC) are? These are two separate committees with the goal of enhancing our students' education. The **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** deals with decision making for the school. The **Iron River School Association** deals with fundraising money for the school.

If you would like to get involved with the Iron River School Association and the Parent Advisory Council, we meet the 2nd WEDNESDAY of each month at 6:30pm. Or contact Debbie at 780-812-0969.

NEW DATE
& TIME

P.A.C. Meeting

WED., Mar. 13th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

JH Classroom.

ALL interested parents are
welcome to attend.

See you there!

Show your support for a bully-free school environment and come to school dressed in a pink shirt!

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wed., Feb. 27th



Care to Learn Preschool

Register NOW for
Term 2 that starts Feb.

Play-Based Learning for Children Ages 3 & 4!
Classes are Mon. and Wed. 8:30-11:30 a.m.

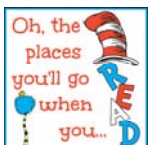
Register online at nlpsab.ca/programs/early-learning/preschool
• Government childcare subsidy is available.



FRIDAY, MARCH 1st IS

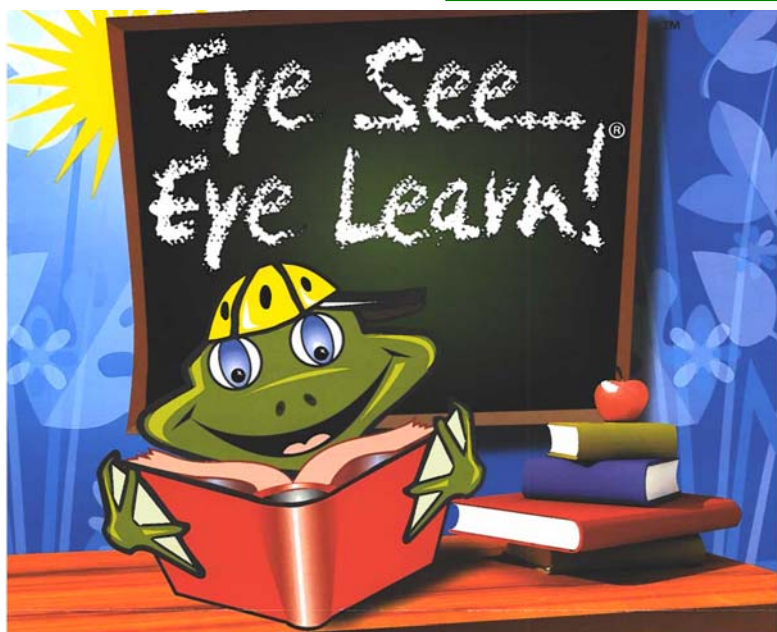


Come to school dressed up in a Dr. Seuss costume! We will be reading some Dr. Seuss stories and having a special treat.



You are invited to the
Iron River & Ardmore NLPS
Community Engagement Meeting
Wednesday, March 6th
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
@ Ardmore School

The input collected at the community engagement meetings will be used to help the Board determine what division priorities to include in its next Three-Year Education Plan. The current division priorities are improving literacy and numeracy competencies; improving communication, engagement and partnerships; and improving health and wellness.



How Well Can Your Child See?

Your Optometrist Knows the Answer

The **Eye See...Eye Learn®** program is about

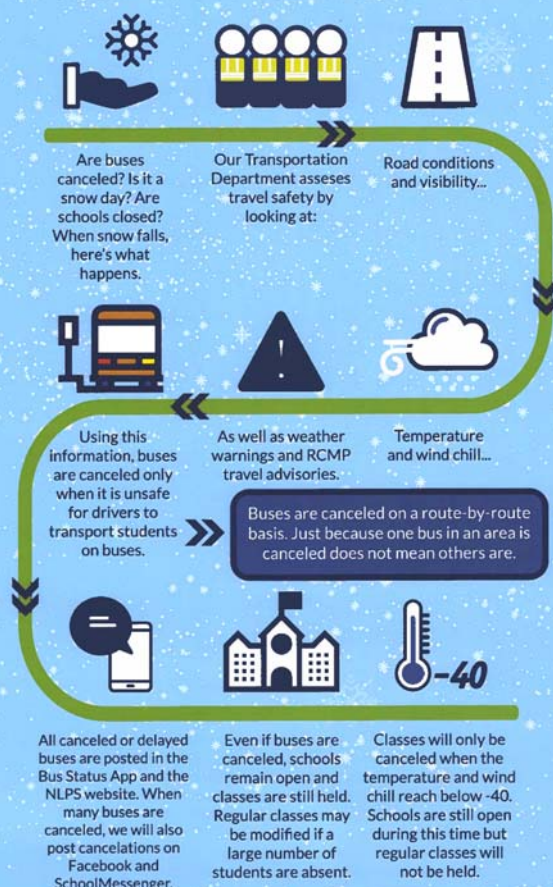
- Encouraging parents to get their children's eyes examined;*
- Providing free glasses for Kindergarten students, if required;
- Maximizing your child's full learning potential; and
- Schools, optometrists, and parents working together.

To learn more about the program and to find an optometrist in your area, go to www.optometrists.ab.ca

- * Alberta Health provides eye exam coverage for children 18 years and under
- * Check with your doctor of optometry prior to your appointment to determine if there are any additional costs.

The Road to a Snow Day

in Northern Lights Public Schools



Parents make the final decision whether or not to take their children to school when buses are canceled.

Northern Lights PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PARENT TOOLS



BUS STATUS

The Bus Status App allows you to keep track of any busing delays or cancellations, and receive push notifications for **just the bus routes that matter to you.** The Bus Status App replaces the NLSD-2-GO app used in the past. The Bus Status App is available for Android devices and iPhones running iOS 11.0 and newer.



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

School Messenger allows schools and teachers to send messages to parents and/or students by email, text, phone, and instant message within the SchoolMessenger mobile app. Messages may include automated attendance notifications, general messages from your child's teacher or school, important notices from the Division, and emergency notifications including class cancellations and school closures. Available for Android, iPhone, and computer.



PowerSchool

Register online for Transportation, Out of School Care, Preschool, K-12 and more through PowerSchool Parent Portal and SchoolEngage. You can also view grades (for students in Grades 5-12), attendance, and forms for field trips.

SchoolCashOnline

With SchoolCashOnline, you can pay online for hot lunches, field trips, school clothing, and more. Pay using a credit card, debit from your bank account, or fill your SchoolCashOnline wallet with credit throughout the year.

Visit our website for more instructions regarding each Parent Tool • nlpsab.ca

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SCHOOLMESSENGER®

- ✓ iPhone
- ✓ Android
- ✓ Computer

APP INSTRUCTIONS

Enter your email address and a create a password.

Your email address MUST be the same email address that you provided to your child(ren)'s school in order to connect you with the messages that have been sent to you.

Make sure the location is set to Canada.

When asked for your role, select Parent.

Check your email account for a verification message and follow the instructions.

To make sure everything is working properly, click on the three lines in the top left hand corner of the app. The options listed should include Messages, Contacts, Groups, Preferences and Settings.

If you do not see the Contacts and Preferences options, your account has not connected properly with our student information. Please contact your school or the Division's Communications Officer (780-826-3145) for assistance.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

School Messenger allows schools and teachers to send messages to parents and/or students via voice message to your phone(s), email, text, or instant messaging within the app. Parents can set their preferences and choose which types of messages will be sent through email, text, phone call, etc.

WHAT MESSAGES WILL I GET?

- Automated attendance notifications.
- General messages from your child's teacher, school or the Division, such as newsletters and information about upcoming events.
- Two-way instant messaging with your child's teacher.
- Information regarding emergencies including class cancellations and school closures.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

We have detailed instructions on how to download and use School Messenger to its full potential on the Northern Lights website. Go to nlpsab.ca and go to the Parents section, and then Communication.

nlpsab.ca



EASY School Fundraiser

Please send or drop off your **northern Alberta Boston Pizza receipts**, dated anytime between **Jan. 1 - June 30th**, at Iron River School to help support our school!

Thanks for your support!

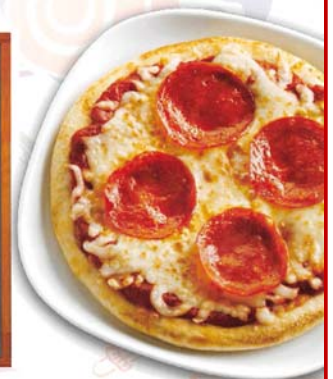
OPERATION EDUCATION



FUNDRAISER REBATE PROGRAM

Operation Education is a co-operative fundraising initiative that partners local schools with Boston Pizza restaurants in your community to earn cash back. Staff, students and families can dine at any Northern Alberta Boston Pizza and help their school earn 5% cash back on the pre-tax total of submitted receipts.*

1. **Eat at Boston Pizza between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019**
2. **Save your receipts**
3. **Submit your receipts to**
IRON RIVER school representative by
July 30, 2019



Register now for Operation Education by calling your neighbourhood Boston Pizza.



Boston Pizza

#200, 8616 51 Avenue NW,
Edmonton, T6E 6E6
780.421.9000
Or visit www.bostonpizza.com

*Valid for registered schools at participating NAB Boston Pizza locations. Only original receipts are accepted. Boston Pizza and the Boston Pizza roundel are registered trademarks of Boston Pizza Limited Partnership, used under license.

COMMUNITY WINTER PICNIC

*Hosted by the Land of the
Lakes Recreation Association*

Friday, February 22nd

(Weather Permitting - alternate date Mar. 1)

Where? Wakulchyk's Lease (1 mile north on Wolf Lake Road—turn right just past the little bridge—the entrance might be marked)

When? 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Students will travel by bus.
- ***Please send extra mitts and socks with your child, as we will be outside all day!***
- Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be supplied by Land of the Lakes.
- **Parents are asked to supply peanut-free cookies or squares (cut & ready to serve).**

All community members are invited to enjoy a day filled with sleigh rides, tobogganing, team skiing, nail pounding, log sawing, etc.

COME AND JOIN US!