



The EXPRESS

March 5, 2019

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**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.

Notice to Parents

Re: No School for Kindergarten students on Friday, April 5

On April 5th we will be hosting an Early Learning Open House to welcome future preschool and kindergarten students to our school and show them all the wonderful things that happen at our school.

As a result, there will be NO SCHOOL for Preschool and Kindergarten students on April 5th. Classes will proceed as scheduled for all other students in our school.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!!



Congratulations to our Sr. Basketball Team who won the LSAA District Basketball Championship Saturday, March 2 in Cold Lake!

Congratulations to our Jr. Basketball Team who finished their season with a 2nd place win at the tournament in Lac La Biche!

Thank you to our coaches for your commitment and encouragement! Mr. Blake (Sr. Team), Mrs. Draycott (Jr. Team) & Mr. D. Graves (Jr. Team)

Thank you to our parents for transporting and supporting our athletes! **GO DRAGONS!**

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.



Pulled Pork and bun with corn/veggies

- 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

Toasted Clubhouse Sandwich with pickles

- Orders DUE Wed., Mar. 27th

- Cost: 1/2 sandwich \$3 or whole \$5

- Hot Lunch Date Thu., April 4



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

June Milk Order ~ DUE Tue., May 28

White: \$16.10 or Chocolate: \$16.80

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@nlpsd.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>




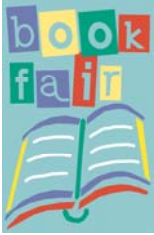
N.L.P.S.: <https://www.nlpsab.ca>

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


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

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

March 2019

	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 NLPS Community Engagement Meeting at Ardmore School 6:30 pm	7 Hot Lunch Day 11:39 am Staff "Power Lunch" with the Superintendent 11:39 am NEW DATE: Basketball Wind-up Party 3:30 pm	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 Report Cards sent home 3:24 pm Deadline to register for GCBC Badminton Tournament 6:00 pm	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 Swimming Lessons Registration 4:30 pm	22 NO SCHOOL ~ Day in Lieu	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL for Iron River, Ardmore and Caslan students	26 April Milk Order Due 9:00 pm	27 Day 4 Hot Lunch Order Due 9:00 pm	28	29 Assembly Day 2 School Spirit Day	30 GCBC Badminton Tournament
31 GCBC Badminton Tournament						

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Day 4 Newsletter Day	3	4 Day 2 Hot Lunch Day 11:39 am	5 No School for KINDERGARTEN Students School Spirit Day Early Learning Open Houses (Preschool & Kindergarten) 9:00 am	6 CLMS Badminton Classic Invitational Tournament
7	8 Day 4	9	10 Day 2 School Council / PAC Mtg. 6:30 pm	11 Badminton Wards NLPS S.T.E.A.M. Challenge	12 Day 4 School Spirit Day	13 NO SCHOOL ~ Spring Break
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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!

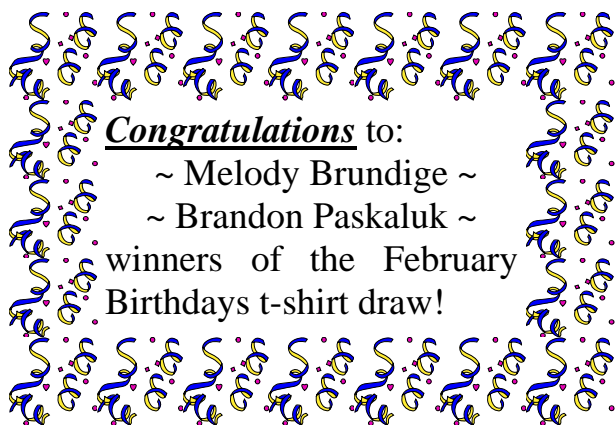
Iron River School Dragon of the Month

For the month of February was awarded to

LARA THERIAULT

In recognition of the following:

- Lara puts a great effort into her school work and she is constantly helping her classmates to further their understanding.
- Taking initiative and following through on projects is another great quality that she displays.
- Lara plays an integral role on the many sports teams she is a part of and displays excellent sportsmanship.



Congratulations to:

~ Melody Brundige ~
~ Brandon Paskaluk ~
winners of the February
Birthdays t-shirt draw!

Pizza with the Principal

There were several Dragon scales with positive behaviours read during morning announcements last month. **Decon Tkachuk & Easton Wakulchyk** were the two lucky **February winners** whose scales were drawn during the March 1st assembly to have "Pizza with the Principal"!

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



**Sports
at
Iron
River School**

Badminton:

Please see Mrs. Paquette or Mrs. Lauzon to sign up and get practice info.

Upcoming Tournaments:

March 30 & 31: GCBC Tournament in Cold Lake. Players must register on their own for this tournament. Registration forms will be given to all interested players. Entry deadline is Tue., March 19th at 6:00 p.m.

April 6th: CLMS Badminton Classic in Cold Lake

April 11th: Wards in Bonnyville

April 27th: Districts in Lac La Biche

Go Dragons!



Find us on
Facebook



Like our
Facebook
page and
get more pictures, updates and reminders!



Come join us
for a hot
supper and
family fun
activities



Families

Join the
**Bonnyville Early
Childhood
Coalition and
Parent link**

**To Disconnect to
Reconnect**

When:

Friday March 22

Where:

Parent Child Centre

Time:

5:00pm - 7:30pm

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

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!

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

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.



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
Thank you to Priscilla
Mathes and Amanda Potts
for baking cupcakes to cel-
ebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday!



Getting
ready to
read "The
Sneetches"
by Dr. Seuss



On you mark ... Get set ... GOAL!
Congratulations to all the Dragons who
reached their individualized accelerated
reader goal!! To celebrate their accomplish-
ments, they went tubing at Kinosoo Ridge
and had a lot of fun and fresh air!
Keep reading to reach your Term 2 goals!

Friday, April 5th 9:00 - 11:40 a.m.

Early Learning Open House

Meet the teachers, see the classroom, and register for Kindergarten and Preschool



Iron River School
780-826-5617
ironriverschool.ca
IronRiverSchool



Care to Learn Preschool

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.


Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with the students on **Tuesday, March 19th**. Please watch for them and take time to review and discuss your child’s report card with him or her. We appreciate all your help, support and cooperation in ensuring a successful year for the children.

Look at What’s Happening Thursday, March 21st...

TIME	GRADES	EVENT
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Kindergarten	<u>Parent/Teacher Interviews</u> : Come and discuss your child’s progress so far this school year. Please call the school to schedule your 15 minute appointment (780-826-5617).
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Grades 1-9	<u>Student-Led Conferences</u> : Students will be busy preparing and planning for Student-Led Conferences, and will be excited to illustrate their progress to their parents/guardians. The conferences will be open house style, so come to school with your child and see what your child is learning!
4:30-6:00 p.m.	All	<u>Swim Program Registration</u> : <i>Please have your child’s last level of completion.</i>
4:00-9:00 p.m.	All	<u>Book Fair</u> : in the elementary hallway
6:00-8:00 p.m.	All	<u>Wellness Night Activities</u> : Some of the sessions being offered are Social Media Awareness, Yoga, Cheerleading, Healthy Snacks, and more! Everyone is welcome to attend!
8:00-9:00 p.m.	All	<u>Individual Parent Meetings</u> : Please call the school or talk to your child’s teacher (780-826-5617) to set up an individual meeting time if needed.

Wellness Night Thu., March 21st
6:00-8:00pm




The Book Fair is COMING!

Mark your calendar so you will not miss our Scholastic Book Fair. It will be held in the Elementary Hallway **March 18-21**.

A special family event is planned for the Student-Led Conference evening on Thursday, March 21st in the elementary hallway. Our Book Fair gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products. Plus our Book Fair serves as a fundraiser for our Library.

Please call Mrs. Procinsky @ 780-826-5617 if you have any questions.

Remember . . . Books make wonderful gifts!





Swim Program Registration

Land of the Lakes Recreation Association is once again providing transportation to and from the Bonnyville Swimming Pool and covering the cost of lessons for our students!

- ⇒ Please register March 21 during student led conference 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Please know your child's last level of completion.
- ⇒ Swimming lessons will be held May 7-28, Tuesday and Thursdays. Lessons will be 40 minutes in length.
- ⇒ Parent supervision sign up will be at the same time.
- ⇒ Swim and parent supervision times will be sent out closer to the start date.

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

Northern Lights Public Schools



PowerSchool



✓ Web browser (computer or mobile device)

WHAT DOES IT DO?

PowerSchool Parent Portal is where parents can view all of their children's information in one place in one account, including grades (for students in Grade 5 and up) and attendance records.

SchoolEngage is part of the PowerSchool Parent Portal, which is where parents can access forms for things like field trips, as well as register for Transportation, Out of School Care, Preschool, and K-12.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

You must create your PowerSchool account and attach each student to your it. To create this account, you will need an Access ID and Access Password for each child. These are provided by your child's school. If you do not have them, contact the school for more information.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

We have a detailed guide on how to use PowerSchool Parent Portal on the Northern Lights website. Go to nlpsab.ca, click on the Parents menu, and then look for PowerSchool Parent Portal in Parent Tools.

INSTRUCTIONS

PowerSchool Parent Portal is a platform that offers a wide variety of options and services to parents.

Due to the large number of functions that PowerSchool performs, we highly recommend viewing our Parent Guide to setting up an account in PowerSchool Parent Portal, available on the Northern Lights Public Schools website.

To view the guide, go to nlpsab.ca. Once there, look for the Parents menu, and then click on PowerSchool Parent Portal in the Parent Tools section.



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Important Reminders for School Cash Online ...

- ♦ Do you have a School Cash Online account?
- ♦ Are you getting the email notifications when a new item is posted to School Cash Online?
- ♦ Are you getting the reminder emails before an item is due if you haven't already purchased that item?

If the answer to any of the above questions is "no", please do the following:

- ⇒ Setup a School Cash Online parent account at <https://nlld.schoolcashonline.com>
 - ⇒ Select the Checkbox to Receive Email Notifications
 - ⇒ When & Where is this selected?
- 1) Upon School Cash Online Registration, parents are required to actively decide whether they wish to receive emails for new fees, and reminders, by selecting the notification checkbox.
 - 2) Did not check it upon registration...what to do? Parents can revise their account information by logging into their School Cash Online account, select **My Account**, **Email Notifications**, select the checkbox.

Thank you for using this convenient and secure tool for all school payments!

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

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