

Knights News JT Foster School

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Principal's Message - Mr. MacDonald

Celebrating Our Students - Rodeo

Last Saturday, I had the privilege of watching J.T. Foster students shine outside of the walls of our classrooms. During the junior and senior high rodeo event in High River, I attended and witnessed something truly extraordinary, that left me in awe of our student dedication, skill, and passion. The sight of our students fearlessly participating in rodeo events was nothing short of inspiring. What struck me the most was the physical prowess, resilience, and strong sense of community among our students as they cheered each other on. Observing these young men and women take control of powerful animals to accomplish a task is nothing short of amazing.

As principal, there is nothing more rewarding than seeing our students flourish in all aspects of their lives, both inside and outside of the classroom. Their achievements in rodeo serve as a testament to the diverse talents and interests that make up our student body. I would like to congratulate all of the participants on a job well done, and I look forward to attending more events in the future!

Mr. MacDonald - Principal

Assistant Principal/Learning Support - Mrs. Spencer

As we near the end of the year, we often hear educators have one foot in the present and one foot in the future. This proves true here at J.T. Foster at this time. We as admin are reflecting on what programs and services served our students and what programs and services we need to rethink. In the coming weeks, our teachers will meet with many of you to discuss transitions into next year. If your child has been working on goals outlined in an Individual Support Plan, you will hear from us to book a time to discuss transitions into the next school year. If you have concerns about how next year will look for your child, please reach out.

Mrs. Spencer - Assistant Principal

Important Upcoming Dates - Lee Chattaway & Jenna Flitton

Friday May 17 - No School - Staff Planning

Monday May 20 - No School - Victoria Day

Wednesday May 22 - Bar U Ranch Field Trip (Grade 7) - bus leaves at 8:45am returns at 3pm - \$23.00

Wednesday May 22 - Healthcare Career Exploration Field Trip (Fort MacLeod) - bus leaves 7:45am-3:15pm; \$25.00

Wednesday May 22 - Sr. Track & Field Districts at St. Michael's in Pincher Creek (events start at 10am, bus leaves at 8:30am)

Saturday May 25 - Drivers Ed in the Conference Room - 9:00am-5:00pm - registration instructions below.

Sunday May 26 - Drivers Ed in the Conference Room - 9:00am-5:00pm - day 2 of 2

Tuesday May 28 - Jr. Track & Field Districts at St. Michael's in Pincher Creek (events start at 9am, bus leaves at 7:30am)

Tuesday May 28 - Spring Band Concert - 7:00pm - **this date is likely to change** so that it doesn't conflict with Track & Field Districts.

Thursday May 30 - Sr. Track & Field Zones at Medicine Hat Rotary Track, 1501 Division Ave N, Medicine Hat - events being at 9am - bussing may be provided if enough athletes qualify

Friday May 31 - RELAY FOR LIFE - 12:00-9:30pm

Friday May 31 - Senior Work Experience Hours Due to Mr. Charchun for the students that are participating in the work experience program.

Monday June 3 - Library Books are due

Tuesday June 4 - Jr. Track & Field Zones in Lethbridge (U of L track) - events start at 9am, bus leaves at 7am

Tuesday June 4 - JT Foster Awards Night - 7pm in the gymnasium

Friday June 7 - Graduation 2024 - 3pm at the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre

Friday June 7 - No School for Jr. High Students - regular scheduled classes for Sr. High

Tuesday June 11 - Grade 8 & 9 Field Trip to Lethbridge - Japanese Gardens & Henderson Pool - bus leaves at 8:45am, returning at 4:15pm)

Tuesday June 18 - Last Day of Regular Scheduled Classes

See attached exam schedule for diplomas, PAT's and final exams. Return your textbooks as soon as you're done writing your exam.

Drivers Education

Cost: \$787.49 (includes tax)

When: May 25 & 26, 2024 at JTF School - Conference Room

What to Bring: Bagged lunch & Notebook/Pen

How to Register: skillsdrivingschool.ca, fill in the "Contact Us" form and indicate Nanton in the comment section. You will be emailed with a confirmation.

After the students have completed in-class portion, they will receive 4 driving lesson (each 2.5hrs/lesson) for a total of 10 instructional driving hours. Students will need to meet the instructors at the A&W in High River. Students are required to have a learners license to participate.

Relay for Life

Date: Friday, May 31, 2024

Time: 12:00-9:30pm

Kick Off Ceremony in the gym: 12:00-12:15pm

Registration Fee: \$20 (must be paid in the office with cash or cheque - written to JT Foster School)

Minimum Fundraising Amount: \$100 per person, or an average of \$100 per person on their team.

Beneficiary: Canadian Cancer Society

Last Day to Sign up: Friday, May 3, 2024

Last Day to submit cash/cheque donations: Thursday May 30, 2024

Volunteers Needed for Food Prep: 11:00am-2:00pm

To sign up, go to : https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLY_NW_odd_?fr_id=29649&pg=entry

Relay for Life is an 8 hour relay hosted on the JT Foster School track to help raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. Students, staff, and community members are welcome to participate by joining a relay team. Teams are a maximum of 10 people. A member from your team must be on the track for the entire 8 hours, so we recommend that you try to fill your teams.

Throughout the day, there will be games such as volleyball, spike ball, 4 square volleyball, relay games and various water games. Students are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, shades tents, change of clothing, water & snacks. We recommend that you label your chairs & belongings.

The Nanton Leos will be providing on-site music for the event. The student leadership group is planning a BBQ during the event, so we are looking for parent / community volunteers to help prepare & BBQ food from 11:00am-2:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the school at s-jtfoster@lrsd.ab.ca. Fundraising can be done by collecting cash & cheque donations (cheques written to Canadian Cancer Society), or online via the fundraising link above. Collecting online donations is simple as you can share your link on your social media, and you can text/email your fundraising link to friends & family.

There will be a luminary ceremony towards the end of the evening to pay tribute to our family & friends who have been affected by cancer. This ceremony is followed by a Lap of Hope, where students light up the track with battery operated candles in paper bags, and dedicate the lap to someone they know who has been affected by cancer.

Thank you to the student leadership group for organizing this huge event that enables our students to give back to a very important and worthwhile cause.

JT Foster School Council Executive

The JTF School Council AGM took place on March 25, 2024, and the following members were elected to the

school council executive.

- Chair - Sherri Lundberg - until the end of the school year. We are looking for someone to fill this position for next school year
- Vice Chair - Lori Loree
- Treasurer - Sophie Laviolette
- Secretary - Cindy Pineo

If you are interested in filling the role of chairperson for School Council, please email the school at s-jtfoster@lrsd.ab.ca.