



Poplar Ridge School May Newsletter

Can you believe we only have 38 days left of this school year?

What a wonderful school year we have had!

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Top things you need to know about Poplar Ridge for May:

1. **Academic Excellence:** Our students grades 1-6 are participating in an assessment called the HLAT. The HLAT, or Highest Level of Achievement Test, is a standardized writing assessment used in schools in Alberta, Canada, to measure students' writing skills compared to the Alberta language arts curriculum. It helps teachers see how well their students are performing and how they compare to students across the province.
2. **Professional Learning Day:** Our teachers will be working with the Sylvan Lake teachers for a collaborative analysis day on May 2. No school for students on Friday.
3. **Criminal Record Checks** - We are fast approaching field trip season! In order to volunteer, you need a current criminal record check on file with the office. If you are unsure if yours is current please check with Ms. Salomons.
4. **Play afterschool!** We have been asked if parents can meet their children on the playground afterschool. Absolutely!!!! Please park in the parking lot stalls (beside the staff vehicles) and enjoy the playground with your child!
5. **School Council:** Our next meeting is on May 23. You are welcome to attend!
6. **Bottle Drive:** The next bottle drive is May 29 and May 30 and the proceeds go toward upcoming field trips.
7. **Walk the Talk:** We are working with Red Deer County to host an event where our senior community members and grandparents can attend a special event at Poplar Ridge School with staff and students in the afternoon of June 5. You need to register with Red Deer County by, [clicking here](#).
8. **We will be hosting two fantastic events for our students on June 24:**
 - **Track and Field for Grades 4, 5, and 6**
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
 - **Sports Day for Grades 1, 2, and 3**
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 - To ensure the success of both events, we are seeking volunteers to lead groups throughout the duration of the activities. Your support is vital in creating a fun and memorable experience for our students. If we don't have enough volunteers, we will need to cancel the events.
 - If you are interested and able to commit your time, please reach out to Mrs. Chu at schu@cesd73.ca by May 15.
 - We were wondering if we might have someone volunteer to rotentil our sandlot for track and field. If so, please email Mrs. Cocks at kcocks@cesd73.ca

Dates to Remember:

May 2 - Professional Learning Day - no school for students
May 5 - Bus Driver Appreciation Week
May 6 - Hats on for Mental Health
May 8 - HJ gives back! Grade 12 students (original PR students) are coming back to Poplar to help out in our gym classes
May 9 - Spa day in Kindergarten for kindergarten parents
May 16 and 19 - May Long Weekend - no school on May 16 or May 19.
May 23 - Kindergarten open house for registered kinders starting kindergarten in the 2025-2026 school year.
May 29 - School Council Bottle Drive/ Core Values awards at 11 and HJ Grads visit Poplar in their caps and gowns
June 5 - Walk the Talk event at 2pm-3pm
June 24 - Track and Field/ Sports Day
June 26 - Last day of school - noon dismissal

