

As we wrap up another school year,

we have much to celebrate and many happy memories. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support. It has been a true honour to work alongside you in nurturing, guiding, and teaching the next generation of Christ followers. Our prayer is that you felt supported and very much a part of our school community.

Parents of our kindergarteners, you've undoubtedly watched your child's incredible growth and development over the past year. For parents of our soon-to-be graduates, you are likely experiencing an array of emotions as your sons and daughters get ready for the next chapter of their lives. Many of these students have been with Gateway since kindergarten, and they will be dearly missed. It is our prayer that all our students have grown in their understanding of who God is, what He has done for us and how we can live for Him. Being a part of their journey has been a true delight and honour for us.

I would like to acknowledge the exceptional leadership of Geannette Lehman, Carolyn Stolte and Cathy Mottus-Landry. They have shown outstanding leadership and have had a profound impact on our students, teachers, support staff and school community. We thank them for fostering both spiritual growth and academic excellence. We thank them for their unwavering dedication, genuine passion, and steadfast commitment to Christian Education.

Thank you to...

- Leah Baker, who graciously stepped into the role of acting vice-principal at the beginning of the school year with kindness, integrity and dedication. Your contribution to the admin team and our school was a blessing to our school community and a testament to your hard work and unwavering faith.
- our dedicated and hardworking teachers, instructional assistants, and support staff. Each day, you inspire, nurture, and guide our students, fostering both their academic and spiritual growth. Your unwavering commitment to academic excellence and Christian education is deeply appreciated.
- our caretaking team for keeping our school clean and safe. Your meticulous attention to detail is clearly reflected in the welcoming atmosphere of our school. Thank you for playing an important role at Gateway.
- our parents. Your active involvement, whether through volunteering, attending events, or supporting your children at home, has made a significant impact on our school's success. We are incredibly proud of the progress and achievements our students have made, and we know that this would not have been possible without your dedication and encouragement. Thank you for your prayers, understanding and support throughout this school year.
- our guest teachers, who step in and embrace new grades & plans, follow new classroom procedures, all while working effectively with new students. The lasting impact you have on our school and students is invaluable, and we are truly grateful for your unwavering support.
- our dedicated Lunch Coordinator, Joanne Koyina, for her exceptional management of our Hot Lunch Program. Joanne, your meticulous attention to detail and unwavering commitment to the success of the program are truly invaluable. Thank you to our amazing hot lunch volunteers who generously give their time each week to ensure that meals are distributed. You each are crucial to the program's success, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you to this wonderful team for your significant contributions to enriching our school community and for the love and support you show to our students each week. Your dedication is deeply appreciated and makes a meaningful difference at Gateway.
- our dedicated parent volunteers who generously contribute their time and talents to assist in our classrooms, enhance school events, and accompany our students on field trips. Your invaluable support and positive impact enrich our school community. Thank you for making a difference!
- our School Council & Gateway Society for Christian Education members. Thank you for graciously & faithfully serving our school community. Thank you for the work you put into fundraising, staff appreciation days and the many, many other ways you have supported Gateway.
- our dedicated bus drivers, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Rand. We deeply appreciate your dedication to safely transporting our students to and from various events, ensuring their well-being and comfort on every trip throughout the school year.

*We are grateful!*



## GATEWAY'S STORY – GOD'S STORY

Gateway Christian School is filled with stories.

Stories in the books we read, the events that unfold and the stories each of us brings to our school community! Every year, we unite to add a new chapter to the unfolding story of Gateway Christian School. However, our journey is bigger than the boundaries of our school. Our story, like all stories, is part of God's grand design, and each of us has a unique role to play in the epic story written by our loving and faithful Heavenly Father.

We, at Gateway, are grateful for God's faithfulness to our school community and the many blessings He has given us as we continue to seek His wisdom and guidance in the coming school year.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 NIV*

*We wish you and your family a very safe, sunny, and fun-filled summer. May it be a time of rest, relaxation, and cherished memories with family and friends. God bless!*



## RESULTS ARE IN



Thank you once again to our community for your generosity and for coming out to enjoy the Pancake Breakfast, Market, Silent Auction and Carnival on June 7th.

**Together we raised \$14,829.74!**

\$8779.74 will go towards the cost of our new basketball hoops in the main gym and \$6050.00 towards field trips.

Thank you to our Fundraising Committee for your vision, commitment, time, and effort in making this event a huge success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made the day the success that it was! It takes a lot of volunteers to put on this event each year and we're grateful for the role each person played. We couldn't have done this without you!

*A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generosity and support of our community.*



### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

**Shannon Driedger -  
Committee Chair**

**Jennifer Hand**

**Heather Hankins**

**Andrea Korevaar**

**Geannette Lehman**

**Kelli-Anne Mysko**

**Lauren Visser**

Thank you for your support of Christian  
Education at Gateway Christian School!  
Gateway Society for Christian Education & Gateway School Council!

## Looking for information on...

-Ordering a 2024-2025 Gateway Yearbook? If you are, please click [HERE](#).

-Ordering your child's 2025-2026 school supplies through School Start, please click [HERE](#).

-Our Gr. 6-12 June Exam Calendar, please click [HERE](#).

-Our June Parent/Guardian Calendar, please click [HERE](#).

-The Yellow bus service for the next school year? If you are, please click [HERE](#).

-The City Transit bus service for the next school year? If you are, please click [HERE](#).



### Field Trips –

We have four more fun-filled field trips this week.

Each trip offers a unique adventure and experience for your son/daughter.

For more information on your child's field trip, please click the document below.

- [Gr. 2 trip to Ellis Bird Farm – June 24<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [Gr. 5 trip to Kerry Wood Nature Centre – June 25<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [Gr. 7 trip to Royal Tyrrell Museum – June 25<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [Gr. 8 trip to the Calgary Zoo – June 24<sup>th</sup>](#)



## Important Information for the Upcoming School Year!

We have a few important documents to share with you!

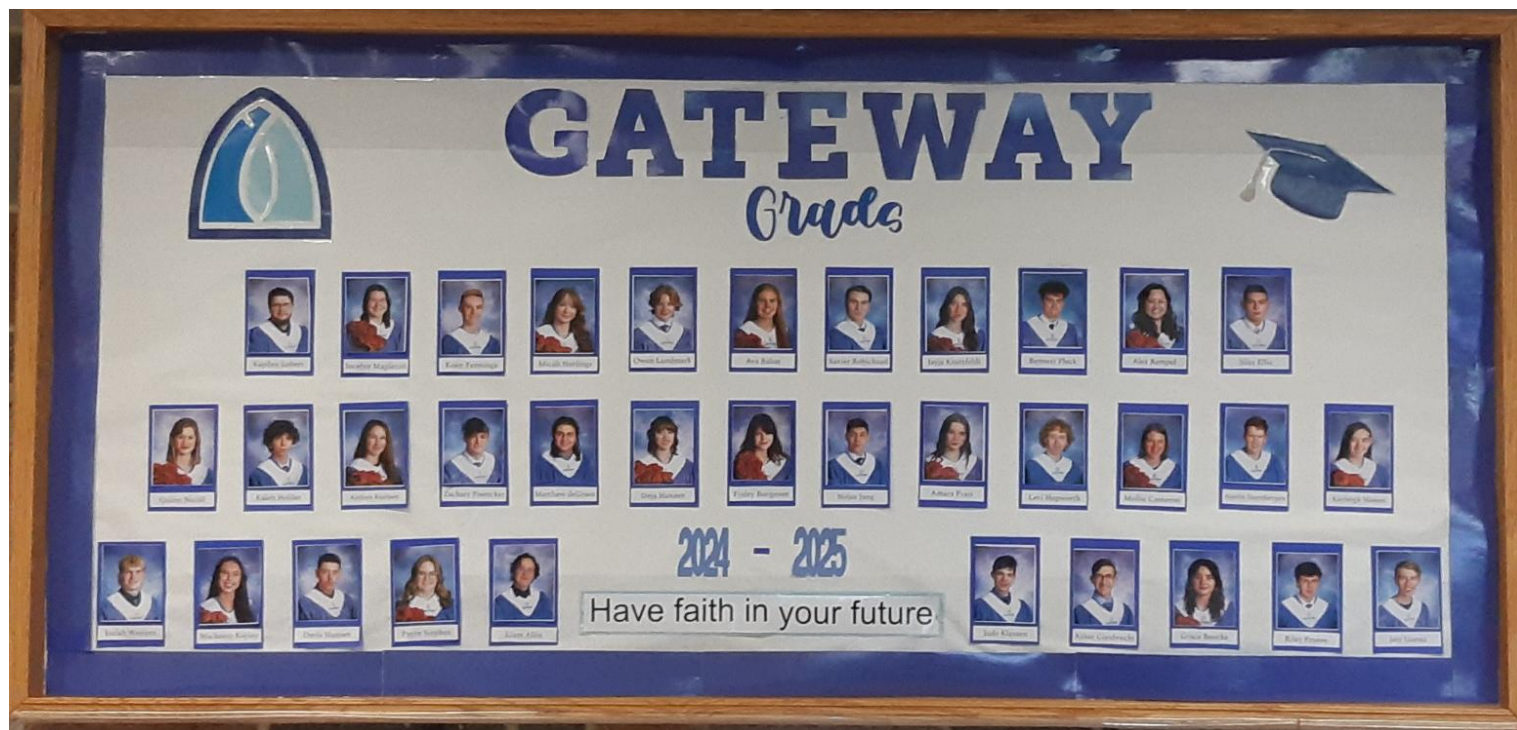
1. Our calendar dates for the upcoming school year. These include the start and end dates, holidays, and PD days. For a copy, please click [HERE](#).

2. Our daily schedule for Kindergarten through Grade 12 students. For a copy, please click [HERE](#).

3. Our 2025-2026 school supply list. This list includes all necessary materials that your son/daughter will need for their classes. For a copy, please click [HERE](#).

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the office. We'd be happy to help.






**Grad parents:**  
Please join us for our **GRAD WALK!**  
This week, we say goodbye to an amazing group of Gr. 12 graduates!  
We invite our Gr. 12 parents to our annual



**GRAD WALK  
TODAY,  
MONDAY, JUNE 23RD  
AT 2:15 P.M.**

Students, staff, and parents will line our hallways as our graduates take one last walk down the halls of Gateway Christian School.

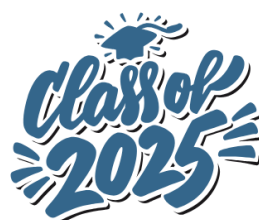
Join us as we cheer, high five, hug, and celebrate each grad!



**2025** *class of*

The 2025 Graduating Class of Gateway Christian School cordially invites our school community to join them for their Graduation Ceremony  
June 26th at 3:30 p.m.  
CrossRoads Church  
(38105 Range Rd 275, Red Deer County)

Have faith in your future



We celebrate your achievements and honour your hard work, Gr. 12 graduates! May God's promises be your strength and inspiration as you go forth to make a difference in His kingdom.





# 2025



# Gr. 12 Graduation Details

## GRADUATION DAY

**Thursday, June 26, 2025**

**3:30 p.m. - Ceremony at  
CrossRoads Church (38105, Range  
Rd 275, Red Deer).**

**Graduates are to bring & wear Cap,  
Gowns & vee stoles.**

**Grads need to be there before 3:00  
p.m. to meet in the cafeteria area  
of the church to get ready for the  
processional.**

**Grads are to wear something  
comfortable underneath - grads  
will be sitting & standing for a  
while.**

**The gown & vee stole are to be  
returned immediately following  
the ceremony at the church - no  
exceptions.**

**The cap with commemorative  
tassel is for grads to keep!**

**6:30 p.m. - Banquet at Gateway  
Christian School Gymnasium (4210  
59 Street).**

**(for invited guests only).**

**Graduates wear their formal  
Graduation Attire.**

**There will be a Grand March  
around the gym to start the  
banquet evening. Grads meet in  
the den at 6:25 p.m. for this special  
entrance.**

**Following the speeches & toasts,  
there will be a group photo taken  
of our graduates in all their pomp &  
finery in front of the school.**

## GOWN PICK UP & GRAD WALK

**Monday, June 23rd - gown pick up 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
in the Den. (if partaking in the Grad Walk). If not  
participating in the Grad Walk, students are to pick  
up their gowns on Tuesday, June 24th.**

**All grads will wear their cap and gown and do a  
Graduation Walk through the halls of Gateway at 2:15  
p.m. on Mon., June 23rd where our entire school will  
celebrate our graduates. Please allow for 15 minutes  
for this walk through (the cheers & high fives take  
time)!**

**Following the Grad Walk, we will be taking a group  
photo on the playground, as well as a few posed &  
candid shots for use in the graduation program and  
yearbook. Please allow for a half hour for this as well.  
Therefore, grads will be with us from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Students will keep their cap, gown and vee stole in  
their personal possession until grad day for personal  
picture purposes. Students MUST bring their cap,  
gown & vee stole to the ceremony!**

## GRADUATION REHEARSAL & SET UP

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

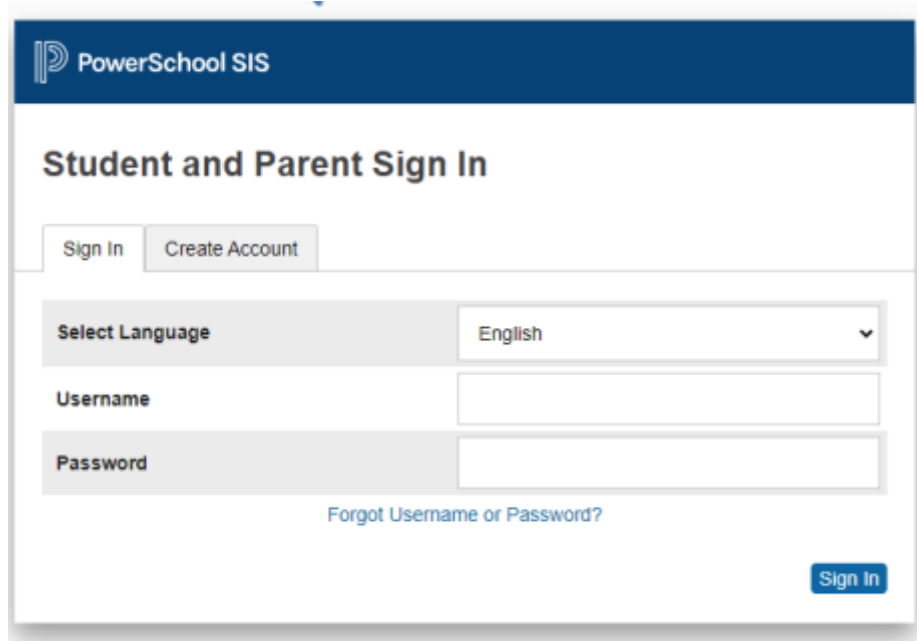
**Mandatory Grad Rehearsal at  
CrossRoads Church (38105, Range Rd  
275, Red Deer) at 9:00 a.m.**

**Banquet set-up at Gateway Christian  
School gym. This will require setting up  
tables & chairs, as well as tablecloths &  
centerpieces \*\*If you are able to  
volunteer (parents &/or grads) and  
help set up our gymnasium please  
let Heather Poettcker know  
(heather.poettcker@rdpsd.ab.ca).  
Set up will begin at 1:00 p.m.  
at the school.**

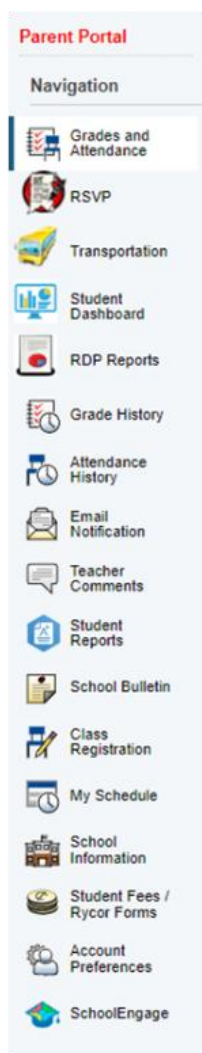
## Accessing Kindergarten - 8 Report Cards

Kindergarten – Gr. 8 report cards will be available online on Thursday, June 26th through your PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Link: <http://powerschool.rdpsd.ab.ca/public>



The image shows the PowerSchool SIS login page. At the top is a blue header with the PowerSchool SIS logo. Below the header is a white box titled "Student and Parent Sign In". Inside this box, there are two tabs: "Sign In" (selected) and "Create Account". Below the tabs, there is a "Select Language" dropdown menu set to "English". Below that are input fields for "Username" and "Password". A link "Forgot Username or Password?" is located below the password field. A blue "Sign In" button is at the bottom right of the sign-in box.



Parents need a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account to access their child's report card. If you do not have a parent account or can't remember your username and/or password please contact the office (403-346-5795) or email [cathy.mccullough@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:cathy.mccullough@rdpsd.ab.ca) before noon on Friday, June 27th. After June 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be no secretaries available to assist you with your PowerSchool questions. Secretaries will not be back in the office until the end of August.

### Viewing/Printing Kindergarten – Gr. 8 Report Cards (Please note report cards will not be available until Thursday, June 26th)

Log into your parent account using this link: <http://powerschool.rdpsd.ab.ca/public>

Under the "Navigation" Menu on the LEFT side, scroll to find "RDP Reports".

- You will now see the Report Card Section. Click on the blue link/words "Middle School Report Card" OR "Elementary School Report Card".
- This will take you to your child's most recently posted report card. (The red printing will NOT print - it is for the webpage ONLY)

If you have more than one child, check on each child's name at the top and repeat these steps to view their report card.



## Our Field Day on Wednesday was so much FUN!

As you can see... a great time was had by all! Lots of smiling faces! Students had an incredible time engaging in a variety of fun and active events/games. We are so proud of our students for their enthusiasm, teamwork and the support they showed each other! Our big buddies did a great job of taking care of their little buddies! It was heartwarming to see the smiles on their faces as they cheered each other on and celebrated their successes.

Many thanks to...

► our Field Day Committee: Jenna Parsons, Abe Tuazon, Lukas Erickson, Dawson Strome, Cathy Mottus-Landry & Carolyn Stolte. Thank you for planning & organizing a great day! Students had a blast!

► our parent and high school volunteers. We couldn't have offered our hot dog lunch or ran the events without you! We had an amazing team of volunteers and the activities went off without a hitch!

► the many parents, grandparents & family members who came out to cheer on our students!

### K-Gr. 5 afternoon activities









## Middle School Track & Field at Thurber Track on Tuesday!

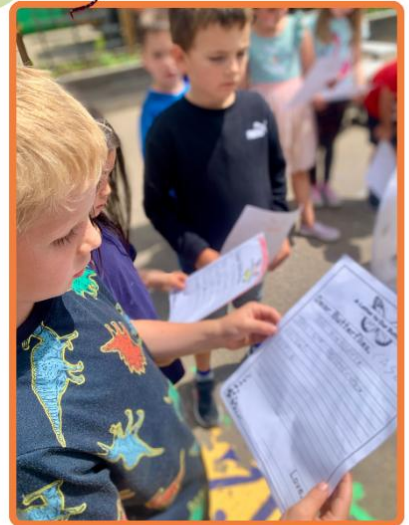
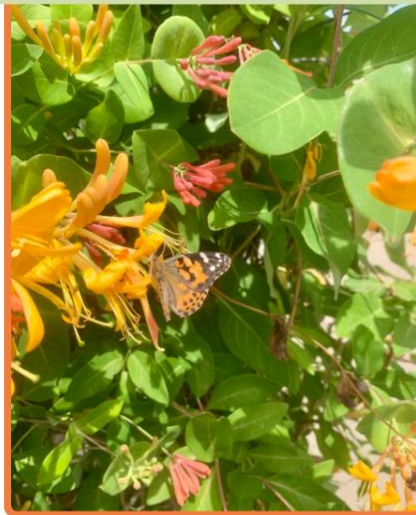
The energy at our Middle School Track and Field afternoon was unbeatable! Our middle school students were able to showcase their athletic abilities in a variety of events. It is a great afternoon where everyone came together to cheer each other on, making it not just about competition, but about having fun and showing school spirit! Congratulations to all our students!





## From caterpillars to BUTTERFLIES!

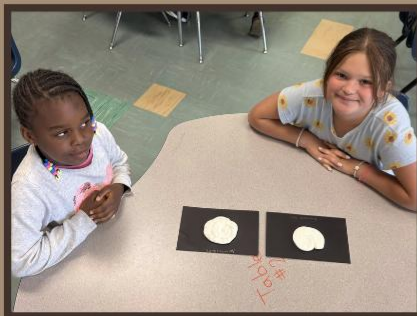
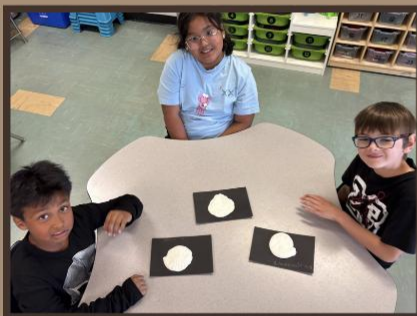
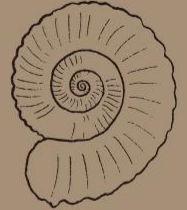
Mrs. Capton's kindergarten class raised ten caterpillars that all successfully metamorphosed into butterflies! Last week, they released them into the outdoor classroom after reading them their butterfly letters. Mrs. Capton loved how it paralleled the journey and growth of her Kinders... who are truly ready to fly!!



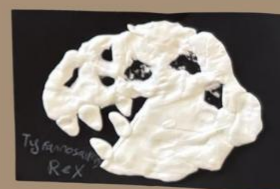


## Exploring the Earth's Surface in 3W

In Mrs. Wolfmeyers' Gr. 3 science classes, students are learning how layers of the Earth's surface hold information about the past. Last week, they were studying the different layers of soil – humus, topsoil, subsoil, gravel & bedrock and recreated the layers in a yummy treat! How fun & tasty! They also recreated their very own fossils!



Ammonite Shell



Tyrannosaurus Rex



Albertosaurus



## Experiencing Government Up Close!

On Thursday, our Gr. 6 students had the opportunity to spend the day at the Alberta Legislature.

The trip offered them a unique opportunity to experience the inner workings of government, legislature, and citizenship up close and personal.

As they walked through the grand halls, the stunning architecture stood as a testament to Alberta's rich history. Every corner of the legislature spoke volumes about the province's past and its dedication to democracy.

A highlight of the day was the visit to the Democracy Discovery Centre. Here, students engaged with interactive exhibits that brought the concept of democracy to life. Through play and educational panels, they delved into the intricacies of government and active citizenship, gaining a deeper understanding of their role in shaping the future. They also took part in a fun activity that simulated the legislative process.

At the Pehonan Theatre, students were transported through time with the film "Our People Our Province." Displayed on a breathtaking 360-degree screen, the film took them on a captivating journey through Alberta's social and political history, making the past come alive before their eyes.



The trip reinforced lessons about democracy and its workings in Alberta and gave students an appreciation for the democratic processes.



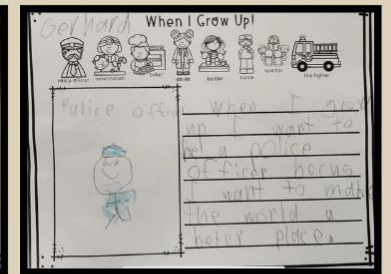
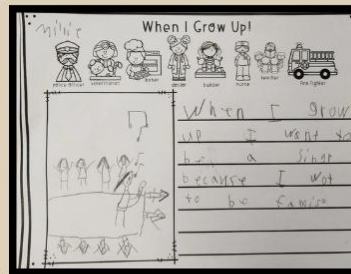
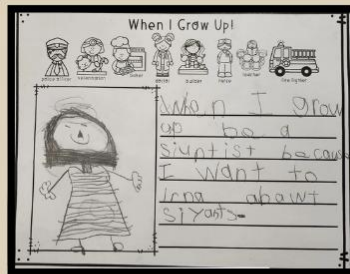
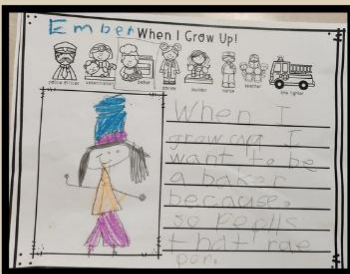






## Futures and looking very BRIGHT for students in Mrs. Moltzahn's grade one class!

It was Career Day on Friday and we had students sporting stethoscopes, dance uniforms, sports' jerseys, baker's coats, police uniforms, and much more. They also had the opportunity to meet parents who work in an array of different occupations. A BIG thank you to all our parents who came in to talk about their careers and the work they do!



## Zero the Hero swooped into Mrs. Lodewyk's Kindergarten Classes

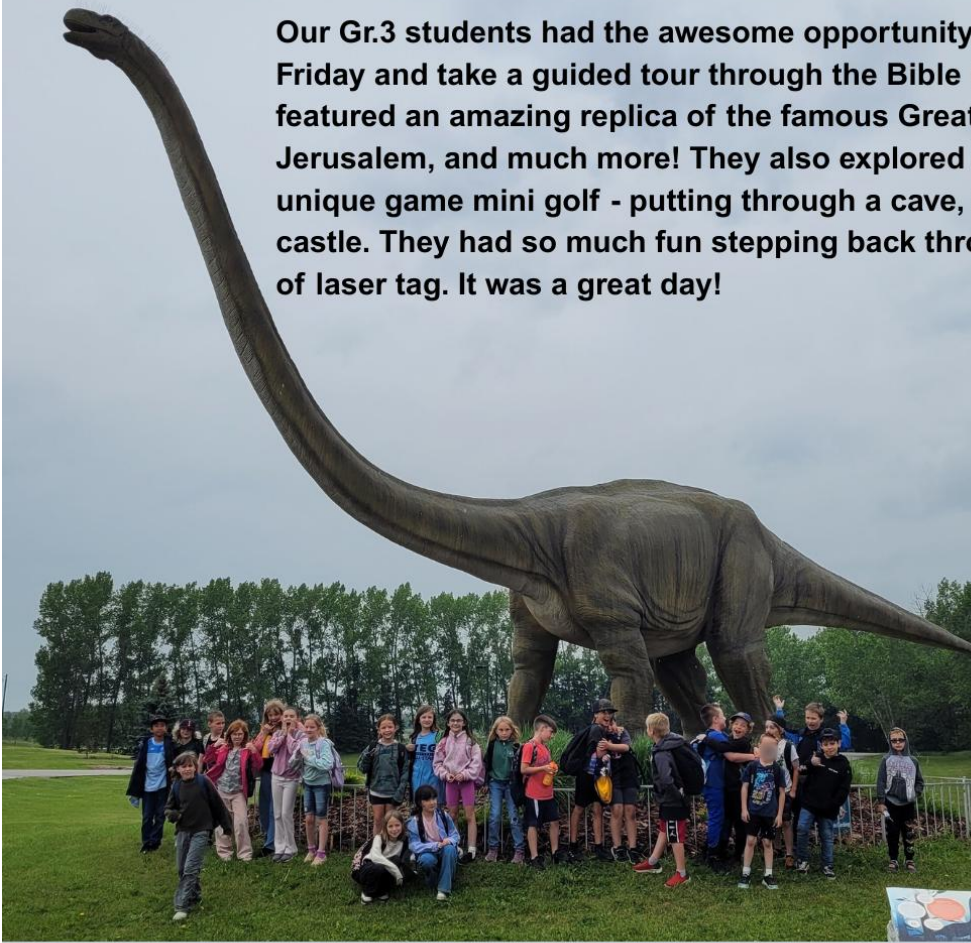
Zero the Hero swooped into Mrs. Lodewyk's Kindergarten classes, captivating students with the fascinating story of how zero plays an important role in the world of numbers.

As he wowed students with his amazing math skills, everyone was left wondering: Who is that mysterious masked man sharing the joy of numbers? Do you have a guess?





Our Gr.3 students had the awesome opportunity to visit the Dino Centre in Innisfail on Friday and take a guided tour through the Bible History Museum. The museum featured an amazing replica of the famous Great Isaiah Scroll, a diorama of Jerusalem, and much more! They also explored science as they enjoyed a fun and unique game mini golf - putting through a cave, across Niagara Falls, and around a castle. They had so much fun stepping back through time in a heart-pounding game of laser tag. It was a great day!





## Help your kids fall in love with reading this summer!

Moody Publishers' FREE Summer Reading Program—"Just One More . . . Chapter. Story. Book."—will keep your kids motivated, excited, and learning. In partnership with **Redeemed Reader**, **Storyglory Kids**, and **Westminster Kids**, they'll be offering parents a trusted list of books that kids will enjoy, and parents can feel good about. When you sign up, you'll receive a reading tracker, prize ideas, encouragement, and more!"

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Red Deer Public Schools has partnered with Westerner Park to offer discounted tickets to families who wish to attend this year's Westerner Days, taking place from July 16 to 20, 2025.

### Any Single Day Ticket and Ride-All Day (RAD) Passes

- Any single-day tickets can be purchased for a discounted price of \$15.99 (regular price is \$24.99).
- Ride-All-Day (RAD) passes (which includes gate admission) can be purchased for \$49.99 (regular price \$59.00).

To purchase, please visit the Tickets Alberta website at <https://ticketsalberta.eventue.net/promotions> and enter promo code: **RDPS-GRP**

This code can be shared and used multiple times.

For a complete list of events, please visit their website: <https://www.westernerdays.ca/>

If you have any questions or require additional assistance with purchasing discounted tickets, please contact Tickets Alberta at 1-866-340-4450.

## This week's reminders ...

### Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Monday/Wednesday kinder celebration from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Den
- Gr. 7 Math Final Exam from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Gr. 8 Math Final Exam from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Gr. 6 LA PAT Exam Part B from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Rand's Rec Ed class to Bower Ponds – paddle boating from 10:35 a.m. – 12:07 p.m.
- Gr. 1 Parent Picnic from 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.
- Gr. 12 Grad Walk @ 2:15 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

- Gr. 2 field trip to Ellis Bird Farm from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Gr. 6 Math Part A PAT Exam from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- Gr. 6 Math Part B PAT Exam from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
- Tuesday/Thursday kinder celebration from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Den



### **Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Gr. 12 Mandatory Grad Dress Rehearsal at CrossRoads Church from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Gr. 7's to Royal Tyrrell Museum. The buses are leaving @ 7:30 p.m. They will return to school by 3:30 p.m. Please make arrangements to pick up your child at this time.
- Gr. 5's to Kerry Wood Nature Centre @ 12:30 p.m.
- 2025-2026 Yellow Bus Application due – after today, there will be a \$30.00 late fee added to your account.
- Last Day of Middle School Options

### **Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Last day of school – students dismissed at 2:14 p.m.
- K-Gr. 8 report cards available on PowerSchool
- Gr. 12 Graduation @ 3:30 p.m. at CrossRoads Church

**1<sup>st</sup> day of school for the 2025-2026 school year is Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Have a wonderful summer!

Blessings,  
Cathy