



# The EXPRESS

May 3, 2022

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Mental Health Week

## IRS Bake Sale & Fundraiser

Enjoy various baked goodies and help raise funds for the Bonnyville Child & Adolescent Mental Health Clinic!

**\$0.50 per item**

**Wednesday, May 4th**  
**11:35 AM - 12:15 PM**

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

## P.A.C. FAMILY NIGHT

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**IRS**

**WEDNESDAY | MAY 4TH 2022**  
**5:30pm-7:30pm**

<u>SESSIONS</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
1) "HEALTHY COMMUNICATION" BY SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES - SUCCESSFUL KIDS (SEPARATE SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS)	*BANNOCK MAKING *FAMILY ART WITH SFSK *YARD GAMES *DODGEBALL GAME TO END THE EVENING
2) WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL COUNCIL DO & HOW DO THEY SUPPORT THE SCHOOL	

Mental Health Week

**THURSDAY**  
**MAY 5TH**

## FREE BREAKFAST TREAT

FOR IRS BUS DRIVERS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF

## Hats On! FOR MENTAL HEALTH

# WEAR A SPECIAL HAT

to school, to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. [canwetalk.ca](http://canwetalk.ca)

**can we talk?**  
**WEDNESDAY MAY 4 2022**

The Alberta Teachers' Association Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta Global

## Pizza with the Principal

There were several Dragon scales with positive behaviours read during morning announcements. **Derrick Alyward, Harper Kaval, Nora Potter, Bentley Rash, Jenelle Kardash, Dakota Mathes, Alisha Nelson, and Torin Wakulchyk** were the lucky **April winners** whose scales were drawn to have "Pizza with the Principal"!

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

### The focus for May is Self-Control!

Scales and flames are added to the big Dragon on the bulletin board across from the office throughout the school year.

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

- Mission Statement




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Principal: K. Draycott  
Admin. Assistant: D. MacGillivray  
Librarian: L. Procinsky (Tue & Thu)

#### Websites:

**Iron River School:** <https://ironriverschool.ca>  
**Parent Portal:** <https://powerschool.nlsd.ab.ca/public/>  
**School Cash Online:** <https://nlsd.schoolcashonline.com>  
**N.L.P.S.:** <https://www.nlpsab.ca>  
**Transportation:** <https://nlpsab.ca/Transportation.php>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Iron-River-School-518678098342885/>



# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mental Health Week - May 2-5 Daily Activities	2 MHW - Rock Painting	3 MHW - Chalk the Walk  Swim Lesson  School Council / PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	4 Hats On! for Mental Health  MHW - Bake Sale @ lunch  Family Fun Night 5:30 pm	5 MHW - School-wide pancake and sausage breakfast  MHW - Self Care Day  Swim Lesson	6 NO SCHOOL for Students (Staff PD Day)	7
8 Mother's Day  	9	10 Swim Lesson	11 Hamel's PAC Fundraiser Orders Due  PK-2 Field Trip	12 Swim Lesson	13 School Spirit & Hat Day  Preschool & Kindergarten Open House (NO SCHOOL for current Kindergarten students) 9:30 am	14
15	16	17 Swim Lesson	18 Gr. 6 PAT - LA (part A)	19 Swim Lesson	20 NO SCHOOL - Family Friday	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day	24 75% AR Stay-On- Track Goal  Swim Lesson	25	26 Swim Lesson  Ward Track and Field Meet	27 School Spirit & Hat Day	28
29	30	31 District Track and Field Meet				

# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 School Spirit & Hat Day	4
5	6	7 School Council / PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Last Preschool Day	9	10 NO SCHOOL - Family Friday	11
12	13 Gr. 6 PAT - Math (parts A & B)  K-4 Bike Safety Presentation and Helmet Fitting	14	15 Gr. 6 PAT - Science  K-4 Bike Rodeo	16 AR Term 2 Ends  Gr. 6 PAT - Social	17 School Spirit & Hat Day  K-8 Field Trip	18
19 	20	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22 Gr. 6 PAT - LA (part B)	23	24 School Spirit & Hat Day	25
26	27	28 Last Day for Students  Report Cards sent home 3:00 pm	29 Last Day for Staff	30 School Closed for the Summer		



BUS STATUS  
MOBILE APP

The Bus Status App allows you 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 is available for Android and iPhone.

SCHOOL CASH  
ONLINE

With SchoolCashOnline, you can pay online for hot lunches, field trips, school clothing, and more.

Pay using a credit card or debit from your bank account.

SCHOOL  
MESSENGER

School Messenger allows schools and teachers to send messages to parents and/or students by email, text, and phone. Messages may include automated attendance notifications and general messages from your child's teacher or school. Important notices from the Division, and emergency notifications including class cancellations and school closures. Safe Arrival allows parents to notify their child's school of an absence directly within the app. Available for Android, iPhone, and on your web browser.

POWERSCHOOL

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

Visit our website for more instructions regarding each Parent Tool • [nlpsab.ca](http://nlpsab.ca)

Daily Bell Schedule K-8

PERIOD	TIME
Homeroom	8:35-8:40
1	8:40-9:20
2	9:20-10:00
Recess	10:00-10:15
3	10:15-10:55
4	10:55-11:35
Lunch	11:35-11:55
Recess	11:55-12:15
Reading	12:15-12:35
5	12:35-1:10
6	1:10-1:45
Recess	1:45-2:00
7	2:00-2:35
8	2:35-3:08

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**Congratulations** to:

~ Jenelle Kardash ~

~ Torin Wakulchyk ~

winners of the April Birthdays t-shirt draw!

**Congratulations to:**

~ Grade 7/8 Class ~

Recipients of the April

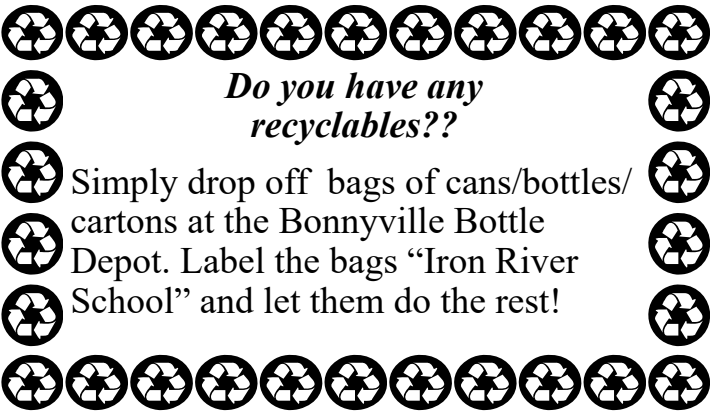
**"Platinum Garbage Can Award"**

Thank you for keeping your room tidy.

Mrs. Priscilla & Mr. Tyler



**Do you have any recyclables??**



Simply drop off bags of cans/bottles/cartons at the Bonnyville Bottle Depot. Label the bags "Iron River School" and let them do the rest!



Sports  
at  
Iron  
River School

Congratulations to our Badminton Team for a successful season! Several of our athletes won medals at the Central Ward and the District tournaments!

**Way To Go Dragons!**

The next sports season is Track & Field!



**Swimming Lessons!  
(Tue. & Thu. May 3-26)**

Today (May 3) is the first day for swimming lessons! Thank you to the Land of the Lakes Recreation Association for providing free swimming lessons and transportation for our students and community children!

Remember that every Friday is...

**School Spirit Day** ~ wear IRS school clothing or school colours (red, gray, black)!

and

**Hat Day** ~ pay the "Food Bank Fine" (\$1 or a food bank item) to break the no hats in school rule! All fines/donations will be sent to the Bonnyville Friendship Center.





Register NOW for  
2022-2023 School Year

# Care to Learn Preschool

Play-Based Learning for Children Ages 3 & 4!

Classes are Mon. and Wed. 8:30-11:30 am

Register online at [nlpsab.ca/programs/early-learning/preschool](https://nlpsab.ca/programs/early-learning/preschool)



## 2022-2023 Registrations

**NEW students** to Iron River School can get registration instructions and register on-line through the school division website

<https://www.nlpsab.ca/parents/registration>

We are currently accepting NEW registrations for Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8.

**CURRENT Iron River School students** will automatically be registered in their next year grade at Iron River School *unless we are notified of a change.*

## Playground Update

Progress is being made on the new playground! A representative from Blue Imp was here measuring and inspecting our playground area to get ready to install the new playground equipment this summer. Some of the old deteriorating equipment needs to be removed before then to make room for the new equipment chosen by our students. Don't be surprised when some of the oldest items are removed!

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## SCHOOLMESSENGER + SAFE ARRIVAL

### What does it do?

SchoolMessenger allows schools and teachers to send messages to parents and/or students via voice message to your phone, email, and text. Parents can set their preferences and choose which types of messages will be sent through email, text, etc.

With Safe Arrival, parents can notify the school directly from the app if their child will be absent.

### Setting Up the App

Once the app is downloaded, open it and enter your email address and create a password. **The email address must be the same email address that you provided to your child's school.**

Ensure your location is set to **Canada**.

When asked for your role, select **Parent**.

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

To ensure everything is working properly, click on the three lines in the top left corner of the app. The options listed should include Attendance, Messages, Contacts, Groups, Preferences, and Settings. If you do not see the Contacts or the Preferences options, your account has not been connected properly. Please contact your school for assistance.

If you want to receive text messages, you will need to text Y to 978-338 to give your consent.

### What messages will I get?

The types of messages that are sent through SchoolMessenger include:

- Automated attendance notifications
- General messages from your child's teacher, school, or the school division, such as newsletters and event information.
- Information regarding emergencies including class cancellations and school closures.

Visit the Parents section of the Northern Lights Public Schools website for more detailed information.